

Reasner's Ayrshire Is Farm Show Supreme Dairy Cow

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — An aged Ayrshire cow owned by Jeff and Michele Reasner of Jemi Ayrshires in Shippensburg was named supreme champion of the six dairy breeds exhibited at Tuesday at the 82nd Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Sunny Acres Misty Polly, a Very Good 89-percent classified registered Ayrshire was breed grand champion and honorable mention to supreme champion during the 1995 Farm Show, was selected champion by two of the three judges who handled the six shows.

The judges included Jeff Myers of Westminster, Maryland, who judged the Ayrshire and Brown Swiss breeds; Patty McMurray of Eighty-four who judged Gernsey and Jersey cattle; and Paul Knight of Airville who judged Holsteins and Milking Shorthorn.

Myers and McMurray judged the supreme animal, judging those breeds other than the ones they

judged during the regular breed shows.

Polly is currently in a fifth lactation and is projected at 28,030 pounds of milk, 1,402 pounds fat, and 1,205 pounds protein. Nominated All-American, she has made more than 23,000 pounds of milk during each of her last three lactations.

She was bred by Gerald Evans of Georgetown, N.Y., and also was the 1996 reserve grand champion Ayrshire at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, the 1997 PAADS total performance winner for her breed, and 1996 grand champion of the Mid-East Spring National Ayrshire show.

Receiving honorable mention from the judges was a 3-year-old farm bred and owned Guernsey, Sinders OPP Georgie, owned by Jan Snider of Snider Homestead in New Enterprise. Fresh in October, she is projected to make more than 20,000 pounds on her second lactation.

She was a dry cow class winner at the PAADS, and reserve grand champion in November at the



From the left, state Dairy Princess Nichole Meabon stands with Jeff Reasner who holds the halter of his 1998 Pennsylvania Farm Show supreme champion, an aged Ayrshire, Sunny Acres Misty Polly, while state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. and Michele Reasner hold the banner.

Good Nut Turnout For Pennsylvania Association

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association is very excited about the turnout for their exhibit at the 1998 Farm Show.

According to Roy Wilson of Elliptsburg, Perry County, there was more of an interest, judging from the number of entries being exhibited this year. The most popular nut is the English walnut. That is because the shell is easier to crack than the other walnuts.

Not only are a wide variety of nuts on display, but the members of the PA Nut Growers Association are also talking with people as they go by and telling them about their Association. Talking with the crowd and answering questions has helped them get more members.

George Wells, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, became a member about 40 years ago after visiting the Farm Show. He is now growing over 100 different varieties of nut trees and grafting them.

Wilson also got involved in the Association after visiting the Farm Show and talking with Wells 12 years ago. According to Wilson, he enjoys growing the nut trees because they bear nuts, as well as provide shade and help in cleaning the air.

The Nut Growers Association is about 200 members strong. Their largest goal is to share information with other members as well as the public on how to grow good quality nuts.

To start growing your own nut

trees, Wilson suggested, "buy grafted trees, not seedlings if you want to start growing you own nut trees." Seedlings are not going to give you the best quality nut. Buying a grafted tree will provide a better chance that the trees will bear good nuts and, consistently, the nuts will have a good taste and they will crack easier.

Northeast American International Livestock Exposition, in addition winning three county shows.

Other contenders in the ring for the final selection included the grand champion Holstein, Globe-Run Jethro Violet, owned by Robert Norris and Globe-Run Farm. Globe-Run Farm is owned by the John Forester Jr. family and John showed her to the breed win.

An Excellent 90-percent 2E classified Holstein, Violet has been fresh two months and produc-

ing 120 pounds of milk per day. A Hanoverhill Jethro daughter, the 6-year-old was reserve champion at the 1995 Pennsylvania Holstein Association central state championship show. She also won a reserve championship in 1996 as a 4-year-old.

The top Milking Shorthorn was 4-year-old Jo-El Erica, owned by Heather Crowl. Erica was grand champion at the 1997 South Mountain Fair, and grand champion of the 1997 York Fair.

The grand champion Jersey was 5-year-old CLV Grove Miss Fatima, owned by Brian and Patricia Huff, of Winbridge Farm.

The grand champion Brown Swiss was 3-year-old, Rick-Lea Zurich Bell, owned by Joy Hess of Champion View Brown Swiss Farm in York. Bell classified 88-percent by its breed record organization.

(See results and photos of the individual breed shows next week.)

Junior Breeding Beef, Steer Show Winners Named

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- Charolais:**
Junior yearling, Lee Ann Tice.
Limousin:
Early summer calves, 1. Joh Harnish; 2. Ashley Stine.
Spring calves, 1. Jon Harnish.
Summer yearlings, 1. Frank Post Jr.
Spring yearlings, 1. Kelly Dietrich; 2. Ashley Stine; 3. Ashley Stine.
Junior yearlings, 1. LaDonna Miller; 2. Frank Post Jr.; 3. Candice Flickinger.
Hereford:
Spring calves, 1. Emilie Miller.

- Summer yearlings, 1. Kevin Rooker; 2. Kristl Rooker; 3. Matt Samsel.
Spring yearlings, 1. Amanda Dougherty.
Junior yearlings, 1. Kyle Rooker; 2. Margeaux Firestone; 3. Emilie Miller.
Simmental:
Spring calves, 1. Michelle Blauch; 2. Scott Harclerode; 3. Jamie Reid.
Junior calves, 1. Raymond Stough.
Summer yearlings, 1. Katie Myers; 2. Scott Harclerode; 3. Matt Samsel.
Spring yearlings, 1. Courtney Wolfgang; 2. John Messick; 3. Angela Blauch.



John Messick has the reserve champion Simmental.



Lee Ann Tice has the champion Charolais.



Courtney Wolfgang has the champion Simmental with Judge Mark McCann and Missy Leiden, Cattleman's Queen.

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CALVES: Vealers and slaughter calves remained at steady price levels for the week. Return to farm calves continued to be in good demand.

VEALERS: High Good and low Choice 90-95 lb 21.00-40.00, 100-115 lb 27.00-40.00; Standard and low Good 70-90 lb 23.00-40.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 150-350 lb 70.00-90.00, 300-600 lb 45.00-75.00; Utility and Good 150-350 lb 40.00-70.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 90-95 lb 90.00-120.00, 100-115 lb 95.00-124.00, small frame 45.00-87.00. Holstein heifers 90-115 lb 75.00-116.00, small frame 42.00-65.00.