

Hughes, Reifsnyder Hog Trophies At Lampeter Swine Show

LOU ANN GOOD

Lancaster Farming Staff

LAMPETER (Lancaster Co.)

— Andy Hughes showed the champion 4-H hog and Jason Reifsnyder the champion FFA hog at the West Lampeter Community Fair on Wednesday.

The hog show divided into two categories was composed of 29 4-H entries and 65 FFA entries.

Judge Dave Holloway, a Doroc breeder from Glen Rock, said that at a hog show a lot of things got to be looked at in order to please the packer, the industry, and the consumer.

"A hog's got to be heavy enough to please the packers, lean enough to please the industry, but not too lean or people won't like the taste," he said.

In a search for the perfect hog, Holloway said that "It's amazing the things you find out when you drive them."

Comparing different breeds is sometimes difficult, but Holloway was immensely impressed with the hogs shown.

"It's exciting to get down to quality like this," he said when selecting the champion from over all the champion classes.

It was the first time Jason Reifsnyder showed the champion hog at Lampeter.

"Lucky," he answered, when asked for the secret in showing the champion hog in lightweight, mediumweight, and heavyweight division before clinching the FFA champion hog title.

Jason, a 1996 Penn Manor graduate, showed hogs from his employer Charles Grain. Jason, son of Katherine and David Reifsnyder also attends Harrisburg Area



In the 4-H swine competition at West Lampeter Community Fair, Dave Holloway selects Andy Hughes' heavyweight for the grand champion market hog.

Community College.

Nine-year-old Andy Hughes said that he was "really, really happy," after clinching the 4-H champion market hog title for the first time. The hog is like a pet after walking with Andy many times in the fields.

Andy is the son of Chet and Marie Hughes of Lampeter. His sister, Allison, showed the champion 4-H sale lamb earlier that day.

A partial listing of the placings follows:

4-H HOG SHOW

LIGHTWEIGHT

Class 1: 1. Loren Hershey, 2. Ashlee Rohrer, 3. Duane Charles.

MEDIUMWEIGHT

Class 2A: 1. Lori Hess, 2. Crystal Charles, 3. Darren Charles.

Class 2B: 1. Dean Livengood, 2. Tiffany Dean, 3. Linford Hershey.

Mediumweight Champion: Dean Livengood.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Class 3A: 1. Dale Livengood, 2. Eric Charles, 3. Kristen Charles.

Class 3B: 1. Dean Livengood, 2. Philip Charles, 3. Linford Hershey.

Light Heavyweight Champion: Dean Livengood.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Class 4A: 1. Philip Charles, 2. Crystal Charles, 3. Eric Charles.

Class 4B: 1. Andy Hughes, 2. Allison Hughes, 3. Dale Livengood.

Heavyweight Champion: Andy Hughes.

Junior Showmanship: 1. Andrew Herr, 2.



Out of 65 FFA entries, Jason Reifsnyder's hogs took championships in the lightweight, mediumweight, and heavyweight classes before clinching the overall title. Of the show, Judge Dave Holloway said, "It was really exciting to see quality like this."

Ellen Herr, 3. Ashlee Rohrer.
Senior Showmanship: 1. Dale Livengood, 2. Dean Livengood, 3. Vince Metzler.

FFA SWINE SHOW

220 Lb. Class: 1. Jason Reifsnyder, 2. Jesse Farmer, 3. Jesse Farmer.

225 A Lb. Class: 1. Kevin Boyer, 2. Todd Rohrer, 3. Tyler Swanson.

225 B Lb. Class: 1. Clint Frey, 2. Brandi Long, 3. Jackie Bleacher.

Light Champion: Jason Reifsnyder.

230 Lb. Class: 1. Adam Nissley, 2. Clint Frey, 3. Kyle Miller.

235 Lb. Class: 1. Allan Herr, 2. Dave Warhay, 3. Kyle Miller.

240 Lb. Class: 1. Jason Reifsnyder,

2. Todd Rohrer, 3. Ryan Stauffer.
Medium Weight Champion: Jason Reifsnyder.

245 Lb. Class: 1. Melissa Charles, 2. Matt Herr, 3. Jeff Charles.

250 Lb. Class: 1. Justina Parmer, 2. Wes Swanson, 3. Bob Garrett.

Light Heavyweight Champion: Justina Parmer.

255 Lb. Class: 1. Jason Reifsnyder,

2. Garrett Neff, 3. Clint Frey.

265 Lb. Class: 1. Vince Metzler, 2. Jackie Bleacher, 3. Kyle Miller.

Heavy Champion: Jason Reifsnyder.

FFA Champion: Jason Reifsnyder.

Guernsey Is Supreme At State Fair

TIMONIUM, Md. — A senior three-year-old, not-quite-purebred Guernsey was named Supreme champion over all breeds in the 4-H & FFA dairy cattle show at this year's Maryland State Fair. The cow, Gr. Dix-Lee Smokey Whiskey, also was named overall winner in the best bred and owned category. She is only the second guernsey to win this honor in the fair's 20-year history of supreme champions.

Dix-Lee's proud owner is Katie Dixon, 18, of Morgnec (Kent County). Katie was the all-breed fitting and showing champion in 4-H and FFA dairy cattle competition last year at the state fair. And she is the current alternate Maryland dairy princess. She also is a freshman at the University of Maryland, majoring in animal and avian sciences.

