

First-Time Exhibitor Sweeps Solanco Swine Show



First-place winners in showing at the Solanco Fair Swine Show were, from left, Robert Garrett, junior; Rustin Herr, intermediate; and Keith Martin, senior.

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — For the first time in recent memory, a first-time exhibitor swept the market swine championship show, picking up supreme and reserve championship on Thursday evening at the Solanco Fair. When the dust settled, Jason

Reifsnnyder, 15, a 10th grader at Penn Manor, showed his heavy-weight champion 246-pound York cross to supreme. Moments later he was honored with the reserve champion from the same class, with his 254-pound hog.

Jason, son of Kathy and David Reifsnnyder, Pequea, said he purchased the hog from Abe Hess. It

was this decision that clinched the champion. Jason said this is the first time he has shown hogs at Solanco and will also show at the West Lampeter Fair next week.

Judge Nelson Beam, Elverson, said the hog exhibited the muscling for a champion. For the exhibitor, this caps his Manor FFA project.

Senior division showman went to Keith Martin. Beam said the winner exhibited the key to showing, keeping the hog in the spotlight at all times. Intermediate division winner went to Rustin Herr, and junior was Robert Garrett.

Keith Martin, 17, son of Bob and Marilyn Martin, Strasburg, senior division winner, is a junior at Lancaster Mennonite High School and a member of the LMH FFA.

In all, there were a total of 105 hogs and 60 exhibitors. Following is a list of show placings.

SOLANCO FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

MARKET HOGS
Lightweight (200-205 lbs.): 1. Brad Byers. 2.



Jason Reifsnnyder, 15, Pequea, left won both supreme champion and reserve champion market hog on Thursday evening at Solanco Fair. Nelson Beam judged the show.

Nick Kreider. 3. Mark Fry. (206-210 lbs.): 1. Matt Weik. 2. Steve Book. 3. Kurt Martin. (211-215 lbs.): 1. Keith Martin. 2. Matthew Fry. 3. Kurt Long. Champion: Keith Martin. Reserve: Brad Byers. Middleweight (216-220 lbs.): 1. Kurt Long. 2. Amber Kiser. 3. Hope Long. (221-225 lbs.): 1.

Bryan Byers. 2. Sarah Strickler. 3. Kandace Miller. (226-230 lbs.): 1. Keith Martin. 2. Scott Wagner. 3. Kurt Martin. Champion: Keith Martin. Reserve: Scott Wagner. Light Heavyweight (231-235 lbs.): 1. Tom Herr. 2. Bret Housekeeper. 3. Clint Huber. (236-240 lbs.): 1. Tom Herr. 2. Angel Hershey. 3. Kristy Garrett. (241-245 lbs.): 1. Natasha Hill. 2. Brad Byers. 3. Michael O'Handly. Champion: Tom Herr. Reserve: Natasha Hill. Heavyweight (246-250 lbs.): 1. Jason Reifsnnyder. 2. Michael O'Handly. 3. Eric Lefevre. (251-255 lbs.): 1. Jason Reifsnnyder. 2. Bryan Byers. 3. Melissa Holloway. (256-260 lbs.): 1. Jen Pierce. 2. Blake Huber. 3. Kyle Harnish. Champion: Jason Reifsnnyder. Reserve Jason Reifsnnyder.

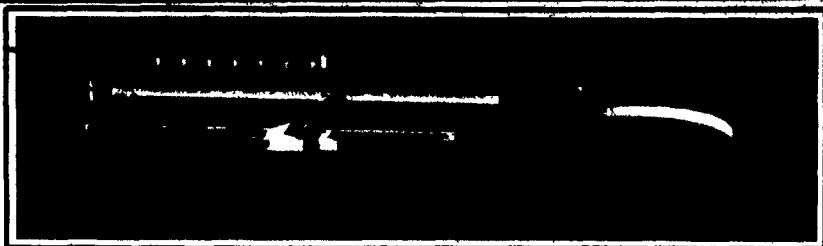
GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG
Jason Reifsnnyder
RESERVE
Jason Reifsnnyder

SHOWMANSHIP
Seniors (16 and Over): 1. Keith Martin. 2. Jim Findley. 3. Kyle Harnish. Intermediate (11-15 Years): 1. Rustin Herr. 2. Vince Metzler. 3. Sarah Strickler. Junior (10 and Under): 1. Robert Garrett. 2. Matt Kreider. 3. Kristy Garrett.



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Two Join Sire Test Program

DEFOREST, Wis. — Two Pennsylvania dairy herd owners have agreed to participate in a contract sire-sampling program with a Midwestern artificial insemination company.

According to statements from American Breeders Service, headquartered in DeForest, Wis., Paul and Shirley Hoover, of Greencastle, and Donald and Robin Harnish Jr., of Alexandria, have agreed to use semen supplied by ABS on their dairy cattle.

In return for using semen from ABS, and keeping accurate and official records on the animals and then submitting that information to ABS, the couples are to be paid for each resulting calf born.

Furthermore, the couples are to receive another payment from ABS for each daughter of a test sire included on the test sire's second USDA summary.

According to the ABS information those who participate in the progeny test program also have the option of selecting semen from a test sire, or of being sent semen of the company's choice.

The Hoovers own and operate Willow Bank Jerseys. The Harnishes own and operate Stone Home Farm.

For more information, contact a local company representative.

