

# More Buyers At This Year's Indiana Fair



Larry Lewis of Rossiter exhibited the grand champion market swine. The 235-pound cross was purchased by Luther Ford Sales of Homer City, represented by Larry Rabickow, for \$5 per pound.

INDIANA (Indiana Co.) — The 31st annual Junior Livestock Sale at the Indiana County Fair brought young 4-H and FFA members total gross receipts of \$95,078.65. That purse was down slightly from the record high gross value of \$111,887.15 set at 1992's sale. But the number of buyers — 130 — was an increase over last year.

This year's sale time was moved from the traditional 7 p.m. start to 4 p.m. to avoid traffic congestion and the midnight finishes that have occurred in recent years as the sale has grown. Sale officials were uncertain whether the change in starting times or general market conditions contributed to this year's lower sales total.

At this year's sale, 265 hogs, lambs, and beef cattle weighing a total of 80,897 pounds were sold.

The 168 market hogs, weighing a total of 40,785 pounds, brought an average price per pound with champions of \$1.02. The average price per pound excluding champions was 98 cents.

The 69 market lambs, weighing 7,005 pounds, brought an average price per pound with champions of \$1.79. The average price excluding champions was \$1.36.

The 28 market steers, weighing 33,107 pounds, brought an average price per pound with champions of \$1.08. The average price per pound without champions was 92 cents.

"The margin over market prices was a good bonus," said Indiana County's Penn State extension (Turn to Page B18).



Michael Neese, a 4-H member from Marion Center, exhibited the Indiana County Fair's Grand Champion Market Lamb, a Suffolk.



Todd Ackerson of Marlon Center and "Paula," his grand champion Milking Shorthorn in the fair's open class. Ackerson's cows won three other ribbons in the open class and four more in the 4-H and FFA competition for Milking Shorthorns.

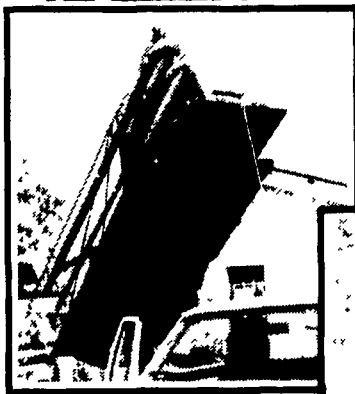


Rebecca Myer had the grand champion of the Holstein open show.



"Red," the fair's grand champion market beef, was exhibited by FFA member Bryan Martin of Marlon Center. The 1,190-pound cross sold for \$4.25 per pound at the Junior Livestock Sale. Martin also showed the grand champion steer at the 1990 fair. He was also named the 1993 Fair's premier showman.

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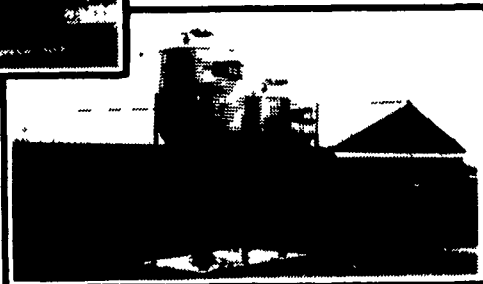


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