

Huntingdon County Holds Dairy Shows

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HUNTINGDON (Huntingdon Co.) — The Huntingdon County Fair dairy shows were held recently at the Huntingdon County Fairgrounds, with a strong showing, and a returning champion in the Holstein breed of the open division

competition.

The 4-H and FFA dairy shows were held Monday, August 14, while the open division show followed Tuesday.

Judges for the open class dairy shows were Patty McMurray and Gary Rodgers.

Open Division

The returning open division Holstein grand champion was 5-year-old My Favorite Vanguard Kandi, owned by Naomi Speer, of Blairs Mills.

The judges also selected last year's reserve grand champion as the 1994 reserve grand champion



Showing the grand champion dairy cows of the Huntingdon County Fair youth division show are, from the left, Jason Heeter with his Jersey, Lawanda Kling with the Ayrshire, Jodi Heeter for Matt Goshorn with the Milking Shorthorn, Monica Goshorn with her Brown Swiss, Apryle Hoover with her Guernsey, and Lory Baker with the Holstein.



From the left, Rich Speer holds his son Tyler, while Naomi Speer holds the halter of the couple's grand champion Holstein, and Lory Baker shows her reserve grand champion.

Holstein. The 4-year-old Globe Run Top Gun Oslo, was shown by Lory Baker. It was also the grand champion Holstein of the 4-H and FFA shows.

The open division junior Holstein champion was shown by Tara Kocher, while Charann Foster showed the reserve junior champion.

In the Ayrshire breed, Brenda Hall showed the grand champion, while Julie Hall showed the reserve grand champion. The

junior champion was shown by John Rodgers, of Belleville, while Sara Hayden showed the reserve junior champion.

Aaron Gable showed the grand champion Guernsey and the junior champion, while Snider Homestead showed the reserve grand champion and the reserve junior champion.

In the Jersey show, Kendy Gable showed the grand champion and junior champion, while Jason

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Livestock Auction Held

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Maria went to the Middlebury Milk Coop.

The milk from Eastmont Juno Debbie, the two-year-old Grand Champion Jersey owned by Samantha Wilcox of Covington, went to Sunnydale. To Samantha, 4-H means, "many opportunities

and meeting new people. It's a lot of hard work, but in the end it's worth it."

A seven year veteran of 4-H, Olivia Courtney of Mansfield said, "4-H gives me an opportunity to make new friends and it allows me to represent my fami-

ly's farm in a way in which I can be proud. It also allows me to represent the dairy industry in a positive way that may help in educating others about agriculture."

This was the third year in a row for Courtney in the milk auction. Judson's Agway of Columbia Cross Roads paid \$325 for the milk from Esbern Enhancer Bute Buddy, Courtney's five-year-old Holstein.

One of the activities the milk auction proceeds sponsored in 1993 was a field trip to Penn State University in which 63 Tioga County 4-H'ers and leaders visited the campus and attended the 69th Penn State Dairy Exposition, a day-long exhibition of dairy fitting, judging, and showing contests sponsored by the Penn State Dairy Science Club. Those attending also toured the Penn State Dairy Breeding and Research Center and The Deer Research Area, attended the Blue and White football game, and enjoyed Penn State's "Creamery" ice cream.

Preceding the milk auction a "sheep-to-shawl" garment was auctioned with the proceeds benefiting the Tioga County Historical Society. Following the Milk Auction, a basket, hand-woven by Jackie Gummo of Wellsboro, containing a small child's T-shirt with "MILK" emblazoned on it, along with a selection of milk and cheese products and a small jug of maple syrup sold with the proceeds split between the committees for the Milk and Livestock auctions.

While the number of entries in the Junior Livestock Sale were down slightly from the previous year, the prices paid for the market hogs and market lambs were considerably higher. In all, there were 54 entries from 33 Junior exhibitors with 35 buyers bringing in a total of \$17,826. The money exhibitors receive from selling their animals is used to expand their livestock enterprise and to further their education.

During the Livestock Sale, "Ernie," a market hog trained to lead on a leash, was donated by George Grater of Lawrenceville for the auction to help raise money for improvements on the hog

facility at the fairgrounds. "Ernie was sold for three times, once to Greco's Super Duper, once to Associated Brokers of Wellsboro, and a third time to Stan Graver and Walker's Tire Service for a

total of \$580."

A special buyers recognition banquet will be held on the fairgrounds Wednesday, Oct. 26 for all Auction supporters and exhibitors.



Matthew Nickeson sold his grand champion market lamb for \$5.00 per pound to Cowanesque Valley Livestock.



Tom Ackley sold his reserve grand champion for \$.90 per pound to First Citizen's National Bank.



Matthew Wilcox sold his reserve grand champion market lamb for \$3.50 per pound to Citizen's and Northern National Bank.



Amanda Graves had both the grand and reserve grand champion market hogs. The grand champion, shown, went to Ackley Construction for \$3.25 per pound, and the reserve champion went to Cornell Brothers' Agway for \$2.00 per pound.