

Solanco Supreme Hog 'Walks Like A Cat'

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.)—A Chester White crossbred hog that the judge said "walks around like a cat," owned by Rusty Herr, became supreme champion market swine on Thursday evening at the Solanco Fair.

Rusty Herr, 14, son of Barb and Karl Herr, Oxford, won supreme champion with his 252-pound gilt out of the light heavyweight division. Rusty, a 9th grader from Calvary Christian Academy in Quarryville, said that "quality feed and

hoping for the best, doing what you have to do" garnered him the championship.

Judge Nelson Beam, who operates a 130-sow farrow-to-finish farm in Elverson, said he picked the grand champion because "it's really wide-based from front to rear."

Rusty obtained the hog from a Parlett sale. This was his first championship at Quarryville, where he has been a hog exhibitor for three years.

Rusty's supreme won out over the Duroc crossbred shown by

Amanda Shearer, 12, daughter of Tami and Rick Shearer, Pequea. Amanda, in the 7th grade at Marticville Middle School, showed her reserve champion, a 256-pound gilt from the light heavyweight division. Amanda said she obtained the sale from the the Herr Sale in Pequea.

In all, there was a total of 89 hogs. Following is a list of show placings.

MARKET HOGS

Lightweight Class 1 (220-225 lbs.): 1. Brent Housekeeper, 2. Mike O'Handly, 3. Matthew Kreider. Class 2 (227-230 lbs.): 1. David Werhney, 2. Brian Hunsberger, 3. Alex Ranck. Class 3 (232-238 lbs.): 1. Jeremy

Ranck, 2. Meghan Holloway, 3. Mike O'Handly. Lightweight Champion: Jeremy Ranck. Reserve: Meghan Holloway.

Middleweight Class 1 (240-244 lbs.): 1. Andrea Kreider, 2. Nick Kreider, 3. Clint Huber. Class 2 (245-246 lbs.): 1. Ryan Kreider, 2. Andrea Kreider, 3. Todd Rehner. Class 3 (247-249 lbs.): 1. Jason Reifsnnyder, 2. Melissa Holloway, 3. Nick Kreider. Middleweight Champion: Ryan Kreider. Reserve: Jason Reifsnnyder.

Light Heavyweight Class 1 (250 lbs.): 1. Kurt Martin, 2. Billy Trout, 3. Brad Byers. Class 2 (252-254 lbs.): 1. Rusty Herr, 2. Hope Long, 3. Allison Hughes. Class 3 (255-256 lbs.): 1. Amanda Shearer, 2. Ryan Kreider, 3. Rusty Herr. Light Heavyweight Champion: Rusty Herr. Reserve: Amanda Shearer.

Heavyweight Class 1 (260 lbs.): 1. Pau Hostetter, 2. Jeremy Ranck, 3. Rachae

Kreider. Class 2 (262-265 lbs.): 1. Allison Hughes, 2. Josh Housekeeper, 3. Amanda Shearer. Class 3 (266-270 lbs.): 1. Korte Shearer, 2. Kieat Tindall, 3. Melissa Holloway. Heavyweight Champion: Korte Shearer. Reserve: Allison Hughes.

SUPREME CHAMPION
MARKET HOG
Rusty Herr
RESERVE
Amanda Shearer

SHOWMANSHIP

Beginners: 1. Robert Garrett, 2. Alex Ranck, 3. Hope Long.
Juniors: 1. Amanda Shearer, 2. Jeremy Ranck, 3. Rusty Herr.
Seniors: 1. Jason Reifsnnyder, 2. Mike O'Handly, 3. Andrea Kreider.



Rusty Herr, right, won supreme champion market hog at the Solanco Fair on Thursday evening. Nelson Beam judged the show.



Amanda Shearer, right, won reserve champion market hog at Solanco. Nelson Beam, left, judged the show.



Showmanship winners at the Solanco swine show, from left, Jason Reifsnnyder, senior; Amanda Shearer, junior; and Robert Garrett, beginner.

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York/Lancaster Both Have Long Wait To Preserve Farmland

YORK/LANCASTER — Both York and Lancaster county agricultural land preserve boards report that many farmers are seeking to protect their farmland from future development. But money is available to purchase only a small portion of the development rights that are offered.

In York County, more than 50 applications are received annually from landowners seeking to protect their farmland from future development. More than 150 applications are on file, totalling 25,000 acres. Of the approximately 7,500 acres evaluated during the 1995 application cycle, the 1995 county and state funding permitted preservation activity on only seven farms or 1,800 acres. The preserve board is considering a \$900,000 allocation for 1996.

According to York County Planning Commission's senior planner, Joseph Heffner, between 1960 and 1990, approximately 30 percent of York County's produc-

tive farmland has been lost to development. By the early '80s, York County saw, for the first time, more land devoted to development (57 percent) than to farmland (43 percent).

In Lancaster County, owners with more than 3,000 acres in 34 farms have applied to the Agricultural Preserve Board in 1995. Thomas Daniels, the board's executive director, said that in this county the wait is also very long before money may be available to actually get involved in the purchase of development rights on these farms.

Lancaster County also has 150 farms waiting to be processed, and officials predict that the wait on these most recent applications will be from seven to 10 years. Since Lancaster County has a \$3 million annual budget, they can save 15 to 20 properties at approximately \$2,000 per acre. But because the wait is so long, those working with the project hope farmers are patient.