

# Manheim Farm Show Sale Fetches Premium Prices For Exhibitors

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**MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.)** — One-hundred sixty-six animals went on the Manheim Farm Show auction block amid torrential downpours late last week at the fairgrounds.

All week long exhibitors, judges, and spectators had to endure monsoon-like rains throughout the fair, bringing record one-day rainfalls to the area.

But the Friday night sale featured the calls of auctioneer Bob Wolgemuth echoing throughout the livestock barn.

Marlin Becker, one of the sale coordinators, noted to the spectators, buyers, and friends at the sale that all four champions of the different species at the farm show were all first-time winners. "That's kind of unusual," he said.

But the inclement weather didn't put a stop to the bids. In all, \$97,388.50 was raised at the sale, including champions and resales.

Grand champion goat, weighing 70 pounds, was exhibited by Celeste Landis, Lititz, and sold for \$4.50 a pound to Manheim Auto Auction. Fulton Bank purchased the reserve champion, a 78-pound goat exhibited by Amanda Grube, Elizabethtown, for \$5 a pound.

In all, 17 head of goats were sold, raising \$5,381.50.

Tracy Zimmerman, Manheim, exhibited her 250-pound grand champion swine at the Manheim Farm Show. Her hog sold to Manheim Auto Auction for \$4.75 a pound. Reserve champion swine at Manheim, a 263-pound hog also shown by Tracy, sold to EMM Sales and Service for \$4 a pound.

Altogether, 100 hogs sold for \$48,294.25.

Travis Donough, Manheim, exhibited the 129-pound sale lamb, which sold for \$3.25 a pound to Jacob H. Ruhl Insurance. The 119-pound reserve sale lamb, exhibited by John Tracy, Elizabethtown, sold for \$3.25 a pound to Fulton Bank.

Thirty-four lambs sold for a total of \$11,283.20.

Grand champion steer, weighing 1,298 pounds and exhibited by Ryan Groff, Manheim, sold for \$2.50 per pound to Manheim Auto Auction. Before the sale, Jessica Stoltzfus, who showed the reserve champion, was picked as homecoming queen, so instead, the 1,293-pound Shorthorn/Angus crossbred was paraded by Travis Donough and sold for \$1.50 a pound to Hoss's Steak and Seafood House.

There were 17 steers sold for a total of \$32,429.55.



Grand champion lamb at Manheim, exhibited by Travis Donough, right, was purchased for \$3.25 a pound by Jacob H. Ruhl Insurance. From left, Nevin Dourte, representing Ruhl Insurance; Sarah Zurlin, Manheim fair queen; and Travis.



Ryan Groff exhibited the grand champion steer at Manheim, weighing 1,298 pounds, which sold for \$2.50 a pound to Manheim Auto Auction. From left, Ryan Groff, Greg Gehman, of the auction; and Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen.



Reserve champion steer at Manheim, exhibited by Jessica Stoltzfus and shown here by Travis Donough, center, was sold for \$1.50 a pound to Hoss's Steak and Seafood. From left, Rob Billet, district manager for Hoss's; Travis; and Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen.



Reserve champion swine at Manheim, a 263-pound hog shown by Tracy Zimmerman, left, sold to EMM Sales for \$4 a pound. From left, Tracy; Jack Conrad, EMM Sales representative; and Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen.



Tracy Zimmerman, center, exhibited her 250-pound grand champion swine at the Manheim Farm Show last week. Her swine sold to Manheim Auto Auction for \$4.75 a pound. From left, Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen; Tracy; and Greg Gehman of the auto auction.



Grand champion goat at the Manheim Farm Show was exhibited by Celeste Landis, center, and sold to for \$4.50 a pound to Manheim Auto Auction, represented by Greg Gehman, left. At right is Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen.



Reserve sale lamb at the Manheim Farm Show was exhibited by John Tracy, second from right, and sold to Fulton Bank for \$3.25 a pound. From left, Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen; Mike Firestine, Fulton Bank; John; and Lowell Fry, of the bank.



Fulton Bank purchased the reserve champion goat exhibited by Amanda Grube at Manheim Farm Show for \$5 a pound. From left, Fulton Bank representatives Lowell Fry and Sean McKinney, Grube, Mike Firestine, of the bank, and Sarah Zurlin, farm show queen.

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