

Somerset County Jackpot Show Held Recently

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — The Fourth of July fireworks and Independence Day celebrations began to wane when the Somerset County Beef Producers and Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association held the Somerset County Jackpot Show.

Out of a field of 87 steers and 15 heifers, judge Steve Taylor from Indiana picked Sara Campbell's heifer as the show's premier champion.

"I feel excited and surprised," the 11-year-old Greene County girl said about the animal, a MAX breed shown in class two with a hip height of 50 inches.

From Sycamore, the Graysville Middle School student's parents are James and Jackie Campbell.

Nicole Fairman's steet that swept class five and division two, Taylor named the grand champion steer. He stood 50 1/4 inches at the hip and weighed 1,200 pounds.

Fairman, 11, lives with her family at "Bibs and Lace Limousin," located near Creekside in Indiana County.

The reserve champion steer belonged to 13-year-old Jana Cessna from Clearville, Bedford County. The ANx breed fellow stood 50 1/2 inches at the hip and topped class eight and division three.

Jay Covell had the reserve champion heifer.

Erin Livengood was the county exhibitor champion and Bill Sines was the reserve county exhibitor.

Ryan Seiler was first in club calf and Tim Bishop, second.

"I am very, very impressed," remarked Taylor, "with the quality of the kids. They are the kind of kids that make you proud to be in this business."

Taylor observed that the exhibitors' work ethic learned at home was obvious. They chose to show — it wasn't forced on them by the parents, although the projects



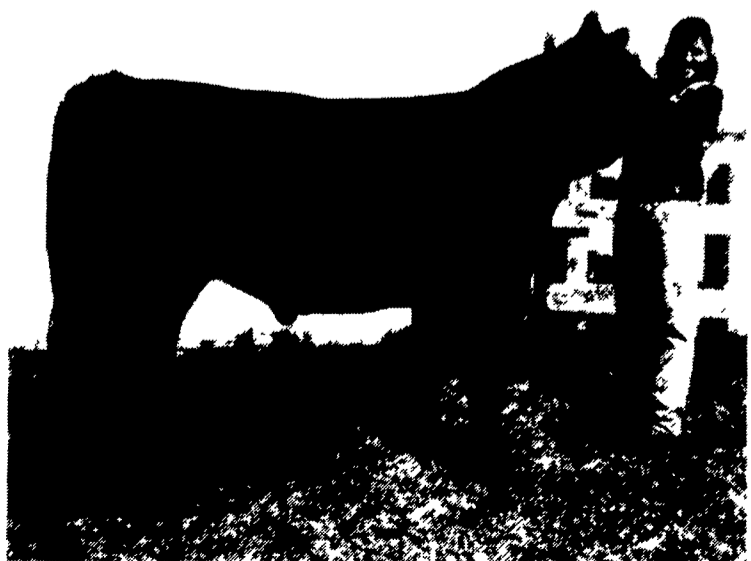
Eleven-year-old Sara Campbell holds the heifer that took premier champion at the Somerset County Jackpot Show. With her, from left are Ralph Kincaid, Judge Steve Taylor, and Nicole Fairman who sold the animal to Campbell. Kincaid sponsored the supreme champion title.



Nicole Fairman is pictured with her grand champion steer at the Somerset County Jackpot Show on July 6. The 11-year-old is joined by Pennsylvania Cattleman's Queen Missy Leiden.



Jana Cessna, 13, holds her reserve champion steer at the Somerset County Jackpot Show while Missy Leiden, Pennsylvania Cattleman's queen, helps with the ribbon and trophy.



Erin Livengood was the county exhibitor champion at the Somerset County Jackpot Show.

were fully supported by the parents.

Taylor noted in particular that three newcomers to showing were in the same class and, despite a lack of experience, did an outstanding job of controlling their steers.

He remarked, pointedly, that the rigors he had put one little girl through while her steer was being judged didn't dampen her spirit. She kept smiling through the entire routine.

The animals, as well, impressed Taylor. He said their impressive quality got started with good seed stock, but through a good management program it was continued.

The skittishness of the steers in class nine brought out Taylor's amiable sense of humor. He suggested that he should get "combat pay" for moving amongst the fidgety animals to get his job done.

Missy Leiden, the Pennsylvania

Cattleman's Queen who lives in Cambria County, a junior majoring in family and consumer science at the nearby Indiana University of Pennsylvania, graced the event by presenting ribbons and trophies to the recipients.

At the Gerald Leiden Farms, St. Lawrence, the beef operation of Missy's family includes some 300 head of Angus Charlais cattle, she said.

