

Holly Manross Shows Supreme At Crawford 4-H Dairy Show

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MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.)
— The grand champion Holstein Wil-Aire Tyler Barbera, a senior 3-year-old Holstein cow owned and shown by Holly Manross of Saegertown was selected as supreme champion of the 265 dairy animals shown at the Crawford County 4-H Dairy Roundup in Meadville.

Reserve grand champion Holstein went to A Jay B Star WCM Mohawk, a 4-year-old shown by Emily Alsdorf, Spartansburg. Kevin Doeberiner, Jamestown, showed the junior champion, a fall calf named Queens-Manor Vanity. Reserve junior champion went to Heather Morrell, Cochran, with her spring calf, Campbell-Run EN Anita. Junior best bred and owned Holstein went to Justin Morrell, Cochran, for his winter calf, Ebe-Tide Broker Stacy. Senior best bred

and owned went to Matthew Morrell with his senior two Ebe-Tide Black Jack Idora, which was also named supreme senior best bred and owned.

Jeremiah Anthony of Meadville showed his 5-year-old Jersey, Justa-Dream Starbuck Luella to grand champion honors in the Jersey competition. Anthony's cow was also named reserve supreme champion. Reserve grand champion Jersey went to Jennifer Miller, Cambridge Springs, with her aged cow Justa-Dream S Jay Natalie. Heather Morrell won junior champion with her summer yearling, Justa-Dream Silver J Walnut. Jason Miller's fall yearling, Justa-Dream D C Baby was named reserve junior champion and supreme best owned and bred junior animal. The fall yearling in milk, A-Jay Alf Anna, owned and bred by Joel Alsdorf was selected senior owner breeder in the Jersey show.

Dolly Run V Starburst, a junior 3-year-old owned and shown by Brenda Smith, Centerville was selected as grand champion and senior best bred and owned Guernsey and honorable mention in the supreme champion competition. Brenda's sister Emilie showed the reserve grand champion, Dolly Run FREE Butterfly, a 4-year-old. Junior champion honors went to Lund Pension Pancake, a spring calf owned by Elizabeth Lundgren of Hartstown. Emilie Smith showed the reserve junior champion a fall yearling named Dolly Run THUN Berrie.

The grand champion Brown Swiss was Pinesedge Blend Renee, a senior three owned by Alaina Braymer of Saegertown. Reserve grand champion went to Emily Marzka with her senior two Kelly Run Sweet Rose, which was also selected senior owner breeder. Lacey Zacostecky, Springboro, showed the junior champion a winter calf named Gerber Prophet Doll Jackie. Reserve junior champion and junior best bred and owned went to RA-MAR Prophet Katie a summer yearling shown by Erin Raney, Adamsville.

Honey Creek Glenda Lor, a junior 2-year-old, shown by Carlton Miller, Spartansburg was named grand champion Milking Shorthorn. Reserve grand went to the junior champion Lone Maple



Holly Manross shows off her grand champion Holstein and supreme champion of the Crawford County 4-H Roundup held at the Crawford County Fair.

Curry, a spring calf shown by Alicia Dengler of Saegertown. Reserve junior champion and junior owner breeder went to Dengler's fall calf, Lone Maple Savory.

Allison Furry of Guys Mills showed the grand champion Ayrshire, Sundae's MM Sandra, a 5-year-old. Reserve went to Katie Allen, Conneaut Lake, with her senior three, Allen-Farms Retake Carmen, which was also senior best bred and owned. Allen also showed the junior champion and junior best bred and owned, Allen Farms Milkman Catie, a fall calf. Reserve junior champion went to Sun-Burst Jynx Deann, a spring calf, shown by Heather Williams of Atlantic.



The 4-H Grand Champion Jersey Justa-Dream Starbuck Luella shown by Jeremiah Anthony.



Allison Furry poses with her cow, Sundae's MM Sandra which was selected Grand Champion Ayrshire at the Crawford County 4-H Roundup.

Meat Evaluation Center Posts Ram Lamb Sale Results

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center has announced the results of Pennsylvania's 20th Performance-Tested Ram Lamb Sale.

The day's activities were held at Penn State's Ag Arena beginning at 9 a.m. with the Pennsylvania Sheep Producers' Field Day. A Skill-a-Thon was well received by the youth and was educational for both the contestants and the observers. The Field Day committee — Bob Calvert, Dick Luzemchak, Don Hunter, and Jo Anne Evans — presented prizes to the more successful participants.

Dr. Erskine Cash, professor of animal science at Penn State, presented "Who is getting fleeced?", a discussion on evaluating body composition of market lambs and the resulting carcasses and relative dollar value differences among lambs.

Dr. Leser Griel, professor of veterinary science at Penn State, presented "What Does Gene Testing for Scrapie Mean?" Keith Bryan, an instructor in animal science, demonstrated livestock evaluation and ultrasound technology and applications.

