

2-Year-Old Brings Home Top Holstein Honors



Desirae Hillegass holds her supreme champion Holstein at the dairy show of the Somerset County Fair. With her from left are dairy maid Jill Fox, fair queen Natalie Welch, and dairy maid Beth Selfert.



Desirae Hillegass and Beverly Philipp had the junior and reserve junior champion Holstein animals in the open show of the Somerset County Fair dairy show.



Justin Kaufman's spring calf was the Guernsey grand champion at Somerset County Fair dairy show. Eric Murray had the reserve grand champion, a spring yearling.



Pictured are the Brown Swiss breed grand champion with owner Lacey Coleman, right, and reserve grand champion with owner Adam Coleman, left, in the 4-H and FFA show at the Somerset County Fair dairy show.



Zachary Foreman and Desirae Hillegass hold their Holstein junior champion and reserve junior champion in the 4-H and FFA Somerset County Fair dairy show.

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — The FFA entry of Desirae Hillegass of Berlin was named supreme champion in the Somerset County Fair Dairy Show, an open show.

Hill-A-Way Aerostar Colleen, a senior 2-year-old out of Madawaska Aerostar and Hill-A-Way Laban Gillian-ET, brought home the top Holstein honors for Hillegass. She walked away with the breed's open show senior champion honor and the 4-H and FFA show's senior and grand champion ribbons.

When type judge Patty McMurray from Eighty-Four surveyed the array of breed champions before her, it didn't take her long to say, "You have to go with the cow that milks for 'supreme'."

Philip Petenbrink from Garrett was the owner of the Holstein reserve grand champion, a senior 2-year-old out of Schultzs Brass Bell and Ed-Lon Vintage Joy.

Prides Vera, a winter calf, was the Guernsey grand champion for owner Justin Kaufman of Friedens.

The Guernsey reserve grand champion, owned by Eric Murray of Salisbury, was a spring yearling. The two were that breed's only entries.

Jodi Flick of Berlin was owner of the Jersey breed grand champion, a junior 3-year-old, born April 15, 1993.

Lance Bittner's junior 3-year-old was named the Jersey breed reserve grand champion. Bittner is also from Berlin.

Robert Fritz of Garrett in the open show was the owner of the Brown Swiss breed's top two cows. His Swamp Creek Paula, born Dec. 2, 1988, McMurray named the grand champion and his junior 2-year-old — Swamp Creek Jennifer — the reserve grand champion.

In the 4-H and FFA show, however, Lacey Coleman from Berlin had the grand champion with a spring calf, born March 18, 1996, and Adam Coleman from Berlin had the reserve grand champion Brown Swiss with a fall calf born Sept. 12, 1995.

One point McMurray emphasized to the showmen was that when showing an animal for another person, know the animal. She cited an experience from a show held elsewhere where the kid leading an animal knew nothing at all about it. Worse, the kid wasn't aware that it mattered.

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Open show junior champion Brown Swiss is held by owner Robert Fritz while Lacey Coleman holds the junior reserve champion at the Somerset County Fair.



The grand champion Jersey at the Somerset County Fair dairy show is owned by Jodi Flick, right. Left is Lance Bittner with the reserve grand champion Jersey.



Brothers David, right and Lance, left, Bittner had the junior champion and reserve champion Jerseys at the Somerset County Fair dairy show.