

Supreme At Westmoreland Fair Goes On To Nationals In Louisville

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SCOTSDALE (Westmoreland Co.) — A Jersey Sr. 3-year-old has won the supreme dairy award at the Westmoreland County Fair. Shown by Amy Jo Hixson, Scott-

dale, the winner has gone a long way since winning the title August 28. Most recently, she traveled to the Jersey Junior National Show, Louisville, Kentucky for the national event on November 7-9. On November 4, Mickey (or Stoney

Hollow Brook Mickey), the Westmoreland dairy supreme champion traveled ahead of her showing companion, "to get used to the place" before the big show on the weekend.

"We're going for the exercise. I hope she's not last," said Amy Jo before the national show where "there are lots of animals from all over. I know there are better animals around, because I saw them at Harrisburg" where she competed in both the All-American show and the Pennsylvania state show. Amy and Mickey placed third in the state open class.

And they did very well at the national, bringing home a seventh place and were rated second among the competitors from Pennsylvania. Stephanie Carson, Washington County, who participated in another show class, was rated first among the Commonwealth participants.

This was the second trip to the Westmoreland fair for this animal, which had come in third in 1997. "The maturing that comes with freshening a couple times" made the difference according to Amy Jo's mother. "We have one of her

did."

The steps to the national included shows where first and second can go on to the next level. Amy Jo and Mickey won first in the Mon Valley District Show at Washington, then went on to grab first in the 4-H state show, Harrisburg.

Amy is a student at Southmoreland High School in Westmoreland County. Her parents Jerry and Barbara Hixson, and grandma Betty run a 150-acre dairy farm

includes the whole family and a neighbor, James Buttermore as an employee. They currently milk about 60 head of their 200-head herd.

Though her preference for showing is the Jersey, the milking herd is about half Holstein and half Jersey. The farm raises corn silage, hay and hay silage, and soybeans. They sell the milk to the Karl Colteryhan Dairy Incorporated, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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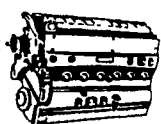
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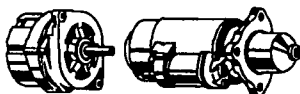


Amy Jo Hixson, Scottdale, with Mickey (or Stoney Hollow Brook Mickey), dairy supreme champion in the Westmoreland County Dairy placed seventh in the national Jersey show in Louisville. (Photo by David Hiebert)

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