

Somerset Jackpot Supreme Champion Is Shorthorn Heifer

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — When it came to a final decision for the supreme champion at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show, judge Steve Taylor, from Connersville, Ind., chose a Shorthorn heifer owned by Armstrong Farms, Saxonburg, Butler County, shown by John Allen.

The heifer had already defeated the other 14 entries to earn the grand champion heifer title. The heifer of Jeanette Hildreth won re-

serve.

Kevin Campbell, 16, of Sycamore, Greene County, had the grand champion steer, sired by Foreplay.

Tammi Grubb, 17, from Hanover in York County had the reserve champion steer, sired by Winks Polled Cornhusker.

The county exhibitor champion was awarded to Jason Fisher, as was the county club calf champion. The steer was sired by Play-It-Again.

County exhibitor reserve

champion, from Rockwood, was Luke Svonavec.

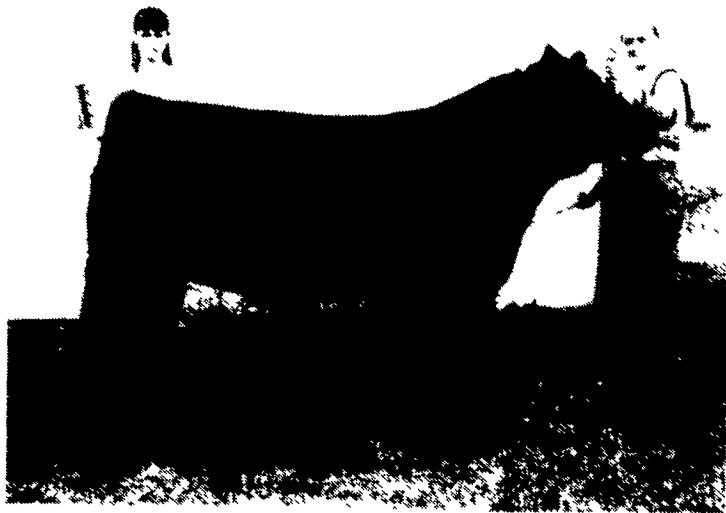
Taylor, who is the marketing representative for Umbarger Show Feeds, in his closing statement at the show's end said he was even more impressed this year with the quality he saw in the steers than when he came last year and saw outstanding animals.

"The quality of the steers is outstanding," he said, adding that in at least 40 of them he saw the potential to be shown anywhere in North America. Another 20 he said were ideal for county fairs.

One quality he liked in Campbell's steer was there was more expression in the muscles, a competitive attribute worthy of a show ring, the carcass class, and against other cattle.

"I want to express my sincere appreciation for being invited back," Taylor said. "You have a great, great set of kids."

The show was sponsored by the Somerset County Beef Producers and Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association which was represented by its beef princess, Heather Fuls, the trophy and ribbon presenter from Richland, Berks County.



Tammi Grubb holds her reserve champion steer at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show and Heather Fuls, beef princess, holds the trophy.



This Shorthorn heifer from Armstrong Farms and shown by John Allen, right, was named supreme champion at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show on June 20. Heather Fuls is a beef princess for the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association.



The club calf winner and county exhibitor trophies for Jason Fisher's steer are being held by Heather Fuls, Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association beef princess. Jason Fisher was recovering from a broken arm, so Brad Fisher is showing the steer. Judge Steve Taylor is center.



Kevin Campbell, right, with his grand champion steer at the Somerset County Beef Jackpot Show, is joined by judge Steve Taylor and beef princess Heather Fuls.

Sam Armstrong was the show chairman.

This year eight trophies were sponsored by area businesses.

