

# Lancaster County Captures Regional 4-H Meats Competition

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INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — "Here," said Radell Peters as he handed the ribbon to his coach, Jeff Craig, Little Britain. "Hang this on your office bulletin board. You did the work to help us."

Moments before, Radell, along with team members Ryan Donough, Jimmy Zimmerman, and Derick Bollinger, captured first place team at the Southeast 4-H Pennsylvania Meats Judging Contest at Stoltzfus Meats, Intercourse.

Craig, a processing technician at Stoltzfus Meats, has been coaching the county teams since 1990. Lancaster County itself captured state championship in meats judging during 4-H Achievement Days at Penn State in 1985, when Craig was a member.

Craig noted that the ribbon will be on display, eventually, in the Farm and Home Center.

This was the first time that Stoltzfus Meats hosted the contest, held in previous years at Godfrey Brothers in York.

Since April, the team has met 10 times for a total of 30 hours of practice time at the meat processing plant.

If Lancaster County wins the state competition in early August at University Park, they go onto the national competition held in conjunction with the American Royal, noted Chet Hughes, Lan-

caster livestock agent, who helped coordinate the meats judging contest. The National 4-H Meats Judging Contest is held in the Kansas City in the fall.

Radell, who also won champion overall individual, was only 20 points away from scoring a perfect 300. The next place individual scored a 179.

According to Hughes, the 4-H'ers are judged individually on meat retail cuts. They are also scored on their ability to judge carcasses and wholesale and retail classes. They must also give oral reasons.

Helping with the carcass quality contest was Bill Henning, Penn State extension meats specialist. He noted that the 4-H members "have to understand what beef quality ratings are and what is acceptable to the industry."

Many of the 4-H'ers can learn more about meats quality, identifying exterior and interior fat, and yield grading by participating in practice contests.

There were 13 4-H participants in the contest. Following is a list of show placings.

## SOUTHEAST PA. 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

Overall Individual: 1. Radell Peters. 2. Ben Weist. 3. Ryan Donough.  
ID Score: 1. Radell Peters. 2. Ben Weist. 3. Ryan Donough.  
Team Score: 1. Lancaster. 2. Berks. 3. York.



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Lancaster County captured first place team at the meats judging contest. Team members are, from left, Ryan Donough, Jimmy Zimmerman, Radell Peters, and Derick Bollinger.



Overall individual winners at the meats competition were, from left, Radell Peters, first; Ben Weist, second; and Ryan Donough, third.

## Lebanon County Announces Holstein Field Night

FREDERICKSBURG (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Holstein Association has announced that its annual field night is to be held 7 p.m., August 7, at JIMANDOT Holsteins, owned by James and Dot Bennetch of Millbach Springs.

The Bennetch family farm is located along Rt. 419, between Schaefferstown and Womelsdorf. James and Dot have two teenage children, Jessica and Christopher, who own and show Holsteins. The family also enjoys bicycle riding.

The mouth of the farm lane is located between two residential properties on the north side of the roadway, and can be difficult to spot by motorists and first-time guests.

Signs are to be erected to direct attention to the lane.

The Bennetches milk 67 registered Holsteins that have a June rolling herd average of 28,886 pounds of milk, 953 pounds of fat and 905 pounds of protein without the use of bovine somatotropin injections.

Included among some of the production highlights of the herd are a 2-year-old Encore daughter that this year topped 43,000

pounds of milk in a first lactation, again without the use of any milk production stimulants.

Also in the herd is a 6-year-old Leadman daughter that this year made a 365-day record of more than 57,000 pounds of milk.

The Bennetches use an older bank barn that has been retrofitted with tunnel ventilation, and have been one of the first in the area to construct a greenhouse-style facility (actually designed for livestock, not plants) to raise calves.

Included in the field night activities are a judging contest with prizes for the top three places in each category, and door prizes have been provided by local businesses.

The evening meal is to be sponsored by Nutrena Feeds.

Guest speaker is to be Donald Seipt, owner of Keystone Farms, and past national Holstein president.

According to Terry Shuey of Little Hill Farm, Fredericksburg area, one of the event's organizers, "Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an evening of good cows, good people, good food and good fellowship."

For more information, call Shuey at (717) 933-8095.

## 4-H Dairy Show

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RESERVE JR CHAMP: Andrew Smith.  
GRAND CHAMPION: Brian Smith.  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: Andrew Smith.  
BEST BRED AND OWNED: Brian Smith.

### JERSEY

SPRING CALF: 1. Tiffany Donough; 2. Janine Leaman.  
WINTER CALF: 1. Stephanie Donough; 2. James Mullen.  
SUMMER YEARLING: 1. Marc Waltemyer.  
WINTER YEARLING: 1. Morgan Thomas.  
JR CHAMPION: Tiffany Donough.  
RESERVE JR CHAMP: Stephanie Donough.  
JR 2-YR-OLD: Timothy Donough.  
SR 2-YR-OLD: Morgan Thomas.  
SR 3-YR-OLD: Stephanie Donough.  
5-YR-OLD: Stephanie Donough.

SENIOR CHAMPION: Morgan Thomas  
RESERVE SR CHAMP: Stephanie Donough.  
GRAND CHAMPION: Morgan Thomas.  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMP: Stephanie Donough.  
CHAMPION BRED AND OWNED: Stephanie Donough.  
RESERVE CHAMPION BRED, OWNED: Stephanie Donough.  
DAM, DAUGHTER: Stephanie Donough.

### HOLSTEIN

SPRING CALF: 1. Morgan Thomas; 2. Zachary Morrow; 3. Zach Akers.  
WINTER CALF: 1. Jacob Brown; 2. Neal Hershey; 3. Cheryl Hershey.  
FALL CALF: 1. Nicole Weik; 2. Marc Waltemyer; 3. Joshua Akers.  
SUMMER YEARLING: 1. Marc Waltemyer; 2. Ellis Kreider.  
SPRING YEARLING: 1. Ashley Frey; 2. Blake Brubaker; 3. Ellis Kreider.

WINTER YEARLING: 1. Justin Wivell; 2. Philip Weiler; 3. Matthew Groff.  
FALL YEARLING: 1. Lindsey Howard; 2. Philip Weiler; 3. Thomas Spring.  
JUNIOR CHAMPION: Lindsey Howard  
RESERVE JR CHAMPION: Morgan Thomas.  
DRY COW 2-YR-OLD: 1. Mary Zeng.  
SR 2-YR-OLD: 1. Benjamin Weik; 2. Justin Wivell.

JR 3-YR-OLD: 1. Crystal Brubaker.  
SR 3-YR-OLD: 1. Crystal Brubaker.  
4-YR-OLD: 1. Heather Brubaker.  
SENIOR CHAMPION: Benjamin Weik.  
RESERVE SR CHAMP: Crystal Brubaker.  
GRAND CHAMPION: Benjamin Weik.  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMP: Crystal Brubaker.  
BEST BRED, OWNED: Benjamin Weik.  
RESERVE BRED, OWNED: Delmar Oberholtzer.  
DAM, DAUGHTER: 1. Benjamin Weik.



Showing the Jersey breed champions of the Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Show are, from the left, Morgan Thomas with her grand champion, Stephanie Donough with the reserve grand champion, Tiffany Donough with the junior champion, and Timothy Donough with Stephanie's reserve junior champion.