Mark Schnebly, 17, of Dry Run (Washington County) was named fitting and showing champion among 4-H and FFA Guernsey breed exhibitors. He had shown the previous Supreme champion Guernsey at the state fair in 1992. Like Katie Dixon, Mark is a freshman at the University Of Maryland. His major is agricultural and resource economics.

Melissa Patrick, 14, of Florence (Howard County) won breed championship honors in this year's Ayrshire competition with Maple Dell Soldier G, a junior three-year-old. Her cow also was named best bred and owned among 56 Ayrshires in the show.

Another Howard County 4-H member, Amy Iager, 17, of Fulton, and her junior two-year-old,

Tri-Day Jenny Jones, won breed championship honors among 200 females in the 4-H and FFA Holstein show.

Harold E. Smith III, 16, of Shawsville (Harford County) and his aged cow, Ladys-Manor Vanna Dee ET, won best bred and owned honors in the state fair 4-H and FFA Holstein show. Vanna had reigned as Supreme champion over all breeds on two previous occasions in the last five years.

Jason Fleming and Ryan Savage, two non-resident Montgomery County 4-H members, also won breed championship honors.

Jason M. Fleming, 8, of Burnt Mill (St. Mary's County) showed Burnt Mill Emory April to best bred and owned honors among 45 animals in the 4-H and FFA Brown Swiss show.

Ryan Savage, 15, of Petersville (Frederick County) and his two-year-old cow, Triple S Imperial Minuet, won the John Stiles trophy as best of her breed among 108 animals in the 4-H and FFA Jersey show. Ryan's cow also was runnerup in the all-breed Supreme champion competition.

Two Washington County 4-H members also captured top honors in the Jersey competition.

Robert Stiles, 14, of Breathedsville won the best bred and owned breed championship with Shenandoah Tophat Butter.

Ryan Downey, 16, of Downsville won the breed fitting and showing championship. Ryan also was selected as a member of the Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging team that will compete in regional and national contest in late Sep-

tember and early October.

Another Washington County resident, Katie Herbst, 14, of Ringgold won fitting and showing honors in the Milking Shorthorn breed competition.

Kristin Myers, 16, of Englers Mill (Carroll County) won top fitting and showing honors both for the Holstein breed and in the all-breed competition.

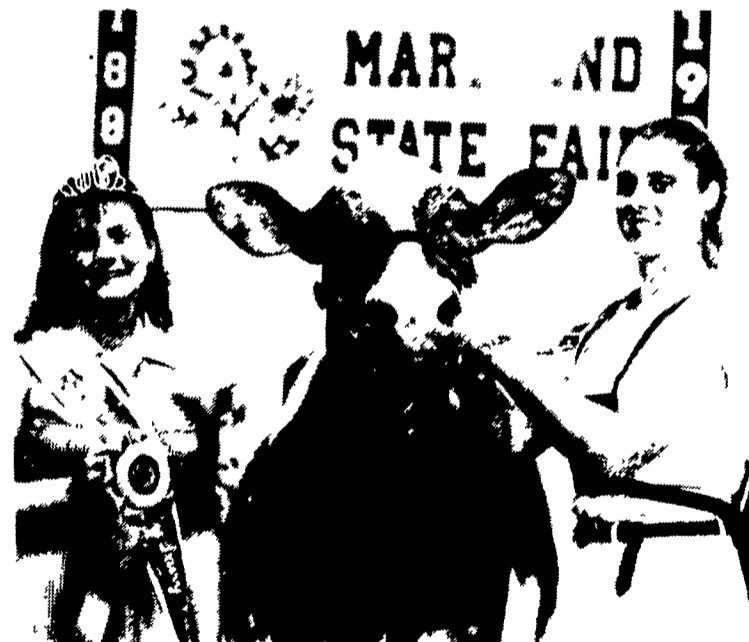
Four Frederick County 4-H members rounded out breed honors in the state fair 4-H and FFA dairy show.

Mark Valentine, 17, of Creagerstown won the fitting and showing breed championship among Ayrshire exhibitors. Laura H. Sigler, 14, of Middletown won similar honors in the Brown Swiss competition.

Aimee Smith, 15, of Walkersville won the Brown Swiss breed championship with Towpath Pretus Fran.

Heather Hines, 11, of Clemsonville won the Milking Shorthorn breed championship with Honey Creek Princess Ida. Adam Harvey, 14, of Libertytown earned best bred and owned honors in the Milking Shorthorn show with Adams Strawberry.

There were 517 animals entered in this year's 4-H and FFA dairy show. This was 40 more than in 1996 and the largest number in recent years. Female animals by breeds were as follows: Ayrshire — 56; Brown Swiss — 56; Guernsey — 57; Holstein — 200; Jersey — 108; and Milking Shorthorn — 30.



Katie Dixon, 18, of Morgnec (Kent County) and her cow, Gr. Dix-Lee Smokey Whiskey, pose for their picture after winning Guernsey breed championship in 4-H and FFA dairy cattle competition at the Maryland State Fair. Dix-Lee also won the all-breed supreme championship. Her owner, Katie, is a freshman at the University of Maryland, majoring in animal and avian sciences. At left is Crystal Stambaugh, the Carroll County dairy princess.

