

From the left, Matt Sellers receives a \$250 S.E. Pa. 4-H Market Hog Derby Educational Scholarship from Tom Arnold.

INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — Matt Sellers, son of Philip and Shirley Sellers, of Thomasville, was named the recipient of the Southeast Pa. 4-H Market Hog Derby Educational Award Saturday evening during the final carcass evaluation and educational workshop held at Stoltzfus Meats Inc., in Intercourse.

The scholarship is offered through the derby to those who have exhibited academic achievement, participation in raising hogs, and on the basis of essay answers to questions on an application. And the \$250 scholarship is only available to those who participate in the hog derby. Sellers has started college this week at the York Campus of Penn State University and said he intends to pursue a degree in dairy and animal science.

A 10-year member of the York County 4-H program as a member of its swine, baby beef and lamb clubs, he has been raising 4-H project hogs for seven years and is currently employed on a nearby farm with a farrow-to-finish operation.

For more information about he scholarship, the market hog derby or 4-H, contact a local extension office.

inch of backfat and a 5.92-inch LEA, it had a lean rate of gain of .841 pounds per day.

Jason Wagner showed the fourth place overall market animal. It was also the reserve champion carcass animal and had an LEA of 6.71 inches and backfat depth of .93 inch. It's show weight was 222 pounds.

The fifth place overall champion shown by Adam Forry, also a son of Gary and J. Lynne Forry, of Manheim, was also the mediumweight champion, and the grand champion on foot. It had a show weight of 234 pounds and a 1.78-pounds-per-day rate of gain.

In sixth place overall was the reserve champion lightweight market hog, shown by Debra Rudy. Rudy's entry weighed in at 35 pounds, had a rate of gain of 1.89 pounds per day, and showed at 224 pounds. The LEA was 6.32

inches, backfat .85 inch, and the 30.5-inch carcass was 52.832 percent lean.

Stacy Krall, daughter of dairy farmers Glen and Linda Krall, of Cornwall, showed the champion lightweight animal, which was also the champion carcass animal. It placed ninth out of the field of 35 entries and had the highest percent lean at 55.453 percent. Krall's animal weighed in at 61 pounds and finished at 222 with a 1.61 pounds per day rate of gain. It had a 177-pound, 31-inch carcass, an LEA of 6.16 and .55 inch backfat.

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Judges for the on-foot competitions were Keith Bryan, Ken Good, and Frank Feaser.

In addressing the audience while selecting grand champion on foot, Feaser said that he is impressed with the entire program and that the youth and parents should be aware of how unique it is, and the quality of education, fun and reward that they are getting that others don't get.

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Feaser said that compared to other types of shows, events, youth programs, even other 4-H programs, the derby represents an outstanding opportunity. "All who don't participate lose a very valuable tool to understanding the swine industry," he said.

In fact, many parents and adults have been attending portions of the derby for the educational benefit that they can't get anywhere else.



Two porkchops are displayed during the workshop portion of the S.E. Pa. 4-H Market Hog Derby, to demonstrate the goal of a hog-raising program that doesn't rely on onthe-hoof evaluations for breeding selection. The consumer wants the chop on the right, not the left. The backfat and small loin eye on the left are lost value.





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