

# Milbro-Empress Wins Supreme Champion At Somerset Show

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**MEYERSDALE** (Somerset Co.)—When the grand champions from four breeds of cows returned to the show arena for selection of supreme champion at the Somerset County Junior Dairy Show, it was the opinion of type judge Larry Specht, University Park, that the title was wholly deserved by the Holstein grand champion.

Junior 3-year-old, Milbro-Empress, bred and owned by Kirsten Miller, 16, of Boswell, came up the winner when Specht made the decision. She's a daughter of Mowry KJD Excellence and Quaker Farm Astro Jet Sue Ellen, as well as the best animal bred and owned in the Holstein breed.

The daughter of Mark and Martha Miller and a master showman, Kirsten, in 1993, also had the show's supreme champion.

Ben Miller, her brother, was a pretty strong competitor with Milbro-Lindys Illusion, the Holstein reserve grand champion. Last year his was the supreme champion, so the siblings have been seeing over the title.

They are members of the Stitch and Squirt 4-H Club and credit good genetics and nutrition for the consistent quality of their dairy animals. And they help each other.

Matthew Moyer's 5-year-old, Saints Silver Candy, was the grand champion in the Jersey breed. Reserve grand champion was Maranatha Marty Iris, owned by Ezra VanTassel.

Both young men are from Friedens. Moyer is 14 and VanTassel is 10. Their parents are Glenn and Evelyn Moyer and Ernest and Kimberly VanTassel.

Joshua VanTassel had the best animal bred and owned in the Jersey breed.

Grand champion Brown Swiss was Four D Heidi Erica, owned by Adam Coleman, aged 13. He is the son of Philip and Lee Ann Coleman of Berlin.

Indian Springs Spice Linda, owned by Sarah Saylor, 10, was the Brown Swiss reserve grand champion. She is the daughter of Richard and Patricia Saylor.

Rebekah Fox, Berlin had the Brown Swiss best animal bred and owned.

Eric Murray, 14, of Salisbury had the grand champion Guernsey animal with Filmors Ednas Elsie. His parents are Timothy and Janet Murray.

Ricki Johnson won grand champion showman by showmanship judge, Carl Bender of Accident, Md.

Following is a partial list of winners:

## SOMERSET DAIRY SHOW RESULTS

### Holstein

Spring Calf: 1. Brittney Latuch, 2. Cassandra Knepper, 3. Hillary Knepper. Winter Calf: 1. Dan Ream, 2. Juhanna Hillegass, 3. Stephen Walker. Fall Calf: 1. Dan Ream, 2. Zachary Foreman, 3. Erin Firestone. Summer Yearling: 1. Desiree Hillegass, 2. Ben Miller, 3. Ben Powell. Spring Yearling: 1. Joshua Will, 2. Ben Miller, 3. Tim Latuch. Winter Yearling: 1. Dan Ream, Darci Sanner, 3. Beverly Philipp. Fall Yearling: 1. Juliana Hillegass, 2. Dan Ream, 3. Philip Peenbrink. Junior Champion: Dan Ream, Reserve: Juliana Hillegass, Jr. 2-year old: 1. Ben Miller, 2.



Kirsten Miller, 16, Boswell, shows off her supreme champion Holstein at the Somerset County Fair Junior Dairy Show, sponsored by the Daily American newspaper. Miller is the daughter of Mark and Martha Miller. It was the second time for Miller who showed the supreme champion in 1993.

Jarrold Hillegass, 3. Dan Ream. Sr. 2-year old: 1. Dan Ream, 2. Zachary Foreman. Jr. 3-year old: 1. Kirsten Miller. Sr. 3-year old: 1. Nick Hunsberger, 2. Desiree Hillegass. Four-year old: 1. Dan Ream. Six years and older: 1. Kirsten Miller, 2. Justin Hillegass.

### Jersey

Spring Calf: 1. Renee Nicklow, 2. Ricki Johnson, 3. Joshua VanTassel. Winter Calf: 1. Ricki Johnson, 2. Nicholas Cotter. Fall Calf: 1. Ricki Johnson, 2. Luke Thomas. Spring Yearling: 1. Ricki Johnson, 2. Earl Thomas, 3. Ezra VanTassel. Winter Yearling: 1. Jarrod Murray, 2. Ricki Johnson, 3. Earl Thomas. Junior Champion: Ricki Johnson, Reserve: Ricki Johnson. Jr. 2-year old: 1. Joshua VanTassel, 2. Jodi Flick, 3. Lance Bittner. Sr. 2-year old: 1. Ezra VanTassel. Jr. 3-year old: 1. Shelby Moyer, 2. Jodi Flick. Four-yr. old: 1. Jodi Flick, 2. Joshua VanTassel. Five-year old: 1. Matthew Moyer, 2. Earl Thomas. Daughter-Dam: 1. Joshua VanTassel, 2. Shelby Moyer.

### Brown Swiss

Spring Calf: 1. Dana Bittner, 2. Sam Saylor, 3. Ben Bates. Winter Calf: 1. Rebekah Fox, 2. Dustin Bittner, 3. Kevin Bittner. Fall Calf: 1. Gretchen Fox. Spring Yearling: 1. Sarah Saylor, 2. Robert Bates, 3. Gretchen Fox. Winter Yearling: 1. Sam Saylor, 2. Lance Bittner. Dry Cow 2-yr. and over: 1. Adam Coleman, 2. Gretchen Fox.

### Guernsey

Spring Calf: 1. Eric Murray.  
Master Showman  
Junior: 1. Zachary Foreman, 2. Jarrod Murray, 3. Ben Powell. Intermediate: 1. Matt Moyer, 2. Juliana Hillegass, 3. Renee Nicklow. Senior: 1. Ricki Johnson, 2. Dan Ream, 3. Ben Miller.

## Nutrient Management Field Day

### Set

MILLHEIM (Centre Co.) — A dairy farm nutrient management field day will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. - noon at the farm of Lane and Judy Sollenberger in Franklin County, near Fayetteville. Lane is the recently elected president of the Pennsylvania DHIA.

The program will include tour of the farm, nutrient management regulation updates, a discussion of manure handling options, and demonstration of an irrigator for wastewater recycling. Contributing to the discussion will be other farmers, representatives from Franklin County Crop Management Association, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Conservation District, Cooperative Extension and Department of Environmental Protection. Cam Tabb operates a 600-cow dairy in West Virginia and is a certified compost operator. He will be on hand to discuss composting operations suitable for dairies.

For more information, call (717) 264-3480 or (814) 349-9856.



Shown with their Brown Swiss champions are Sarah Saylor, left, and the reserve grand champion. Right is Adam Coleman with the grand champion at the Somerset County Fair in Meyersdale.



Kirsten Miller had the grand champion Holstein at the Somerset County Fair Junior Dairy Show and her brother, Ben, left, had the reserve grand champion Holstein.



Eric Murray had the grand champion Guernsey breed animal at the Somerset County Fair Junior Dairy Show with a spring calf.



Matthew Moyer, left, holds his grand champion 5-yr old Jersey at the Somerset County Fair Junior Dairy Show. Right is Ezra VanTassel with his reserve grand champion.