

Junior Livestock Sale Benefits Exhibitors, Activities

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YORK (York Co.) — Sometimes you can have your cake and eat it, too.

A cake donated to the York County 4-H meats judging team, auctioned off as the kickoff offering at the the junior livestock sale recently, earned the team \$825 toward its attendance at national competition.

And then they got to eat it, as well.

But not until the cake—with colorful icing-based depictions of a sheep, hog and steer—had gone from the hands of donor and decorator Lois Rankin, Abbottstown, and through nine separate bidders who turned it back to the assembled junior livestock exhibitors to share.

George and Joan Grim were the first buyers of the cake, with a \$210 bid.

"Sell it again," the Thomasville couple instructed. York County Pork Producers took up the challenge, making the second cake buy at \$150. Back on the auction block it went again.

In rapid succession, the cake then sold to Glatfelter Agribusiness Insurance, Anderson Feed Company, B & B Cake Buyers Syndicate, Innerst's Berkshires and Parlett's Twin Maple Farm, Carlos Loeffler, Inc., Neutzel's Yorkshires and Wilson's Yorkshires. On the ninth round of bidding, the Jack Myers' family's Dunkard Valley Farm purchased the cake and donated it to all the assembled junior livestock exhibitors to share.

Spirited bidding for the cake set the stage for the sale of the champions of the beef, swine, and lamb shows judged earlier. And numerous other purchases were generously donated back to benefit various county junior livestock programs, including \$2,500 toward the York County 4-H exhibition center under construction.

Hoss's Steak and Sea House restaurants held out in a quick runup of bids on the champion steer, exhibited by Shawn Waltmyer of Airville. The regional restaurant chain paid \$3 per pound for the 1,295-pound crossbred, then donated it back in benefit of the 4-H meats judging team. On the second round of bids, Walter's Cattle Co., Airville, purchased Waltmyer's steer for 75 cents per pound.

A \$1.30 per pound bought the reserve champion market steer for south Branch Farms, Robert Kinsley, York. Exhibitor of the 1,230-pound reserve winner was Suzanne Bishard, York.

Champion and reserve champion market lambs were both from the same exhibitor and purchased by the same buyer. Lebanon Valley National Bank bought the pair of lambs from Adam Sellers, Thomasville, paying \$2 per pound for the 127-pound champion and \$1.90 per pound for the 119-pound reserve lamb.

High per-pound price for the day went to the champion market hog, a 248-pound crossbred that sold on a \$6.50 per pound bid from Lease's Auto Body and Paint Specialists and BSW. Exhibitor of the champion hog was Bobbi Myers, Thomasville.

Glatfelter Agribusiness Insurance, York, held out for the winning bid on the 243-pound reserve champion hog. The \$3.75 per pound bid went to reserve exhibitor Dave Myers, Wellsville, wrapping up his last year as a junior exhibitor at the fair.

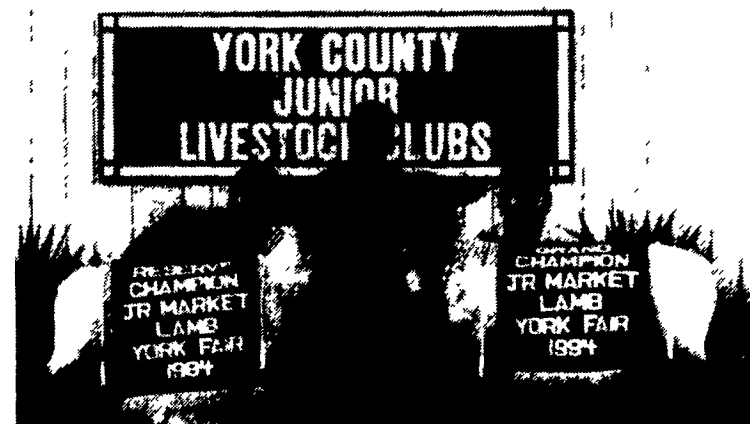
Four weight class champions opened the swine portion of the sale. Hatfield Packing Company purchased the 267-pound champion heavyweight on a 90-cent bid from exhibitor Jason Frantz, Seven Valleys. The champion medium weight at 225 pounds, exhibited by Kelly Dutrey, Dalastown, sold for 95 cents per pound to S & C Cattle Company.

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pany was the successful buyer, on a 90-cent bid, of the 228-pound reserve champion medium weight exhibited by James Neutzel, Felton. Hatfield Packing took the 252-pound reserve champion heavyweight for 80 cents per pound, shown by exhibitor Heather Jasienski, Felton.

With the champions, average price for the York Fair's junior livestock swine portion of the sale was 87 cents per pound. Without the champion, sale average price was 77 cents per pound.

In the lamb sale, Matt Sellers, Thomasville, sold his champion medium weight 107-pound lamb on the final bid of \$1.10 per (Turn to Page A25)



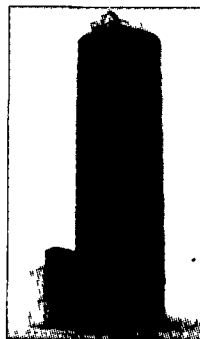
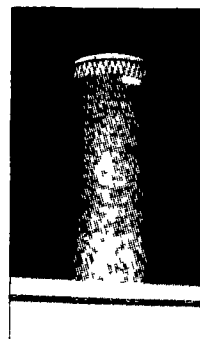
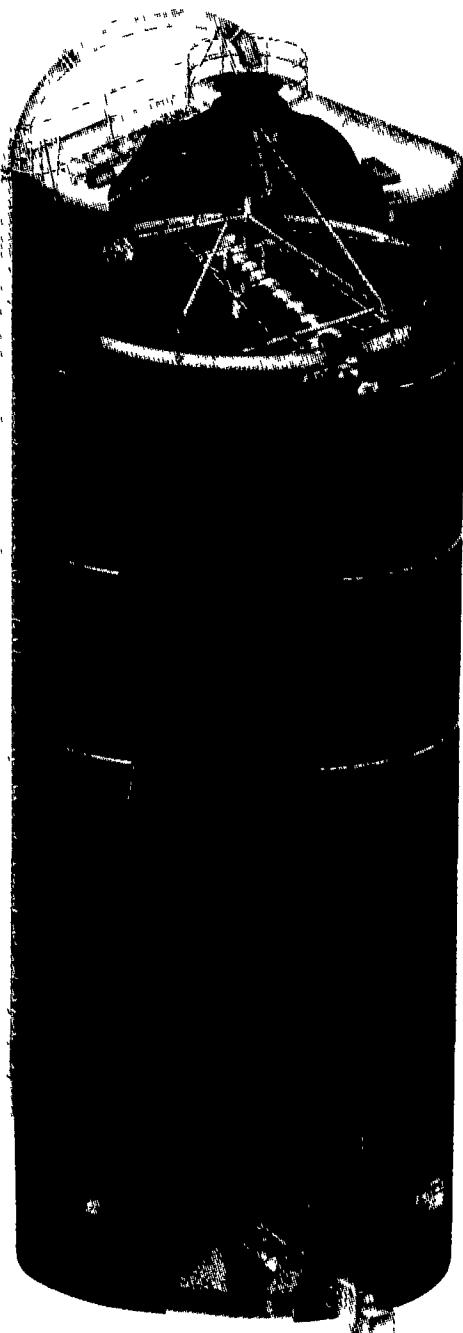
Lebanon Valley National Bank purchased both the champion and reserve champion market lambs exhibited by Adam Sellers, right. John Eaton, Jr., represented Lebanon Valley National for the bidding. Matt Trostle, left, helped with the reserve animal.

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