The beef producers, this year, removed the old sawdust from the floor of the show arena and replaced it with limestone sand. It seemed to work well.

During the show the dust was greatly reduced. Formerly, when the sawdust was dampened for a show the result was nuisance wet spots at various intervals. The new material, the producers hope, will eliminate the problem.

Keeping it clean will be an easier job, they said, when the show was over.

Following is a partial list of winners.

- Steers**
Class 1: 1. Kevin Campbell; 2. Brooke Bryner; 3. Beth Ann Miller.
Class 2: 1. Donnie Bensenhaver; 2. Janette Hildreth; 3. Jamie Hertel.
Class 3: 1. Tammi Grubb; 2. Jeff Covell; 3. Jonathan Spangler.
Class 4: 1. Britani Huff; 2. Kristy Myers; 3. Lucas Barron.
Class 5: 1. Nicole Fairman; 2. Brittany Fairman; 3. Luke Svonavec.
Class 6: 1. Brandon Calihan; 2. Cassandra Hake; 3. Lee Sines Jr.
Class 7: 1. Clayton Weber; 2. Wes Haslacker; 3. Ryan Seiler.
Class 8: 1. Jana Cessna; 2. Eric Stoneffer; 3. Jay Covell.
Class 9: 1. Erin Livengood; 2. Jill Brant; 3. Andy Myers.
Class 10: 1. Janette Hildreth; 2. Bill Sines; 3. Tim Bishop.
Class 11: 1. Sara Martin; 2. Justin Conner; 3. Jordan Conner.
Class 12: 1. Shannon Calihan; 2. Jessica Martin; 3. Nicole Schachte.
- Heifers**
Class 1: 1. Jay Covell; 2. David Stickley; 3. Jamie Hertel.
Class 2: 1. Sara Campbell; 2. Luke Svonavec; 3. Jason Fisher.
Class 3: 1. Tim Bishop; 2. Adam Foley; 3. Diana Covall.

Empire Farm Days Features Expanded Dairy Focus

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. — More of everything for dairy producers is featured at this year's Empire Farm Days — more trade show exhibits and more new information, according to Show Manager Melanie Wickham.

The annual outdoor farm show will be held Aug. 5-7 at the Rodman Lott and Sons Farm near Seneca Falls, N.Y.

An expanded schedule of educational programs for milk producers is available this year, all sponsored by Agway, Inc. and coordinated by Holstein World/HFW Communications, Inc. Presenters include top dairymen not only from the Northeast but also from Wisconsin and California.

Also taking part are leading educators, researchers and industry experts. Among the highlights will be Floyd Baumann, owner of the world record cow with more than 63,000 pounds of milk in a single lactation. Also leading sessions will be Dr. David Galton of Cornell along with Dr. Charles Sniffen and Everett Thomas of the Miner Institute in Chazy, N.Y. Topics include managing the

dairy herd for maximum profit and productivity on Tuesday, including a presentation by Dr. Ben Turner, veterinarian and dairyman. Day two, Aug. 6, focuses on the transition cow, moving her from the dry lot to the top producing string while minimizing metabolic disorders. On day three, Aug. 7, a leading employee management specialist, Steve Duca, is featured along with a complete program on corn, from seed to feed bunk.

"We're delighted to help bring this cutting edge information to dairy producers," said Roger Crary, vice president — farm sales & nutrition, Agway Ag Products, River Valley Division in Syracuse, N.Y. "Dairy owners, managers and employees from all size operations will benefit from the presentations and everyone is welcome."

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, Robert A. Fischer, Jr., vice president of Agway Ag Products, will open the proceedings and welcome the audience.

The programs begin at 11 a.m. on Aug. 5 and 6 and at 10:30 a.m.

on August 7. Dairy producers attending will receive a picnic lunch and participate in drawings for prizes and cash. All of the dairy education programs will take place in the Dairy Seminar Center, a spacious tent located between E. Seneca Acres and E. Make-A-Buck Avenues.

Another feature of the dairy program is the introduction of the New York Dairy Initiative, according to Charles C. Elrod, senior extension associate, Cornell University.

A press conference at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 5, will lay out the details of this new effort on behalf of dairy producers in New York State.

More than 40 business firms are joining with the extension service to provide on-farm business consulting to dairy producers. CEOs of some of the Empire State's leading firms will participate.

"The Empire Farm Days Dairy Profit Seminars make a great place to introduce this important new opportunity to the dairy industry," Elrod said.