

King Cong Is Farm Show Supreme Draft Horse

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Windermere Farms from Spring Mills, exhibited the supreme champion draft horse at the 1998 Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

The Farm Show is the largest indoor agricultural exhibition in the nation. It is held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

"King Cong" is a 5-year-old Percheron stallion owned by the Abe Allebach family.

"King Cong" did not travel to horse shows in 1997, but he was the champion stallion at several large draft horse shows in 1996.

"King Cong's" sire had been the Premiere Percheron stallion in North America for nine consecutive years.

Windermere Farms is a 300-acre horse farm. The Allebachs operated a dairy farm until 1986, but now the farm is limited to horses and a team of oxen. This is the 22nd year for the Allebach family to be coming to the Farm Show.

In order for a horse to compete for the Supreme Champion honor, the horse must be named a champion within its individual breed. One of the champions is then named best horse. All of the best of breed horses compete for the supreme champion award.

Also competing for the Supreme Champion award was a Clydesdale mare shown by Aileen O'Connor from McMichaels, Monroe County.

Liberty Knolls Hannah, a 7-year-old mare, won the best of breed award for the Clydesdale breed.

This was O'Connor's first time exhibiting at the Farm Show, and she said that it has been a fun experience.

This mare was shown at the 1997 Keystone International Livestock Exhibition and was named the reserve grand champion mare and the reserve senior champion Clydesdale.

Delmar Landis, Lititz, Lancaster County, is the owner of the 2-year-old Belgian stallion, "Del's Supreme Dallas," that was named best of the Belgian breed and competed for the Supreme Champion honors.

"Dallas" was named junior

champion and grand champion stallion, in addition to best of the Belgian breed.

"Dallas" was reserve grand champion at the 1997 Keystone International Livestock Exhibition and grand champion Belgian at last year's Farm Show.

Landis operates the 40-acre DDL Farm, which focuses on horses, but also raises other livestock species such as steers, hogs, and sheep. His horses are primarily used for showing and breeding.

This is the best Landis has ever done in his 14 years of Farm Show competition. He said that he could have never done it without "lots of help from friends."



The best of the Clydesdale breed is this 7-year-old mare, Liberty Knolls Hannah, owned by Aileen O'Connor.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW
HORSE RESULTS

HORSES - BELGIAN DIVISION		
PLACE	NAME	COUNTY
CLASS: 0004 BELGIAN STALLION, 2 YRS		
1	DELMAR L LANDIS	LANCASTER
CLASS: 0005 BELGIAN STALLION, 1 YR		
1	NATHAN L YODER	LANCASTER
2	STEVEN & RUTH SHOWALTER	JUNIATA
CLASS: 0006 BELGIAN STALLION, FOAL		
1	LEWIS & GAIL BIDDLE & FAMILY	CENTRE
2	GARY GROVES & OR DON SHERWOOD	WYOMING
3	JERRY & SHIRLEY RAY	INDIANA
4	LUCILLE RICE	YORK
5	STEVEN & RUTH SHOWALTER	JUNIATA
CLASS: 0009 BELGIAN STALLION, JUNIOR CHAMPION		
1	DELMAR L LANDIS	LANCASTER
CLASS: 0010 BELGIAN STALLION, RESERVE JR. CHAMPION		
1	NATHAN L YODER	LANCASTER

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The best of the Belgian breed is this 2-year-old stallion, Del's Supreme Dallas, shown and owned by Delmar Landis of Lititz.

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