

Holstein Show Entrants Hold Steady In Westmoreland



Junior grand champion at the Westmoreland County Holstein Show August 27 is Roslee with her owner Elizabeth McQuaide, Saltsburgh. Junior reserve grand champion Nola, left, is with her owner David G. Miller, Greensburg. Photo by David Hiebert.

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NORVELT (Westmoreland Co.) — The future of the dairy industry looks bright for Westmoreland County, if the number of young entrants in the 1993 show here is an indication.

Of the 20 entrants crowded into the ring for the spring calf class, 15 were 4-H exhibitors. The total number of 4-H entrants, however, was down slightly — about 100 entrants this year. The open class held steady with 167 entrants.

Each of the 4-H entrants needed to complete a project book as part of their learning experience beyond the preparation and showing of an animal.

Thirty-four blue ribbon merit winners from this show on August 27 were eligible to go on to the district completion held September 4.

"Dairy in Westmoreland County is a \$20 million (annual) industry," said Gary Shepherd, Westmoreland County Dairy extension agent. The trend, however, is toward larger but fewer farms. "We have about 210 dairies now, compared to 250 in 1985," he said.

Though stress is created on both the exhibitor and the animal, the dairy show becomes a kind of vacation for many of the farmers, "a kind of break" in the yearly routine, according to Shepherd.

Judge for the show was Curtis Day.



The 4-H grand champion, Amanda Buttermore, Mt. Pleasant, and the 4-H reserve grand champion, Jay Vance, at the Westmoreland County Holstein Show. Photo by David Hiebert.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY HOLSTEIN SHOW OPEN AND 4-H

- Spring Heifer Calf: Owner Jamie McQuaide.
- Winter Heifer Calf: Owner: Abe Hayes.
- Fall Heifer Calf: Owner: Heather McHahen.
- Summer Yearling Heifer: Owner: Adam Vance.
- Spring Yearling Heifer: Owner: Elizabeth McQuaide, 4-H Junior Champion; David Miller, 4-H Reserve Junior Champion.
- Winter Yearling Heifer: Owner: Amy Hutter.
- Fall Yearling Heifer: Owner: Heather McHahen.
- Junior Holstein Get Of Sire: Owner: Amy Hutter.
- Junior Holstein Best Three Females: James McQuaide; 4-H: Heather McHahen.
- Junior Two Year Old: James McQuaide; 4-H: Rebecca Lash.
- Senior Two Year Old: Owner: Amanda Buttermore, 4-H Senior and Grand Champion, Jay Vance, 4-H Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion.
- Three Year Old: Owner: James McQuaide, Open Senior and Grand Champion, 4-H: Adam Vance.
- Four Year Old: Owner: William Buttermore and Sons; 4-H: Adam Vance
- Five Year Old: Owner: Andy Ciesielski, Open Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion; 4-H: Adam Vance.
- Dry Cow 4 Years And Under: Dana Miller
- Best Bred and Owned Animal; 4-H: Adam Vance



The open grand champion from the Westmoreland County Holstein Show, James McQuaide, and open reserve grand champion Andy Ciesielski are shown with Susan Hickey, representative of Western Flour and Nutrena Feeds, Charleroi, sponsor of the trophies. Photo by David Hiebert.

County Preserves 25th Farm

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — On Thursday, July 29, the purchase of an agricultural easement was settled in Berks County. The Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, which administers the purchase of agricultural conservation easements, announced that with this purchase a total of 2,985 acres of prime farmland has been preserved for perpetuity.

Two additional farms have been approved for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program but have not yet reached

settlement. The total acreage approved for the program exceeds 3,400 acres.

The Berks County program was established, and has been taking applications since September of 1989. The board selects farms which meet the required criteria and score highest in a numerical ranking system which considers soil types, productivity, stewardship, and development pressure.

The 25th farm to have an easement purchased is owned by Myers and Mabel Adam and is located in Perry and Maiden creek

Townships. The farm consists of 134 acres of which 132 acres have been committed to the easement program. Hay, corn wheat, and soy beans are the principal crops grown on this farm and their yields are all above average for the county.

The Berks County program is currently considering 92 applications which consists of more than 12,500 acres of farmland. The interest by farmers who want to see their farms preserved has been great.

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Custom Farm Seed Names Marketing Director

MOMENCE, Ill. — Custom Farm Seed recently named Dale A. Simpson as its marketing director and general sales manager.

Simpson will be responsible for overall management of product sales and marketing activities throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

Simpson, a veteran of agricultural production, sales and marketing, brings with him a farm background and a bachelor's in business administration. Simpson's previous employment includes management and sales with International Harvester Co., State Farm Mutual Insurance Co., and land management and international agriculture interests with Doane Agricultural Service Co.

According to Brent McKee, CFS president and general manager, "We interviewed a number of candidates for this very important position. With Dale's background and enthusiasm, we feel he's the perfect fit to take us into the next century."

Simpson replaced Lee Scribner, who, before retiring, served as CFS marketing and sales director for 14 years.