

Adams County Holds Dairy Show

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ARENDSVILLE (Adams Co.) — The Adams County 4-H Dairy Show was held July 29 at the county's annual 4-H Fair at the South Mountain Fairgrounds.

An entertainment highlight of the show was a calf-dressing contest featuring 4-H'ers and local elected officials. County commissioners Harry Stokes and Richard Waybright participated as did Thomas Davidson, an aide to Rep. William Goodling.

Commissioner Waybright and the 4-H team of brothers Jesse and Jonathan Murren won the contest.

Thomas Boyer of York judged the dairy show. Boyer's daughter, Bridgett Boyer Bortner, judged

fitting and showmanship.

Ribbons were distributed by Adams County Dairy Princess Julie Zepp.

Senior champion was Ke-Holtz Bert Kitten, a senior 3-year-old shown by Shannon Holtzinger of East Berlin. Reserve senior champion was a senior 2-year-old shown by Ashleigh Van Lieu of East Berlin.

A summer yearling, Bark Pearl Starbuck Pippin shown by Anthony Hill of York Springs, was junior champion. A winter yearling shown by Shannon Holtzinger was named reserve junior champion.

Holstein classes placed as follows:

Spring Calf: 1. Carl Wilkinson; 2. Matthew Guise; 3. Jacob Waybright.

Winter Calf: 1. Shannon Holtzinger; 2. Brandy Rhodes; 3. Nathan Rhodes.

Fall Calf: 1. Matthew Guise.

Summer Yearling: 1. Anthony Hill; 2. Joy Hess; 3. Charles Brown.

Spring Yearling: 1. Joy Hess; 2. Ashleigh Van Lieu.

Winter Yearling: 1. Shannon Holtzinger; 2. Joy Hess.

Fall Yearling: 1. Nathan Rhodes.

Dry Cow: Anthony Hill.

Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Anthony Hill.

Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. Shannon Holtzinger; 2. Ashleigh Van Lieu.

Junior 3-Year-Old: 1. Shannon Holtzinger.

Senior 3-Year-Old: 1. Shannon Holtzinger.

Six Years and Older: 1. Matthew Guise.

The award for the best five Holsteins bred and owned by the exhibitor went to Ashleigh Van Lieu.

In the Adams County 4-H Jersey Show, Carrie Stevens of York Springs won senior champion honors with a first place

senior 2-year-old and the junior champion award with a first place spring calf. A summer yearling shown by Brandy Rhodes was reserve junior champion.

Placings were as follows:

Spring Calf: 1. Carrie Stevens.

Fall Calf: 1. Nathan Rhodes; 2. Carrie Stevens.

Summer Yearling: Brandy Rhodes.

Spring Yearling: 1. Chase Rhodes; 2. Molly Van Lieu.

Eight Brown Swiss animals were shown. Joy Hess of Gettysburg showed the senior champion, the reserve senior champion, the reserve junior champion, best bred and owned and the first place dry cow. The junior champion Brown Swiss was a fall yearling shown by Brandy Rhodes of Gettysburg. Kristen Hill of York Springs showed the first place summer

yearling and the second place dry cow.

Brothers Jesse and Jonathan Murren of New Oxford competed against each other in the Guernsey show. Jesse's 4-year-old was named senior champion and his fall yearling was reserve junior champion. Jonathan won junior champion honors with his first place winter yearling.

The junior champion Ayrshire was a spring calf, Palmyra Loverboy Ginger, shown by Joshua Ramsburg of Gettysburg. Ramsburg's senior 2-year-old won senior champion honors. Fitting and showmanship awards were given in three divisions. The winners will represent Adams County in district competition.

Senior: 1. Carrie Stevens; 2. Anthony Hill. Intermediate: 1. Shannon Holtzinger; 2. Kristen Hill.

Junior: 1. Chase Rhodes; 2. Langdon Ramsburg.

Jacob Waybright was named Champion fitter. Kristen Hill was Reserve Champion.

Thirty-six animals will compete in the South Central District Show on Aug. 26 in Harrisburg. Adams County will be represented by Joy Hess; Kristen and Anthony Hill; Brandy, Chase and Nathan Rhodes; Jacob Waybright; Carrie Stevens; Matthew Guise; Carl Wilkinson; Shannon Holtzinger; Ashleigh and Molly Van Lieu; and Jesse and Jonathan Murren.

The Adams County 4-H Beef Club also held a fitting and showmanship contest July 29 at the county fair. The judge was John Housner.

Ashley Stine of East Berlin won champion honors in the senior division. Bert Martin of Ortanna was reserve champion.

Intermediate division champion was Cami Topper of East Berlin. Reserve champion honors went to Kyle Grim of East Berlin.

Three champions were chosen in the Junior Division — William Bailey of Gettysburg, Missy Jeffcoat of Littlestown, and Cody Claassen of Mcknightstown.

