

Manheim Has Strong Dairy Shows

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — In a dairy show that Judge Steve Shaw from Blair County called a great tribute to the dairy farmers around Manheim, Lowell and Deb Brubaker family, Manheim, walked away with 11 first place wins and three championships in the Holstein show that included the grand champion, the junior champion and the reserve junior champion. The grand champion was the stylish junior 2-year-old with real dairyness and the best udder of the show.

The reserve grand champion and grand champion of the junior division was Jason Wivell's strong, red, 3-year-old.

The reserve grand champion of the junior division was Marsha Balmer's senior 2-year-old.

In the Ayrshire show Ken Findley and Karen Hambrick had all the entries. Hambrick had the grand champion and the junior and reserve junior champion and Findley had the reserve grand champion.

There was one Guernsey shown by Jason Henisee, a senior yearling that was junior and grand champion.

The top placings are as follows:

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Jr. Calf: 1. Findley.
Int. Yearling: 1. Findley.
Sr. Calf: 1. Hambrick.

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Jr. Yearling: 1. Hambrick.
Int. Yearling: 1. Hambrick.
Jr. 2y: 1. Findley.
4y: 1-3: Findley.
Aged: 1. Findley.
Dry: 1. Hambrick; 2-3, Findley.
Best Udder: 1-3. Findley.
Dam/Daughter: 1. Hambrick; 2. Findley.
Produce: 1. Findley; 2. Hambrick.
Jr. Get: 1. Hambrick.
Sr. Get: 1. Findley.
Best 3: 1. Findley; 2. Hambrick.
Dairy Herd: 1. Findley.

GUERNSEY

Sr. Yearling: 1. Jason Henisee.

HOLSTEIN

Jr. Calf: 1. Kris Martin; 2. David Wenger; 3. Lowell Brubaker.

Int. Calf: 1. Crystal Brubaker; 2. Marsha Balmer; 3. Heather Brubaker.

Sr. Calf: 1. Denise Bollinger; 2. Danny Bollinger

Summer Yearling: 1. Melanie Balmer; 2. David Wenger; 3. Jason Wivell.

Jr. Yearling: 1. Denise Bollinger; 2. David Wenger.

Int. Yearling: 1. Harold Brubaker; 2. Jason Wivell; 3. Amanda Kolb.

Sr. Yearling: 1. Harold Brubaker; 2. Harold Brubaker.

Jr. 2y: 1. Lowell Brubaker; 2. Joe Wivell; 3. Lowell Brubaker.

Sr. 2y: 1. Lowell Brubaker; 2. Marsha Balmer; 3. Danny Bollinger.

3y: 1. Jason Wivell; 2. Lowell Brubaker; 3. Lowell Brubaker.

4y: 1. Joe Wivell; 2. Lowell Brubaker.

5y: 1. Denise Bollinger.

Aged Cow: 1. Lowell Brubaker.

Dry Cow: 1. Denise Bollinger.

Best Udder: 1. Lowell Brubaker; 2. Joe Wivell; 3. Jason Wivell.

Dam/Daughter: 1. Jason Wivell; 2. Denise Bollinger.

Produce: 1. Lowell Brubaker; 2. Denise Bollinger.

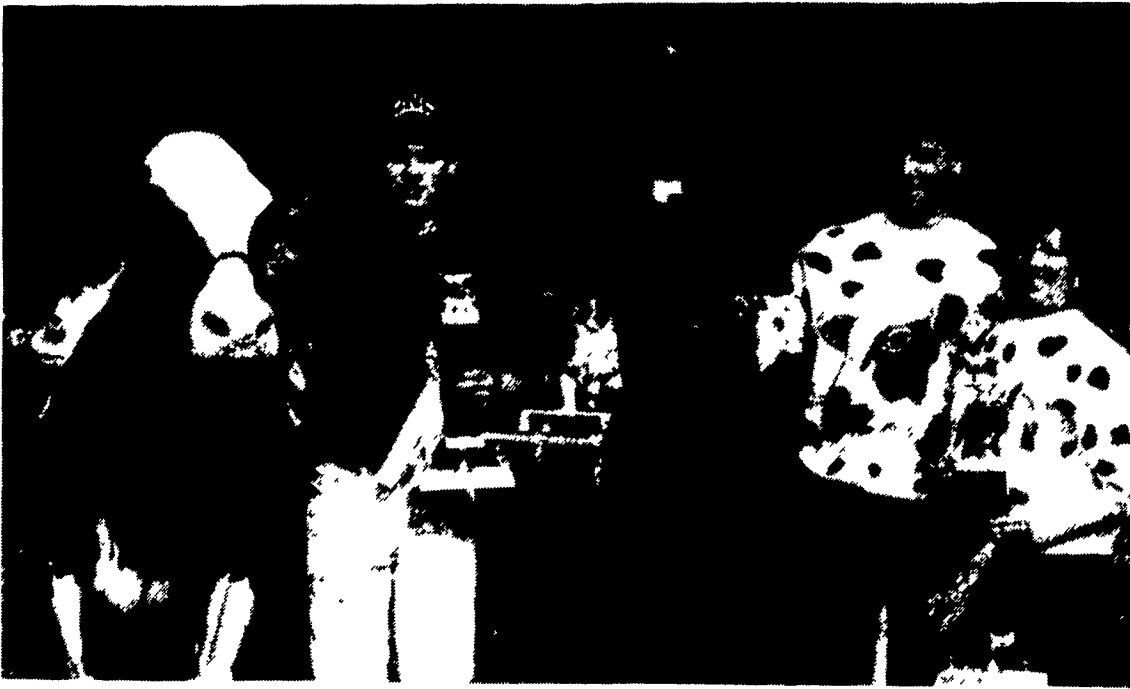
Jr. Get: 1. Lowell Brubaker.

