

South Central 4-H District Dairy Show Selects Champions

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — More than 250 entries from 4-H dairy youth representing a seven-county central Pennsylvania region were congratulated by judges last Saturday for the quality of animals displayed during the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, held at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Those participating in 4-H dairy show competitions exhibit animals first at the county level, where those whose animals are judged to have enough quality are presented with blue ribbons and qualify for district competition.

The qualification judging is not related to how the animals placed within their age class.

At districts, judges again award ribbons based on the merit of the animal for further competition at the state show, set to be held Sept. 25, during the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show (PAADS). Typically, there are 800 to 900 entries in the six breeds of the state 4-H show.

PAADS is the state's premier dairy show and event, held from Sept. 24-28 at the Farm Show Complex. It features national, regional and state shows and some sales of the six major dairy breeds.

Judges for the South Central Districts shows were Lynn Miller judging Holsteins, Ayrshires, and Brown Swiss, while Ronald Heffner judged Jerseys and Guernseys.

Miller is a Holstein breeder in Towanda. He and his family were this year's premier breeder and exhibitor of the Bradford County Fair Holstein show.

Heffner and his wife Emily own Heffner Holsteins in Jefferson, Md., and are also involved in cattle sales. Heffner has judged state and county shows around the nation, as well as judging national and regional breed shows.

Ross Hershberger of Martinsburg judged showing. Hershberger is a 1990 graduate of Penn State University with a degree in dairy science. His family has a 550-acre dairy farm and a herd of 555 registered Holsteins.

In the Holstein show, Miller selected a 4-year-old cow, Parnell View Jethro Sibyl, owned by Amy Hartman, of St. Thomas, as the senior and grand champion.

The reserve senior and grand champion was also a 4-year-old, Seelby Counselor Ericka, owned by Josua Eshelman, also of St. Thomas.

The junior champion Holstein was a junior yearling, JCY Broker Rachel-ET, bred and owned by Troy Young, of Greencastle. The reserve junior champion was also a junior yearling, Dar-Dale Nittany Pepsi, owned by Dixie Doll, of Glen Rock.

In the Ayrshire show, Miller selected a junior 3-year-old, Maulfair-Acres Johnny Della, a home-bred animal owned by Daryl Maulfair, of Jonestown, as the senior and grand champion.

The reserve senior champion Ayrshire was a 4-year-old, Masonic-Homes Jade Megan, owned by Michelle Ocker of Shippenburg. Ocker also showed the junior champion, a senior calf, Ockerdale Reliable Julie Joy, owned and bred by Michelle.

Jennifer Maulfair, sister to Daryl, showed the reserve junior champion Ayrshire, a junior yearling, Masonic Homes Welcome Rebecca. Jennifer, serving as an Ayrshire maid, also helped present ribbons and trophies.

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From the left, Joshua Eshelman holds the halter of his reserve grand champion Holstein of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Amy Hartman holds the halter of her grand champion. Standing with them is judge Lynn Miller.



From the left, Joshua Hushon holds the halter of his reserve senior and reserve grand champion Brown Swiss of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Alicia Mase holds the halter of his senior and grand champion Brown Swiss. Standing with them is judge Lynn Miller.



From the left, Jennifer Maulfair holds the halter of her reserve junior champion Ayrshire of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Michelle Ocker holds the halter of her junior champion. Presenting the rosettes is Cumberland County Dairy Princess Lori Brownwell.



From the left, Aaron Cornman holds the halter of his reserve junior champion Brown Swiss of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Joshua Hushon holds the halter of his junior champion. Presenting awards is Cumberland County Dairy Princess Lori Brownwell.



From the left, judge Ronald Heffner stands with Brian Smith who holds the halter of his senior and grand champion Guernsey of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Andrew Ebersole holds the halter of his reserve senior and reserve grand champion.



From the left, judge Ronald Heffner stands with Corey Mellot who holds the halter of his reserve senior and reserve grand champion Jersey of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Rebecca Cornman holds the halter of her senior and grand champion.



From the left, Michelle Ocker holds the halter of her reserve senior and reserve grand champion Ayrshire of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Daryl Maulfair holds the halter of his senior and grand champion. Standing next to Daryl is his sister Jennifer, an Ayrshire maid, who presents the rosettes.



From the left, judge Ronald Heffner stands with Brian Nailor who holds the halter of his reserve junior champion Guernsey of the South Central District 4-H Dairy Show, while Jason Hanisee holds the halter of his reserve junior champion.