

Livestock Sale Supports Maryland Youth

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bidder David Higginbottom from Chesapeake Foods.

"We knew this was an exceptional pig from the moment we saw her," said John Wildesen of his daughter's pig.

Although the family does breed their own pigs on their Willow Springs Farm, this particular pig was purchased in Ohio, at the recommendation of a friend. The gilt had a .73 inch backfat and a loin eye area of 7.69 square inches. Josh Ruby's reserve champion, a Hampshire gilt, commanded \$2.50 per pound. The Frederick County youth's pig was purchased by Hatfield Packing, Hatfield.

Maryland Lamb and Wool Queen Laura Langlotz was on hand for the market lamb sale. Market lambs brought an average of \$2.05 to support the sale. Thirty-nine head were sold by auctioneer Andy Cashman. John Norris of Carroll County had the grand champion, a 125-pound Hampshire wether. In addition to being selected grand champion at the show, this lamb had won two jackpot shows and was also named best lamb at the Maryland State Fair. John himself was named senior shepherd champion. Greg Deggeller of Deggeller Attractions, Stuart, Fla. purchased the lamb for \$8.50 per pound. Reserve champion, a 120-pound ewe raised by Carroll Countian Jennifer Wil-

desen, went to top bidder Tate Chevrolet, Geo, and BMW of Annapolis for \$5 per pound.

Twenty-five market steers were sold, averaging \$1.04 per pound. Eleven-year-old David Lechluder of Montgomery County had the grand champion. His homebred crossbred steer weighed in at 1,180 pounds. "He was very good," said David, who is the son

of Fred and Robin Lechluder. "Carey," as David named the steer, brought \$4.60 per pound by the time Auctioneer Jack Downey's hammer sounded. The buyer was Colonial Manor Homes.

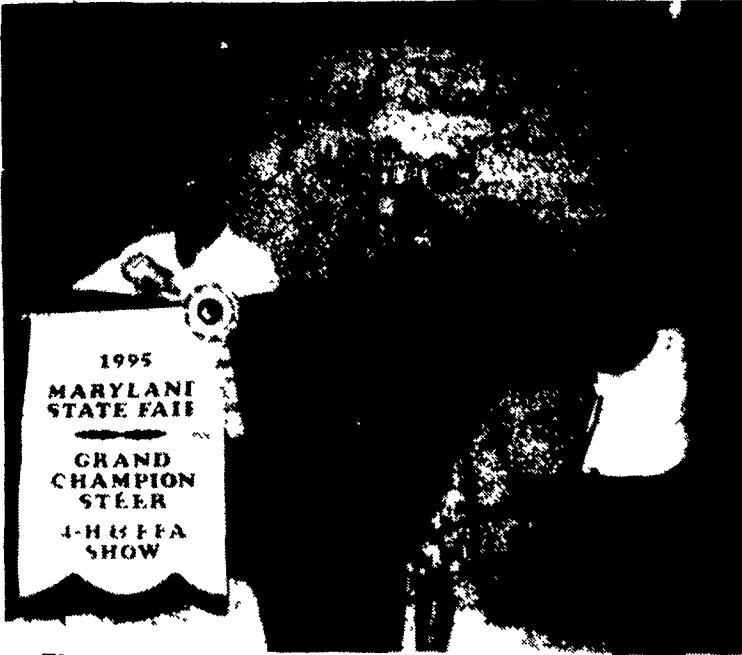
There was no reserve champion steer. The champion angus, owned by Howard County's Erin Chaudry, was purchased by Edith Wil-

liams of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service for \$1.10 per pound.

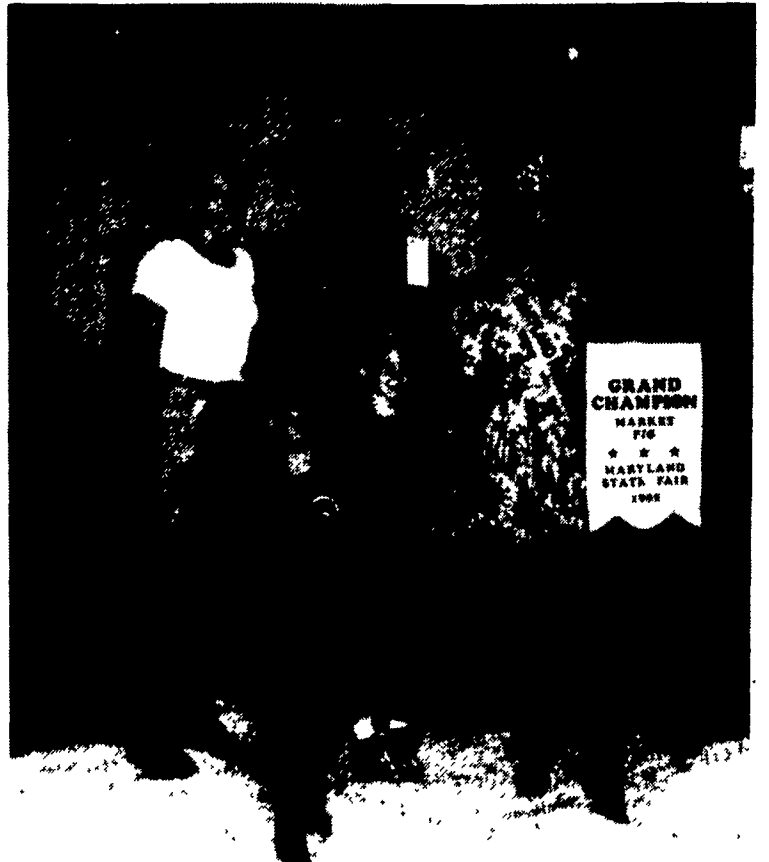
Andy Cashman, chair of the sale, was pleased with the night's returns. "Prices have been stronger, but the market right now is pretty weak," he said. "As long as the kids make something we're

real pleased, and it works out well for them."

Members of the Sale committee, with Cashman as chair, are Dick Angus, James Arnold, Scott Barao, Debbie Bowman, C. Thomas Busch, Jerry DeBarthe, Marjie Eyler, Frank Feeser, Tom Hartsock, and Jeff Semler.

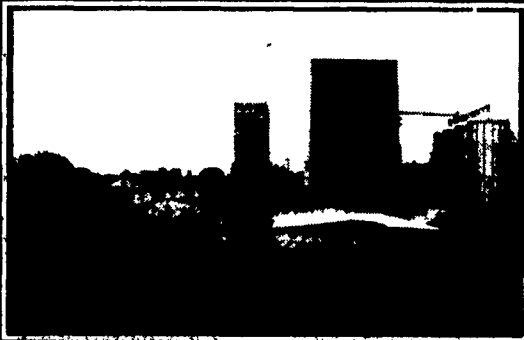


Eleven-year-old David Lechluder sold his homebred grand champion market steer to Colonial Manor Homes. Shown with the 1,180-pound crossbred steer are Bob Isenock, Jr. for Colonial Manor Homes, Farm Queen Lori Evans, and David.



David Higginbottom of Chesapeake Foods purchased Jennifer Wildesen's 270-pound Hampshire cross gilt. Standing with Higginbottom are Jennifer on left, Farm Queen Lori Evans on right, and Higginbottom's children, Austin on left, and Cory, right.

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