

Tioga Fair Milk, Livestock Auction Held

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WHITNEYVILLE (Tioga Co.)
 — Items and animals on the auction block at the Junior 4-H and FFA Milk Auction and Livestock Sale during the Tioga County Fair recently were fewer in number, but fetched a higher price overall, marking another successful year for the sellers.

It was the fourth year for the Milk Auction which featured a gallon of milk from each of the Grand Champion dairy cows exhibited by 4-H or FFA members. Proceeds from the auction were

split three ways with 25% going to the exhibitor, 25% to the exhibitor's club/chapter, and 50% to Tioga County 4-H and FFA educational events.

While the highest price for a gallon of milk did not top or even match last year's record bid of \$560 from the Grand Champion Jersey, the dollar amount garnered from each of the other lots participating in the sale were considerably higher, making the 1994 total grossed another record year.

Milk from the Grand Champion Guernsey, Castle's King Flash Gloria, a senior three-year-old

owned by David Kriner of Mansfield brought in the highest bid with \$420 from Gabe Greco of Greco's Super Duper. Greco, an avid supporter of the auction, was also the highest bidder the two previous years.

Kriner has been a member of 4-H for five years and FFA for four and has been an FFA secretary for two of those years. Experienced in showing cattle, he has participated in the District and State shows three times. Last year he also had the Grand Champion Guernsey and the money he earned from the Tioga County Fair was used to buy another calf for this year.

Bids for the milk from the Grand Champion Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, and Jersey each brought \$350.

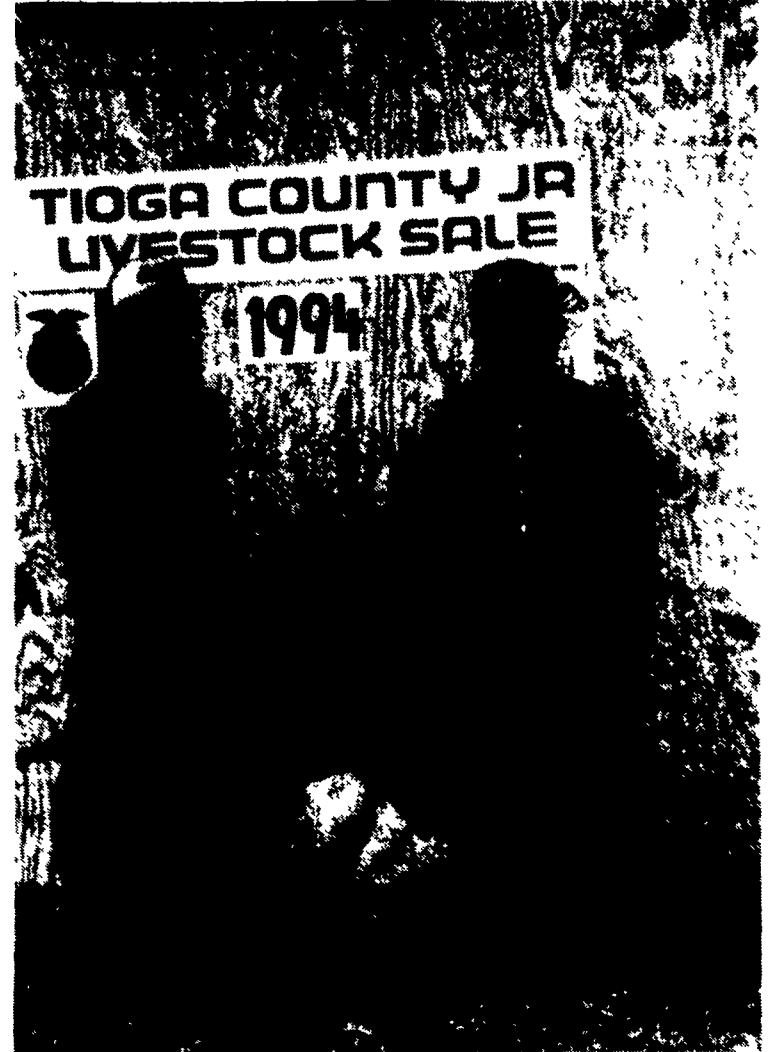
Check-R-Board purchased the milk that came from Plum Bottom Rita P., a three-year-old Ayrshire owned by Derek Long of Lawrenceville. Long has been a 4-H member for seven years and said that to him, the organization means "having fun working with cattle and sharing what I learned with others." Long's cow was named Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire in the fair's open show.

"4-H is a very good learning experience and teaches responsibility," according to Middlebury Center resident Jason Butler who has been a 4-H'er for six years. His Grand Champion Brown Swiss milk from two-year-old

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Brett Gilee's grand champion market steer sold for \$1.20 per pound to Northeastern Farm Credit.



"Erney the Pig" was a featured attraction. Ernie broke to lead on a leash was sold and resold several times to raise a total of \$580 to be used to improve the hog facilities at the fairgrounds for junior exhibitors. In the photo from left, Tim Webster, George Grater, and Gabe Greco.

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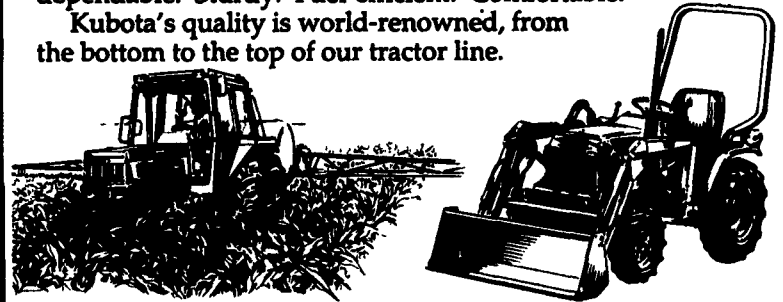


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