

Hoss's, Herr Foods Purchase Champions

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — For the fourth year in a row, the Chester County 4-H Beef Club members were fortunate to hold their show and sale at the Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds. It was a beautiful day as 22 top

quality steers were exhibited in front of judge Bill Holloway. Judge Holloway commended the 4-H members on the extremely good job that they did in raising top quality 4-H steers, steers that would be acceptable to both the packer and the consumer.

The champion steer chosen by

Judge Holloway was a 1,175-pound Angus/Gelbvieh cross steer bred by Sonny Hicks of Unionville and shown by Sara Howe of Downingtown. The steer was purchased that afternoon by Hoss's Steak House in Lionville for a recordbreaking \$2-pound. Bill Campbell, head CEO for

Hoss's, traveled from Holidaysburg that morning to represent his company at the sale.

Hoss's was also the volume buyer of the day purchasing four steers. Hoss's also purchased the 4-H club steer that was fed by the McAllister family of Spring City for \$1,568 and he then donated the steer back to the club to resell it again for the center.

The 980-pound steer was then purchased by Donald Cairns of Wallingford for \$1,176. Matt McAllister of Spring City donated \$115.65 from the sale of his steer, making the grand total raised for the Center \$2859.65. Thrifty Pallet Company of West Chester, owned by Bill Fairbairn, donated the \$300 to cover the purchase price of the steer.

Phil McAllister of Spring City exhibited the reserve grand champion market steer, which weighed 1,165 pounds and was purchased by Herr Foods, Inc. for \$1.35-pound. The steer was then donated to the House of His Creation in Sadsburyville.

Both Herr Foods and Herr Angus Farms have been big supporters of the Chester County 4-H Program in years past. They also purchased all of the resale steers, which helps the overall sale tremendously.

Keystone Farm Credit, Avondale purchased Matt McAllister's heavyweight steer, which weighed 1,285 pound, for \$99-pound, and Matt then donated \$115.65 to the 4-H Center Fund.

A new dimension to this year's sale was the sale of the 4-H Beef Club steer named Romano. He was purchased by the Beef Club members from the Devereux Foundation and then was fed by the McAllister Family at their expense in order to raise money for the new 4-H Center that will be built in Chester County along Route 322 in West Brandywine Township. Hoss's purchased the 4-H steer for \$1,568 and then donated the steer back to the club to resell it again for the center. The 980-pound steer was then purchased by Donald Cairns of Wallingford for \$1,176. Matt McAllister of Spring City donated \$115.65 from the sale of his steer, making the grand total raised for the Center \$2,859.65. Thrifty Pallet Company of West Chester donated the \$300 to cover the purchase price of the steer.

Fourteen steers were sold for an average price of \$1.13-pound, a record breaking average for Chester County 4-H members. Eight steers were selected to represent Chester County 4-H at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg in January.

Champion senior showman honors went to Jennifer Dunleavy, Glenmoore with reserve honors going to Matt McAllister of Spring City. Champion junior showman was Kasey McAllister of Spring City and reserve champion was Jon Howe of Downingtown. The champion Angus heifer was exhibited by Jason Marsch of Pottstown and the reserve champion to Jennifer Dunleavy of Glenmoore. Champion and reserve champion Simmental heifers were exhibited by Jason Wagner of Spring City.



Bill Campbell, CEO of Hoss's Steak House, purchased the 1,175-pound grand champion steer exhibited by Sara Howe of Downingtown for \$2-pound. Hoss's was the volume buyer of the day and also purchased the 4-H Center Steer for \$1,568 and donated it back to the club, where it was sold to Don Cairns of Wallingford for \$1,176.



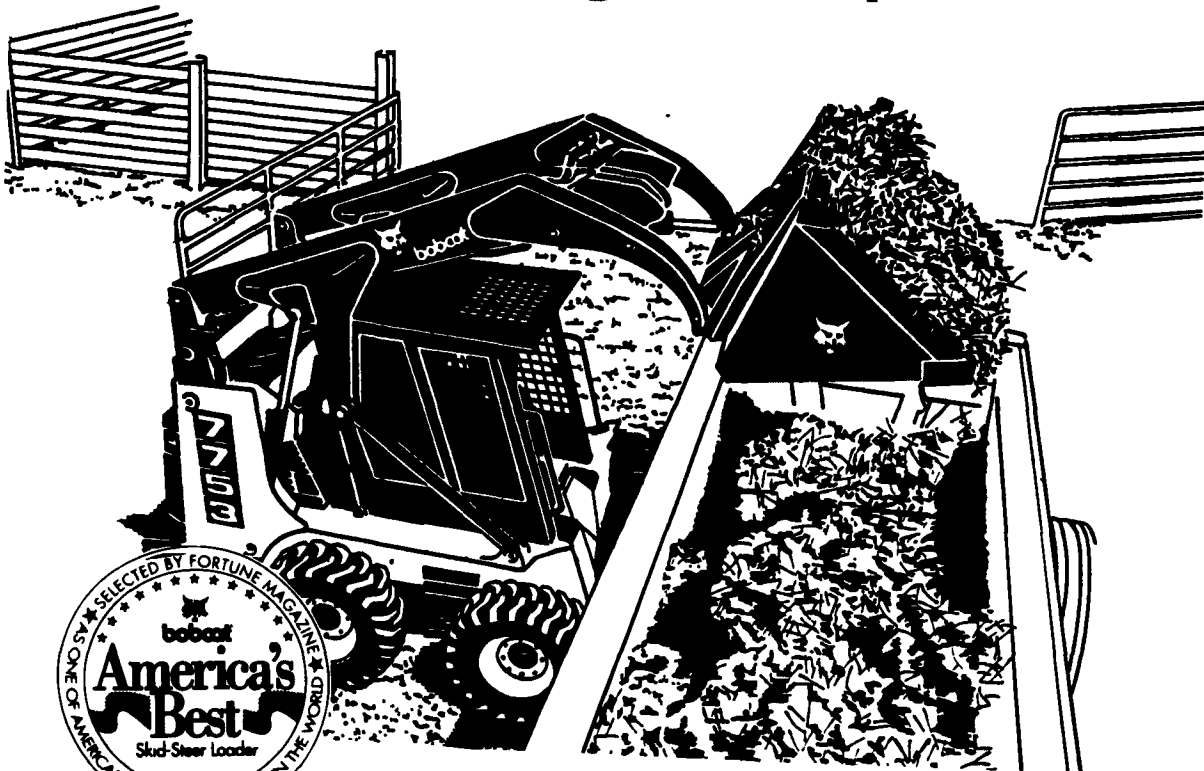
Dennis Byrne of Herr Foods Inc., Nottingham, purchased the 1,165-pound reserve champion steer from Phil McAllister for \$1.35-pound. Dennis's son Adam is also pictured.

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