

# Chester County Conducts First Roundup Sale At Romano 4-H Center

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—A new chapter in Chester County 4-H history began Thursday evening with the sale of champions in the new exhibit facility erected here on the site donated by the Romano family.

For the first time, all three county livestock roundups were held in the new building this week. The sale conducted Thursday evening raised a grand total of \$61,050.68 for exhibitors and the 4-H center itself.

## Steer Show, Sale

In the steer show, Ben Walton showed his 1,265-pound purebred Angus to supreme steer at the roundup. The steer sold for \$3 a pound for a total of \$3,795 to Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Lionville, represented by Erik Lindberg and John Buseman at the sale.

The reserve, shown by Jason Marsch, weighed 1,225 pounds and sold to Jeff King of Devon for \$1.95 a pound for a total of \$2,388.75.

Ben Walton, supreme champion winner, 13, is the son of Frank and Susan Walton, Coatesville. The Unionville 7th grader showed a purebred Angus, Centurion, homebred on the family's 300-head cow/calf operation.

Ben said that raising a champion was a combination of genetic selection, good feed, "and how much time you spend with them," he said. Ben indicated that he spent an hour brushing and readying them for the show and sale.

Ben donated the proceeds from another steer he sold at the show, weighing 1,203 pounds, purchased for \$1.05 per pound to the 4-H center. This is the second year he has won, in a row, at the roundup sale.

Reserve champion Jason Marsch, 16, is the son of Charles and Barbara Marsch, Green Lane. A senior at Upper Berks, Jason showed his Angus/Maine Anjou crossbred steer purchased from Paul Miller.

Jason said he picked the steer out himself. "It looked like a pretty good steer," he said, "a real eye-appealing calf."

Jason, president of the 4-H Beef Club, has been involved with 4-H for eight years. This is his third champion at the roundup — he won in 1990, 1991, and this year, he said.

There were a total of six heifer and 20 steers at the show.

Eighteen steers went for sale. The steer sale raised a total of \$27,831.03. Average prices with champions was \$1.09 per pound; without, 91 cents per pound.

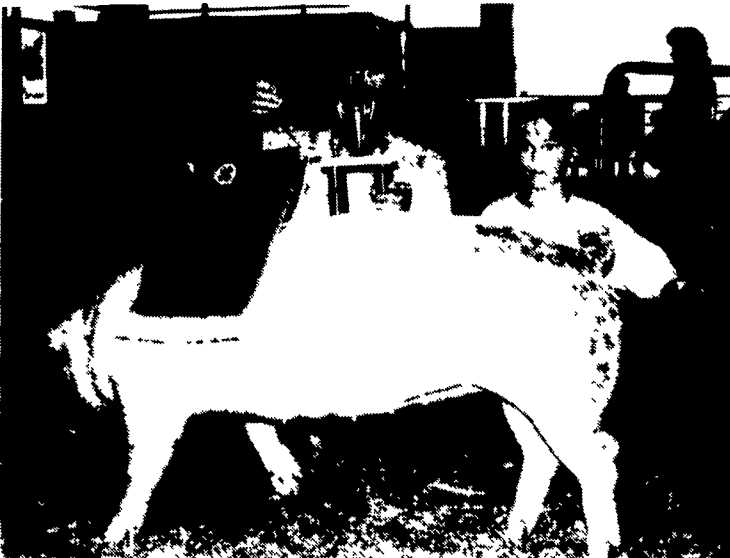
Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock agent, judged the show. Results are included this issue.

## Swine Show, Sale

A second year 4-H member picked up supreme champion market hog at the roundup this week.



Ben Walton, far left, exhibited the steer champion, sold to Hoss's Steak and Seafood House in Lionville for \$3 per pound. In center is Erik Lindberg and right is John Buseman of Hoss's.



Shawn Beam, right, showed this grand champion market hog at the roundup. At left is buyer Titus Beam, Elverson, who purchased the hog for \$5.10 per pound.



Jason Marsch, left, showed the reserve champion steer at the roundup. At right is buyer Jeff King, Devon, who purchased the animal for \$1.95 per pound.

The 258-pound champion crossbred gilt was shown by Shawn Beam, 9, son of Bill and Robin Beam, Elverson. Shawn, first time champion at the roundup, is in the third grade at Conestoga Christian School.

The champion hog was purchased by Titus Beam, Elverson,

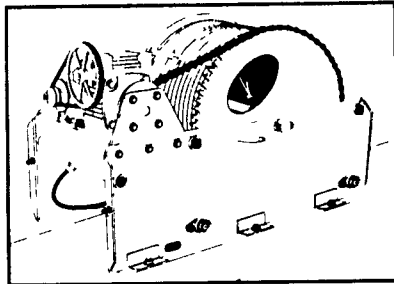
for \$5.10 per pound for a total of \$1,315.80.

Reserve champion shown by Kasey McAllister. The hog, weighing 250 pounds, was sold for \$3.75 per pound to Bill Fairbairn, Coatesville, for a total of \$937.50.

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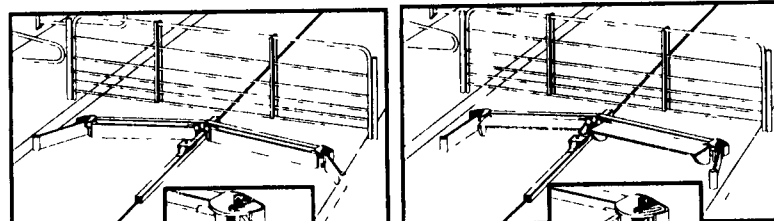
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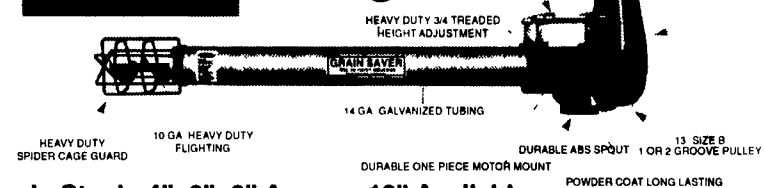
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