

# 1999 Pennsylvania Farm Show Results

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**SHAGBARK HICKORIES, OTHER NAMED CULTIVARS:** 1 Jay R Book 2 George D Wells  
**SHAGBARK HICKORIES, SEEDLINGS:** 1 George D Wells 2 Anna Mae Book 3 Jay R Book  
**SHAGBARK HICKORIES, KERNELS - FULL PINT JAR:** 1 Miles O Nolt 2 George D Wells 3 Jay R Book  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, KEYSTONE:** 1 Jay R Book 2 George D Wells  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, FAYETTE:** 1 Jay R Book 2 George D Wells  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, HENRY:** 1 George D Wells  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, HOFFEDIZ:** 1 George D Wells  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, OTHER NAMED CULTIVARS:** 1 George D Wells 2 Miles O Nolt  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, SEEDLINGS:** 1 George D Wells  
**SHELLBARK HICKORIES, KERNELS - FULL PINT JARS:** 1 George D Wells 2 Anna Mae Book 3 Jay R Book  
**HICKORY HYBRIDS, FAIRBANKS:** 1 George

**D Wells**  
**HICKORY HYBRIDS, OTHER NAMED CULTIVARS:** 1 George D Wells  
**PECANS, COLBY:** 1 Jere M Groff 2 Tucker Hill 3 George D Wells  
**PECANS, PERUQUE:** 1 Miles O Nolt 2 George D Wells  
**PECANS, BUSSEY:** 1 Miles O Nolt 2 Tucker Hill 3 George D Wells  
**PECANS, INDIANA:** 1 Jere M Groff 2 Miles O Nolt 3 George D Wells  
**PECANS, MAJOR:** 1 Miles O Nolt 2 George D Wells  
**PECANS, OTHER NAMED CULTIVARS:** 1 Miles O Nolt 2 George D Wells 3 Jere M Groff  
**PECANS, SEEDLINGS:** 1 Jill Lippert 2 George D Wells  
**PECANS, KERNELS - FULL PINT JARS:** 1 Miles O Nolt 2 Charles A Richcrick 3 Tucker Hill  
**HICANS, WRIGHT:** 1 George D Wells  
**HICANS, PLEAS:** 1 Tucker Hill  
**HICANS, BURLINGTON:** 1 George D Wells  
**HICANS, OTHER NAMED CULTIVARS:** 1 George D Wells 2 Jill Lippert  
**HICANS, SEEDLINGS:** 1 George D Wells

**HICANS, KERNELS - FULL PINT JAR:** 1 George D Wells 2 Tucker Hill 3 Gladys Hill  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, BARCELONA:** 1 George D Wells 2 David R Longdserrf  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, LONGFELLOW:** 1 Charles A Richcrick  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, NON PARIEL:** 1 George D Wells  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, BUTLER:** 1 Charles A Richcrick  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, ENNIS:** 1 Charles A Richcrick  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, POTAMAC:** 1 George D Wells  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, DUCHILLY:** 1 Tucker Hill  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS, ROYAL:** 1 David R Longdserrf 2 George D Wells 3 Charles A Richcrick  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUTS SEEDLINGS:** 1 Tucker Hill 2 Charles A Richcrick 3 Gladys Hill  
**FILBERTS OR HAZELNUT KERNELS - FULL PINT JAR:** 1 Gladys Hill 2 Tucker Hill 3 Charles A Richcrick  
**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, ABUNDANCE:** 1 Ralph Gable 2 Dean Gable 3 Sandra

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**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, CRANE:** 1 George D Wells 2 Bruce Frymire  
**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, MEILING:** 1 George D Wells  
**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, NANKING:** 1 Charles A Richcrick 2 George D Wells  
**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, ORRIN:** 1 Jay R Book 2 George D Wells 3 Charles A Richcrick  
**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, OTHER NAMED CULTIVARS:** 1 Roy R Wilson 2 Peter S Orchards 3 George D Wells  
**CHINESE CHESTNUTS, SEEDLINGS:** Jay R Book 2 Fred Bodenber, 3 Beth Bodenber  
**ALMONDS:** 1 Sally Renoehl 2 Bertram Harner  
**ALL OTHER NUTS, WHOLE:** 1 Wilfred H Longdserrf 2 Thane Lafollette 3 Jacob C Lamme  
**ALL OTHER NUTS, KERNELS - FULL PINT JAR:** 1 George D Wells  
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**ALL OTHER NUTS, EXOTIC AND MINOR FRUITS:** 1 Gladys Hill 2 Michael Tracz 3 Tucker Hill

**INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT:** 1 James E SmithIII, 2 Anna Mae Book 3 Jay R Book  
**BEST AMERICAN BLACK WALNUT:** 1 Miles O Nolt  
**BEST PERSIAN (ENGLISH) WALNUT:** 1 Fred Bodenber  
**BEST BUTTERNUTS:** 1 Roy R Wilson  
**BEST HEARTNUTS:** 1 Fred Bodenber  
**BEST BUARTNUTS:** 1 Roy Wilson  
**BEST SHAGBARK HICKORIES:** 1 Jay R Book  
**BEST SHELLBARK HICKORIES:** 1 George D Wells  
**BEST HICKORY HYBRIDS:** 1 George D Wells  
**BEST PECANS:** 1 Miles O Nolt  
**BEST HICANS:** 1 George D Wells  
**BEST FILBERTS:** 1 Tucker Hill  
**BEST CHINESE CHESTNUTS:** 1 Jay R Book  
**BEST ALMONDS:** 1 Sally Renoehl  
**BEST OTHER NUTS AND FRUITS:** 1 Gladys Hill  
**BEST OF SHOW AWARD:** 1 Miles O Nolt  
**BEST SEEDLING OF SHOW AWARD:** 1 George D Wells  
**BEST KERNELS OF SHOW AWARD:** 1 Charles A Richcrick  
**LARGEST OF SHOW AWARD:** 1 Fred Bodenber

## Leister Wins Potato Grading Contest

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — George Leister, from Adams County, took high honors in the individual 4-H Potato Grading and Identification competition at this week's 83rd PA Farm Show. In addition to his individual efforts, he and his team members pulled together to claim the top high team A honors. The fellow team members were Jason Kraft, Bradley Orndorf, and Brian Baldwin.

The York County team A was awarded second place and was followed by the Lehigh County team A in third place.

Following George Leister in the high individuals was Lucas Kraft of York County in second place; Jason Keler of Adams County in third place; Katie Harwick of Lehigh County in fourth place; and Shelly Vandine of Lycoming County in fifth place.

In the team B competition, Lehigh County was in first place, Indiana County claimed second

place, and Adams County was third place.

The Adams County team has prepared for the contest every week since the beginning of November. The coaches of the Adams County teams were Lela Reichart and Jerry Tyson.

Forty-three contestants entered the competition on Tuesday, January 12. In the competition, the contestants had to participate in three parts. The first part required them to identify defects. Such defects could be with the skin, diseases, insects, or shape. Each of these factors affects the grading of potatoes. In the next phase, participants must grade 100 potatoes within 3 minutes. Finally in the last phase, four plates of potatoes must be ranked in a first to fourth placing.

At the conclusion of the awards presentation Donald Wellbroock, the Department of Agriculture Fruit and Vegetable supervisor, talked with the youth about oppor-

tunities in the potato industry.

Placings are as follows:

### POTATOES OPEN

**WHITE SKIN:** 1. Padula Farms. 2. Norman & Susan Voortman. 3. Norman & Susan Voortman.

**WHITE SKINNED, YELLOW FLESH:** 1. Norman & Susan Voortman.

**RUSSETED SKIN:** 1. Andrew Hower. 2. Norman & Susan Voortman. 3. Padula Farms.

**RED OR BLUE SKIN:** 1. Norman & Susan Voortman. 2. Norman & Susan Voortman. 3. Norman & Susan Voortman.

**MAJOR CHIPPING POTATO:** 1. J.E. Smith. 2. Timothy Billig. 3. L.M. Smith.

**CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION:** Andrew Hower

### POTATOES JUNIOR

**WHITE SKIN:** 1. Daniel A.G. Billig. 2. George Billig. 3. George Billig.

**RED OR BLUE SKIN:** 1. Tim Komar.

**CHAMPION JUNIOR DIVISION:** Daniel A.G. Billig.

**LARGEST POTATO:** 1. Padula Farms. 2. Daniel A.G. Billig. 3. Nathan Tallman.

**GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBIT:** Andrew Hower.

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBIT:** Padula Farms.

### 4-H POTATO GRADING & IDENTIFICATION

**A-TEAMS:** 1. Adams County. 2. York County 3. Lehigh County.

**B-TEAMS:** 1. Lehigh County. 2. Indiana County. 3. Adams County.

**INDIVIDUALS:** 1. George Leister. 2. Lucas Kraft, Jason Keler.

## 158 Head Sold In Duroc Sale

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — The Wetzel Family of Rossiter, Indiana County, received \$375 for the sale of its supreme champion Duroc at the 1999 Pennsylvania Farm Show's swine sale.

