

Susquehanna Youth Judge Dairy Animals

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HARFORD (Susquehanna Co.)
 — Michele and Steve Pavelski were the winners in two out of three of the age groups who participated in the recent Youth Judging Contest at the Harford Fair Grounds.

The third first place winner was Justin Garner.

The competition was organized by Nick Place, county extension director, Gere Reed, 4-H coordinator, and the Extension staff.

Three classes with four dairy animals per group, were evaluated by the contestants. The classes were Jersey 2-year-old cows; Holstein 2-year-old cows; and Holstein intermediate heifer calves.

In addition to placing the animals correctly, each of the young judges was required to answer two questions pertaining to the dairy industry. Since the participants were divided by age grouping, the questions varied for each of the age groups.

There were seven entries in each of the age groups. The seniors were from 15 to 19 years of

age, the intermediate group was from 11 to 14 years old, and the junior group was comprised of youngsters 10 years old and younger. Although sponsored by the 4-H, any county boy or girl was eligible to enter the judging.

Michele Pavelski took first place in the senior judging. She is the daughter of Joe and Sandra Pavelski, of Uniondale, and is a member of the North Jackson Ag Club.

Second place was won by Joshua Harvatine, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harvatine, of Thompson. Third place was awarded to Matthew, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Curley, Irish Hill. Harvatine is also a member of the North Jackson 4-H, while Curley belongs to the Irish Hill Club.

In the intermediate age group, Steve Pavelski, brother of the senior winner, came out in first place. Second was Ryan Sprout, son of Preston and Valerie Sprout, of Montrose, and a member of the DES (Dimock-Elk Lake-Springville) 4-H Club. Third place was won by Mike Hubbard, whose parents are Gene and Denise Hub-

bard, of Dimock. Mike is also a member of the DES Club.

Justin Garner placed first in the junior group. He is the son of Jim and Kay Garner, Montrose, and also a member of the DES Club.

Justin Sprout, brother of Ryan, placed second. The third place spot was won by Matthew Robert Pease, whose parents are Lloyd and Denise Pease, of Susquehanna. Matthew is another member of the North Jackson Ag Club.

The official judge for the con-

test was Kelly Hageman, a marketing communications coordinator for Sire Power. Hageman was born in Wisconsin, where she was raised on a Holstein dairy farm. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where she majored in dairy science. During her undergraduate years she was a member of the University's dairy judging team.

Hageman is no stranger to judging in Susquehanna County. She has excellent rapport with com-

petitors, and not only ranks the animals and gives the reasons for the placings, but also points out to the participants various hints on how cattle should be fitted for show.

First place winners were awarded a feeding bucket, while the second place contestants were presented with a lead line. The third prize for the young people was a livestock brush. The awards were presented by Sire Power.

Disaster Assistance Available

LINCOLN, Ill. — Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan said that the \$755 million in emergency funds for agricultural disasters announced by President Bush can apply to program crop losses incurred in 1990, 1991, and 1992.

This is in addition to the \$995 million disaster assistance for 1990-1991 crops announced by Madigan January 2.

The application period for disaster claims for fall-seeded program crops planted in 1991 and harvested in 1992 began Septem-

ber 8 and will end October 2.

The application period for producers with losses on other 1992 crops and for producers with losses from 1990 or 1991 crops who did not previously receive disaster payments for those losses will begin on October 12 and end February 12, 1993.

"Disaster assistance is available on a per-farm basis for any two years of 1990, 1991, 1992," Madigan said. "The original program provided \$995 million for either 1990 or 1991. Now, relief will also be provided for fall-seeded program crops planted in 1991 for

harvest in 1992.

"Producers will be eligible to apply for assistance for 1990, 1991, or 1992 losses. However, if producers received assistance for any of those years, they may not receive further assistance for that crop year.

Madigan said producers intending to file for assistance should begin to assemble their records now, so they will be ready when the official application period opens. They should contact their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office for additional information.

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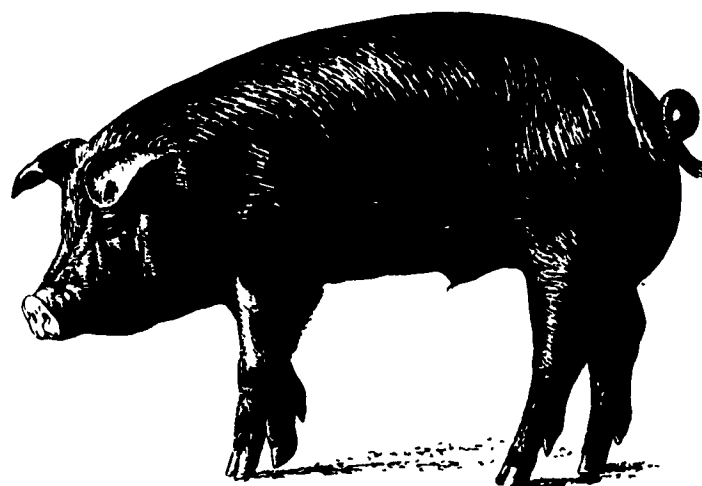
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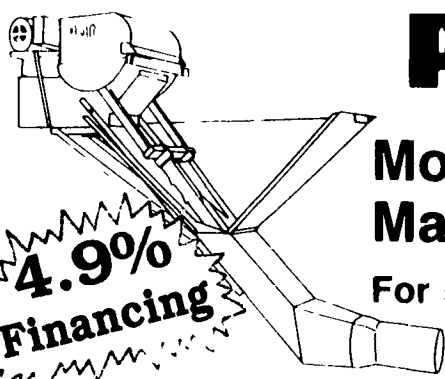


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