Following is a list of top three in each class:

- HEIFERS**
- Class 1: 1 Armstrong Farms 2 Jordan Conner 3 Armstrong Farms
- Class 2: 1 Jeanette Hildreth 2 Tim Bishop 3 Jason Fisher
- Class 3: 1 Kevin Campbell 2 Stephen Biggerstaph 3 Tammi Grubb
- STEERS**
- Class 1: 1 Tim Bishop 2 Matt Teets 3 Richard Heineman.
- Class 2: 1 Sara Noll 2 Enc Stonesifer 3 Elizabeth Roberts
- Class 3: 1 Lucas Svonavec 2 Brittney Bryner 3 Jeff Roberts
- Class 4: 1 Jason Fisher 2 Jaclyn Upper-

- man 3 Megan Fuls
- Class 5: 1 Justin Fuls 2 Jessica Stoltzfus 3 Chad McDonald
- Class 6: 1 Kevin Campbell 2 Donnie Bensenhaver 3 Doug Koontz
- Class 7: 1 Heather Light 2 Ryan Schmuck 3 Ryan Biggerstaph
- Class 8: 1 Tammi Grubb 2 Kayla Wedge 3 Katie Noll
- Class 9: 1 Jeanette Hildreth 2 Matt Teets 3 Herman Hake.
- Class 10: 1 Reed Myers 2 Kelly Myers 3 Eric Stonesifer
- Class 11: 1 Kristy Myers 2 Andy Myers 3 William Sines
- Class 12: 1 Brandon Bryne 2 Shawn Troutman 3 Donnie Bensenhaver
- Div. I: 1 Lucas Svonavec 2 Sara Noll
- Div. II: 1 Kevin Campbell 2 Justin Fuls
- Div. III: 1 Tammi Grubb 2 Jeanette Hildreth
- Div. IV: 1 Brandon Bryner 2 Kristy Myers

Harford County Team Wins Maryland Envirothon

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A team of five students from Fallston High School in Harford County recently beat out teams from more than 15 counties across the state to win the Maryland Envirothon, an annual two-day outdoor natural resources competition for high school students.

This year's event was held June 18-20 at the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center in Montgomery County, Maryland.

As winners of the Maryland Envirothon, Harford team members Julie Weil, Mary Hryncewich, Catherine Wurster, Eric Genso, Andrew Cook, Christy Donhauser, and coach Thomas Trafton will now go on to represent the state at the National Envirothon slated for July 27 in East Lansing, Mich. More than 35 teams from the United States and Canada are expected to compete at the national event. During the past five years, Maryland teams have consistently placed in the top 10 percent at national competitions.

Established in 1991, the objectives of the Maryland Envirothon are twofold — to test student's environmental knowledge and understanding of state resource issues and to motivate young people to care for the environment by practicing stewardship in their homes, schools, and communities. Since its inception, the program has grown from 250 students to more than 1,000 students this year. The competition is sponsored by the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts and the State Soil Conservation Committee.

"This year's event was the most competitive yet, with only five points separating the second through seventh place teams," said Craig Hartsock of the Allegany Soil Conservation District, one of the event's organizers.

"The team from Harford County was truly outstanding, placing

tops in the categories of forestry, wildlife, and watersheds. I believe Harford will represent Maryland very well at the National Envirothon next month in Michigan," he said.

The Maryland Envirothon is held once a year at an outdoor environmental education center. Students taking part in the competition have been studying Maryland's natural resources for the past year in hopes of winning.

Working in teams of five (with one to two alternates), students are trained and tested in four natural resources areas including soil, aquatics, forestry, and wildlife, plus a current environmental issue that changes from year to year. This year's issue was watersheds.

The students — who hail from virtually every region in the state — rotate through the various test stations where they are asked to identify and categorize living resources, perform soil surveys, and solve other complex natural re-

source issues. The team with the highest cumulative total wins the competition and the opportunity to represent Maryland at the National Envirothon.

At the 1998 competition, the Harford team scored 449 points out of a possible 500. They were followed by teams from Howard County (420 points), Baltimore County (418 points), and Washington County (417 points).

The first Envirothon competition was held in Pennsylvania in 1979. Since then, more than 30 states, Canada, and Australia have embraced the program and sent teams to the national competition in late summer.

Contributors and supporters of the Maryland Envirothon Program also include the Maryland Department of Agriculture, National Resources and Environment, the Cooperative Extension Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

