

Dairy Cattle On Display At Reading Fair

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READING (Berks Co.) — Dairy cattle shows were the highlight of the Reading Fair Wednesday, held at the Fairgrounds Mall, in Reading.

Judge for the show was Alan Hostetter, of Dale-Pride Holsteins, in Annville. The Hostetter family raises, milks and shows Holsteins, and Alan was one of the coaches for this year's state 4-H dairy cattle judging team.

He praised the exhibitors for the opportunity to judge their cattle and for the quality of their show.

Hostetter judged Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Guernsey, and Jersey cattle during the day-long show. And despite some relatively low numbers of entries in some of the breed shows, Hostetter said the quality of the cattle was

enjoyable.

Holstein
In the Holstein breed, Michael Davis, of Leesport, showed the grand champion of the open division show. His senior 2-year-old, JM Springpond Leadman Starlit, was also named best udder of the show.

The reserve grand champion was shown by Melissa Werley, of Hamburg. Her 4-year-old Sonnen-Springs Marvel Camera was also the youth division grand champion, and second best udder of the show.

Jennifer Davis, of Leesport, showed JMJ Springpond Cruise Gretel, a senior 2-year-old, for the reserve champion of the youth division.

The show's junior champion of both the open and youth divisions was a summer yearling, Cor-Phil



From the left, Berks County Dairy Princess Melissa Bicksler and Megan Phillips, little dairy miss, present trophies to Melissa Werley, who shows her reserve senior champion and reserve grand champion Holstein, and Michael Davis holds the halter of his open division grand champion Holstein of the Reading Fair.



From the left, Jennifer Davis, Berks County alternate dairy princess, presents awards to Amy Hollenbach, who shows her reserve grand champion Guernsey, and Daniel Hollenbach, who shows the grand champion.



From the left, Melissa Bicksler, county dairy princess, and Jennifer Davis, county alternate dairy princess, present awards to Tammy Balthaser who shows her brother Randy's reserve grand champion Brown Swiss, while Randy holds the halter of his grand champion.



From the left, Jennifer Davis, Berks County alternate dairy princess, presents awards to Jessica Haag who holds the halter of her reserve junior champion Jersey, and Mildred Seeds, who shows her junior champion.

Glow Candy Cane, shown by Suzie Luckenbill, of Bernville, while her younger sister Jessica Luckenbill, showed the reserve junior champion, an intermediate yearling, Cor-Phil Thor Macey Jacie.

Ayrshire
In the 13-animal Ayrshire breed competition, Jill Vail, of Myerstown, showed both the grand and reserve grand champions. Her



From the left, Suzie Luckenbill shows the grand champion Jersey for Tarik Gaffney, while Mildred Seeds holds the halter of her reserve grand champion.

junior 3-year-old, Noltshire Corben Vash, was grand champion, while her senior 3-year-old, S&M Ayr Reliable's Rebecca, was reserve grand.

Jill's brother Jed Vail showed the junior champion, a junior yearling, Allmine Festival Ascot. Andrea Koinski, of Mohrsville, showed the reserve junior champion, also a junior yearling, AK Reliable Charity.

Brown Swiss
In the nine-animal Brown Swiss show, Randy Balthaser, of Bernville showed all the champions. His junior 3-year-old, Northkill

Creek Doll Nutty, was named grand champion, while his 5-year-old Shady Creek Peg C Priscilla was named reserve grand champion.

Balthaser's intermediate calf, Northkill Creek Dot Paula, was junior champion, while his senior yearling, Northkill Creek Ginger-ET, was named reserve junior champion.

Guernsey
The grand champion of 15-animal Guernsey show was 4-year-old Greenwood I Bubbles, shown by Daniel Hollenbach, of Bernville.

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From the left, Melissa Bicksler, county dairy princess, presents rosettes to Suzie Luckenbill, who holds the halter of the reserve junior champion Holstein of the Reading Fair, while sister Jessica holds the halter of the junior champion. Also shown is award sponsor Craig Morrissey, of Bernard Morrissey Insurance Co.