

# Somerset County Junior Dairy Show Results

**GAY BROWNLEE**

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**MEYERSDALE** (Somerset Co.) — Four cow breeds were shown at the Somerset County Junior Dairy Show at the county fairgrounds on July 14. They were Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey and Brown Swiss.

Joshua Van Tassel's five-year-old Jersey was named the supreme champion by judge John Burkett, a Pennsylvania State University alumnus from East Freedom, Blair County.

"The Jersey's balance and outstanding dairyness and superb udder make her the best animal overall," commented Burkett, who observed that many factors enter into judging the dairy characteristics for a supreme champion.

Tasha's Dunker Tara, taking the same title in 1997 for the 16-year-old Friedens teen-ager, is a daughter of the sire Greenridge Altheas Dunker, and dam Maranatha's Brass Jet Tasha.

In the Jersey breed she also was the best animal bred and owned for Van Tassel. She was senior champion and Jersey breed grand champion.

"She was supreme here last year and got grand champion at Martinsburg and second in her class at state," said Van Tassel about Tara's 1997 performance, "but I didn't think she would win again this year. I was surprised.

Reserve champion was Tara Berretta Tonya, Van Tassel's junior three-year-old Jersey.

Mossy's Choice Julia, Matthew Mosholder's four-year-old Holstein daughter of The Choice of Mark Adam-ET and RCB Blackstar Jo-EL, was the Holstein breed grand champion and senior champion. The breeder was William Mosholder.

"She has the best udder in the show today," reported Burkett about the bovine beauty.

Matt Mosholder, 16, is from Rockwood.

The Holstein reserve champion was another four-year-old named Gor-Wood-D Flip Calypso, owned by Julie Miller of Boswell.

Justin Kaufman's winter calf — Just In Henry Elma — was grand champion in Guernsey breed. Reserve champion was Someday-Acres Elsie-Ellie, a spring yearling owned by Eric Murray of Salisbury.

Kaufman is from Friedens. The Brown Swiss grand champion also was a four-year-old owned by Lance Bittner of Berlin. Four D Trishs Sandy is the daughter of Top Acres Combo Preston-ET and Four D B11 Trish. Robert Foor was the breeder.

Four D Heidi Erica, a six-year-old owned by Adam Coleman, Berlin, was the reserve champion Brown Swiss cow.

Some 80 exhibitors showed 144 animals in the show and 40 exhibitors qualified to advance to a district show.

Most probably will opt for the Southwest District Dairy Show held in Martinsburg, Blair County in early August.

"I suspect," Burkett said after the show, "that some of the winners here will be in the winners

circle again before the fair season is over."

The show went on under the discomfort of hot weather and high humidity, relieved occasionally when a wafting breeze fluttered through the show arena.

Bernida Gable from New Enterprise, Bedford County judged showmanship. Larry Lohr was the ringmaster.

Following is a list of top three placings:

**HOLSTEIN**

**Spring Calf:** 1. Julie Miller, 2. Hillary Knepper, 3. Juliana Hillegass.

**Winter Calf:** 1. Juliana Hillegass, 2. Luther Hillegass, 3. Matthew Mosholder.

**Fall Calf:** 1. Alexia Miller, 2. Justin Hillegass, 3. Michele Petenbrink.

**Summer Yearling:** 1. Juliana Hillegass, 2. Philip Petenbrink, 3. Phoebe Sharp.

**Spring Yearling:** 1. Reuben Hunsberger, 2. Matthew Mosholder, 3. Luther Hillegass.

**Winter Yearling:** 1. Jessica Rose, 2. Brian Hartman, 3. Jarrod Murray.

**Fall Yearling:** 1. Juliana Hillegass, 2. Jessica Rose, 3. Stephanie Hartman.

**Junior Champion:** 1. Juliana Hillegass, 2. Alexia Miller.

**Dry Cow 2 Years & Over:** 1. Matthew Mosholder.

**Junior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Justin Rohrbach, 2. Cassandra Knepper, 3. Meredith Murray.

**Senior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Philip Petenbrink, 2. Desirae Hillegass, 3. Reuben Hunsberger.

