

Swine Fitting Champion Also Picks Up Supreme Award At Reading

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READING (Berks Co.) — An exhibitor who showed grand champion fitting swine also picked up the trophy for supreme market hog last week at the Reading Fair.

The supreme champion, a Duroc cross gilt weighing 232 pounds, was shown by Corey Eschbach, 10, son of George and Kathy Stump, Shoemakersville. This is the first supreme championship for Corey, in the fifth grade at Fleetwood Elementary. This year, Corey also won champion swine at the Oley Fair.

Show judge Ken Winebark picked the middle weight champion hog shown by Corey over the champion heavyweight in tough competition. Winebark said that Corey's red/black spotted pig is a large and heavy pig that is still lean for its division. Tim Eschbach said the hog was obtained from ProGenetics/White Oak.

Winebark, Lebanon County extension agent, picked a purebred Hampshire gilt, weighing 255 pounds, shown by Jenny Rabenold as reserve. Jenny, 17, daughter of Carl and Brenda Rabenold, Kutztown, showed the hog from her family's herd. The gilt won the heavyweight division. Winebark commented that the hog "explodes in terms of overall shape and dress, with the most thickest, fullest, most dimensional ham" of any hog in the competition. Winebark said,



Corey Eschbach, right, won supreme champion hog with his Duroc cross last week at the Reading Fair. At left is Ken Winebark, show judge.

"It is a production kind of hog that has a lot of meat."

A senior at Kutztown High School, this is Jenny's first reserve championship at Reading. She plans to show at the county round-up in October and the state Farm Show in January.

Showmanship and fitting champions were also named. They are Corey Eschbach, champion fitter. Reserve fitter went to Cathy Levan. Champion showman went to Richard Kerper, Jr. Reserve was awarded to Brian Eschbach.

Following is a list of show placings.

READING FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
FITTING
Seniors (15 and Over): 1. Leon Hunter. 2. Jenny Rabenold. 3. Tim Eschbach. Intermediate (12-14 Years): 1. Brian Eschbach. 2. Justin Levan. Juniors (8-11 Years): 1. Corey Eschbach. 2. Cathy Levan. 3. John Hartman.
CHAMPION FITTER
Corey Eschbach
RESERVE
Cathy Levan

SHOWMANSHIP
Seniors (15 and Over): 1. Richard Kerper, Jr. 2. Jenny Rabenold. 3. Leon Hunter. Intermediate (12-14 Years): 1. Brian Eschbach. 2. Justin Levan. Juniors (8-11 Years Old): 1. Richard Kerper, Jr.
CHAMPION SHOWMAN
Richard Kerper, Jr.
RESERVE
Brian Eschbach



Jenny Rabenold, right, won reserve market hog with a purebred Hampshire gilt last week at the Reading Fair. At left is Ken Winebark, show judge.

MARKET HOGS
Light Lightweight (145-195 lbs.): 1. Paula Hunter. 2. Paula Hunter. 3. John Hartman. Heavy Lightweight (200-212 lbs.): 1. Leon Hunter. 2. Richard Kerper, Jr. 3. Christine Hunter. Champion Lightweight: Leon Hunter. Reserve: Richard Kerper, Jr.
Light Middle Weight (215-220 lbs.): 1. Richard Kerper Jr. 2. Jenny Rabenold. 3. Tim Eschbach. Heavy Middle Weight (225-235 lbs.): 1. Corey Eschbach. 2. Jenny Rabenold. 3. Brian Eschbach. Champion Middle Weight: Corey Eschbach. Reserve: Jenny Rabenold. Light Heavyweight (237-250 lbs.): 1. Richard Kerper Jr. 2. Brian Eschbach. 3. David Newpher. Medium Heavyweight (255-280 lbs.): 1. Jenny Rabenold. 2. Justin Levan. 3. Corey Eschbach. Heavy Heavyweight (270-300 lbs.): 1. Brian Eschbach. 2. Richard Kerper Jr. 3. Tim Eschbach. Champion Heavyweight:

Jenny Rabenold. Reserve: Richard Kerper Jr.
CHAMPION MARKET SWINE
Corey Eschbach
RESERVE
Jenny Rabenold

PAIRS
Class 1 (295-422 lbs.): 1. Paula Hunter. 2. Brian Hartman. 3. Leon Hunter. Class 2 (453-455 lbs.): 1. Richard Kerper Jr. 2. Christine Hunter. 3. Tim Eschbach. Class 3 (480-485 lbs.): 1. Jenny Rabenold. 2. Brian Eschbach. 3. David Newpher. Class 4 (515-550 lbs.): 1. Corey Eschbach. 2. Justin Levan. 3. Cathy Levan.
GRAND CHAMPION
Jenny Rabenold
RESERVE
Richard Kerper Jr.

After 7-Year Try, Exhibitor Wins Swine Trophy

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — "I've been showing for seven years, and I've been waiting to win."

Scott Stoltzfus, holding the supreme champion market hog trophy, was being congratulated by his brothers and cousins for showing the New Holland Fair champion hog, a 264-pound Hampshire/Duroc gilt out of the heavyweight class.

This was the exhibitor's first championship after seven years of trying.

The Babcock Genetics hog was picked over the light heavyweight hog in close competition on Tuesday evening at the fair.

Ken Winebark, Lebanon extension agent and show judge, said the hog proved to be "a very useful kind of hog in all aspects of the

industry" and had "a big old loin eye." The hog had the body and capacity and feet and legs to "get up and go."

