

Youth Exhibit More Than 200 At S.C. District Show II

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — More than 200 animals were exhibited at the 30th annual South Central District Youth Dairy Show, August 23 at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

A surge of late addition of exhibitors somewhat surprised show organizers who had anticipated about half the number of entries.

In fact, because they were anticipating much less participation in the show, they had changed the format of the show, and used only one type judge instead of the normal two (normally there is one judge for colored breeds, one for Holsteins.)

Terry Shawn of Charlestown, West Virginia, was type judge, while David Smith of Palmyra was showmanship judge.

Instead of having two show rings operating at once in order to have the Holstein breed judged separately from the five colored dairy breeds (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn) all breeds were shown in alphabetical, consecutive order for each of the different age classes.

For example, all Ayrshire spring calves were shown, followed by all spring calves of Brown Swiss, then Guernsey, etc., so that the judge got to judge all six breeds for each age class.

Some of the age classes were large, especially in the Holstein breed, with the judge selecting a high of 11 blue ribbons in the Holstein spring calf class, out of 20 exhibited. A blue ribbon selection by the judge means the animal is good enough to stand competition at the state show.

As a reminder, each district youth show serves as a qualifying show for eligibility to the state show.

The state youth dairy show is set for Sept. 23 at the Farm Show Complex, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show.

Last year, for the first time, eligibility to the district shows were liberalized to eliminate any distinction between 4-H membership and FFA membership, as had been the practice. (It was done that way because at one time it didn't seem fair to have younger 4-H youth compete against generally older FFA members who may have had an advantage in time and money devoted toward their project animals. That doesn't hold as an axiom any more.)

As well, restrictions on where to show were removed so that an exhibitor could show an animal at any of the state's district shows, each of which has its own committee that sets the show's fee rate and rules.

Last year there were some surprise heavy attendances at some district shows, as well.

The South Central District Show was managed by Lancaster County. Exhibitors represented a number of counties in the south central region and surrounding area.

Ayrshire

The Ayrshire senior and grand champion was a senior 3-year-old, Don-Sher Astro Anne, owned by Jason Stambaugh of East Berlin.

The reserve Ayrshire grand champion was a 4-year-old, Anchor-Mere T Alta, owned by Stephanie Pomraning, of Delta.

The junior champion Ayrshire was a winter calf, Black Log Mt. Faithful Minx, owned by Amanda Brant of Mount Union. The reserve junior champion was a spring calf, Wentworth Farm Reddy Bewitched, shown by Susan Richardson of Fawn Grove.

Guernsey

The Guernsey senior and grand champion was a senior 2-year-old, Rutter Bros Perfectos Lydia, owned by Terri Johnson of York. She also showed the reserve junior champion, a winter yearling, Rutter Bros Magics Wendy.

The reserve grand champion

was a 5-year-old, Stone Mill Frank Linden, owned by Andrew Eber-sole of Anville.

The junior champion Guernsey was a winter calf, Maple Lane SK

Sherl, owned by Andrew Smith of Denver.

Brown Swiss

In the Brown Swiss show, the

senior and grand champion was a junior 3-year-old, Rick-lea Zurich Bell, shown by Joy Hess, of Gettysburg.

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From the left, Franklin County Dairy Ambassador Melinda Martin stands with Jason Stambaugh who holds the halter of the grand champion Ayrshire, while Stephanie Pomraning shows her reserve grand champion.



From the left, Cumberland County Dairy Princess Kristen Heberlig stands with Amanda Brant who holds the halter of her junior champion Ayrshire while Susan Richardson holds the halter of her reserve junior champion, and is joined by show judge Terry Rawn.



From the left, Heather Crowl holds the halter of her junior and grand champion Milking Shorthorn of the South Central District Youth Dairy Show, while Lancaster County Dairy Princess Elizabeth Smith holds the halter of Crowl's senior and reserve grand champion.



From the left, Justin Burdette holds the halter of his grand champion Holstein of the South Central District Youth Dairy Show, while Christina Knight holds the halter of her reserve grand champion, and Elizabeth Smith, Lancaster County Dairy Princess presents awards.



From the left, Kyle Burdette, for his brother Justin Burdette, holds the halter of the reserve junior champion of the South Central District Show II, while Amy Trimmer holds the halter of her junior champion and is joined by Lancaster County Dairy Princess Elizabeth Smith.