

Goat Competition Wraps Up Final Event At Farm Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)
— One hundred fifty four goat entries wrapped up the final competition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Thursday.

A Toggenburg owned by Ann Miller Weikel clinched the Best Doe in the Show title. Rockspring Will Glean not only looks good but has a proven lactation record just three weeks shy of milking two years straight according to Weikel.

"She consistently milks just shy of seven pounds a day," Weikel said. The doe is appraised "very good 89 as a four year old." The doe comes from a family of achievers. Her mother was a former grand champion and milked 4,500 pounds of milk. With the doe's daughter, the pair placed first as dam and daughter.

Weikel who married and moved her herd to Huntingdon within the past year was formerly from Montgomery County. In the move, she kept her 50 milking goats and added a few more.

The move, she said, was selected for its proper location for

milk pick up to the Fleur de lait cheese plant.

The majority of Weikel's herd are doe kids that she freshened out within the past seven year.

"I have 10 real quality does," Weikel said of her herd that consists of Toggenburgs, LaManchas, and a few recorded grades.

A consistent champion at the Farm Show, Weikel had tight competition from the Grand Champion Nubian, which was last year's Best Doe of Show. GCH Starfire WFBC Angelica is owned by Helen Snyder of Newport in Perry County.

The Starfire Nubian is classified excellent and has been named All American twice. The homebred Nubian is one of 30 head at Star Fire Farm.

Snyder started raising goats 14 years ago. She remembers it well because her due date for her first child was due the day of the show. Snyder attended the show then gave birth to a daughter that night. She has been competing at Farm Show ever since and has won champions most years.

The Champion Alpine was shown by a newcomer to the Farm



Ann Miller Weikel shows her Toggenburg named Best Doe of Show in goat competition. With her are Richard Stoneback, judge, and Pa. Dairy Goat Youth Representative Christine Michalk.

Show. Fifteen-year-old Derrick Carpenter of Newville, Cumberland County, showed Der-Car Sue Ellen, a two-year-old Alpine that was homebred.

Carpenter said that he started showing goats when he was eight. He has 18 head listed under Der-Car Dairy Goats. The Alpine milks about 11 pounds.

In the La Mancha division, Carole Robinson of Shippensburg showed her La Mancha Champion Challenge ECH Posey-A. Noted for its length of neck and mammary system, the La Mancha champion, which milks 13 pounds daily, is one of 28 that Robinson raises on the family's Laurel Mountain Farm.

She milks seven goats. Her four children and a grandchild consume lots of the milk. The remainder is used to feed the family's calves on the beef farm. Robinson has been raising goats for seven years and had shown a champion two years ago at the Farm Show.

Jamie Harpster showed Sundown-Herd Blossom in All Other Purebreds division for the grand champion honor.

"She's my best milker," Harpster said of the 95 goats she raises at Pine Hollow Farms in Reedsvil-

le. Harpster only recently started the dairy. She uses a bucket milker, which allows her to milk two at a time.

According to Harpster, the All Other Purebreds Champion was a former grand champion two years ago.

Showing the grand champion in the recorded grades was Judith Jaxtheimer, VMD.

"She's a top 10 doe in the country. She's #10 in product, #10 in butterfat, and seven in protein with 2,940 pounds milk. "She not only wins but milks," said Jaxtheimer.

Jaxtheimer has been showing for six years out of the 10 that she has been in the goat business. Most of that time, she has planned in the winner's circle. The Grand Champion this year is from a family that has won four or five grand champion ribbons for Jaxtheimer.

Jaxtheimer presses for type and product out of her herd of several dozen La Manchas. "That's where it's all at," she said.

Jaxtheimer said of the goats that she raises mostly for a hobby, "They're cheaper than a psychiatrist. They don't talk back and they don't leaver dirty underwear around."

Here is a partial listing of results.

DAIRY GOATS

ALPINE DIVISION
KIDS 8 TO 10 MONTHS: 1. Derrick A. Carpenter; 2. Walter Stewart.
KIDS UNDER 2 YRS NOT IN MILK: 1. Walter Stewart; 2. Derrick A. Carpenter; 3. Stephanie Bailey.

DOES IN MILK UNDER 2 YEARS: 1. Derrick A. Carpenter; 2. Beverly Jane Brown.

DOES IN MILK 2 TO 4 YEARS: 1. Derrick A. Carpenter; 2. Rosemary Sprinkle; 3. Rosemary Sprinkle.

DOES IN MILK 4 AND OLDER: 1. Rosemary Sprinkle.

SENIOR CHAMPION DOE: 1. Derrick Carpenter.

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION DOE: 1. Rosemary Sprinkle.

GRAND CHAMPION DOE: 1. Derrick Carpenter.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE: 1. Rosemary Sprinkle.

DAM AND DAUGHTER: 1. Rosemary Sprinkle.

GET OF SIRE: 1. Rosemary Sprinkle.
HERD GROUP: 1. Derrick Carpenter; 2. Rosemary Sprinkle.
BEST DOE BRED BY EXHIBITOR: 1. Derrick A. Carpenter; 2. Derrick A. Carpenter; 3. Walter Stewart.

LA MANCHA DIVISION
KIDS UNDER 8 MONTHS: 1. Ann J. Miller Weikel.

KIDS 8 TO 10 MONTHS: 1. Kathleen Stewart; 2. Carole Robinson; 3. Judith Jaxtheimer VMD.

KIDS UNDER 2 YR NOT IN MILK: 1. Ann J. Miller Weikel; 2. Carole Robinson; 3. Carole Robinson.

JUNIOR CHAMPION KID: 1. Ann J. Miller Weikel.

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This Grand Champion Nubian owned by Helen Snyder is classified excellent and was named Best of the Show last year at the Farm Show.

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