Best 3: 1. Lowell Brubaker; 2. Jason Wivell; 3. Lowell Brubaker.

Dairy Herd: Harold Brubaker; 2. Jason Wivell; 3. Lowell Brubaker.



Karen Hambrick with the grand champion Ayrshire.



The grand champions from left, Jason Wivell with the grand champion of the junior division and the reserve grand champion of the open show, and Lowell and Deb Brubaker with the grand champion of the open show.

Huntsberger, Strathemyer Families Honored In York County

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YORK (York Co.) — Two unique York County farming operations have been honored by the county's agri-business community.

The Geary Huntsberger family, Etters, received the Farm Family award, and Strathmeyer Forests, Warrington Township, was named Ag Industry award winner during the sixth annual Agriculture Recognition dinner, January 28, at Wisheaven Hall. more than 200 attended the award program, sponsored by The York County Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, Farmers' Association and Chamber of Commerce.

The Huntsberger family operates Corn Hill Farms, with some 2500 acres of owned, rented and sharecropped land planted in corn, hay and small grains. In 1946, after a stint of service with the Navy, Geary and his wife Rosemary returned to the family farm in northern York County.

Always innovative, Huntsberger is likely the only farmer in the county who moves equipment with a barge. Many years ago, he ventured into farming islands mid-river in the Susquehanna, including Shelley's, Hill and Three Mile islands. Huntsberger was also one of the first area growers to dry corn. His progressiveness and management abilities earned him a Master Farmer award in 1979.

Geary is semi-retired, but still handles equipment maintenance and the barging of machinery to the island acreage. His son, Robert, is farm manager, handles field work and purchases and oversees Corn Hill Farm's two employees. Rosemary manages the farm's accounting.

A long-time agriculture activist, Geary has served as chairman of both the county and state ASCS committees, is a member of the Dauphin Deposit Bank board of directors, the Newberry Township school board and the TMI Citizens' Advisory Board.

Robert is an associate director of the York County Conservation District, committeeman for the ASCS district and a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association legislative committee. He and his wife Sue have two children.

Strathmeyer Forests' roots in York County reach back more than 90 years. Nearly a century ago, Charles H. Strathmeyer, grandfather to current president Fred Strathmeyer, Sr., began selling Christmas trees at his general store at Philadelphia and Hartley streets in York.

His son, Charles, founded a production operation in the Depression years, selling seedlings grown from the seeds of pine cones that he collected. By the 1960s, seedling sales had surpassed Christmas trees as the prime Strathmeyer business, and acreage was expanded.

Some three million Strathmeyer seedlings are now sold annually to growers ranging in size from a few acres to a few thousand acres. Strathmeyers also stock 11 tree sales centers and retail about 10,000 Christmas trees each season. Another 50,000 are wholesale marketed to retailers as far away as Massachusetts and Illinois.

Strathmeyer Forests cultivate about 1,000 acres of trees at plantings near Bloomsburg and in York, Adams, Cumberland and Dauphin counties. Seedlings are stated at a 1500-acre nursery at



The third and fourth generations of Strathmeyer tree growers were on hand to accept their York Ag Industry award. From left are Brian, Tim, Fred Sr., Robin, and Gerrit Strathmeyer.



Named York County Farm Family were the Huntsberger's of Corn Hill Farm. From left are, Rosemary and Geary, Robert and Sue.

York Springs.

Fred Sr. was instrumental in organizing the state Christmas Tree Growers Association. He is past president and a current director of the National Christmas Tree Growers Association.

All five children of the fourth generation of Strathmeyers are involved in the family business. Fred, Jr., and Gerrit handle marketing and sales, Tim and Brian manage production and daughter Robin works with the mail order

division.

Also honored during the awards presentations were participants in numerous farm public relations efforts cooperatively sponsored by York agriculture
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