Strong Showing At Chester 4-H Dairy Roundup

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Meadows Speckles, was named champion and Pocopson Meadows Splash, a spring calf, captured the reserve junior champion award.

Tom Smith, formerly with Atlantic Breeders and from Palmyra, judged type for the Brown Swiss, Guernseys and Jerseys. After many years absence from the 4-H Roundup, the Brown Swiss breed had five entries.

Erica Lloyd, Pottstown, had the top animals with Brownswitch Concord Rona, a summer yearling, being selected for junior and grand champion honors and her fall calf, Brownswitch Con C Krystal, winning the reserve junior and reserve grand champion ribbons.

In the Guernsey breed, Tom Smith chose Todd Mast, Elverson, who showed a junior 2-year-old, Brightside Simon Candy, for senior and grand champion.

Katie Bates had the reserve senior and reserve grand champion with a senior 2-year-old, Liseter Farms Marks Danielle.

Julie Sollenberger, Spring City, won twice when her summer yearling, French Creek Diamond Cranberry was named junior champion and, French Creek Diamond Ann, her fall calf, was selected as the reserve junior champion.

The 4-H Jersey show was again the largest breed shown at the Roundup with 50 animals being exhibited.

Leading an excellent quality group was Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown, with the senior and grand champion, Top-O-Hill Admiral Lucky Penny, at junior 3-year-old. Ben Hendricks, Phoenixville, had the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, with a 4-year-old named Kimber-Vu Juno Taffy.

Tarik Gaffney also captured both junior awards with a fall calf named Admiral Peaches of Top-O-Hill being selected as the junior champion, and his spring calf, Admiral Taco Bell of Top-O-Hill, winning the reserve junior champion ribbon.

The showing and fitting contest, always a closely contested event, was judged by Nancy Toms, Mifflintown, and Donald Harwood of Shippensburg.

Champion first-year showmanship honors went to Robert Petrovich, Cochranville. Misti Gawrys, Pottstown, was the reserve champion first-year showperson.

For the first year fitting honors, the judges also chose Robert and Misti for champion and reserve champion, respectfully.

In the junior division, under 14 years old, Erin Brobst, Spring City, was named junior champion showman/fitter and Meredith Baily, West Chester took the reserve ribbon.

The senior division saw Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown win the championship and Amy Hewitt, Spring City, close behind taking the second slot.

Both Nancy Toms and Donald Harwood complimented the 4-H members on the excellent way they prepared and presented their animals in the show ring and offered them some suggestions to improve their skills.

There was also a large pre-4-H showing event for youngsters under 8 years old. The show concluded with a showmanship class of 4-H alumni, 4-H parents and 4-H leaders.

There was a lot of cheering from the audience when Maggie Wertz, Downingtown, narrowly edged out the other adults.

The 4-H program received considerable financial support from businesses and individuals this year with over \$1,400 being raised through paid advertisements in the catalog. These funds are used to support the program for the year.



From the left, Becky Nolan shows her grand and senior champion Ayrshire of the Chester County 4-H Dairy Round-up, while brother Craig Nolan holds the halter of her reserve grand and reserve senior champion. A young friend helps out by holding the halter of Craig's junior champion, and Kevin Nolan holds the halter of his reserve junior champion.



From the left, Julie Sollenberger shows her junior and reserve junior champion Guernsey of the Chester County 4-H Roundup, while Katle Bates shows her reserve senior and reserve grand champion and Todd Mast holds the halter of his senior and grand champion animal.

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