

State Dairy Youth Make Strong Showing

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State youth gave a strong showing both in numbers and quality of animals on Monday during the state youth dairy show at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

More than 1,100 animals owned by youth from across the state had been entered for competition among six dairy breeds. Judges all praised the quality of animals exhibited, and congratulated the youth on their efforts.

State Penn State Extension county dairy agents, 4-H and FFA leaders organize and run the showing program, which culminates in the state show as the first dairy show of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show (PAADS).

The program provides qualification shows in July and August, with different committees running the specific district shows. While there is no state requirement for pre-qualifying at county shows before qualifying in a district show, there are different rules in different counties.

Changes in the program over the past two years have broadened the opportunities for youth from across the state to participate in the youth dairy program. All youth in 4-H or FFA are permitted to exhibit an animal at any district qualifying show.

State Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. attended the early morning portion of the state dairy show, and congratulated

youth on their efforts.

State dairy royalty presented awards, and other state dairy leaders past and present, such as former state Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff, also attended.

The show was held in the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex, and the arena was divided into three showings.

As was started last year, the milking animals were shown first, followed by the junior-aged animals. This is done to allow the milking animals to be milked earlier in the day. Otherwise, the mature animals must wait, full of milk, until after the judging of the junior animals, which typically comprises the majority of animals exhibited, and thus time, in a youth show.

All results reported by Lancaster Farming are listed in order of the age class of the show, not according to order of actual judging class.

In each show, prior to selection of the junior- and senior-aged champions, a selection was made of the best of those animals bred, owned and exhibited by youth to recognize the effort that goes into breeding and raising a show-quality animal.

Type judges included Loren Elsass, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, for Holsteins; David Kjome, of Rochester, Minnesota, for Milking Shorthorns, Guernsey, and Brown Swiss; and Dr. David Dickson, of Madison, Wisc., for Ayrshire and Jerseys.

Showmanship judges were Lisa

Sonnen of Richland for Holstein exhibitors; Tom Arrowsmith of Peach Bottom, for Milking Shorthorn, Guernsey and Brown Swiss exhibitors; and Dwight Stoltzfus, of Mograntown, for Ayrshire and Jersey breed exhibitors.

Holstein

In the Holstein show, a pair of 4-year-olds were named grand and reserve grand champions.

Sara Hlavaty, of Easton, showed Keystone Highlight Lake to win the senior and grand champion honors.

Ronald Hough Jr., of Rebersburg, showed C-Lock-An Brae Sky Notcho to win reserve senior and reserve grand champion honors.

The junior champion was a fall yearling, Windy-Knoll-View JJB Pizow, bred and owned by Justin Burdette of Mercersburg. It was also the junior best bred and owned Holstein.

The reserve junior champion was a spring yearling, Tri-Day BC Venus-TW, owned by Sarah Day, of Shippensburg.

The best bred and owned senior-aged animal was a junior 3-year-old, Reich-Dale Skybuck Jayne, exhibited by Bradley Reichard, of Chambersburg.

Ayrshire

In the Ayrshire show, Kevin Nolan of Cochranville showed the senior and grand champion, a junior 2-year-old also named best senior bred and owned animal, Deannol Trident's Snow.



The Jersey junior champions of the Pennsylvania State Youth Dairy Show are shown by, from the left, Timothy Lackey with his reserve junior champion, and Scott Lackey with the junior champion.

Karen Sterner, of Bechtelsville, showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, a 4-year-old, Anchor-Mere R. Johnson 2.

The junior champion of the Ayrshire show was a summer yearling, Glen Malcolm Senior's Tinkle, owned by Alan Brant of Mount Union.

The reserve junior champion was a fall yearling, Glen Malcolm Senior's Jewel 2, owned by Brain Sharer of Laceyville.

Chris Neville of Little Meadows, showed the best bred and owned junior-aged Ayrshire, a winter calf, Locust-Lane Trident Sandi.

Jersey

In the Jersey show, a pair of 5-year-olds were named grand and reserve grand champions.

Jennifer Miller of Cambridge Springs showed the senior and grand champion, a 5-year-old, Justa-Dream S Jay Natalie.

Curtis Reichard of Chambersburg owned the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, Reich-Dale Brigadier Sandra Dee. She was named the best bred and owned senior-aged animal.

Scott Lackey of Clarks Mills showed the junior champion Jersey, a fall calf, Lackey Regal Windsong, also named best bred and owned junior-aged animal of the show.

Timothy Lackey, also of Clarks Mills, showed the reserve junior champion Jersey, a spring calf, Lackey's Regal Margie.

Brown Swiss

In the Brown Swiss show, a pair of senior 3-year-olds were named grand and reserve grand champions.

Joshua Hushon of Delta showed the grand champion as well as the reserve junior champion Brown

Swiss. His Brothers Three Nutty Buddy was the senior and grand champion, as well as the best bred and owned senior animal of the show. Joshua's fall calf, Top Acres Leverage Lillian, was named reserve junior champion.

Jeremy Daubert, of McElhattan, showed his Victory Acres Ensign Taryn to win the reserve grand championship.

Jason Larson, of Smethport, showed the junior champion Brown Swiss, a fall yearling, Irons Blowpop.

Guernsey

In the Guernsey show, Aaron Gable of New Enterprise showed the senior and grand champion, as well as the junior champion, which was also named best bred and owned junior-aged animal.

Gable's aged cow, Guerdale Fayettes Robin was named grand champion, while his winter yearling, Sniders G Henry Rave was his junior champion.

Kristi Snider of New Enterprise showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, a junior 2-year-old, Snider Illus Abalene, which was named best bred and owned senior-aged Guernsey.

Milking Shorthorn

In the Milking Shorthorn show, James Young of New Enterprise showed the senior and grand champion and the junior champion. Young's senior 3-year-old, Innisfail R.B. Edda 415, took the top honors, while his fall yearling, GMC Rebel Precious, was junior champion.

Joell Koller of Leesport showed the reserve senior and reserve grand Milking Shorthorn, a junior 2-year-old, Pinesedge Yopla of Kaszmar.

Chriselle Fisher of New Enterprise (Turn to Page A32)



From the left, with the champions of the state Guernsey show, judge David Kjome stands with the Pennsylvania Guernsey Queen Charlene Shupp, and Amber Clark who holds the halter of Aaron Gable's grand champion, while Jan Snider holds the halter of his reserve grand champion, Aaron Gable holds the halter of his junior champion, and Ann Marchezak holds the halter of her reserve junior champion.



From the left, with the champions of the state youth Holstein show, judge Loren Elsass and state Dairy Princess Nichole Meabon stand with Sara Hlavaty who holds the halter of her grand champion, Ronald Hough with his reserve grand champion, Justin Burdette with his junior champion, and Sarah Day with her reserve junior champion.



From the left, Tara Kocher holds the halter of the reserve grand champion Brown Swiss of the state youth dairy show for Kristi Snider, while Joshua Hushon shows his grand champion.