Scott said the hog, named "Red Chief" by his cousins and three brothers, was "walked a lot." Scott, 15, son of Ken and Karen Stoltzfus, Gordonville, is a sophomore at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

Winebark said the light heavyweight, chosen as reserve overall, was a "good, workable kind of hog no matter what aspect of the industry you're in." The hog was shown by Bob Stewart, son of Larry and Del Stewart, Intercourse. The gilt, a Blue Butt, was shown by Bob, 14, who attends Pequea Valley. This is his first time showing at New Holland Fair.

Showmanship winners were, seniors, Cory Pfautz; juniors, Bob Stewart; and amateurs, Nathan

Hoover.

In all, there were a total of 75 hogs and 25 exhibitors. Following is a list of show placings.

NEW HOLLAND FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

SHOWMANSHIP
Seniors (13-19 years old): 1. Cory Pfautz. 2. Lisa Pfautz. 3. Scott Stoltzfus. Champion: Cory Pfautz. Reserve: Lisa Pfautz. Juniors (11-13 Years): 1. Bob Stewart. 2. Kevin Pfautz. 3. Drew Hooper. Junior Champion: Bob Stewart. Reserve: Kevin Pfautz.

Amateurs (9-10 years old): 1. Nathan Hoover. 2. P. Jacob Brubaker. 3. Renee Hoover. Amateur Champion: Nathan Hoover. Reserve: P. Jacob Brubaker.

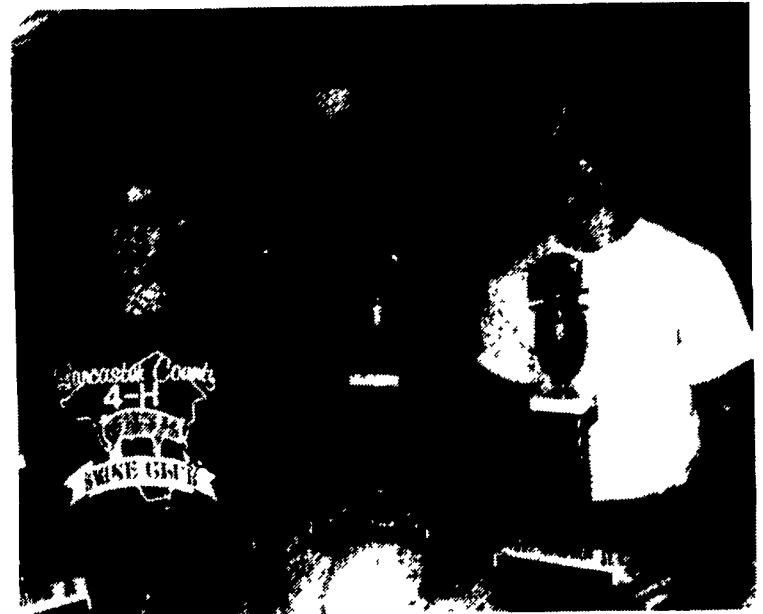
MARKET HOGS
Lightweight Class 1 (220 lbs.): 1. Sheldon Hoover. 2. Brad Merkey. 3. Patrick Good. Class 2 (220-224 lbs.): 1. Doug Stoltzfus. 2. Sheldon Hoover. 3. Patrick Good. Class 3 (224-230 lbs.): 1. Shannon Horst. 2. Nathan Hoover. 3. Sheldon Hoover. Lightweight Champion: Sheldon Hoover. Reserve: Shannon Horst.

Middle Weight Class 4 (230-232 lbs.): 1. Shannon Horst. 2. Nathan Hoover. 3. Drew Hooper. Class 5 (236-238 lbs.): 1. Sheldon Hoover. 2. Justin Good. 3. Sarah Boyd. Class 6 (238-240 lbs.): 1. Justin Good. 2. Renee Hoover. 3. Nathan Hoover. Middle Weight Champion: Justin Good. Reserve: Sheldon Hoover.

Light Heavyweight: Class 7 (240-246 lbs.): 1. Brad Stoltzfus. 2. Justin Good. 3. Scott Stoltzfus. Class 8 (248-254 lbs.): 1. Scott Stoltzfus. 2. Jason Martin. 3. Lisa Pfautz. Class 9 (254-258 lbs.): 1. Bob Stewart. 2. Kevin Pfautz. 3. Zack Stoltzfus. Light Heavyweight Champion: Bob Stewart. Reserve: Scott Stoltzfus.

Heavyweight: Class 10 (260-262 lbs.): 1. Cory Pfautz. 2. Zack Stoltzfus. 3. Justin Good. Class 11 (262-264 lbs.): 1. Scott Stoltzfus. 2. Brad Stoltzfus. 3. P. Jacob Brubaker. Class 12 (266-270 lbs.): 1. Jenny Hoover. 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. P. Jacob Brubaker. Heavyweight Champion: Scott Stoltzfus. Reserve: Cory Pfautz.

SUPREME CHAMPION MARKET HOG
Scott Stoltzfus
RESERVE
Bob Stewart



New Holland Fair showmanship champions, from left, Nathan Hoover, amateur; Cory Pfautz, senior; and Bob Stewart, junior.



Bob Stewart, left, was named reserve champion market hog at the New Holland Fair. Ken Winebark, Lebanon County agent, was show judge.



Scott Stoltzfus, left, won supreme champion market hog at the New Holland Fair on Tuesday evening. Ken Winebark, Lebanon County agent, judged the show.