The sale commenced promptly at 2 p.m. Samuel E. Hayes Jr., Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture, addressed the crowd and informed them that he is working toward the construction of a new Meat Animal Evaluation Center. Hayes observed the sale and visited with many of the sheep producers. Dr. Terry Etherton, head of Penn State's Department of Dairy and Animal Science, welcomed the crowd to Penn State and its facilities.

Senior Dorset rams were sold first and garnered the top average price. The fall-born Dorsets average \$418. The top selling senior Dorset was consigned by Jessica Stoltzfus and was purchased by Max DeHart of Milton for \$575. The second highest selling senior Dorset was consigned by Penn State and sold to M.R.E. Enter-

prises of Mt. Solon, Va. for \$550.

Seven Hampshire rams averaged \$229. The top-indexing Hampshire ram, consigned by Dana McDonald, was purchased by Laura Feeney of Groton, N.Y. for \$300. The top price of \$300 for Hampshire rams was shared by a ram consigned by Jim and Melody Parlett and one consigned by Dana McDonald. These rams sold respectively to William Adams of Albion and Nancy Dana of Utica.

The top-indexing junior Dorset consigned by William Willets Jr. was sold to Kathy Glovack of Peryburg, N.Y. for \$275. The top-selling junior Dorset was the third high indexing Dorset owned by Meenie Sullivan. This ram was purchased by Charles Brown of Spring Grove for \$350. The 16 junior Dorsets sold for an average of \$235.

The top-indexing Suffolk was the junior Suffolk consigned by Lyn-Lee Farms and purchased for \$300 by Justin Smith of Dorcas, W. Va. The second highest indexing Suffolk, consigned by John Scott Jr., was sold to Settlemire and Sons of Brunswick, Maine, for \$600, who also selected another John Scott Jr. consignment for \$650, the top price of the entire sale. This was one of only two Suffolks to test homozygous dominant for resistance to scrapie. The 12 Suffolks averaged \$308.

Thomas Baca of Blairsville purchased the top-indexing Cheviot for \$325. The two Cheviot rams in the sale were consigned by Charles Orr Jr. and averaged \$213.

Two Polypay rams consigned by John Scott Jr. were sold for \$125 to James Swigart of McVeytown and to Robert Deller of Daltown.

Craig Fleck consigned a Montadale ram that was sold to William Hooks of Dayton for \$125.

The 52 rams offered for sale were all sold for an average of \$280.

The Invitational Ewe Sale offered 11 Suffolk, spring-born ewe lambs which sold for an average of \$163. Twelve Dorset ewes

averaged \$254. The top selling price for a ewe was garnered by a fall-born Penn State ewe lamb, purchased by Shane and Diane DeVan, Harrisburg for \$375.

The four Hampshire ewe lambs averaged \$174 and the Oxford ewe lamb sold for \$200.

The 28 purebred ewes attained an average price of \$205.

Eighty registered bidders from eight states attended the sale of this group of ewes and performance-tested rams. Rams sold into seven states.

For more information about Pennsylvania's performance test-

Survey Will Allow Input For National Pesticide Initiative

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Growers who produce field corn or potatoes may be asked to participate in a survey tracking how agricultural chemicals are used. The survey is being conducted by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

The data being collected in support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Pesticide Impact Assessment Program (NAPIAP).

"The survey is intended to establish a baseline of information for the USDA and the Environmental Protection Agency on how agricultural chemicals are used, and the quantities that are used for certain crops, said William Hoffman, senior extension asso-

ciate in Penn State's Pesticide Education Program. "This information will be used by regulatory agencies to establish pesticide levels that conform with the accepted guidelines for accumulated pesticide residues set by the recently enacted Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA).

"When agencies consider whether to cancel agricultural chemicals or establish tolerance levels for residues, they seek information on usage patterns, economics benefits and other factors," Hoffman said. "The data also will help Penn State produce relevant fact sheets and educational materials for growers interested in topics such as seed usage, tillage, and integrated pest management."

Approximately 600 growers will be selected to take part in the survey. They will be asked

ing programs, or the bull, boar and ram sales, contact Glenn Eberly, Director, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Meat Animal Evaluation Center, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16803, (814) 238-2527 or (814) 865-5857 message and/or fax.

which chemicals they use, how many acres are treated, application rates, integrated pest management practices, and grower characteristics.

"Typically, the interview lasts an hour," Hoffman said. "Producers should prepare by having their agricultural chemical use records near at hand so the interview goes quickly and smoothly."

Hoffman emphasized that all information from individual growers will remain confidential.

"Farmers have a direct stake in responding to the survey," Hoffman said. "For instance, potato and corn growers rely on such compounds as dithane, Bravo, and lorsban. Use of these compounds could be scaled back or eliminated under the tighter regulatory usage standards dictated by the FQPA. Accurate pesticide usage information is needed for the continued use of these chemicals."

Hoffman also points out that information on usage patterns often influences manufacturers' decisions to submit a product for re-registration and approval with regulatory agencies. "Usage data are crucial in the approval process," he said.

Following the collection and analysis of survey data, state and national estimates of agricultural chemical use by the surveyed grower groups will be published in mid-1999.

