

Windermere Farms Shows Supreme Draft Horse

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A Percheron mare owned by the Abe and Mary Allebach family of Windermere Farms, Spring Mills, on Sunday was named supreme champion of the 1995 state Farm Show draft horse breed competitions.

It is the fourth Farm Show supreme title earned by Windermere Farms, a family operation that involves Abe and Mary, son Gerald, daughter Monica and daughter-in-law Cindy.

Windermere's Queen For-A-Day, a 9-year-old daughter of the farm's recently deceased 11-year-old stallion Blackhome Duke, was named supreme champion of the show, which includes only the best of the three draft horse breeds — Clydesdale, Percheron, and Belgian.

To find out the best of each breed, the grand champion stallion and mare of each breed are judged against each other.

In the Percheron breed, Queen had beat out a stable-mate stallion from Windermere. The Allebach's also showed the reserve grand champion stallion. David Hershey and family, of Warriors Mark showed the reserve grand champion mare.

As an aside, last year a daughter of Windermere's Queen was the grand champion Percheron, while Queen was reserve grand.

In the Belgian breed, the best of breed champion was the same mare that was last year's Farm Show supreme champion — SGF Dodie Marie, owned by Donald Sherwood and Gary and Brandon Groves, of Tunkhannock. The reserve grand champion mare, a foal, was shown by Nathan Yoder, of Peach Bottom.

The grand champion Belgian stallion was shown by Arthur Reist, of Lancaster, a 1-year-old that was also named junior champion stallion. The reserve champion stallion, a foal, was shown by Paul and Nathan Yoder, of Peach Bottom.

In the Clydesdale/shire breed division, the grand champion was also shown by the Allebachs, who keep a small number of those on their 450-acre farm.

Windermere Farms also showed the junior and reserve grand champion mare. Robert and Laura Martin, of Newport, showed the grand champion stallion, while Edward Johnston, of New Alexandria, showed the reserve grand champion stallion.

Judges for the shows were Bill Heston, of Salem, Ohio, and Dr. A. F. Allen, of Plain City, Ohio. Heston judged the Percherons and Clydesdale, while Allen judged the Belgians.

According to Gerald Allebach, the overall win adds strength to the confidence of strong genetics in the herd, mainly traceable to Blackhome Duke — four time national premier sire, with his offspring winning the national show five years in a row.

Duke died Dec. 17, of a stomach tumor, Gerald said. He had had no previous ailments and showed no discomfort until a fatal rupture of the tumor caused his death. Test results on the tumor were still pending as of the show, Gerald said.

However, a half-brother is on loan to the Allebachs from the breeder of Blackhome Duke to help them with their breeding program.

Duke was used by the Allebachs

in an artificial insemination service operation and he has a son that has been listed within the top 10 of the premier sires, according to Gerald. Duke has been used to continue a more direct line-breeding program on the farm to keep his genetics intact.

According to Gerald, Blackhome was the result of a long line-breeding program going back to two famous sires — Layette and Carnot. Duke's registry shows his lineage going back 20 times bred to Layette, and 22 times to Carnot.

He has 10 daughters on the farm, and Gerald said they have some mare bred back to him this year.

Even though the recent death of Blackhome was sudden, Gerald said, "He left an empty stall, but a full stable."

Following is a list of show placings.

BELGIAN
BELGIAN STALLION, 4 YRS: JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY.
BELGIAN STALLION, 3 YRS: N. YODER & D. STOLTZFUS.
BELGIAN STALLION, 1 YR: 1. ARTHUR REIST, 2. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY, 3. ELMER D LAPP.
BELGIAN STALLION, FOAL: 1. PAUL & NATHAN YODER, 2. ELMER D LAPP, 3. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY.
BELGIAN STALLION, SENIOR CHAMPION: N. YODER & D. STOLTZFUS.
BELGIAN STALLION, RESERVE SR. CHAMPION: JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY.
BELGIAN STALLION, JUNIOR CHAMPION: ARTHUR REIST.
BELGIAN STALLION, RESERVE JR. CHAMPION: PAUL & NATHAN YODER.
BELGIAN STALLION, GRAND CHAMPION: ARTHUR REIST.
BELGIAN STALLION, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: PAUL & NATHAN YODER.

BELGIAN STALLION, ANY AGE BRED BY EXHIBITOR: 1. PAUL & NATHAN YODER, 2. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY, 3. ELMER D LAPP.

BELGIAN MARE, 5 YRS & OLDER: 1. NATHAN YODER, 2. DONALD SHERWOOD, 3. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY

BELGIAN MARE, 4 YRS: 1. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY, 2. WILLIAM KIGER.

BELGIAN MARE, 2 YRS: 1. DONALD SHERWOOD, 2. RACHEL REIST, 3. R. JOHNSTON & L. BARNHART

BELGIAN MARE, 1 YR: 1. ARTHUR REIST, 2. WILLIAM KIGER, 3. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY

BELGIAN MARE, FOAL: 1. NATHAN YODER, 2. R. JOHNSTON & L. BARNHART, 3. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY

BELGIAN MARE, SENIOR CHAMPION: NATHAN YODER.

BELGIAN MARE, RESERVE SR CHAMPION: JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY

BELGIAN MARE, JUNIOR CHAMPION: DONALD SHERWOOD

BELGIAN MARE, RESERVE JR CHAMPION: NATHAN YODER

BELGIAN MARE, GRAND CHAMPION: DONALD SHERWOOD

BELGIAN MARE, RES GRAND CHAMPION: NATHAN YODER

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BELGIAN STALLION AND 2 MARES, ANY AGE: 1. N. YODER & D. STOLTZFUS, 2. RACHEL REIST, 3. JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY.

