

Becker Shows Champion Market Hog At Manheim

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) —

Melissa Becker has watched her sisters, Karen and Amy, capture the trophy for showing the overall champion market hog. Monday night was Melissa's turn.

The 16-year-old showed a Duroc-Hamp cross at Manheim Farm Show to top 130 entries. The Becker family lives in Manheim but keeps about 30 pigs on an Elizabethtown farm. The sisters, daughters of Marlin and Nancy Becker, brought 12 of the hogs to show, and ended up with five first-placings in individual classes.

Judge Ken Winebark, Lebanon County extension agent, said that the 261-pound heavyweight champion is a really complete hog that levels off at the top, has a sleek body, and is productive appearing, while maintaining leanness.

Showing the reserve champion market hog was Travis Donough. The 244-pound hog was also the medium weight champion. Travis, the son of Ed and LaRue Donough of Manheim, also showed the champion lightweight. Travis and his brother Ryan are consistent winners in both swine and sheep competition at county fairs.

Other section wins went to Pam Lehman, who showed the reserve lightweight champion; Brandon Forry, who showed the reserve medium weight; Adam Forry, who showed the champion medium heavyweight; Suzy Miller, who showed the reserve medium heavyweight; and Jared Forry, who showed the reserve heavyweight.

Showmanship competition was divided into four classes. In the 16-and-over class, Tina Umbrell, daughter of Dennis and Linda Umbrell of Elizabethtown, took first honors. The 19-year-old has been showing some of the offspring of the family's 360-sow operation for seven years. Tina graduated from high school two years ago and works part time as a nursing assistant and part time on the family farm.

In the 14- to 15-year-old showmanship class, Amy Bollinger placed first. She is a consistent winner in showmanship with honors from FFA, 4-H roundup, and Ephrata Fair competitions earlier this season. She is the daughter of Eugene and Carol Bollinger of Manheim.

Thirteen-year-old, Lisa Pfautz placed first in the 11- to 13-year-old division. The daughter of Rick and Sue Pfautz of Lititz has been showing for five years and has



Showmanship honors in swine competition go to Tina Umbrell, back left; Amy Bollinger, back right; Lisa Pfautz, front left, and Ryan Donough.



Judge Ken Winebark selects the champion market hog shown by Melissa Becker at the Manheim Farm Show.

earned previous showmanship awards.

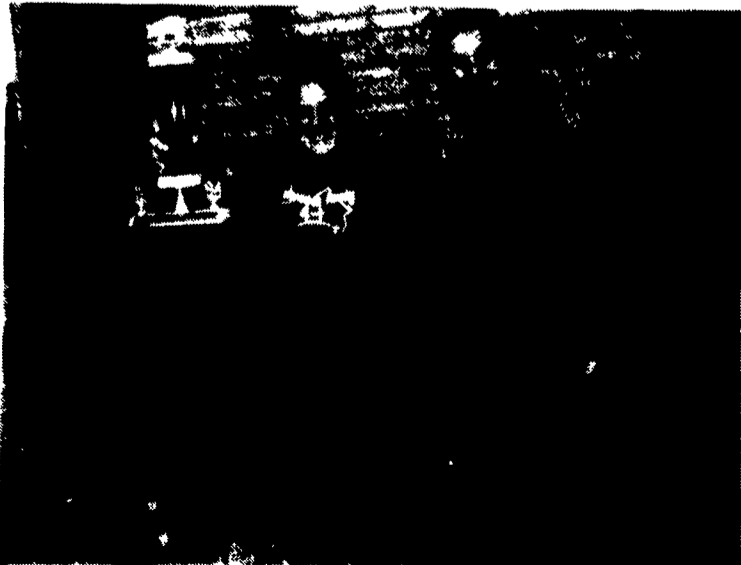
Ten-year-old Ryan Donough won the 8- to 10-year-old showmanship class. It was the first swine showmanship win for Ryan who has accomplished the same feat numerous times with sheep. Ryan, who is the brother of Travis who showed the reserve champion hog, said that showing pigs is easier than sheep.

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Individual Market Hogs

- Lightweight**
Class #1: 1 Pam Lehman, 2 Jared Forry, 3 Jamie Sellard
Class #2: 1 Jeff Nolt, 2 Tim Miller, 3 Kevin Pfautz
Class #3: 1 Geoffrey Rohrer, 2 Jamie Sellard, 3 Mark Moyer
Class #4: 1 Travis Donough, 2 Denck Bollinger, 3 Rodney Groff
Champion Lightweight: Travis Donough

- Reserve Lightweight:** Pam Lehman
Mediumweight
Class #1: 1 Ryan Donough, 2 Cory Pfautz, 3 Rodney Groff
Class #2: 1 John Douglas Stauffer, 2 Amy Becker, 3 Tracy Bollinger
Class #3: 1 Brandon Forry, 2 Jeff Nolt, 3 Cory Pfautz
Class #4: 1 Amy Becker, 2 Dwight Lehman, 3 Lisa Pfautz
Class #5: 1 Tim Miller, 2 Amy Becker, 3 Melissa Becker
Class #6: 1 John Douglas Stauffer, 2 Kevin Pfautz, 3 Pam Lehman
Class #7: 1 Travis Donough, 2 Amy Bollinger, 3 Amy Bollinger
Class #8: 1 Rodney Groff, 2 Dwight Lehman, 3 Denck Bollinger
Mediumweight Champion: Travis Donough
Reserve Champion: Brandon Forry
Medium Heavyweight
Class #1: 1 Adam Forry, 2 Melissa Becker, 3 Geoffrey Rohrer
Class #2: 1 Pam Lehman, 2 Suzy Miller, 3 Marci Harnish
Class #3: 1 Melissa Becker, 2 Pam Lehman, 3 Ryan Donough
Class #4: 1 Adam Forry, 2 Dwight Lehman, 3 Geoffrey Rohrer
Class #5: 1 Pam Lehman, 2 Amy Bollinger, 3 Geoffrey Rohrer
Class #6: 1 Suzy Miller, 2 Ryan Donough, 3 Marci Harnish
Class #7: 1 Derick Bollinger, 2 Rodney Groff, 3 John Douglas Stauffer
Class #8: 1 Tracy Bollinger, 2 Pam Lehman, 3 Marci Harnish
Champion: Adam Forry
Reserve Champion: Suzy Miller
Heavyweight
Class #1: 1 Melissa Becker, 2 Travis Donough, 3 Adam Forry
Class #2: 1 Amy Becker, 2 Adam Forry, 3 Jamie Sellard
Class #3: 1 Melissa Becker, 2 Amy Becker, 3 Nathan Umbrell
Class #4: 1 Jared Forry, 2 Jamie Sellard, 3 Tracy Bollinger
Class #5: 1 Tracy Bollinger, 2 Ryan Donough, 3 Mark Moyer
Class #6: 1 Jared Forry, 2 Melissa Becker, 3 Adam Forry
Class #7: 1 Jared Forry, 2 Jared Forry, 3 Brandon Forry
Class #8: 1 John Douglas Stauffer, 2 Marci Harnish, 3 Matthew Umbress
Champion Heavyweight: Melissa Becker
Reserve Champion Heavyweight: Jared Forry
Champion Overall: Melissa Becker
Reserve Overall: Travis Donough



Reserve champion market hog is shown by Travis Donough. Judge Ken Winebark said the reserve champion hog had a tremendous broad end and dimension on top.

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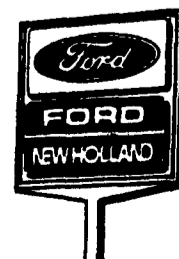
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