

Brown Swiss Supreme Of Kutztown Dairy Shows

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — A senior 3-year-old Brown Swiss cow owned by Brandon Treichler of Kutztown late last week was named supreme champion of the Kutztown Fair dairy shows.

The Brown Swiss, one of two milking animals entered in the breed show, outperformed grand champions from seven other breeds — Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey (the largest show of the colored breeds), Lineback, Milking Shorthorn, and Red & White (Holsteins).

The judge for the colored breed shows was Ray Seidel of Kerchenhill Holsteins, Kutztown. The Holstein show was held earlier in the week and was reported in the August 15 issue of *Lancaster Farming*.

The Kutztown Fair colored breed youth and open division shows are essentially the same.

Treichler not only won supreme and breed show grand champion with his Rivervale Brandon Pride, he also showed the junior champion of the Brown Swiss show, a junior yearling, Rivervale Challenge Charity.

Jill Vail of Myerstown showed the reserve grand champion Brown Swiss, a 4-year-old, Myline Dotson Ambition.

The reserve junior champion Brown Swiss was the second place junior yearling, Rivervale Blend Georgia, owned by Brett Treichler.

While Vail showed the reserve grand Brown Swiss, she had a sweep of the Ayrshire breed with her entries.

The grand champion Ayrshire was Vail's senior 2-year-old, Allmine Heligo's Ambrosia.

The reserve grand champion was a 4-year-old, Myline Trident's Reebok.

The junior champion Ayrshire was a junior yearling, Myline Andres Aspen, while the reserve junior champion was an intermediate calf, Allmine Heligo Milwaukee.

In the Guernsey breed, the grand champion was a senior 2-year-old, Roselyn Prince Jay-ET, showed by Nathan Phillips of Mertztown. It was the only Guernsey in milk exhibited.

The reserve grand champion was the junior champion, also exhibited by Phillips, a senior yearling, Stonemill WG Billy Faith.

The reserve junior champion Guernsey was an intermediate calf, Stonemill WGS Jon Kolean, owned by Kara Brendlinger of Kempton.

In the Jersey breed, the senior and grand champion was a junior 3-year-old, JMJ Imperial Cranberry, owned by Jill Neiman of Fleetwood.

Neiman also showed the reserve junior champion of the show, a senior yearling, JMJ Malcolm Blueberry.

The reserve senior and reserve grand champion was the second place junior 3-year-old, Limekiln Lester Jubilee, owned by Benjamin Mast of Oley.

Andrew Youse of Oley showed the junior champion, an intermediate calf, Sybrook Kent Lynn.

The Lineback breed was represented by one animal, a junior 3-year-old, Pocopson Meadow Becky, exhibited by Kerry Hoffman of Bernville.

In the two-animal Red & White show, the grand champion was the junior champion, an intermediate yearling, Jaylu Adonis Heidi, exhibited by Brett Treichler. The reserve grand champion was the reserve junior champion, a senior calf, Fawnridge Needa Jewel, shown by Brandon Treichler.

In the three animal Milking Shorthorn show, Joell Koller of Leesport showed all animals. His junior 3-year-old, Pinesedge YoPla of Kusmar, was senior and grand champion, while his intermediate calf, Kusmar Shammrock Patti, was junior champion and reserve grand champion.

Koller's senior yearling, Pinesedge Patti of Kusmar, was

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Joell Koller in the center, showed her champion Milking Shorthorns with help from friends and family. From the left, Stephanie Orth, Joell, and Keil Yoder.

Corn Harvesting Equipment

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The no-till plot was planted into rye stubble and hairy vetch. The same applications were applied.

The corn picker draws the stalk into an area that pinches the corn and pulls it off, similar to how it is done by hand in the field.

According to several growers, the challenge is coming up with a machine that can differentiate

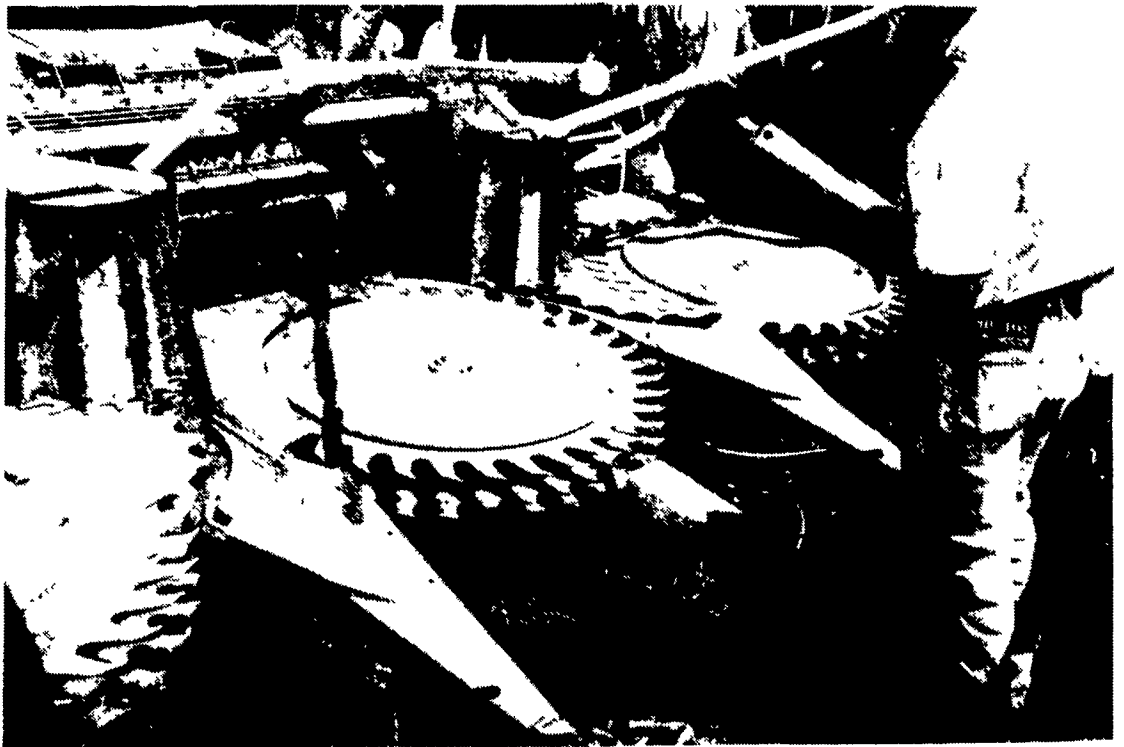
between useful, marketable ears and those that won't sell on the auction block or at the farm market. Trouble is, according to a grower from Lancaster County, the machine processes all ears equally.

Varieties need to be planted, if using the picker, that mature at the same time.

Also, according to an equipment demonstrator, growers need to consider several factors before

deciding to pay about \$26,500 for the machine, including materials and labor cost and sweet corn market prices, before deciding on the cost effectiveness of the picker compared to hand-picking.

The growers had a chance to look into the wagon at the sweet corn picked by the harvester. Many noted that the sweet corn ear size was sufficient.



The two harvesters demonstrated to the crowd included one that uses a rotating blade and the other with a conventional chopping silage head.



In a separate demonstration, sweet corn growers were provided information on several varieties of bicolor sweet corn planted both no-till and conventionally tilled. The demonstration at the test plots was on a corn picker by a company based in Wisconsin.



Kerry Hoffman shows his grand champion Lineback of the Kutztown Fair.