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TIMONIUM, MD. - An aged Brown Swiss cow proved she could hold her own against some stiff competition in the showing here at the Cow Palace at the fairgrounds in Timonium.

When all was said and done, Shen-Val Jades Kara, the milky 7-1/2-year-old Brown Swiss, edged out her competitors and was named supreme champion of all the dairy breeds here at the Maryland State Fair.

Judges for the supreme champion dairy cow contest were Jim Burdette, a Holstein breeder from southern Pennsylvania; Gary Culbertson, a Holstein breeder from New York; and Jeff Myers, who works with the Maryland State 4-H program.

Judge Myers emphasized that he felt this was the best all-around group of cows that has been at the state fair in the last several years. "She won", he said, "but she won with some real stiff competition."

Myers said the cow's maturity and her combination of dairyness and strength gave her the edge she needed to take home the supreme cow title.

"She's an aged cow who handles her legs extremely well. She has an outstanding mammary system. And she just had the quality throughout," he explained

Kara, scored Excellent -92, is owned and exhibited by Elliot Kueffner, of Boonsboro, Washington County, Maryland Dale Bendig led the cow around the ring

Fresh in March, Kara started the show season off this year by taking home the grand champion rosette at the 1998 Ohio spring show She had a 350-day record at 4-10 of 28,399 pounds of milk, with 1,264 pounds, 4.5% of fat and 1,064 pounds, 3.8% of protein.

For her win, Kara was awarded the Richard N. Wills supreme champion dairy cow trophy, presented by George Wills and Susan Hunter.

Competing with Kara for the supreme champion title were the grand champions in each dairy breed show at the state

fair.

The grand champion Ayrshire was Sunnyfield BBK Presence, a junior 3-year-old owned and exhibited by Maple Dell Farm, Woodbine, Maryland. The Ayrshire was producing more than 80 pounds of milk a day.

The grand champion Guernsey was Dix-Lee Perfecto Fawna-Twin, a 5-year-old bred and owned by Brett Dixon of Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland.

Fawna has been grand champion at numerous other shows, including the Maryland Guernsey field day open and 4-H shows, the national junior Guernsey show at Louisville in 1997. She was supreme champion this year at the Maryland state 4-H show, reserve grand champion Guernsey at the 1997 Maryland state fair open and 4-H shows, and was a reserve All-American Guernsey in 1997.

The grand champion Holstein was Hickory-Green Wauren Star, a 4-year-old owned and exhibited by Chris and Budgee Hill and Paul Harrison III of Burkitsville, Md. She had a 3-year-old record of 296 days, where she made over 30,5000 pounds of milk with 1,033 pounds, 3.8% fat and 885, 2.9% protein.

The grand champion Jersey was Curtseys KJ Holly. Scored Excellent- 93, the Jersey was exhibited by Waverly Farms, Clearbrook, Virginia, and shown by Paul Stiles.

Holly was grand champion this year at the New York spring show, and was reserve supreme champion there also She has a 3-4 record of 207 days making 14,132 pounds of milk with 595 fat and 494 protein. She has a projected ME (mature equivalent) of 21,446 pounds of milk, 87% of fat, and 740 of protein.

The grand champion Milking Shorthorn was Spring Meadows Arthurs Destiny, a senior 3-year-old owned and exhibited by Emily Ollum of Spring Meadows Farms in Centerburg, Ohio. Destiny is a past grand champion at the Montgomery County Fair, and had a 2-03, 305 day record of 15,500 pounds of milk, 591 pounds, 3.8% fat, and 506 pounds, 3.3% protein.

Brown Swiss Is Supreme At Maryland State Fair



Dale Bendig holds the halter of the Maryland State Fair supreme champion dairy cow, Seh-Val Jades Kara. Next to him are, from the left. Erin Feuillet, Maryland dairy princess; George Wills and Susan Hunter, family members presenting the Richard N. Wills supreme champion dairy cow trophy; and Emily O'Hara, Maryland farm queen.



Showing the grand champions of the Maryland State Fair are, from the left, Emily Ullom at the halter of the grand champion Milking Shorthorn; Paul Stiles with the grand champion Jersey; Norman Hill with the grand champion Holstein; Brett Dixon with the grand champion Guernsey; Dale Bendig with the grand champion Brown Swiss; and Nickie Patrick with the grand champion Ayrshire.

4-H Center Benefit Auction Sept. 26

HONEY BROOK (Chester Co.) - For the benefit of more than 4,500 4-H members in Chester County, a new exhibition building was built a couple of years ago.

To complete the final goals of the center, a Romano 4-H Center Benefit Auction is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 26, with a silent auction at 3 p.m. and a live auction at 6 p.m.

Many dedicated volunteers are needed to help with the auction. Also, items for the benefit auction can be handmade or can include antiques, gift certificates, sporting events tickets, artwork, farm products, and other items.

For more information, contact Tom and Nancy Marsh, Honey Brook, at (610) 273-3478 or Pat or Laurie at the extension office, (610) 696-3500.



The Romano 4-H Center Benefit Auction is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 26, with a silent auction at 3 p.m. and a live auction at 6 p.m. Items that have gone for auction in the past are held by, from left, Dennis Ginder, Penn State extension; Pat Taws, with the 4-H center; and Matthew, Amy, and Laura Dunn.