

Winebark Wins S.E. 4-H Market Hog Derby

INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — Janine Winebark of Myerstown recently showed the overall grand champion of the 1997 Southeast Pennsylvania 4-H Market Hog Derby, a homebred crossbred gilt.

Winebark's grand champion was out of a field of entries from 22 youth who participated.

The annual market hog derby is a complete market hog educational program. The participating youth bring feeder pigs to a centralized place for a weigh-in at the beginning of the summer and then take them home to feed out, maintaining feeding and health records.

In late August, the youth select one of their finished hogs for competition, and they are weighed again and then shown live in the ring for type, similar to a regular market hog show.

The animals are then slaughtered and the carcasses measured for length, weight, backfat, loin eye diameter, and as well as receiving calculations for the rate of gain, as well as the poundage and percentage of lean meat production.

The carcasses are scored for conformation and given a final index, according to the national industry standards for market hogs.

The purpose of the competition, begun in 1991, is to teach youth about the real-world goals of market hog production, and the market values that are actually used in businesses, so that they have a better understanding of the industry and hog production, whether or not they choose to pursue a career in the industry.

Judges for the show and carcass evaluation were Jeff Craig with Stoltzfus Meats in Intercourse, a family owned business that does the slaughter and butchering of the entries and has supported the competition for years; Dave Holloway, a well-known Duroc and Hampshire breeder; and Ken Kephart, a Penn State University Extension hog specialist who authors a regular column in Lancaster Farming, "Pork Prose."

Dr. Ed Mills, a Penn State University meat specialist, also has been a regular supporter of the program and teaches the participants about the different cuts, yield and quality. This year participants also got to taste-test some of the different cuts to better demonstrate some of the qualities sought in meat production.

Also included in the overall program is a scholarship competition, based on the youth's experiences in 4-H, as well as their knowledge of the pork industry.

This year, there were two recipients, each receiving \$250 scholarships, Wendy Jo Atkins, of Lebanon, and Cynthia Delong.

Sponsors provide money for the scholarships and premiums for the shows.

Sponsors this year included Pa. Pork Producers Council, Wenger's Feed Mill Inc., and Hatfield Quality Meats as champion sponsors; and Leidy's Inc., Purina Mills Inc., Farmers First Bank, Robert Graybill DVM, and Tri-County Confinement Systems Inc. as class sponsors.

Derby benefactors included Agricultural Veterinary Associates; Balsbaugh Insurance Agency; Bank of Lancaster County; the Bernard C. Morrissey Insurance Agency Inc.; Gehman Feed Mill Inc.; Hess Mills; Keystone Farm Credit ACA; Lebanon Valley National Bank; M.H. Eby Inc.;

Schick Enterprises; Stoltzfus Feed and Supply Inc.; and York County Pork Producers.

Winebark's overall grand champion was the lightweight on-foot champion. It weighed in at 52 pounds and weighed out at 230.

It also had a rate-of-gain per day of 1.695 pounds; a pounds-lean rate-of-gain of .8375 pounds; a carcass weight of 181 pounds; a carcass length of 32.1 inches; a loin eye area of 7.5 square inches; backfat at .5 inches; and the carcass was 58.581 percent lean. With a conformation score of 3, it had a final index of .837.

The reserve overall champion was a crossbred boar exhibited by Nathan Tice, of Lebanon. His animal was the mediumweight champion. Tice also has shown champions before.

Tice's animal weighed in a 58 pounds and weighed out at 250. It had 1.846 pounds gain per day, of which .8321 was lean gain. The carcass was 185 pounds with a 33-inch length. It had a 6.85-square-inch loin eye, and .4 inches of backfat. The carcass was 57.910 percent lean, and had a conformation score of 3, with a final index of .832.

Timothy Crouse, of Lebanon, showed the third place overall animal, a 270-pound crossbred gilt which was the grand champion on-foot, as well as the heavyweight champion on-foot.

Crouse's animal weighed in at 67 pounds, had a 1.951-pounds per day rate-of-gain; had a carcass weight of 197 pounds; 33-inch carcass length; a 7.05 square-inch loin eye area; .7 inches of backfat; was 54.584 percent lean, with .7997 pounds lean gain per day; a conformation score of 3, and a final index of .799.

The reserve grand champion on-foot was the reserve heavyweight champion, a 270-pound Hampshire gilt shown by Brandon Winebark of Myerstown. Overall, his entry finished 21st, partially because of meat quality, demonstrating the fact that live-animal judging is merely an indicator of carcass quality, and not necessarily that accurate.

The lightweight champion was a crossbred gilt shown by Darren Charles, finishing 7th overall. The reserve mediumweight champion was a crossbred boar shown by Nathaniel Artz, of Lebanon. It finished 13th overall.

The Southeastern Regional competition is open to youth in Lebanon, Lancaster, Cumberland, Chester, Berks, Lehigh, and York counties Bucks, Dauphin, Montgomery. For more information on participating, contact a local extension livestock agent or a 4-H leader.

S.C. PA 4-H Market Hog Derby

(top three places per class)

ON-FOOT

CLASS 1: 1.Wendy Atkins; 2.Bill Buckman; 3.Jeff Buckman.

CLASS 2: 1.Darren Charles, 2.B.J. Atkins; 3.Kirk Artz.

