

Lancaster 4-H Livestock Shows Held

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LAMPETER (Lancaster Co.) —

The grand champion steer at the Lancaster County 4-H beef round-up was shown by Jessica Schmidt, Drumore. And the reserve grand champion was shown by Ryan Donough, Manheim.

The lightweight champion was shown by Megan Little, and the reserve champion lightweight was shown by Jessica Stoltzfus.

Sarah Nolt's mediumweight steer followed the grand champion in class, and Dean Livengood's heavyweight steer followed the reserve grand champion in class.

In the showmanship classes, Jill Hoffines was champion and won the annual Intell steer for her work. Reserve champion showman was

Dean Livengood, who won the \$300 check from *Lancaster Farming*.

In the farm show steers, Sarah Nolt had first place; Travis Donough was second, and Dean Livengood was third.

In the beef heifer show, Jill Hoffines had the grand champion, and Jessica Schmidt had the reserve grand champion.

In the pygmy goat showmanship contest, Mark Graybill was named the grand champion, and Monica George was the reserved grand champion.

Amanda Grube exhibited the top market goat, and Brian Geib had the reserve champion market goat.

The top placings are as follows:

STEERS

Lightweight, class 1, 1. Megan Little; 2.

Katrina Frey; 3. Jason Rohrer. Lightweight, class 2, 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jessica Rohrer; 3. Jimmy Zimmerman.

Mediumweight, class 1, 1. Jill Hoffines; 2. Ryan Groff; 3. Nicole Hess. Mediumweight, class 2, 1. Jessica Schmidt; 2. Sarah Nolt; 3. Rachel Keener.

Heavyweight, class 1, Ryan Donough; 2. Joelynn Donough; 3. John Hess. Heavyweight, class 2, 1. Dean Livengood; 2. Katie Nolt; 3. Adam Zurin.

SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1, 1. Jill Hoffines; 2. Dean Livengood; 3. Travis Donough.

Class 2, 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Jessica Schmidt; 3. Nicole Hess.

Class 3, 1. Amanda Grube; 2. Daniel Fox; 3. Sarah Nolt.

Class 4, 1. Joelynn Donough; 2. Adam Zurin; 3. Katrina Frey.

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Amanda Grube shows the champion market goat at the 1998 Lancaster 4-H round-up.

DFP Testimony Supports Northeast Compact

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Responding to an announcement by the Northeast Compact Commission that hearings have been reopened for oral testimony, officials of Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) said the milk marketing cooperative would be represented in the new hearing scheduled to take place Sept. 2.

DFA leaders said they are working on a position that will meet the needs of the Commission, the market place and the dairy farmers who are owners of DFA.

In testimony before the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission early in July, Dairy Farmers of America, the nation's largest dairy marketing cooperative, reiterated its support for the Northeast Dairy Compact, but told Commission members the cooperative could not support amendments that would disallow transfers or diversions of milk to qualify for Compact payments.

Testifying on behalf of the Northeast Area of DFA, Eastern region sales manager Dean K. Ellinwood said DFA could not support a proposed amendment that, if approved, would exclude milk

from the pool which is either diverted or transferred in bulk out of the Compact regulated area. The end result of such an amendment would be to disqualify such diverted or transferred milk from the Compact over-order producer premium.

Ellinwood said DFA could not support the amendment because of the negative impact such action would have on efforts to balance the market in times of oversupply. "Federal orders provide for and allow milk to be diverted out of the regulated area in order to meet the daily, weekly, holiday and seasonal balancing needs of processors," said Ellinwood. "DFA helps balance the New England Market on a daily basis by moving milk out of the area when it is not needed. In order to keep the expense of transportation costs to a minimum, we currently reload milk that is produced in New England and transport that milk to other locations outside of the current compact geographic area."

"The Commission's proposed amendments should be parallel to, not perpendicular to the Federal Order requirements," said Ellin-

wood. The disqualifying of all transfers and diversions from producer premiums only penalizes the dairy farmer that the Compact is intended to help. In fact, such action would actually affect Vermont producers compact premium in a negative manner," he added.

Concluding his remarks, Ellinwood urged Commissioners not to adopt the proposed amendment concerning milk diversions and transfers. "Such a move would only financially hurt the people we are trying to help, our dairy farmer owners," he said.

Dairy Farmers of America is a dairy marketing cooperative with 22,000 members in 42 states. DFA markets more than 38 billion pounds of milk, supplying bottling and manufacturing plants that produce a complete line of dairy products for consumers in the United States and around the world.



Dean Livengood received the \$300 check from *Lancaster Farming* for his reserve championship showmanship.

Field Day Aug. 25

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — What's the potential for narrow corn and Bt corn on Lancaster County farms? This question will be the focus of an evening field day planned for Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Penn State Southeast Field Research Farm near Landisville.

According to Bob Anderson, Lancaster County extension agent, these two technologies appear to have a place in southcentral Pennsylvania corn production.

Bob Anderson, Lancaster County extension agent; Dr. Greg Roth, Penn State Agronomy Department; and John Yocum, Penn State Agronomy Department, are in the second year of two studies. The first study was designed to determine the advantages and disadvantages of planting corn in narrow rows. The second study looks at the optimum planting time for the use of Bt corn. The studies are located on the Penn State Farm, located off Auction Road between Landisville and Manheim.

While only one year of yield data is available at this time, it appears that there are advantages to narrow rows which are associated with planting dates and plant populations. Bt corn also appears to have an optimum time for planting. In 1997 narrow row study in-

cluded four planting dates between late March and mid June, two corn varieties one with upright leaves and the other with normal leaves, and two populations planted in conventional 30-inch rows and in narrow 15-inch rows.

Yield data was obtained for both grain yields and silage yields. Silage yields were also evaluated for feed value. The study was replicated again in 1998 using only one plant population, four planting dates, two varieties, and the two row widths. A second study conducted in 1997 evaluated Bt and non-Bt corn planted on April 29 and May 30. The planting date showed a significant correlation between planting date and use of Bt corn. This study is being replicated again in 1998.

The field day will highlight the results of the 1997 studies while showing the 1998 plots. Area corn growers and other persons interested in corn production are invited to attend the field day. Bring your questions about narrow row corn and Bt corn along to the meeting. Anderson, Roth, and Yocum will be on hand to discuss the results of the study and to answer questions.

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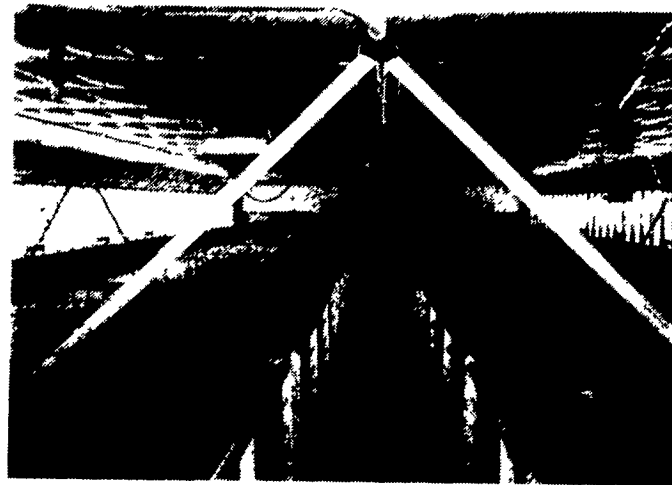
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