

Jason's 'Bubba' Walks His Way To A Beef Trophy

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.)—Competition may have been heating up, but the show ring on Tuesday afternoon provided a means for more than 140 to cool down and watch the annual Lebanon Fair Beef Show.

Twenty-two exhibitors paraded 30 animals in the show ring, despite high humidity and temperatures in the 90s.

At the show, Jason Shirk's "Bubba," a 1,185-pound Limousin cross from the light heavyweight division, won champion open and 4-H market beef.

Show judge Steve Upperman, who raises registered Angus cattle in Chambersburg, was impressed with the top animals, but liked the Limousin cross best for its frame size, weight, and overall finish.

Jason, 13, son of Tom and Dawn Arnold, Rexmont, said he was able to control his steer despite the high temperatures. One of the reasons for the big finish is because Jason walks the calf daily, for a half hour and up to one-eighth of a mile.

Jason considers the Lebanon Fair his premier show event. He has won championship twice at the fair. Jason is in the 7th grade at Cedar Crest.

Nathaniel Artz paraded his Red Angus/Charolais, "George," to reserve overall champion. The 1,239-pound animal is home-bred for Nathaniel, 12, son of Scott and Linda Artz, Lebanon.

Nathaniel is in the 6th grade at Cedar Crest. This is his first Lebanon Fair championship.

Following is a list of show placings.

LEBANON FAIR BEEF SHOW RESULTS

BREEDS LIMOUSIN
4-H: Junior Yearling Heifer: 1. Jon Harnish. Open: 1. Jon Harnish. Champion: Jon Harnish.

POLLED HEREFORD
4-H/Open: Senior Heifer Calves: 1. Morgan Firestone. 2. Margeux Firestone. Champion: Morgan Firestone. Reserve: Margeux Firestone.

SIMMENTAL
4-H/Open: Summer Yearling: 1. Michelle Blauch. 4-H Champion: Michelle Blauch. Open: Junior Yearling: 1. Angela Blauch. Champion: Angela Blauch. Reserve: Michelle Blauch.

MARKET 4-H
Lightweight (930-968 lbs.): 1. Matthew Blauch. 2. Jamie Eberly. 3. Michelle Blauch. Medium Weight (1019-1073 lbs.): 1. Jeremiah Arnold. 2. Ryan Spatz. 3. Jessica Hebel. Light Heavyweight (1120-1239 lbs.): 1. Jason Shirk. 2. Nathaniel Artz. 3. Jon Harnish. Heavyweight (Open and 4-H) (1300-1376 lbs.): 1. Margeux Firestone. 2. Wendy Atkins. 3. Trisha Berger. 4-H Champion: Jason Shirk. Reserve: Nathaniel Artz.

OPEN
Lightweight (875-968 lbs.): 1. Matthew Blauch. 2. Jamie Eberly. 3. Michelle Blauch. Medium Weight (1061-1073 lbs.): 1. Jeremiah Arnold. 2. Ryan Spatz. 3. Katie Lefever. Light Heavyweight (1120-1239 lbs.): 1. Jason Shirk. 2. Nathaniel Artz. 3. Dan Atkins. Heavyweight (1300-1376 lbs.): 1. Margeux Firestone. 2. Wendy Atkins. 3. Trisha Berger. Open Champion: Jason Shirk. Reserve: Nathaniel Artz.

SUPREME CHAMPION
Jason Shirk
RESERVE
Nathaniel Artz

SHOWMANSHIP FFA
Out of School: 1. Daniel Atkins. Champion: Dan Atkins.

4-H
Ages 16-19: 1. Jon Harnish. 2. Wendy Jo Atkins. 3. Roxanne Kirst. Ages 14-15: 1. Ryan Spatz. 2. Annie Lefever. 3. Jess Hebel. Ages 12-13: 1. Jeremiah Arnold. 2. Jamie Eberly. 3. Trisha L. Berger. Ages 10-11: 1. Rebecca Eberly. 2. Michelle Blauch. 3. Nathan Artz. Ages 8-9: 1. Margeux Firestone. 2. Morgan Firestone. 3. Matthew Blauch.

CHAMPION SHOWMAN
Jon Harnish
RESERVE
Jeremiah Arnold



Jason Shirk's "Bubba," a 1,185-pound Limousin cross from the light heavyweight division, won champion open and 4-H market beef at the Lebanon Fair. From left, Steve Upperman, judge; Nathaniel Artz, reserve champion; Shirk; Roxanne Kirst, Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen; and Jennifer Bashore, Lebanon Fair queen. Photo by Andy Andrews



Lebanon Fair beef showmanship, from left, Steve Upperman, judge; Jeremiah Arnold, reserve champion; Jon Harnish, champion; Roxanne Kirst, Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen; and Jennifer Bashore, Lebanon Fair queen.

Ag Department Awards Youth Grants

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Recently, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius announced that several county 4-H cabinets were awarded grants through the department's Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program.

The Montgomery County 4-H Cabinet of Collegeville was awarded a \$2,500 direct grant. The grant will be used to conduct three agricultural science day camps for 120 youth, ages 10-14. The objective of the program is to increase participants' knowledge of the basics of animal management, how food and fiber is produced, and potential careers in agricultural and environmental sciences.

The Westmoreland County 4-H Development Fund of Greensburg has been awarded a \$2,500 direct grant. The grant will be used to conduct a three-day food science learning lab for 200 youth ages 8-11. The objective of the project is to increase participants'

knowledge of food production, processing, and safety. Participants will learn about food production, the relationship of the food supply to the environment, the importance of research, and careers in agriculture.

The Nicholas Wolff Foundation, Inc. of Millville, Columbia County, has been awarded a \$15,000 matching grant through the department's Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program. The grant will be used to purchase equipment for a new medical care facility at Camp Victory, the foundation's summer camp facility serving chronically ill and physically disabled children. Camp Victory is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for children from rural Pennsylvania.

The grant program is designed to fund local efforts to increase the awareness of ag and rural issues. Youth organizations can apply for direct grants of up to \$2,500 and matching grants of up to \$15,000.

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.)—Pennsylvania farmers are disappointed with the U.S. Senate's recent failure to act on regulatory reform, according to the head of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. Three attempts to end floor debate on S. 343, a regulatory reform bill supported by Farm Bureau, were defeated in the Senate recently.

Keith Eckel, president of the statewide, voluntary farm organization, said, "Compliance with federal regulations costs American farmers \$18 billion to \$20 billion annually. That's a cost on top of production expenses that farmers must pay for before they can begin to make a profit. It's a cost that's way out of line for the results produced. We need relief from regulatory overkill."

While expressing disappointment over the Senate setback, Eckel praised Pennsylvania's Senator Rick Santorum (R-Pa) for his leadership in the push for regulatory reform. Sen. Santorum is a co-sponsor of S. 343. Eckel also pointed out that both Pennsylvania's Senators Santorum and Arlen Specter (R-Pa) were among the 58 senators voting to end debate on the legislation during the third and

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most recent cloture vote.

"We appreciate our senator's support and hope they will continue to vote for regulatory reform in the future," Eckel said. "It's too important an issue—not only for America's farmers but for all Americans—to let die in the Senate. We urge Senate Majority Leader Dole to continue to seek passage of the bill."

S. 343 contains several provisions supported by Farm Bureau.

It would require an assessment, using sound science, of risks being regulated against and an analysis of the costs versus the benefits of regulations. It would also replace the outmoded zero-tolerance Delancy Clause with a negligible risk standard for food pesticide residues. If left unchanged, this 37-year-old federal statute could ban crop protection products in virtually every state.

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