

# Maryland Holds 4-H, FFA Fundraising Sale

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**TIMONIUM, Md.** — A crowd of more than 100 turned out to support Maryland's youth at the 4-H/FFA sale held in conjunction with the State Fair.

Beef and dairy steers, market hogs, lambs, goats, and capons were auctioned, with much of the proceeds being invested back into the Maryland livestock program through generous donations.

Cortney Hill-Dukehart, a 10-year-old from Howard County, had the champion capon. The fowl brought \$150, which was donated back by purchasers from the Maryland Food Pavilion to the Maryland 4-H Foundation. Reserve champion capon, shown by Johnathan Gibson of Carroll County, brought \$120.

In market goats, 9-year-old Mi-

chael Bird from Harford County had the grand champion with an 85-pound homebred Nubian. One hundred fifty dollars was paid for the goat by JJM, Inc. and Fulton Station Shopping Center, who in keeping with the spirit of the evening donated it back to the Maryland Dairy Goat Endowment Fund. Reserve champion market goat, owned by Louis Bernier III from Carroll County, also brought \$150.

Thirty-five market hogs went through the ring. The grand champion, owned by Frederick County's Daryl Hood, went for \$5.25/pound, and was purchased by Chesapeake Foods. Daryl, a first-year member of the Johnsville 4-H Club, wrote an essay to win the Duroc as a feeder pig from 4-H and raised it to a weight of 250 pounds. Another Frederick

County youth, Eric Donnelly, had the reserve grand champion market hog, which was purchased for \$3.35/pound.

This was the last year for Robert Dinsmore, a National FFA sheep proficiency winner from Frederick County to show at the state fair, and he went out with a bang — five of his lambs placed first, setting a new state fair record. Robert's grand champion market sheep, bought by Ceresville Ford-New Holland for \$7.25/pound, weighed 125 pounds. Robert also had the reserve, but regulations state only one sheep can be sold by each youth.

Steers were the last to be sold at the auction. Montgomery County Tricia Stabler, a sophomore at Delaware Valley College and member of the Montgomery County Beef Club, had the grand champion with a homebred Exotic, which she said was probably a cross between Angus, Chianina, and Maine-Anjou. The 1,280-pound steer was purchased by The Maryland Food Pavilion, represented by Dr. Emmett Full, for \$2.50/pound. Champion dairy steer, a Brown Swiss owned by Mark Butler, Jr. of Frederick County, brought \$1.15/pound.

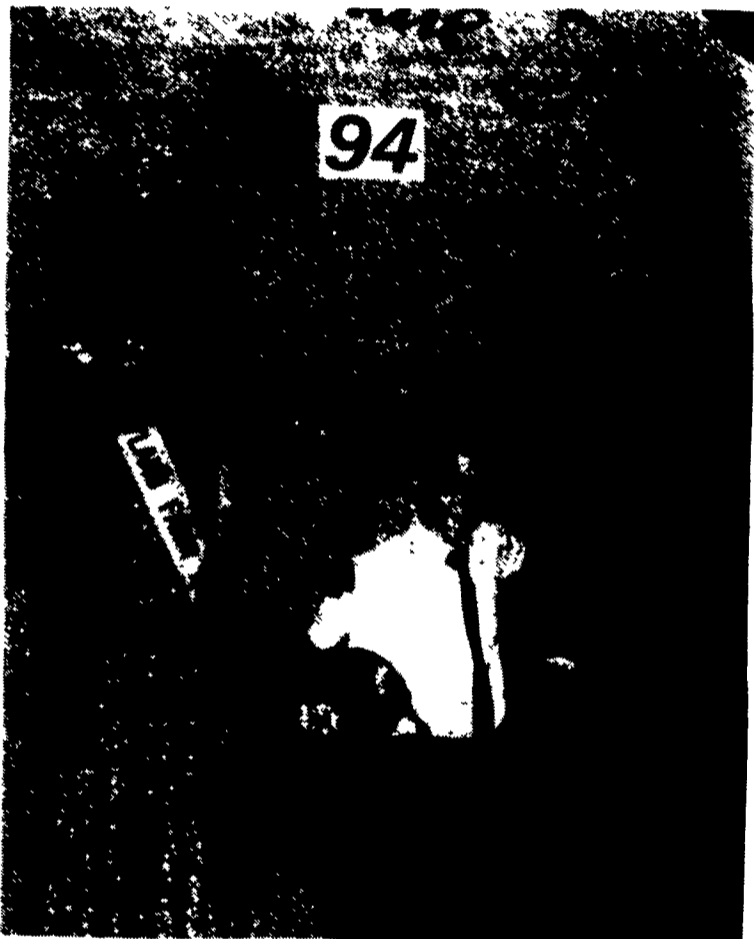
The excitement of the evening was tempered by the very recent, sudden passing away of Dr. Bill Curry, state 4-H livestock specialist with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service. Curry, who had served as a mentor for many of Maryland's youth in 4-H Livestock judging, suffered a heart attack leaving the Howard County Fairgrounds after loading a trailer with steers to go to the Montgomery County Fair. His presence at Wednesday's auction was sorely missed.

In a touching tribute to Curry, funds from the sale of several animals were earmarked for a memorial fund which will be used to offset the expenses incurred by state 4-H livestock judging teams. One lamb, purchased by a group of those whose lives Curry had touched, brought \$20/pound during the emotional sale.

Debby Bowman, extension agent with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, chaired the evening's auction. Auctioneers were Andy Cashman, Dennis Warfield, and Jack Downey.



Champion dairy steer, a Brown Swiss, was sold by Mark Butler, Jr. of Frederick County. On Mark's left are Maryland Farm Queen Jami Todd and Ray Howes, representing buyer Tate Chrysler-Plymouth.



Nine-year-old Michael Bird from Harford County had the grand champion market goat, a homebred Nubian. On Michael's right is Maryland Farm Queen Jami Todd. On his left are Nathan Lager and Diana Patton, representing Fulton Station Shopping Center and JJM, Inc.



Tricia Stabler of Montgomery County had the grand champion market steer, a homebred Exotic that weighed 1,280 pounds. Shown with Tricia is Dr. Emmett Full, representing the Maryland Beef Pavilion.



First-year 4-H member Daryl Hood of Frederick County won his grand champion market hog as a feeder pig in an essay contest. Rear: MD Farm Queen Jami Todd, David Higginbottom from Chesapeake Foods, and Daryl Hood. Front: Cory, left, and Austin Higginbottom.

## Central District Dairy Show Held

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The Ayrshire breed was the third most popular breed at this year's show and all the honors went to Daniel Rishel of New Columbia. The Mifflinburg FFA member owned all four champions and the best owner bred animal. The grand champion was a 4-year-old sired by Brow-Ayr Vitality Skywalker and the reserve champion a 4-year-old dry cow sired by De Bui Vag Mozart. The junior champion was a senior yearling sired by Bonnie Brae Marion and the reserve junior champion, a winter calf, sired by Wood-Ayr Barry's Nobel-ET. A spring yearling sired by Maple-Bell Chads IRS was the best owner-bred animal.

In the Milking Shorthorn competition, a winter calf owned by Brian Sholl of the Upper Dauphin FFA Chapter was selected as the grand champion and the best owner-bred animal. The reserve and



Braden Heimbach, grand champion Brown Swiss, Mifflinburg FFA Chapter.

senior champion animal was a 6-year-old dry cow owned by Mary Anne Rearick of the Penns Valley FFA Chapter in Center County. Mary Anne also owned

the 4-year-old that was named reserve senior champion.

Braden Heimbach of Mifflinburg owned the 5-year-old that (Turn to Page A30)