**Junior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Justin Hillegass.

**Senior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Julie Miller, 2. Jared Hillegass.

**Four-Year-Old:** 1. Matthew Mosholder, 2. Julie Miller, 3. Katie McWilliams.

**Five-Year-Old:** 1. Jessica Landis, 2. Robert Landis, 3. Phoebe Sharp.

**Six-Year-Old:** 1. Robert Landis, 2. Katie McWilliams.

**Dam & Daughter:** 1. Bob Landis, 2. Philip Petenbrink, 3. Katie McWilliams.

**GUERNSEY**

**Winter Calf:** 1. Justin Kaufman, 2. David Bittner.

**Spring Yearling:** 1. Eric Murray, 2. Justin Kaufman.

**Senior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Kevin Bittner.

**JERSEY**

**Spring Calf:** 1. Joshua Van Tassel, 2. Wendy Rose.

**Fall Calf:** 1. Leah Horning, 2. David Bittner, 3. Rebecca Van Tassel.

**Summer Yearling:** 1. Joshua Van Tassel, 2. Susanna Thomas, 3. Hannah Speigle.

**Spring Yearling:** 1. Ezra Van Tassel, 2. Sarah Van Tassel, 3. Elizabeth Thomas.

**Winter Yearling:** 1. Melissa Powell.

**Fall Yearling:** 1. Lance Bittner, 2. Kristi Ann Michael.

**Dry Cow 2 Years & Over:** 1. Jarrod Murray, 2. Sarah Van Tassel.

**Junior 2-Year-Old:** 1. Wendy Rose.

**Junior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Joshua Van Tassel, 2. Matthew Moyer.

**Senior 3-Year-Old:** 1. David Bittner.

**Four-Year-Old:** Ezra Van Tassel.

**Five-Year-Old:** 1. Joshua Van Tassel, 2. Ezra Van Tassel, 3. Lance Bittner.

**Six-Year-Old:** Wendy Rose.

**Dam & Daughter:** 1. Sarah Van Tassel, 2. Ezra Van Tassel, 3. Wendy Rose.

**BROWN SWISS**

**Spring Calf:** 1. Dana Bittner, 2. Adam Coleman, 3. Rebekah Fox.

**Winter Calf:** 1. Dustin Bittner, 2. Kevin Bittner.

**Fall Calf:** 1. Gretchen Fox, 2. Lance Bittner.

**Summer Yearling:** 1. Gretchen Fox.

**Winter Yearling:** 1. Rebekah Fox, 2. Gretchen Fox, 3. Jill Fox.

**Senior 3-Year-Old:** 1. Kevin Bittner.

**Four-Year-Old:** Lance Bittner.

**Six Years & Older:** 1. Adam Coleman.

**Dam & Daughter:** 1. Lance Bittner.

**Grand Champion Showman:** 1. Julie Miller, 2. Juliana Hillegass, 3. Matthew Mosholder.



Joshua Van Tassel is pictured with his supreme champion Jersey cow at the Somerset County Junior Dairy Show. From left, alternate dairy princess Becky Ray; dairy princess Melissa Powell. At right, judge John Burkett.



The grand and reserve champion Holsteins, four-year-olds, are pictured at the Somerset Junior Dairy Show. From left the reserve with Julie Miller, dairy princess Melissa Powell, grand champion with Matthew Mosholder.



At left, with his grand champion Brown Swiss animal at the Somerset Junior Dairy Show is Adam Coleman; Melissa Powell, dairy princess then the reserve champion Brown Swiss and owner Lance Bittner.



Somerset Junior Dairy Show Guernsey champions from left, are the grand champion with Justin Kaufman, dairy princess Melissa Powell; reserve champion with Eric Murray and Becky Ray, alternate dairy princess.



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