

Lebanon Livestock Club Prepares For Farm Show

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club finished up their year's activities Tuesday with its annual Winter Roundup show and sale, held at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds.

Kenneth Winebark, county extension agent, said the show and sale was a large success, with area business representatives estimated at paying well above market prices for the project market animals.

The sale totaled \$21,315 which was broken down to a total of \$18,675 for the market hogs, or an average of \$150.60 each, which Winebark said, "is about \$50 to \$60 over market price."

The lambs totaled \$1,290, for an average of \$117.27. Winebark said the price represents a price paid about \$20 to \$25 over market.

There were 124 pigs, 11 lambs and one steer shown and sold, Winebark said. He said that more hogs and lambs were shown, while the one steer represents a decrease from a more normal range of three to five animals.

Judges for the show were Ken Fetterolf, of Center Hall, judge of pigs, and William McCauley, Atglen, who judged lambs and steer.

The winter roundup is the last activity for the club prior to the state Farm Show. According to

Winebark, the roundup is held as a preview and support event for club members who plan to go on to show another animal at the Farm Show, and it is also for those who do not go on to the Farm Show, but can use the experience as well.

The youth generally sell what they consider to be either their second best animal or, should they decide to not go to the Farm Show, their best animal, during the roundup.

Aaron Myer, son of Harold Myer, showed the grand champion market steer which weighed 1,260 pounds and sold for \$1,350 to Carlos R. Leffler Inc.

In the market lamb division, Darren Grumbine, son of Dennis and Barbara Grumbine, Myerstown, showed the grand champion market lamb which sold to Lebanon Valley National Bank for \$150. The lamb weighed 107 pounds and had an estimated market value of \$85.60.

Taking reserve grand champion lamb honors was an entry shown by Benjamin Bow, son of Ben and Mary Bow, Annville, which sold to Agway of Lebanon Inc. for \$130. Bow's lamb weight was 91 pounds and had a market value of \$72.80.

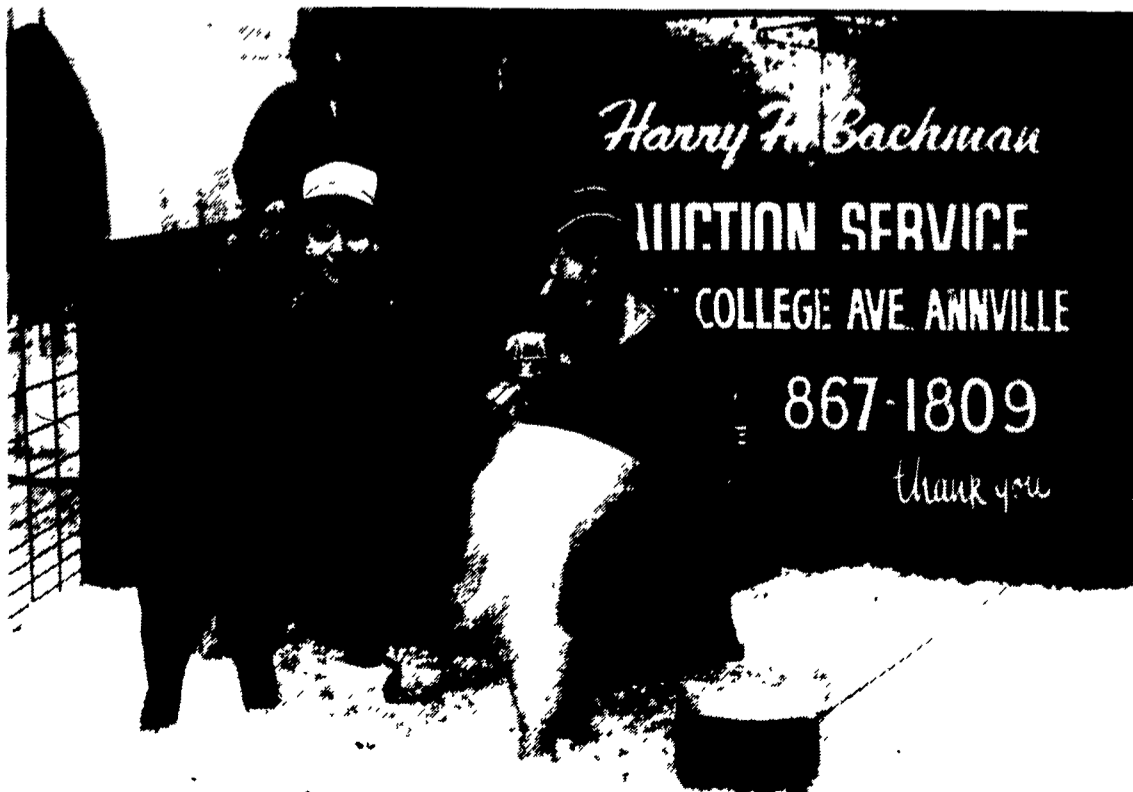
In the hog competition, Jeremy Mase, son of Ken and Irene Mase, showed the grand champion, selling it to representatives of the



Darren Grumbine, holds his grand champion lamb while buyers Terry Hill, John Eaton and Mike Firestone from Lebanon Valley National Bank stand with him.



Aaron Myer holds his grand champion steer while buyer Bob Blecker, vice president for Carlos Leffler Inc., holds the banner.



Jeremy Mase kneels with his grand champion market hog and buyer Doug Clemens, representing Hatfield Quality Meats.

Lebanon Expo Association, which owns the fairgrounds and facilities, for \$550.

The association then placed the 256-pound hog back on the auction block for resale, with the funds going toward the construction of a show building on the fairgrounds. It was then purchased for \$600 by representatives of Hatfield Quality Meats. The hog had an estimated market value of \$106.24.

The reserve grand champion hog was shown by Kara Arnold, daughter of Francis and Penny Arnold. It weighed 255 pounds and was sold to Lebanon Valley National Bank for \$300. It had a market value of \$105.82.

The hog competition also includes breed categories.

Showing the champion Duroc was Chris Kirst. Matthew Bomgardner showed the champion Hampshire. Trisha Berger showed the champion Landrace. Michelle Risser showed the champion Yorkshire.

Wendy Atkins showed the reserve champion Duroc. Jason Krall showed the reserve Hampshire, while Jason Shirk showed the Yorkshire.

Scott Nolt showed the light-heavy champion, while Matthew Bomgardner showed the medium champion and Kathy Bomgardner showed the lightweight champ.

The reserve champion light-heavy weight champ was shown by Jason Krall, while Jamie Risser showed the medium reserve champ and Daryl Bomgardner showed the reserve lightweight.

Winebark said that the livestock club members can be expected to have a strong showing at the state Farm Show, with 53 club members having filed preliminary entries.

The winter roundup helps the youth prepare for the showing and marketing of their animals at the Farm Show, Winebark said. It also helps raise funds to cover costs of raising market animals for show. According to Winebark's estimates, the club members average about four animals being raised for possible showing in the Farm Show.

Funds raised cover the costs of raising the animal, are used to reinvest in future project animal purchases, and are typically also saved for higher education.

The Lebanon club is active year-round. Its annual banquet and reorganizational meeting is scheduled for March. Most of the members do not live on farms, but either have enough land for a few animals, or keep an animal on a neighboring farm. Anyone interested in finding out more about the clubs should contact Winebark at the extension office at 270-4391.

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