

Jami Todd Reigns As Maryland Farm Queen

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TIMONIUM, Md. — Jami M. Todd, of Caroline County, is the new Maryland Farm Queen. She was crowned August 28th at the contest held at Cow Palace at the fairgrounds in Timonium, held in conjunction with the State Fair. The pageant helped kick off festivities at the fair, which ran through September 6, and is one of the state's largest showcases for agriculture. Jami will replace Kristin Archer, outgoing Farm Queen.

Four runners-up were also selected, and will assist the Queen in promoting Maryland agriculture during fair week and by helping her with appearances throughout the state during her reign. They are 4th Runner-up, Mary Elne Seraydian of Carroll County; 3rd Runner-up, April Hall of Queen Anne's County; 2nd Runner-up, Rebecca Reinhardt of Howard County; and 1st Runner-up, Kimberly Stup of Frederick County.

In all twenty-one contestants vied for the Farm Queen title, representing all corners of the state, and illustrating the diversity of Maryland Agriculture. The enter-

prises the girls participate in varied from dairy and beef to orchards, farm markets, and perennial and nursery stock, equine, and poultry operations.

Jami Todd lives on a truck crop and small grains fare with her parents John and Jackie, and brother Ryan in Preston, Maryland, where the seventeen-year-old high school senior's responsibilities include driving tractors, disking, going for parts and supplies, answering phones, cutting grass, and moving irrigation. The Todds raise approximately 50 acres of sweet corn for canning, and 20 acres of green beans. Jami is active in school in the art, photography and French Clubs, Future Business Leaders of America, varsity volleyball, and student government. She also teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at her church, and is involved at a local hospital as a volunteer. She plans to attend college and pursue a career as a biology teacher or an environmental lawyer.

John Butler, field services director for the Maryland Farm Bureau, served as Program emcee. After introducing herself, each



Maryland Farm Royalty includes, from left, April Hall, Queen Anne's County, 3rd Runner-up; Kimberly Stup, Frederick County, 1st runner-up; Jami Todd, Caroline County, Maryland Farm Queen; Rebecca Reinhardt, Howard County, 2nd Runner-up, and Mary Ellen Seraydian, Carroll County, 4th Runner-up.

girl was asked to randomly choose a question from inside a miniature barn, and then present her answer to the audience. Questions ranged from, "What values has growing

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Jami Todd is the new Maryland Farm Queen. Jami lives on a 100-acre vegetable and small grains farm in Caroline County, where she helps out with driving tractors, going for parts and supplies, and other chores as needed. She will represent Maryland agriculture at the State Fair this week and throughout the coming year.

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