

# Quality Hog Genetics Spell 'Champion' For Lancaster FFA's

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**MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.)** — Melissa Becker considers herself "lucky enough to pick the right pig" at a sale held this year by Frank Feeser.

Selecting the right genetics garnered her a supreme champion trophy at the 33rd annual Lancaster County FFA Hog Show at the Manheim Farm Show grounds on Tuesday.

This is the first supreme market FFA champion for Melissa, 17, daughter of Nancy and Marlin Becker, Manheim. The Manheim FFA'er showed her 256-pound Hamp/Duroc gilt cross from the heavyweight division.

Melissa said she knew it was a good pig, but was surprised when it garnered her a supreme champion trophy. Melissa, who brought a total of six hogs to the FFA show, plans to show at the Manheim and the state farm shows.

Shannon Horst, 17, son of Harvey and Marlene Horst, Narvon, showed his 238-pound medium weight champion hog, a York cross gilt, to reserve championship. This is the first time Shannon has won at the FFA Hog

Show. The Grassland FFA member and state FFA chaplain brought two hogs to the contest. He said he'll be showing at several county fairs and the Farm Show.

"We had some quality breeding," said Shannon. "It really helps out a lot." He said they obtained good genetics using their own gilts and purchased commercial semen, "some really good stuff," he said, to obtain a champion hog.

At the evening sale, Hatfield Quality Meats, represented by Kenton Good, purchased Melissa's supreme market champion for \$2.35 a pound, for a total of \$601.60.

Kurtis Good, representing Hatfield, purchased Shannon's reserve champion for \$2.20 a pound, for a total of \$523.60.

Champion junior showman award went to Mike O'Handly, Penn Manor FFA. Mike, 16, is the son of Mark and Marlene O'Handly, Pequea.

Champion senior showman went to Jay Hess, Penn Manor FFA. Jay, 20, is the son of Abe and Janie Hess, Conestoga.

At the sale, there were a total of 10 registered buyers for the sale.

Seven purchasers paid an average of 76 cents a pound with champions; without, 68 cents a pound.

Judge for the show was Greg Musser. There were a total of 40 hogs and 12 exhibitors. Following is a list of show placings.

## LANCASTER COUNTY FFA SWINE SHOW RESULTS

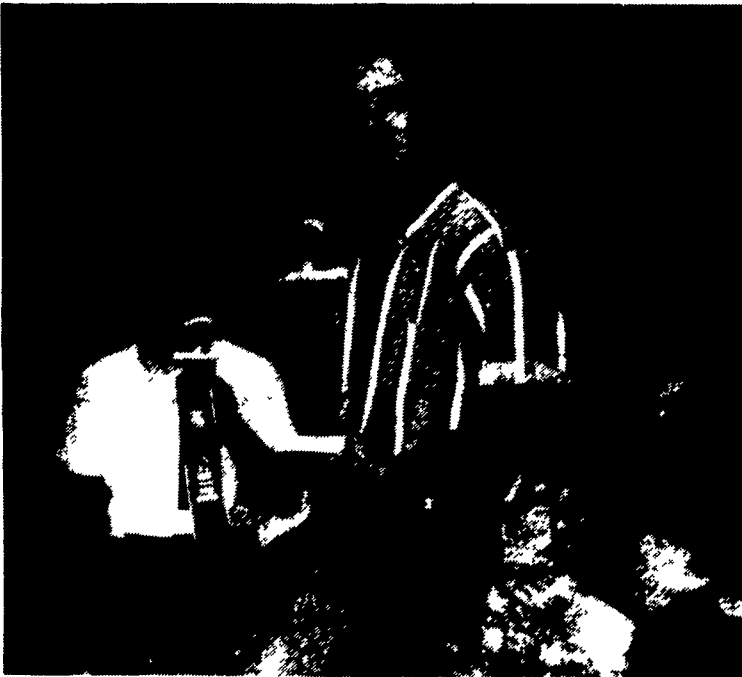
**MARKET HOGS**  
Lightweight: Class 1: 1. Tom Zartman. 2. Travis Donough. 3. John Kiser. Class 2: 1. Tom Zartman. 2. Tom Zartman. 3. Jay Hess. Class 3: 1. Jay Hess. 2. Travis Donough. 3.

Jay Hess. Class 4: 1. Tom Zartman. 2. Jay Hess. 3. Tracy Bollinger. Lightweight Champion: Tom Zartman. Reserve: Tom Zartman. Medium Weight: Class 5: 1. Shannon Horst. 2. Amy Bollinger. 3. Tracy Bollinger. Class 6: 1. Shannon Horst. 2. Justin Good. 3. Melissa Becker. Class 7: 1. Travis Donough. 2. Tracy Bollinger. 3. John Kiser. Class 8: 1. Melissa

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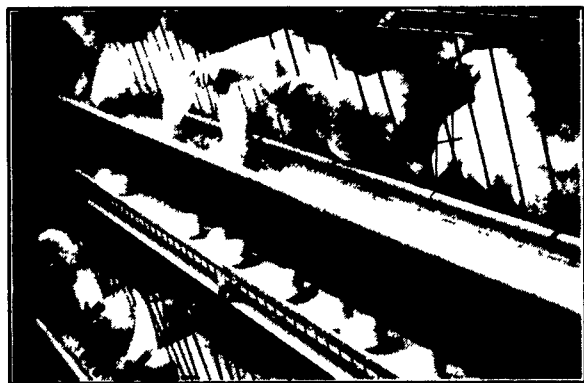
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