

Gelsinger, Dietrich Take Top Honors At Reading Beef Show

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READING (Berks Co.) — A purebred Simmental heifer named "Rebecca" so impressed Reading Beef Show judge Nelson Beam, Elverson, last week that he picked her in competition with an Angus and Polled Hereford to win

supreme of show. Rebecca was shown by Troy Gelsinger, 16, son of Dolores and Larry Gelsinger, Wernersville. The heifer was obtained from Winebark Simmentals, Lebanon. Troy is a junior at Conrad Weiser High School. A purebred Angus heifer, "Mrs.

B." was shown as reserve champion of the show by Mike Holcombe, 10, son of Karen and Jim Holcombe, Mohrsville. Mike is in the fourth grade at Schuylkill Valley Intermediate School.

Kelly Dietrich, 11, won supreme champion market steer at the show with her 1,162-pound Hereford purebred named "J.R." Kelly, daughter of Jim and Donna Dietrich, Hamburg, is in the sixth grade in the Hamburg School District, and she was showing her 4-H project. Jason Grim, 16, son of Glen and Martha Grim, Mertztown, won reserve market steer. He is a senior at Brandywine High School, and showed his 1,243-pound purebred Angus.

Making steers look the best all the time should be the number one priority of exhibitors, according to Beam during the senior showmanship portion of the show. Troy Gelsinger, who exhibited his purebred Simmental "Fancy Lady" to the championship, excelled in his group "in terms of calmness and

collectiveness," said Beam.

Reserve of the show went to Jeremy Manwiller, Robesonia.

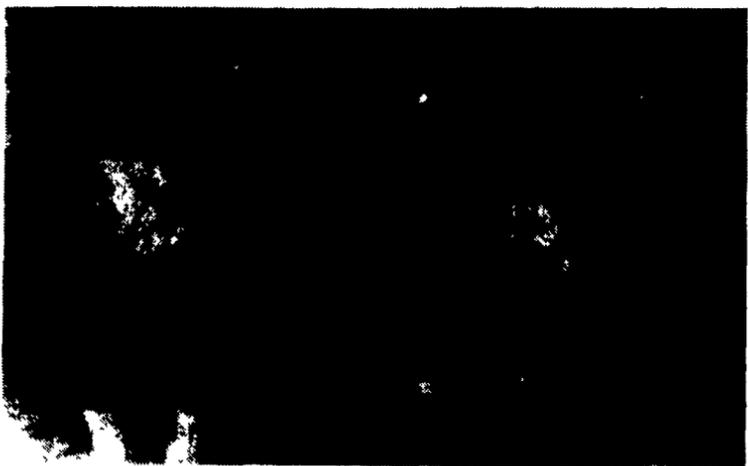
Troy's sister, Tammy, won champion fitter. Reserve went to Kelly Dietrich, Hamburg.

In all, there were a total of 25 steers and 36 exhibitors at the show. Following is a list of show placings.

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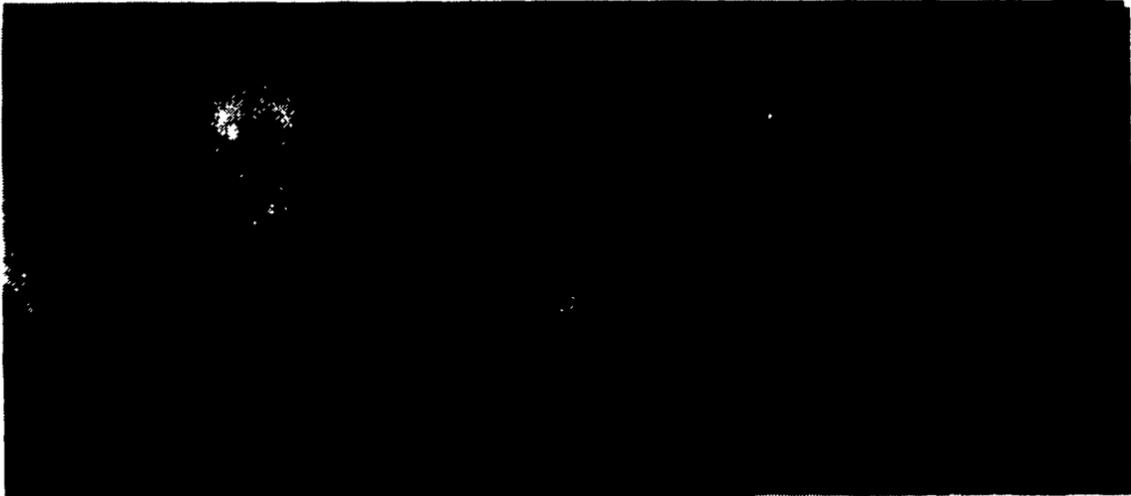
FITTING
Seniors (15 and Over): 1. Tammy Gelsinger. 2. Jeremy Manwiller. 3. Troy Gelsinger. Intermediates (12-14 Years): 1. Timothy Eschbach. 2. Melissa Leiby. 3. Mark Manwiller. Juniors (8-11 Years): 1. Kelly Dietrich. 2. Brian Eschbach. 3. Matthew Samsel.
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Troy Gelsinger, left, was honored as champion showman at the Reading Fair Beef Show last week. Jeremy Manwiller was reserve.



Kelly Dietrich, right, won grand champion market steer honors at the Reading Beef Show last week. At left is the reserve champion, Jason Grim.



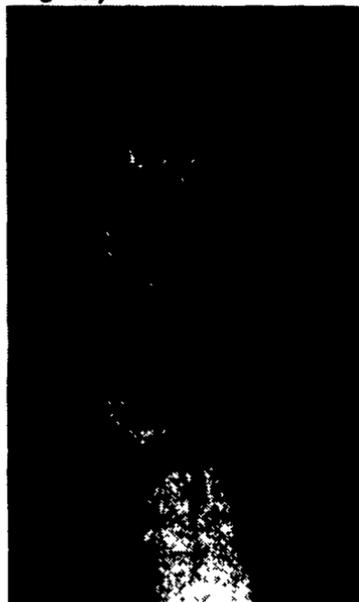
Troy Gelsinger, center, won supreme champion of the heifer show at last week's Reading Beef Show. From left, Nelson Beam, show judge; Gelsinger; and Mike Holcombe, reserve champion.

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