BELGIAN 2 MARES BELONGING TO 1 EXHIBITOR: 1. DONALD SHERWOOD, 2. NATHAN YODER, 3. ARTHUR REIST.

BELGIAN GELDING: 1. BJ MCTIGHE, 2. J. MARK RYBURN, 3. J. MARK RYBURN.

BELGIAN GELDING, MATED TEAM: 1. J. MARK RYBURN.

BELGIAN BEST OF BREED: 1. DONALD SHERWOOD.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE
CLYDESDALE/SHIRE STALLION, 3 YRS: 1. ROBERT & LAURA MARTIN.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE, 2 YRS: 1. EDWARD H JOHNSTON.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE STALLION, SENIOR CHAMPION: ROBERT & LAURA MARTIN.

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CLYDESDALE/SHIRE MARE, 5 YRS & OLDER: 1. WINDERMERE FARMS, 2. NORMAN WEAVER

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CLYDESDALE/SHIRE MARE, 3 YRS: 1. ALICE MATSON.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE MARE, FOAL: 1. WINDERMERE FARMS.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE MARE, SENIOR CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS.

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CLYDESDALE/SHIRE MARE, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE MARE, ANY AGE, BRED BY EXHIB: WINDERMERE FARMS.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE 2 MARES BELONGING TO ONE EXH: 1. WINDERMERE FARMS, 2. NORMAN WEAVER.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE GELDING: 1. ROGER & LINDA THOMS, 2. ROGER & LINDA THOMS, 3. ROBERT & LAURA MARTIN.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE GELDING, MATED TEAM: 1. ROGER & LINDA THOMS, 2. ROBERT & LAURA MARTIN.

CLYDESDALE/SHIRE BEST OF BREED: WINDERMERE FARMS.



From the left, Mary and Abe Allebach stand with their 1995 supreme champion draft horse, Windermere Queen For-A-Day, while state Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff and the Rebecca Brees, queen of the Pennsylvania Draft Horse and Mare Association, present the award.

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The grand champion Belgian is shown by Donald Sherwood. This horse was last year's supreme champion.

PERCHERON
PERCHERON STALLION, 3 YRS: 1. MARVYN FORWOOD.

PERCHERON STALLION, FOAL: 1. WINDERMERE FARMS, 2. WINDERMERE FARMS, 3. BARBARA BREESE

PERCHERON STALLION, SENIOR CHAMPION: MARVYN FORWOOD.

PERCHERON STALLION, JUNIOR CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS.

PERCHERON STALLION, RESERVE JR CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS

PERCHERON STALLION, GRAND CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS.

PERCHERON STALLION, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS.

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PERCHERON MARE, 5 YRS & OLDER: 1. WINDERMERE FARMS, 2. WINDERMERE FARMS, 3. WALTER & LUCILLE RICE.

PERCHERON MARE, 4 YRS: 1. J. ZOOK JR & W. RICE, 2. MINDY DUVALL.

PERCHERON MARE, 3 YRS: 1. WINDERMERE FARMS, 2. CHERYL ZIMMERMAN.

PERCHERON MARE, 2 YRS: 1. DAVID HERSHEY & FAMILY, 2. DAVID HERSHEY & FAMILY, 3. R. JOHNSTON & L. BARNHART.

PERCHERON MARE, 1 YR: 1. BIG VALLEY CARES, 2. MARVYN FORWOOD, 3. MARVYN FORWOOD.

PERCHERON MARE, FOAL: 1. MINDY DUVALL, 2. MARVYN FORWOOD, 3. HENRY W. & JUDITH I. YOHE.

PERCHERON MARE, SENIOR CHAMPION: WINDERMERE FARMS.

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PERCHERON GELDING, MATED TEAM: 1. ALFRED ROVENOLT, 2. ALFRED ROVENOLT, 3. SHERWOOD GROVES FARM.

PERCHERON BEST OF BREED: WINDERMERE FARMS.

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CLYDESDALE ONE HITCHED HORSE (GENTMEN TO DRV): 1. ROGER & LINDA THOMS, 2. ROBERT & LAURA MARTIN, 3. NORMAN WEAVER.

PERCHERON ONE HITCHED HORSE (GENTMEN TO DRV): 1. WINDERMERE FARMS, 23. ALFRED ROVENOLT, 3. ALFRED ROVENOLT.

BELGIAN CLYDESDALE ONE HITCHED HORSE (GENTLEMEN TO DRV): 1. BJ MCTIGHE, 2. DONALD SHERWOOD, 3. WILLIAM KIGER.

CLYDESDALE ONE HITCHED HORSE (LADIES TO DRV): 1. ROGER & LINDA THOMS, 2. ROGER & LINDA THOMS, 3. NORMAN WEAVER.

PERCHERON ONE HITCHED HORSE (LADIES TO DRV): 1. ALFRED ROVENOLT, 2. DAVID HERSHEY & FAMILY, 3. R. JOHNSTON & L. BARNHART.

BELGIAN ONE HITCHED HORSE (LADIES TO DRV): 1. BJ MCTIGHE, 2. WILLIAM KIGER, 3. J. MARK RYBURN.

ONE HITCHED HORSE (YOUTH TO DRV): 1. WILLIAM KIGER, 2. DALTON & MARY LORAH, 3. ALICE MATSON.

TEAM HITCH: 1. ALFRED ROVENOLT, 2. ROBERT & LINDA THOMS, 3. SHERWOOD GROVES FARM.

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The grand champion Clydesdale is shown by a friend of the Allebach family.