

Lancaster 4-H Dairy Club Holds Recognition Program

VERNON ACHENBACH, JR.
Lancaster Farming Staff
LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Club holds its annual awards program Monday at the county Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

About 50 awards were presented to members in recognition

of achievements during the past year, with many of the honors being previously awarded.

Member Elizabeth Smith, of Denver, welcomed the group and lead in the reading of the 4-H pledge and the pledge of allegiance. She also did introductions.

Her father Tom Smith, a 28-year leader for the Cows R Us 4-H

Club, and member Zachary Meck presented awards to the county judging team, those who showed breed champions, those whose owner-breeder entries in the five breed competitions were winners, and showmanship champions.

Dale Hershey, of Ronks, a leader with the Pequea Valley 4-H Dairy Club for 12 years, and mem-

ber Laura Blank, presented awards to the winners of the club's picture contest, its 4-H story contest and its dairy record book contest.

Entertainment was provided by member Eric Wenger, of Quarryville, who presented a talk and slide show of a 4-H exchange program with Poland.

Glenn Shirk, county extension dairy agent, recognized the various club leaders and gave comments about the extension program.

In the dairy judging awards, Jason Henisee, of Columbia, Jason Snavely, of Manheim, Jason Wivell, of Elizabethtown, and Jesslyn Oberholtzer, of Elizabethtown were presented with awards for being members of the senior division team.

In the dairy show awards, which goes to the junior and senior breed champions, Elizabeth Spickler, of Mount Joy, was honored for showing a senior champion Ayrshire; Elizabeth Smith for showing a junior champion Brown Swiss; her brother Brian Smith for showing a senior champion Guernsey; and Marsha Balmer, of Manheim, who showed a junior champion Holstein.

Also recognized were the show-ers of breed champions at the county 4-H dairy show. Recognized were Elizabeth Spickler, Ayrshire; Elizabeth Smith, Brown Swiss; Jason Henisee, Guernsey; Joe Best, of Holtwood, Holstein; and Kandis Mullen, of Quarryville, Jersey.

Spickler also was recognized for showing the best bred-and-onwed Ayrshire, Elizabeth Smith for her Brown Swiss, Brian Smith for his

Guernsey, and Marsha Balmer, for her Holstein.

Champion showman awards were presented according to age-class. The champion in the 8- to 10-year-old division was Kristopher Martin, of Manheim; the reserve champion was Crystal Brubaker, of Manheim.

Denise Bollinger, of Manheim, was the champion showman in the 11- to 13-year-old division, while Zachary Meck was the reserve champion.

Sheri Bollinger, of Quarryville, was champion showman among the 14- to 18-year-olds, while Marsha Balmer was reserve champion.

In the 4-H picture contest, two categories are recognized — human interest photographs showing interesting moments of members with their animals; and working photos depicting members working with their animals.

Beth Spickler, of Mount Joy, won for her human interest photographs involving her Ayrshires. Elizabeth Smith won for working photos of Brown Swiss. Janine Leaman, of Lancaster, was for human interest photos with Brown Swiss.

Brain Smith won with his working photos of Guernseys and also for his human interest photos.

Brian Mull, of Quarryville, won for his working photos of Holsteins, while Denise Bollinger won for her human interest photos of her Holsteins.

Honorable mention winners included Jill Harnish, of Christiana, Delmar Oberholtzer, of Eli-

(Turn to Page A23)



From the left, Brian Mull, Gerald Boyd, Joshua Akers, and Natalie Osborne receive awards for their dairy record books. Not shown are recipients Janine Leaman, and Sarah Kennel.

ATTENTION DAIRY PRODUCERS

JOIN NFO

AND MARKET YOUR MILK PRODUCTION

WITH AN ORGANIZATION

THAT'S WORKING FOR YOU

1-800-221-1718

OR

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

1-717-442-4388

Marketing milk nationally since 1967

Marketing milk locally since December 1986