

67 Qualify For States At Southeast District Dairy Show

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Sixty-seven dairy cattle representing the five major dairy breeds qualified for state competition during the Southeast 4-H/FFA District Dairy Show, Tuesday at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds.

That number of cattle represents slightly more than half of the entries in the district show — the first of 12 qualifying shows statewide scheduled to be held through the end of August.

Broken down according to breed, 18 Ayrshires, 13 Brown Swiss, four Guernsey, 24 Holsteins, and eight Jerseys qualified Tuesday to advance to the state youth dairy show set to be held at the state Farm Show Complex on Sept. 22, during the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show week (Sept. 22-25).

The Southeast District Show is sort of a misleading name, because there is to be another Southeast District Show at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds on August 22.

The state youth dairy qualifying shows used to be separated according to youth organization — FFA and 4-H. The first Southeast District show used to be restricted to FFA members, while the second was restricted to 4-H members.

Statewide, there were six district shows for 4-H and six for FFA, with restrictions on where showing could be done.

However, with dairy farm num-

bers down, and spread out, for years there has been a reduction in the number of FFA and 4-H dairy members across the state.

As opportunities to attend shows diminished, it was decided that a change needed to be made in order to maximize the opportunities for youth to participate.

In addition, the final state show didn't acknowledge any distinction between 4-H and FFA. Last year, for the first time, new rules came into effect which now allow any 4-H or FFA dairy youth to enter and compete in any of the 12 district qualifying shows across the state.

Constant in the state's youth dairy showing program is the fact that judges of the shows not only place animals, but select those animals that they feel are of strong enough quality to compete at the state show.

The awarding of a blue ribbon, not the placing of the animal in the show, determines the eligibility for state competition. For that reason, the show placing results do not of themselves indicate eligibility for the state show.

Tuesday's Holstein judge was Scott Cooper, a Holstein breeder from York County, while the judge for the colored breeds was Thomas Arrowsmith, a Jersey breeder from Lancaster County.

Holstein

In the Holstein breed, Timothy Vail of Lebanon showed the senior and grand champion and the



From the left, Lebanon County Dairy Princess Melinda Bomgardner stands with Timothy Vail, who holds the halter of his grand champion Holstein of the 42nd Southeast District youth dairy show; Kendra Reist, who holds the halter of the reserve grand champion for Vail; Dustin Horning, who holds the halter of his junior champion; and Amy Moyer, who holds the halter of her reserve junior champion.

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His grand champion, also named best bred and owned, was a senior 3-year-old, Dalee-Bred Counselor Posie. His reserve grand champion was an aged cow, C Pinceriver Jethro Gretta.

The junior champion Holstein was a summer yearling, Turnpike-View Charles Pretty, a bred and owned animal shown by Dustin Horning, of Stevens.

The reserve junior champion Holstein was a winter (intermedi-

ate) calf, Ju-Vindale Marksman Hannah, owned by Amy Moyer, of Womelsdorf.

Ayrshire

In the Ayrshire show, the senior and grand champion, as well as the best bred and owned animal was a junior 3-year-old, Dreamnol Trident's Minerva, owned by Craig Nolan, of Cochranville.

Craig also showed the junior champion, a fall (senior) calf, Wentworth-Farm Sweet Vidalia.

Craig's younger sister Rebecca showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, also a

junior 3-year-old, S&M Ayr IRS Opal.

The reserve junior champion Ayrshire was a summer yearling, Maulfair-Acres Trident Carmel, bred and owned by Daryl Maulfair, of Jonestown.

Brown Swiss

Alicia Mase, of Lebanon, showed both grand and reserve grand champion Brown Swiss, both of which are bred and owned animals.

Her junior 2-year-old, Meadow Hill Patrick Alana was named

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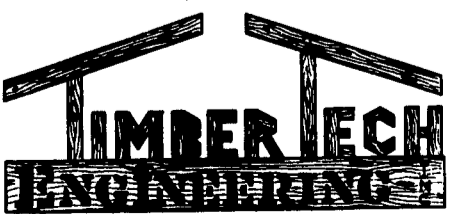
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