

Kirst's Market Hog Overall Champion In Southeast Derby

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1-inch backfat thickness. The 32.8-inch long carcass was 49.735 percent lean.

Taking honors for the reserve champion rate of gain was an entry by Cory Pfautz, of Lancaster. While his entry finished 15th overall, it had grown an average of 2.094 pounds per day, and had .730 pounds of lean gain per day.

Three judges were involved in the contest. Duff George, with Hatfield Quality Meats, Bob Mikesell, with White Oak Mills, and Rod Gilbert, swine herd manager at Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture in

Doylestown.

As a team, all three judges placed the animals individually. Mikesell did the structural scoring.

Tim Beck and Amy Church, both with York County's office of Penn State Extension, did on-rail measurements.

Kirst received a \$150 first place award, Hughes received a \$125 second-place award, while Shirk received a \$100 third-place award.

The final event at Stoltzfus Meats included educational presentations by Dr. Ed Mills, Penn State meat specialist who did the carcass evaluations, and Dr. Bob Graybill, a veterinarian who did

health checks on the animals entered.

While Graybill's health evaluations are not counted in the final index, they are considered important because they can point to possible problems with achieving the type of production desired.

In his evaluations, Graybill looked for and scored the health of the lungs, internal parasites, mange, and the score for rhinitis. Four of the entries received almost perfect health scores, while one received a perfect health score, including for rhinitis.

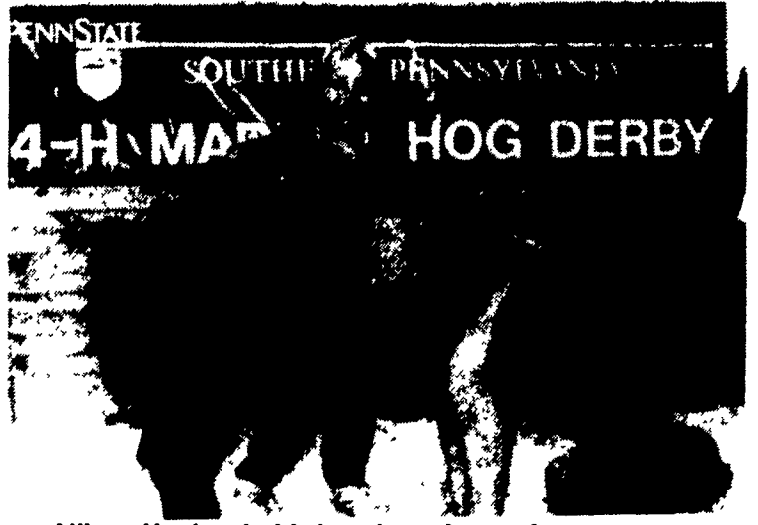
The carcass with the perfect health score was exhibited by Heather Jasienski, of York. It also won the title as the reserve champion carcass.

Mills provided instruction on carcass evaluation and production, and how to raise lean pork.

Stoltzfus Meats bought all the carcasses at the Hatfield basic price of \$68.78 per hundred-weight, adjusting for fat.

A number of sponsors provided awards and other support.

Championship sponsors for the event include Hatfield, Carlos R.



Allison Hughes holds her champion on-foot rosette over the back of her animal.

Leffler Inc., and the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council.

Class sponsors included Master Mix Feeds, Dr. Graybill, Meridian Bank, Leidy Inc., and Good's Livestock.

Derby benefactors included Bernard Morrissey Insurance, Lebanon Valley National Bank, Schick Enterprises, Farmer Boy Ag, Gehman's Feed Mill, Bank of Lancaster County, Balsbaugh Insurance Agency, Farm Crest

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For more information on the derby and how to participate contact a local county agent.



Brandon Winebark stands with Dr. Ed Mills and the carcass of his reserve on-foot champion market hog.

Hog Derby Awards Scholarships

INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — A York County girl and a Dauphin County boy were named recipients of the Southeast Pennsylvania 4-H Market Derby Educational Award.

The \$250 scholarships are provided through funds provided through sponsorship by individuals, groups and business for those who participate in the unique 4-H swine production program.

The scholarship awards are presented based on academic achievement, participation in raising hogs, and on the basis of essay answers to questions on an application.

Jeremy Dobbin, of Halifax, and Heather Jasienski, of Felton, were both selected winners of the scholarships.

In his application, Dobbin wrote that his immediate plans include attending Penn State Main Campus at University Park in to pursue a 4-year degree in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

"After school, I would like to have a small farm with a few hogs so that my children can have the same experiences that I have had."

He has three sows and this spring they produced 22 young. He kept eight to show and 16 were sold as feeder pigs. He showed two hogs at the York Rib Cook-Off and four at the Dauphin County 4-H Fair. He said he intends to show two at the Gratz fair, and one at the 1996 Pa. Farm Show.

"I am interested in all hog operations, but one type interests me most," he wrote. "I am interested in small operations on a family farm. I also enjoy seeing hogs raised on those farms from farrow to finish."

"Family operations interest me because I feel that hogs are taken care of better when a family's livelihood is on the line. I believe that hogs are watched over better by a family with a few hogs than a family or employees with a lot of hogs."

"I also like to see all stages of a hog's life, from farrow to finish." Dobbin became involved with raising hogs after joining the Upper Dauphin County 4-H Livestock Club when young. This year is his 13th involved with raising hogs.

His family has become involved also, having bought a couple of bred gilts at the state Farm Show about six years ago and building up to 11 sows currently.

He has also been involved in leadership within his 4-H organization, serving as secretary, vice president and president, in addition to attending meetings and serving on committees.

A member of the county livestock judging team, he is also involved in FFA.

Heather Jasienski, daughter of Mike and Bertha Jasienski, wrote in her application that she also intends to pursue a 4-year degree at an agricultural college.

"I am very interested in the genetic makeup of animals and using artificial insemination in a swine herd. I would like to one day be involved in a large swine breeding operation that would concentrate on using artificial insemination to improve their herd."

Jasienski has raised 14 pigs for 4-H and FFA shows this year. One was exhibited in the derby last week and was named reserve champion carcass. The carcass also had the best health evaluation at slaughter.

She wrote in her application that she intended to show three hogs at her county 4-H club's roundup in August, four purebred hogs at the 4-H show at the York Fair, and three crossbred market hogs at York. When she wrote the application, she said she intended to buy two pigs for the Keystone Invitational Livestock Exposition and two for the state Farm Show.

She has worked in a farrow to finish operation and said she finds it very interesting.

"In a farrow to finish operation, a hog producer uses many different skills to have an operation run successfully. Since I am also interested in using genetics and artificial insemination, this operation would be the ideal one for me."

Heather said that growing up with her father's hog operation and helping with it has given her valu-

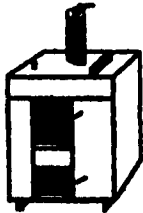
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