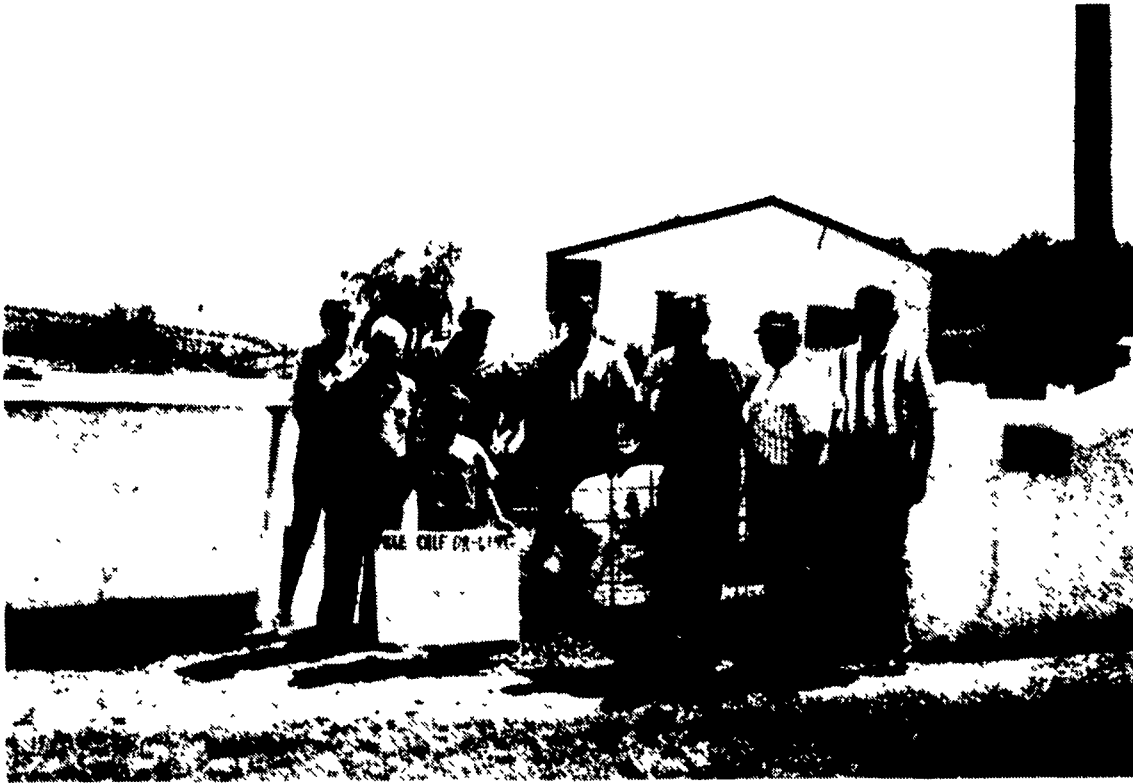


Maryland Holstein Association Holds Picnic



Sponsors of the Md. Holstein Calf Raffle and Picnic Hosts were on hand as the winning ticket was drawn by John Morris. The "Integrity" calf, out of a "Broker" from Windsor Manor Farm, was won by Lindsey Murphy of Frederick, Md.

JUDY IAGER

Maryland Holstein Assn.

FULTON, Md. — The Maryland Holstein Association's 3rd Annual Picnic was attended by about 225. It was held on a beautiful, breezy Saturday last month at Windsor Manor Farm — home of state president Jason Myers, his wife Donna and their daughters Kelly and Kristin.

Something of interest on display was some antique DeLaval milking equipment and memorabilia. Thanks to the following families who put together the display of some of their unusual items; Jason Myers, Joe Schwartzbeck, Gary Derr and Charles Iager. For example, there was an authentic, gold-framed 1907 tin DeLaval sign, tin cut-out cows,

match holder, DeLaval butter churn, oil can and various advertising signs, etc.

Consultants Clarence Stauffer and Tom Dum were on hand representing the National Holstein Association. Dr. Kevin McNew of the U. of Md. was available to discuss dairy futures on the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

A delicious catered meal, free of charge and complete with ice cream, was enjoyed by all. A number of donated door prizes were given throughout the day. Everyone relaxed and enjoyed themselves.

