

Sarah Roberts Reigns As Maryland Farm Queen

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TIMONIUM, Md. — Sarah Alison Roberts of Charles County reigns as the 1997 Maryland farm queen. She was selected from 22 contestants. Judges were Alex Hamilton, public affairs director for the Virginia Farm Bureau; Shelley Knight, information specialist for the West Virginia farm bureau; and Joel Rotz, director of local affairs for the Pennsylvania farm bureau. The pageant was held at Cow Palace at the fairgrounds in conjunction with the Maryland State Fair.

Other farm royalty crowned at the pageant were first runner-up Rebecca Miller, Baltimore county; second runner-up Amanda Shahan, Harford County; third runner-up Kelly Beckley, Washington County; and fourth runner-up Laura Johnson, Howard County.

"I'm very excited to be the state farm queen, and I hope that I will live up to the farm community's expectations," said Sarah, the 16-year-old daughter of Harold and Shirley Roberts of Bryantown.

The Roberts farm a 120-acre farm belonging to Sarah's grandfather William Roberts. They raise tobacco, hay, field corn, and Black Angus cattle. Sarah has an 11-year-old sister, Katie. On the farm, Sarah drives the tractors, helps with the hay and corn, and spears, cuts, hangs, and strips tobacco.

In addition to her new responsibilities as farm queen at the state fair this year, Sarah is keeping



Sarah Roberts, center, reigns as the Maryland farm queen at the Maryland State Fair. Surrounding her are members of her court, from left, Laura Johnson, Howard County, fourth runner-up; Amanda Shahan, Harford County, second runner-up; Rebecca Miller, Baltimore County, first runner-up, and Kelly Beckley, Washington County, third runner-up.

busy with her registered Suffolk sheep. An eight-year member of the farmer's fortune 4-H club, she owns and manages a flock of 25 Suffolks, and shows them at the county and state levels. Last year at a local fair she had the supreme champion ewe and supreme

champion ram. She also raises Angus heifers and broiler chickens.

When not busy on the farm Sarah has been active in promoting beef. She serves as the National Beef Ambassador for Maryland, a job that took her to San Antonio

recently. She is a member of the Charles County livestock judging team, the Southern Maryland and Charles County livestock committees, the National Suffolk Association, and the National Junior Angus Association.

The La Plata high school senior is a class delegate and member of the Charles County association of student councils. She is secretary of the National Honor Society and a member of the envirothon, speech, and debate teams.

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