Jamie Wetzel, son of Ken and Anna Wetzel, exhibited the champion Duroc. Larry Arnold of Arnold's Durocs, Womelsdorf,

Lebanon County, purchased the supreme champion gilt.

The swine sale average was \$251.60 for the 158 head sold. Jerry Underwood of Alger, Ohio purchased the top gilt sold at the sale for \$1,300. The sale total was \$39,755.

The auctioneer for the sale was Harry H. Bachman of Lebanon County.

## FFA Awards At Farm Show

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** Following is a list of Farm Show FFA placings.

### FFA LANDSCAPE EXH-OVERALL

**OVERALL:** 1. Littlestown HS. 2. Biglerville

**HS. 3. Lancaster Co. - Brownstown.**  
**BEST DESIGN:** 1. Littlestown HS.  
**BEST PLANT MATERIALS SELECTION:** 1 Littlestown HS.  
**BEST NON-LIVING MATERIALS SELECTION:** 1. Littlestown HS.  
**BEST LANDSCAPE BLUEPRINT:** 1. Littlestown HS.

## Sheep Shearing School

I just received notice of this year's Professional Sheep Shearing School. A two-day workshop has been scheduled for March 13 & 14 at the Cornell University T & R Center in Dryden, New York. Even though many of you would not be interested, you may know of somebody who is shearing sheep in your region and would be interested in improving upon their sheep shearing skills. These workshops are organized to allow all participates to receive basic hands-on instruction in the areas of proper animal restraint, shearing techniques, equipment maintenance, and wool preparation.

Mr. Doug Rathke, a professional shearer of Hutchinson, MN will be conducting the two-day workshop. The course will be limited to 16 shearers on a first-come basis. Deadline for registration is February 15, 1999.

To register send your name, mailing address, phone number and a check or money order made out to Doug Rathke and mail to Doug at 61231 MN Hwy 7, Hutchinson, MN 55350. Doug will send a confirmation of your registration and further details on the workshop upon receipt of your check.

You may contact Doug direct at (320) 587-6094 should you have any questions.

## Raising Early Sweet Corn Could Give Marketing Edge

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Plastic mulch could help sweet corn growers in Ohio and surrounding states get a jump on the market, said Ohio State University horticulturist Mark Bennett.

The mulch — basically sheets of plastic — traps heat from the sun and warms the soil underneath faster than normal to the 55 degrees Fahrenheit required for sweet corn seed germination. Soil under the plastic mulch is 2 to 5 degrees above normal in the mornings and 5 to 12 degrees warmer by mid-afternoon, Bennett said. Under normal weather conditions, this allows growers to harvest sweet corn 10 to 12 days earlier from plantings made in late March in southern Ohio and into April in the north.

Bennett will discuss methods and advantages of raising early sweet corn at the 1999 Fruit and Vegetable Growers Congress in Toledo at 9:45 a.m. on Feb. 5. The congress runs from Wednesday, Feb. 3 through Friday, Feb. 5.

Having sweet corn ready early allows growers to hit a profitable window before the market in flooded with corn from other nearby growers or shipped in from other parts of the country, Bennett said. Growers can usually sell the early corn for a little more than usual by beating the supply glut.

It's costs about \$240 per acre for material and labor to apply plastic mulch," he said. "At that price, a grower needs to pick up about 80 dozen ears of sweet corn more than normal to break even."

Buyers who come for early corn also may come back for more corn or other products later in the summer. So it's a good way to draw in customers, Bennett said. And, sweet corn planted under plastic mulch usually produces about 10 to 15 percent more corn because of improved seedling establishment.

But like most aspects of farming, there are gambles involved. If there is a warm spring, soil temperatures may heat early naturally, and the money spent on plastic mulch could be wasted, he said. In fact, if it gets too warm, the increased heat under the plastic could even damage the corn if the plastic is not cut.

For this reason, Bennett suggests sweet corn growers use plastic mulch on only about 10 percent of their acreage — just

enough to supply people who will want to buy corn early. The rest of their acreage can be planted at normal dates to supply corn for the rest of the summer.

"Plastic mulch is used widely, especially in Canada, but there are a lot of little tricks and you have to consider the whole system," he said. "Results will vary year to year based on temperatures and how close they are to normal."

The 1999 Fruit and Vegetable Growers Congress is scheduled at the Toledo SeaGate Centre in conjunction with the Roadside Marketing Conference and at the Ohio Grape-Wine Short Course. More than 1,600 growers and industry-affiliated personnel are expected to attend the joint conferences and trade show.

For more registration information on the Ohio Fruit Growers Society at (614) 249-2424. For information on the Ohio Grape-Wine Short Course, contact the Ohio Wine Producers Association at (800) 277-6972.

