

Penn State Team Succeeds In National Contests

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Seven students returned this fall to represent Penn State at five livestock judging contests as members of the 1994 Livestock Judging Team.

Team members included Jason Ahola (senior, dairy and animal science, Woodstock, Conn.); Daryl Bomgardner (senior, dairy and animal science, Annville); Tom Gibney (senior, dairy and animal science, Colora, Md.); Ryan Mattocks (senior, dairy and animal science, Meadville); Andrew McIntire (senior, dairy and animal science, White Post, Va.); Gary Schick (senior, dairy and animal science, Oil City); and Nichole Willwert (senior, dairy and animal science, Red Lion).

Keith Bryan, instructor in animal science, coached the 1994 team, which was the tenth team of students he has worked with at Penn State.

The Livestock Judging Team started the fall season with a long trip to the Mid-South Fair in Memphis. Following practice stops at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, EE Herefords in Winona, Miss., and Cobb's Yorkshires in

Lake City, Ark., team members were ready to compete. Bomgardner led the team to a 5th place finish in beef cattle, personally coming in 2nd. He also finished 3rd in sheep and 2nd overall, and the team finished 7th overall.

The Mid-Continent Livestock Exposition in Springfield, Ill. replaced the Eastern States Exposition in the 1994 judging lineup. After workouts at Quail Run Ranch in Slippery Rock, Banbury's Club Lambs in Danville, Ohio, Hoewischer's Yorkshires and Hampshires in Sidney, Ohio, and an opportunity to judge Maine Anjou and Chiangus/Chianina crossbred cattle at both Wolfe's and Abernathy's in Richmond, Ind., the Penn State team headed to the Springfield competition. They placed 3rd in sheep judging with Bomgardner finishing 4th and Gibney 9th. The team did not perform up to their expectations in swine and beef cattle judging, finishing 8th and 9th, respectively.

Bomgardner and Gibney finished 15th and 17th, respectively, in oral reasons and the team "out-talked" their placing scores, finishing 5th in oral reasons. In the over-



The 1994 Penn State Livestock Judging Team, from left, Jason Ahola, Gary Schick, Ryan Mattocks, Nichole Willwert, Daryl Bomgardner, Andrew McIntire, Tom Gibney, and Keith Bryan, coach.

all tally, Bomgardner (14th) and Gibney (22nd) led the team to a 7th place finish.

Penn State's next contest was held in their own backyard at the

Keystone International in Harrisburg. In a contest characterized by challenging beef cattle and sheep classes, Penn State held their own and had a respectable day. Bomgardner (14th), Mattocks (17th), Gibney (19th), and McIntire (21st) led the group to a 5th place finish judging beef cattle. Swine judging was another matter as team members again garnered four out of the top 25 places and two out of the top 10.

Bomgardner (3rd), Mattocks (9th), McIntire (16th), and Willwert (22nd) led the team to a third-place finish judging pigs. McIntire (11th), Bomgardner (12th), and Mattocks (18th) led the group to a 4th place finish in oral reasons. When all the scores were tallied, Bomgardner and McIntire had finished 14th and 21st, respectively, and the team came in 6th.

The final two contests of the (Turn to Page A31)



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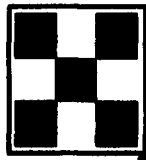
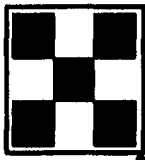
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