

Buyers Spend \$151,659 At Somerset



The Somerset County grand champion swine was sold by Josh Will to Somerset Trust Co. represented by Mark Marteeny at \$9 per pound the hog's price set a Somerset fair record.

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — Receipts from buyers of 332 animals at the Somerset County Junior Livestock Sale held recently totaled \$151,659, reported Doyle Paul, statistician.

A.J. and Shirley Walker, owners of Walker Farm Service Somerset, was premier buyer at the six-hour event. Buying some 19 animals from the 4-H and FFA kids, the Walkers laid out a tidy \$15,047.

Sold first was the grand champion swine of Josh Will, Berlin. It brought a record-setting \$9 per pound from the Somerset Trust Company, which donated it to the local Habitat for Humanity.

The Duroc-York hog weighed 245 pounds.

A York-cross was the 230-pound reserve grand champion sold by Kristin Randall, Somerset. Philson Bank paid \$5.25 a pound for the animal.

With the champion, the 165 swine sold averaged \$1.19 a pound.

One hundred lambs were sold with the grand champion, owned by Lindsay Schmuck, Rockwood, bringing \$10.25 a pound from Tressler Ashland, Confluence.

The company also bought the reserve grand champion lamb owned by Lucas Svonavec, Rockwood, for \$11 a pound, and paid another \$11.50 a pound for the home grown champion owned by Jenna Svonavec, Rockwood.

Luke's lamb, a Suffolk weighed 118 and Jenna's, also a Suffolk, weighed 121 pounds. Schmuck's champion Hampshire weighed 129 pounds.

Average per-pound price for the 100 lambs was \$1.96, reflecting the fact that one lamb was sold eight times to aid a 4-H family whose house burned a day prior to the fair.

Erin Livengood's grand champion led the 65 market beef animals that were auctioned. The Chianina/Maine/Angus, weighing 1,385 pounds brought prior, double honor for its Bowell owner as the county-bred champion.

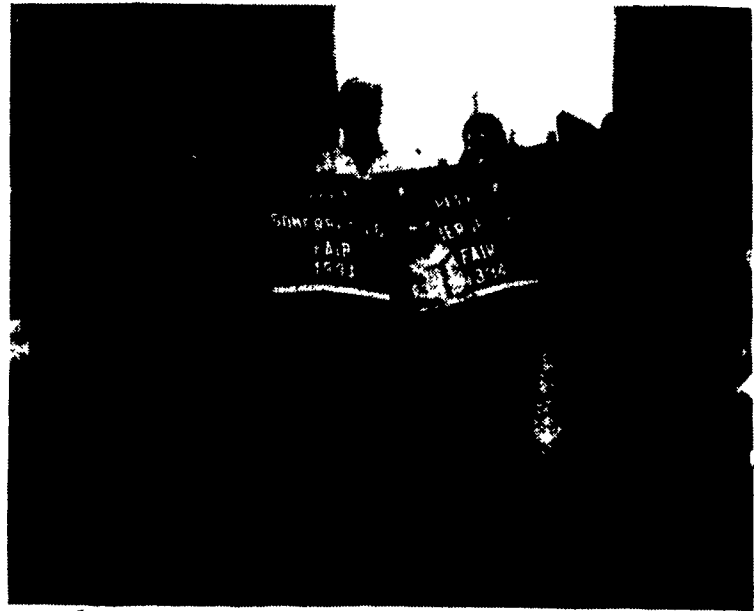
Roy Hemminger was the purchaser, paying \$9.50 a pound.

From Berlin, Jeremy Stair's reserve grand champion beef was sold to Walker Farm Service for \$5 a pound. The animal weighed 1,195 pounds and was also the reserve county bred champion.

With the champion, market beef averaged \$1.06 per pound.

Numerous fire companies received donations from the sale. Other beneficiaries were the Somerset Children's Aid Society, Somerset County 4-H Development Fund, Rockwood Sportsman's Club, Boy Scouts, Korn's family, Somerset office of the Salvation Army, and a Mexico missionary.

Six auctioneers for the day were Betty Lou Svonavec, Reed Luce, Kermit Stahl, Mike Knepper, Bill Arnold, and Scott Mostoller.



Erin Livengood stands with Roy Hemminger, the buyer of her grand champion beef at the Somerset County Junior Livestock Sale. The steer was also county bred champion and sold for \$9.50 a pound.



The grand champion Somerset Co. lamb was bought by Tressler Ashland. John Tressler, buyer stands next to seller Lindsay Schmuck, and her sisters Amy and Megan.



Young Jeremy Stair, right, saw his reserve grand champion and reserve county bred champion beef bought by Walker Farm Service at the Somerset County Fair Junior Livestock Sale. With him from left are Greg Walker and A.J. Walker.



The Somerset County reserve grand champion swine was sold to the Philson Bank. From left, Butch Hay, buyer, Greg Croner, and seller Kristin Randall.



John Tressler of Tressler's Ashland, Confluence, purchased the Somerset County reserve grand champion lamb of Luke Svonavec.

