

# 4-H'ers From Nine Counties Exhibit At District Show

**SCHUYLKILL HAVEN** (Schuylkill Co.) — The 50th Annual Southeast District 4-H Dairy Show was held recently at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds. One hundred and ninety-seven animals were exhibited by 4-H dairy club members from nine southeast Pennsylvania counties including Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton and Schuylkill counties.

Among the animals exhibited were 76 Holsteins, 22 Ayrshires, 19 Brown Swiss, five Linebacks, 23 Guernseys, 48 Jerseys, and four Milking Shorthorns. During the course of the show, exhibitors who did an outstanding job of fitting and showing their animals were given master fitter and/or master showman awards.

The blue ribbon animals from each class became eligible to compete in the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, which will be held Monday, September 25 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. At the state show, southeast district winners will compete against winners from other 4-H and FFA District shows.

Grand champions dairy breeds at the south east show were as follows:

- Grand champion Holstein - Ruch Inspiration Cassie, exhibited by Arron Ruch of Andreas, Schuylkill County.

- Grand champion Jersey - Top-O-Hill Admiral Tasty, exhibited by Amy Plummer of Chalfont, Montgomery County.

- Grand champion Lineback - Pocopson Meadow Jazz, exhibited by Tarik I. Gaffney of Downingtown, Chester County.

- Grand champion Milking Shorthorn - Sam's Strawberry Brat, exhibited by Joell C. Koller of Leesport, Berks County.

- Grand champion Ayrshire - S & M Ayr Reliabilities Rebecca, exhibited by Jill Vail of Myerstown, Berks County.

- Grand champion Brown Swiss - Windmill Magnum Melissa, exhibited by Adam P. Spittler of Pine Grove, Schuylkill County.

- Grand champion Guernsey - Warwick Manor Sarge Robin, exhibited by Kevin Sollenberger of Spring City, Chester County.



Brown Swiss champion was Adam Spittler. Melissa Moll is holding.



Jersey champion was shown by Amy Plummer, not pictured.



Holstein champions Arron Ruch, grand champion and Sarah Hlavaty, reserve grand champion.



Ayrshire champion is Jill Vail.



Lineback champion is Tarik Gaffney.



Milking Shorthorn champion is Joell Koller.



## Approved For Preservation

**STATE COLLEGE** (Centre Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius announced the approval of easement purchases for four farms encompassing 631 acres of prime farmland.

"The state's farmland protection program is designed to keep family farms in production," said Brosius, who chairs the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The board scheduled its meeting to coincide with Ag Progress Days.

The Farmland Protection Program was initiated in 1989 with a \$100 million bond issue approved

by Pennsylvania voters. The program allows the state and counties to purchase development rights, referred to as easements, to guarantee that farms will remain as agricultural land.

With the easement purchases, 556 farms in 31 counties will have joined the program or had easements approved, protecting 69,463 acres of farmland. Since January 1, easement purchases have been approved for 8,722 acres on 72 farms in 24 counties.

The following is a county-by-county listing of those properties

approved, including owner, township, acreage and purchase cost.

- Blair — Robert S. and John C. Black, Tyrone Township, 151 acres, \$90,505.

- Lancaster — David G. and Carol A. Byers Farm #1, East Drumore Township, 97 acres, \$193,800.

- Lebanon — Allen R., Jr. and Carol Ann Nolt, North Cornwall Township, 125 acres, \$250,000.

- Susquehanna — Dewey and Patricia Hunsinger, Dimock Township, 258 acres, \$154,746.