The Adams County Beef Show and Sale is scheduled for Oct. 26 at the South Mountain Fairgrounds near Arendtsville.

Chop Bedding Materials Safely

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—Farm animals, like people, need a good night's rest. To help them get it, farmers use bedding materials such as straw, sawdust and newspaper. Animal bedding often is chopped, a task that can be hazardous.

If you chop your own bedding, it's wise to keep a few precautions in mind.

"No matter what type of machine you use to chop bedding materials, be sure to take appropriate precautions to prevent injuries and accidents," said Dr. James Hilton, associate professor of agricultural engineering in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

"Start by reading the operator's

manual. Be familiar with the manufacturer's warnings and follow the recommended safety practices at all times. Never remove safety guards from the machine."

Foreign objects such as rocks, metal cans and other garbage may be mixed in with newspaper. "You should always wear eye protection when chopping in case the machine throws debris into the air," Hilton said. "Don't allow casual observers nearby while a machine is running."

Keep the safety of your animals in mind, too. "If you're chopping inside the barn, keep the machine as far from the animals as possible. Flying debris can hurt cows or horses as well as you."

Accidents are likely if you try to unclog the chopping machine while it's running. "The blades on most choppers are very close to the discharge opening, so keep your hands well away from it," Hilton said. "If your chopper becomes clogged, turn it off and wait until the motor has stopped completely before trying to unclog it. Never try to clear it with a broom handle or stick while the machine is running."

"Wear leather gloves when unclogging the machine—the cutting mechanisms are extremely sharp. Blades strong enough to chop a bale of newspaper or straw can easily do the same to your hands."

Chopping newspaper and straw

can fill the air with dust and organic particles that can cause severe respiratory problems. "Protect your lungs by wearing a particle mask or respirator to filter the air," Hilton said.

Bedding materials, including newspaper, also can burn very quickly, so treat them with caution. "It only takes one spark to create a disaster," said Hilton. "Be prepared by keeping fire extinguishers and a water source inside the barn. Take steps to minimize the potential for sparks and flames in the barn, especially during hot, dry weather."

If you're using a gas-powered chopper, be sure to let it cool and take it outdoors before adding fuel. Wipe up any fuel spills and store combustible materials away from bedding materials.

To keep any machine operating smoothly and safely, clean it often. "A dirty machine isn't just an eyesore. It also can be dangerous," Hilton said. "For instance, heavy dust on an electric-powered chopper can cause the motor to overheat, increasing your risk of fire."

More information about agricultural safety is available from the Penn State Cooperative Extension office in your county.

Young Farmers Meet

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The Ephrata Area Young Farmers' monthly meeting was held on Aug. 3 at the Hibshman Homestead Research Farm.

Robert Kauffman, Brubakers Agronomic Consulting Service, Inc. farm manager, informed the

group about the various types of research being performed, then he followed with a guided tour.

Jody Brown, ag instructor, presented the plan for a supervised agriculture experience (SAE). Her proposal as presented to Young Farmers is to have the student

come to the farm which would give practical observance of their project, a mentor-type relationship. A September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the high school is planned to further develop this program.

Two FFA members reported on their interesting and educational experience at the Washington, D.C. conference.



Holstein Is Champion

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Heifer 1 Wyatt Hall. Color Breeds Total Performance 3-Year-Old: Zach Hall.

Fitting and Showing

Champion: Jeff Sutton. Reserve Champion: Tanya Stambaugh. Champion Senior Dairy Showman: Tanya Stambaugh. Champion Junior

Dairy Showman: Ashley Burdette. 16 and Older:

1. Tanya Stambaugh; 2. Doug Dell; 3. Jeffrey Danielle Hess. First Year: 1. Shannon Bradshaw;

Fritz. 14 and 15. 1. Jeff Sutton; 2. Kristin Myers; 2. Holly Armacost; 3. Nicolette Null.

4-H Dairy Judging

Senior: Jessica Fritz. Intermediate: Jeena Rinehart. Junior: Danielle Hess.

and 9: 1. Christopher Derr; 2. Ryan Haines; 3.

3. Ryan Roach. 12 and 13: 1. Joshua Sanders; 2.

Brutt Haines; 3. Justin Thomas. 10 and 11: 1.

David Miller; 2. Jarrod Burrall; 3. Lauren Hess. 8



The breed champions of the 1995 Carroll County 4-H/Fair. From left, Judge Mike Lager, Carroll County Dairy Maid Crystal Stambaugh, Alternate Carroll County Farm Queen Jessica Fritz, supreme champion and grand champion Holstein winner Jeff Sutton, grand champion Brown Swiss winner Ross Bell, grand champion Jersey winner Ashley Burdette, grand champion Guernsey winner Zach Hall, Maryland Princess Mary Ellen Seraydian, and Maryland Dairy Princess Christina Harper.

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