

143 Animals At Southeast Youth Dairy Show

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NORTH CORNWALL TOWNSHIP (Lebanon Co.) — The first of two 4-H and FFA qualifying dairy shows for the state's southeast region was held Tuesday at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds.

There were 143 entries from 60 exhibitors in the five-breed show, considered a good showing.

Judges for the dairy show were Larry Swartz, Adams County Extension agent, and Thomas Smith, with the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Swartz judged Guernsey and Holstein cattle, while Smith judged the other colored breeds. Both judged showmanship.

The state youth dairy program was changed two years ago from the traditional holding of separate 4-H and FFA dairy shows.

Youth who wish to participate in the state youth show, held in September in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, must first have an animal qualify at one of the district-level shows held around the state.

The problem that was addressed by the switch was that FFA-only shows were getting some turnouts that were getting difficult to justify in terms of cost and labor.

A related perceived problem was that the disparity of participation among the shows created a situation where, according to some people, some deserving cows were being knocked out of the running for the state show, while some undeserving animals were being given the go-ahead.

However, the judging system is based upon a blue-ribbon qualifying system, whereby judges are to give blue ribbons only to those animals of sufficient quality to compete at the state level.

Judges were and are never supposed to be concerned with the number of animals from an area or region that qualify for the state show.

The rules were changed because the state show makes no distinction between 4-H and FFA membership, because the former rigidity of the qualifying program presented a scheduling problem (if not an obstacle) for those who actively tour with their animals to breed shows and fairs, and because the number of youth showing cattle has decreased as dairy farms and available facilities have decreased.

As it is now, any Pennsylvania 4-H or FFA youth with dairy cattle can attend any district qualifying show in the state, as long as the animal(s) to be shown has the required, valid health certificates,

vaccinations, and registration paperwork is submitted by show-specific deadlines to the correct show person.

Of those animals shown Tuesday, there were 32 FFA animals and 89 4-H animals, according to show officials.

In addition to the dairy breed shows to qualify for the state contest, contestants also compete for showmanship qualifications for state competition.

In the 17-19 year-old age class, Timothy Vail of Lebanon was the winner. Kevin Nolan of Cochranville was the top showman in the 14- to 16-year-old age class. Katie Lentz of Fredericksburg was the winner of the 11- to 13-year-old age class. Erin Smith of Palmyra was the winner in the 8- to 10-year-old age class.

For the third year, a fitting contest was also held in conjunction with the South East District Show. Out of seven competitors divided into three age classes, the senior age winner was Garrett Mase of Lebanon. The intermediate-aged winner was Amanda Martin of Lebanon. The junior-aged winner was Jared Zimmerman of Lebanon.

Judge for the fit-out contest was Meranda Sellers, a dairy farmer from the area.

Ayrshire

In the Ayrshire breed, the senior and grand champion was a senior 3-year-old, Dreamnol Olympic 2 Glitter, owned by Craig Nolan of Cochranville. Glitter was also named the best animal owned and bred.

According to the results provided by show officials, he also showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, 3-year-old Dreamnol Teddy Bear Lindy.

The junior champion was a fall yearling, Glen Malcolm Rachel, exhibited by Merritt Hernley of Lebanon, while Craig Nolan showed the reserve junior champion, also a fall yearling.

Brown Swiss

The senior and grand champion Brown Swiss of the show was a senior 3-year-old, TowPath Jetway Gilda, owned by Garrett Mase of Lebanon. His brother Anthony Mase showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, Pleasant Ridge Marie.

The junior champion was a spring yearling, Dublin Hills PR Pecan Twin, owned by Kristen Moyer of Womelsdorf.

The reserve junior champion was a summer yearling, One Hill Preview Abigail, also owned by Moyer.

Guernsey

In the Guernsey breed, the



From the left, Lebanon County Dairy Maid Laura Blauch and Dairy Princess Heidi Finicle present rosettes to Lynette Heffner who holds the halter of her reserve senior and reserve grand champion Holstein, while Timothy Vail holds the halter of his senior and grand champion Holstein of the Southeast District Youth Dairy Show.

senior and grand champion was a 4-year-old, Star Beck Magic Salina, owned by Andrew Ebersole of Lebanon. He also showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion, Lisstar Farm Nobles Laura, a senior 2-year-old. His senior 3-year-old, Orchard Views Perfect Lil Girl was named best bred and owned.

Ashley Stahr of Annville showed the junior champion, a winter calf. Erin Smith of Palmyra showed the reserve junior champion, a winter yearling, Lebanon Valley B Lilly.

Jersey

In the Jersey breed, the senior and grand champion was a senior 3-year-old, Hoosier Valley Just Toptin, owned by Robert Petrovich of Cochranville.

The reserve senior and reserve grand champion Jersey was a junior 3-year-old, WRF Noble Sundance, owned by Patrick Jenkins, of Toughkenamon. He also showed the junior champion, a spring yearling, WRF Terror Emma.

The reserve junior champion was a fall calf, Oakenbound Arostar Tootsie, owned by Jaclyn Troutman of Richland.

Holstein

In the Holstein breed, Timothy Vail of Lebanon showed his 4-year-old Dalec-Bred Counselor Posie to win senior and grand champion honors as well as best animal bred and owned.

Lynette Heffner of Robesonia showed the reserve senior and reserve grand champion of the show, a junior 3-year-old, Fantasyland Star Lizzie.

She also showed the junior champion, a fall calf, Fantasyland Lance Leeza.

The reserve junior champion

was a winter calf, Ju-Vindale Sky-chief Peaches, owned by Kendra Reist of Lebanon.

The next South East District Show is to be held August 24 at the Kutztown Fairgrounds.

South East District Youth Dairy Show Results

(Results provided by show officials)

AYRSHIRE
SPRING CALF: 1. Kevin Nolan.

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From the left, Kendra Reist holds the halter of the reserve junior champion Holstein, while Lynette Heffner holds the halter of the junior champion.



From the left with the senior and grand champion Guernseys of the Southeast District Youth Dairy Show are Andrew Ebersole, and Amanda Ebersole.



From the left, Ashley Stahr holds the halter of the junior champion Guernsey while Erin Smith holds the halter of her reserve junior champion.



The champion Brown Swiss of the Southeast District Youth Dairy Show are shown by, from the left, Garrett Mase who has the senior and grand champion, Anthony Mase who shows the reserve senior and reserve grand champ, Chanelle Horst who shows the junior champion and Kristen Moyer shows the reserve junior champion.