There was a meeting of the Junior Holstein Club, conducted by president Mark Iager, with over 65 in attendance. The Calf Raffle

for all juniors up to age 21, sponsored by Select Sires and H.B. Duvall, Inc., was a popular item. The happy winner was 7-year-old Lindsey Murphy of Frederick. She plans to show the calf in the future.

The juniors had some fun and games, which included the bale toss, milk chugging, "udder" balloon toss and milk pint toss. The winning team — the Milk Studs — consisted of Tom Muller, Josh Sanders, Brett Haines and Paul Albaugh. The current and past two groups of D.J.M.'s were introduced and received model Holsti cows. Kelly Myers was proud to represent Maryland as a 1996 Finalist in the National Distinguished Junior Member Contest in Fort Worth, Texas.

Sale Is A Record Breaker

LAURELTON (Union Co.) — The 18th Annual Union County 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Sale was held at the West End Fairgrounds recently.

This year's sale grossed \$40,325, which easily broke the record that was set in 1994.

Forty-four Union County youth participated in this year's sale. A total of 11 rabbit meat pens, 15 steers, 28 hogs, and 41 market lambs were sold by auctioneers Bryan D. Imes, Barry Sands, and William Wolfe.

This year's grand champion

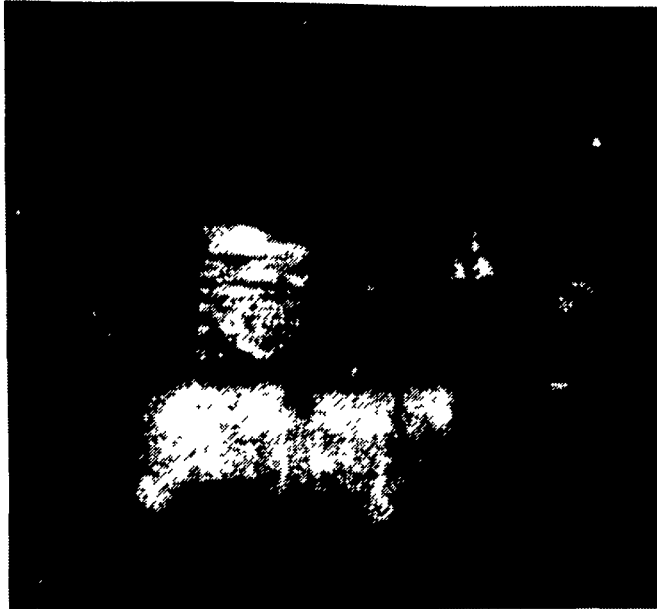
market steer was purchased by Robert Hamm of the Country Cupboard Restaurant and Shops in Lewisburg for \$3.75 a pound. The 1,270-pound Angus steer was owned by 4-H member Traci Gessner. Traci is the daughter of Ray and Linda Gessner of Mifflinburg.

The reserve champion market steer was purchased by Jerry Rhoads for Wayne Feeds — Rhoads Mills of Selinsgrove and Milton for \$2.60 a pound. The 1,185-pound Angus crossbred

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Grand champion market hog. Buyer is Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Co. (rep. by Robert Valentine) and owner is Norman Moyer.



Grand champion market lamb at the Union County 4-H and FFA junior livestock sale. Buyer is West Milton State Bank (rep. by Todd Cover and Dennis Keefer). Owner is Katy Troester.

Smoker Wins Market Hog Derby

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mal was shown by Nathaniel Artz, with 2.346 pounds per day and it ended with a 7.96-inch loin eye and a 1.4-inch backfat layer which disqualified it from final competition.

Kirk Artz showed the reserve champion for rate of gain, and it too was disqualified from final competition because of too much back fat.

Overall, there were 16 disqual-

ifications attributed to poor meat quality, too much back fat, or being too heavy or too long.

In the on-foot competition, Winebark's entry was champion heavyweight. The champion middleweight was Atkins' entry, while Janine Winebark showed the reserve champion middleweight (disqualified from final because of meat condition).

The champion lightweight animal was shown by Jeremiah.

Arnold, while the reserve lightweight was shown by Lonny Lenker.

Disqualification from final competition is not considered to be a reflection on the participant's abilities, but it does reinforce the fact that each aspect of producing market hogs for the industry has to be considered, and that relying only on show ring competitions does not provide that type of understanding.

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