CLASS 3: 1.Janine Winebark; 2.Shawn Beam, 3.Joseph Tice.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION: Darren Charles.

RESERVE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP: Janine Winebark.

CLASS 4: 1.Nathan Tice; 2.Nathaniel Artz; 3.Jonathan Howe.

CLASS 5: 1.Philip Charles; 2.Joel Crouse; 3.Gretchen Artz.

MEDIUM WEIGHT CHAMPION: Nathan Tice.

RESERVE MEDIUMWEIGHT CHAMP: Nathaniel Artz.

CLASS 6: 1.Matthew Beam; 2.Cory Pfautz; 3.Cindy Delong.

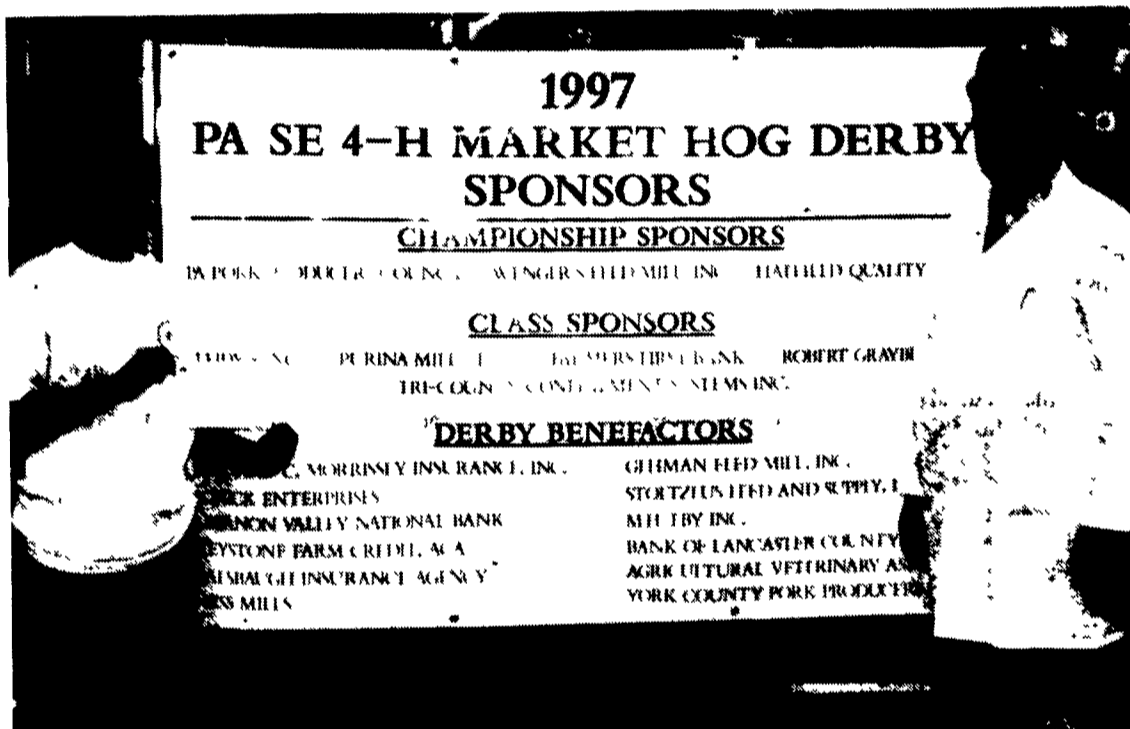
CLASS 7: 1.Timothy Crouse; 2.Brandon Winebark; 3. Kevin Pfautz.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: Timothy Crouse.

RESERVE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP: Brandon Winebark.



The champions of the 6th annual Southeast Pennsylvania 4-H Market Hog Derby stand with their hog carcass entries. From the left is Janine Winebark with her overall grand champion, Wendy Jo Atkins with her champion rate-of-gain, Brandon Winebark with his reserve on-foot champion, Nathan Tice with his overall reserve grand champion, and Timothy Crouse with his on-foot champion.



Standing in front of the banner of sponsors, on the left, Wendy Jo Atkins shows her \$250 scholarship and is joined by Dr. Ed Mills, Penn State meat specialist. Not shown is scholarship winner Cynthia Delong.



Participants and 4-H leaders taste sample of pork cuts, and listen to Dr. Ed Mills, Penn State meat specialist, who gives a presentation on pork quality.

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GRAND CHAMPION: Timothy Crouse.
RESERVE GRAND CHAMP: Brandon Winebark.</p> | <p>Crouse; 4 Kevin Pfautz; 5.BJ Atkins; 6.Matthew Beam; 7.Darren Charles; 8.Andy Hughes; 9 Kirk Artz; 10.Joel Crouse.</p> | <p>8.Darren Chrels; 7.BJ Atkins; 8.Kirk Artz; 9.Janine Winebark; 10.Shawn Beam.</p> |
| <p>CLASS 8: 1.Janine Winebark; 2.Nathan Tice; 3 Timothy</p> | <p>RATE-OF-GAIN
1.Wendy Atkins; 2.Bill Buckman; 3.Jeff Buckman; 4.Don Buckman; 5.Chris Buckman;</p> | <p>OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION: Janine Winebark
RESERVE OVERALL GRAND CHAMP: Nathan Tice.</p> |