

Manheim Livestock Sale Totals \$80,774

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Co.) — A total of \$80,774 was raised Oct. 10 during the annual sale of market livestock at the

Manheim Farm Show, according to Jay Mylin, auction coordinator. The celebratory atmosphere of the last evening event of the annual Farm Show was added to by fans attending a Manheim High School home football game.

The fairgrounds are located adjacent to the high school football field. The fair itself, especially midway attractions and food booths, are set up next to the ball field.

Highschool football spectators boost the fair's last day's crowd and help support the fair. Home games are scheduled every two years.

Held on the last day of the Manheim Fair, the auction sells four species of market livestock (raised for meat production) exhibited by youth during the week — goats, sheep, pigs and steer.

Instead of selling all of the grand and reserve grand champions of each species at the start, and then selling off the remaining animals specie-by-specie, Manheim's auction is designed to sell off each animal of each specie one at a time.

While this means that buyers intending to purchase champions might have to wait a couple of hours until their intended purchase comes up for sale, they can wait and enjoy the rest of the auction, or, in the meantime, experience some of the fair festivities.

The sale setup also seems to ensure that support is distributed more equitably to all youths, and not just directed heavily upon the champions. Mylin said he noted that there was strong, even support of youth during the sale.

There were 116 hogs offered for sale; 36 sheep; 14 goats; and 24 steer.

Returning volunteer Manheim-area auctioneers were Bob Wogelmuth, Dave White and John Stauffer. Though a final tally wasn't available this week, about 40 buyers registered for the auction.

Like other fair and 4-H livestock auctions, several processors offered to buy back the live animals from the buyers, at market value. Market values were listed in the sale catalog. This way buyers can support the livestock auction without having to deal with the live animal, although a number of buyers do take possession of the animals.

Hatfield Quality Meats Inc. purchased the buy-back hogs, while Dunlop Inc. purchase goats and sheep, Stauffers of Kissel Hill purchased sheep, and New Holland Sales Stables purchased steers.

The results of the auction showed that the price received for market goats averaged \$2 per pound and totalled \$1,883.

The grand champion goat, exhibited by Rebekah Landis of Litz, weighed 93 pounds and was purchased by Bill Arnold, with Manheim Auto Auction, for \$2.70 per pound.

The reserve grand champion goat, exhibited by Brian Geib of Manheim, weighed 69 pounds and was purchased for \$3.75 per pound by Bob Obetz of Worley and Obetz Inc.

The price received for market lambs averaged \$2.89 per pound and totalled \$12,380.

The grand champion lamb, exhibited by Corby Zeigler of Litz, weighed 132 pounds and sold for \$12 per pound to his grandfather John Ebersole of Speedwell Construction.

The reserve grand champion lamb, exhibited by Jessica Stoltzfus

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From the left, buyer Bill Arnold of Manheim Auto Auction kneels next to Rebekah Landis and her champion goat of the Manheim Farm Show, while Farm Show Queen Laura Huber joins.



From the left, buyer John Ebersole of Speedwell Construction kneels next to grandson Corby Zeigler of Litz, who shows his grand champion lamb of the Manheim Farm Show, and is joined by Farm Show Queen Laura Huber.



From the left, Pete Hondru of Phillips' Ford kneels next to Travis Donough who shows the reserve grand champion swine of the Manheim Farm Show, and is joined by its queen Laura Huber.



From the left, buyer Bob Obetz of Worley and Obetz Inc. kneels next to Brian Geib who shows his reserve grand champion goat, and is joined by Manheim Farm Show Queen Laura Huber.



From the left, Rob Harris, district manager for Hoss's Steak and Sea House, kneels next to Travis Donough who shows the grand champion steer, and is joined by Manheim Farm Show Queen Laura Huber.



From the left, buyers Jan and Kim Waltz and baby Zachary of Pennsylvania Ag Commodity Marketing Association kneel with Ryan Donough who shows his grand champion swine of the Manheim Farm Show and is joined by its queen Laura Huber.



From the left, Dave Graybill of Penway Construction kneels next to Ryan Groff who shows the reserve grand champion steer and is joined by Manheim Farm Show Queen Laura Huber.



From the left, buyer John Gerlach of Stauffers of Kissel Hill kneels next to Jessica Stoltzfus who shows her reserve grand champion lamb of the Manheim Farm Show, and is joined by Farm Show Queen Laura Huber.