

Desirae Hillegass Shows Supreme At Somerset

GAY BROWNLEE

Somerset Co. Correspondent
MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — "She's a good cow," said Desirae Hillegass after "Locker-Lane Emory Babe," a senior 3-year-old was named Supreme at the Somerset County Fair's Dairy Show. Babe was the Holstein breed grand champion.

"She's come a long way," added Hillegass, 20, from Mountain View Farm, Berlin. "This is her fifth show this year and she was grand champion at three."

Out of MJR Blackstar Emory, Babe's birth date was December 14, 1995. Wayne E. Schrock, Grantsville, Md. was the breeder.

The Pennsylvania State University junior is majoring in dairy animal science and ag-education, but concentrates on the large dairy operation, specifically calves, when classes aren't in session.

Her parents are Doug and Debra Hillegass and brothers are Justin and Jared.

Hillegass encourages juniors when they first begin to show animals not to give up. Hers was a long journey to the top, but she gained experience until showing her first grand champion at age 17.

"Pay attention to the registered cows in the herd," she advises. "Try to develop good cows. It takes a lot of time and special treatment."

A senior 3-year-old, owned and bred by Philip Petenbrink Garrett, was named Holstein reserve grand champion. Destiny Charles Julie out of Boulet Charles was born October 28, 1995.

Kristi Ann Michael, Meyersdale, had the Jersey breed grand champion in Italia Farms Fright, Nov. 6, 1996 out of Comfort Royal Alf. She was shown in the Senior 2-year-old class. Angela Poligardo, Meyersdale, was the breeder.

The Jersey reserve grand champion was Char-dale Teejay Paula, out of HL Duncan Hill, March 11, 1993. Owner Lance Bittner of Berlin showed her in the six years and older class. Charles D. Johnson, Somerset was the breeder.

Meredith Murray's spring calves, out of Kuszmar Alfairs Othello, were grand and reserve champions in the Milking Shorthorn breed.

Cranapple's Cherry-Twin was grand, and Cranapple's Chocolate-Twin was reserve. Meredith Murray was the breeder.

A summer yearling was the Ayrshire grand champion in Vine-mont Evremonde Emma owned by Eric Murray, Salisbury.

Out of Melody-Lane Evremonde, the breeder was Tabb, Lyle and Sons, Inc., Kearneysville, W. Va.

Adam Coleman's Fall Calf, Colecream Sensation Bea, out of VB Spices Sensation was the Brown Swiss grand champion.

Coleman, from Berlin, had the Brown Swiss reserve champion with Four D Trishs Sandy, a 5-year-old out of Top Acres Combo Preston. Robert D. Door, Berlin, was the breeder.

In the Guernsey breed, Justin Kaufman's Winter Yearling Just In Henry Elma, out of Solum Grand Henry, was named the grand champion. The breeder was Elmer M. Yoder, Meyersdale.

Kaufman, from Friedens, also had the Guernsey reserve champion showed in the Winter Calf Class — Just In Loral Lacey - out of Trotacre Mercury Loral. Kaufman was also the breeder.

Following is a partial list of placings:

HOLSTEIN

SPRING CALF: 1. Justine Stoltzfus. 2. Meredith Murray.
 WINTER CALF: 1. Justin Hillegass.
 FALL CALF: 1. Jenna Fox. 2. Shannon McWilliams.
 SUMMER YEARLING: 1. Justin Rohrbaugh.
 SPRING YEARLING: 1. Jenna Fox. 2. Susan Hartman.
 WINTER YEARLING: 1. Stephanie Hartman. 2. Lacey Coleman.
 FALL YEARLING: 1. Michele Petenbrink. 2. Katie McWilliams.
 JUNIOR CHAMPION: 1. Justin Hillegass. 2. Jenna Fox.
 JUNIOR 2-YEAR-OLD: 1. Bruce Hartman.
 SENIOR 2-YEAR-OLD: 1. Stephanie Hartman. 2. Susan Hartman.
 JUNIOR 3-YEAR-OLD: 1. Justin Rohrbaugh.
 SENIOR 3-YEAR-OLD: 1. Desirae Hillegass. 2. Philip Petenbrink.
 5-YEAR-OLD: 2. Philip Petenbrink.
 DAM & DAUGHTER: 1. Justin Rohrbaugh. 2. Jarrod Murray.

JERSEY

SPRING CALF: 1. Elizabeth Thomas. 2. Benjamin Powell.
 WINTER CALF: 2. Jessica Rose.
 FALL CALF: 1. Susanna Thomas. 2. Nicole Powell.
 WINTER YEARLING: 1. Scott Leister. 2. Christopher Powell.
 FALL YEARLING: 1. Elizabeth Thomas. 2. Leah Homing.
 SENIOR 2-YEAR-OLD: 1. Kristi Michael. 2. Lance Bittner.
 DRY COW: 2. Jennifer Stahl.
 6-YEARS & OLDER: 2. Lance Bittner.
 DAM & DAUGHTER: 2. Lance Bittner. 2. Jennifer Stahl.

BROWN SWISS

FALL CALF: 1. Adam Coleman.
 SUMMER YEARLING: Rachael Leister.
 SPRING YEARLING: Derek Leister.
 WINTER YEARLING: Kevin Bittner.



A senior 3-year-old Holstein owned by Desirae Hillegass, Berlin, was named Supreme Champion at the Dairy Show of the Somerset County Fair. Also pictured are Judge Paul Neer, Somerset County Dairy Princess Susanna Thomas of Boswell, and Bobbie Black representing the show sponsor, The Daily American, Somerset.

FALL YEARLING: Lance Bittner.
 5-YEAR-OLD: Lance Bittner.
 DAM & DAUGHTER: Lance Bittner.

GUERNEY
 WINTER CALF: Justin Kaufman.
 WINTER YEARLING: David Bittner.

JUNIOR 2-YEAR-OLD: Justin Kaufman.
 DAM & DAUGHTER: Justin Kaufman.

Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Show Held

COLLEGEVILLE (Montgomery Co.) — Fourteen dairy cows with six dairy breeds represented were exhibited at the Montgomery County 4-H Fair in Creamery. Karen Vail of Myerstown judged the cattle for type (body structure) and fitting (how well the animal is groomed). In addition, each 4-H'er was judged on their ability to show their bovine during the contest.

This year's supreme champion of the show was a 3-year-old Holstein, Hallowell's Jurist Jody, exhibited by Sean Hallowell of Bechtelsville. An antique gallon milk container representing milk from the supreme champion's milk was later auctioned off to the top bidder, Freddy Hill Farms of Lansdale for \$495 as part of Montgomery County's market animal sale. Proceeds from the milk container are split between Sean and the Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Club. The junior supreme champion was a spring calf, Hallowell's Patron Blue, exhibited by Amber Hallowell of Bechtelsville.

Holsteins exhibited by Sean Hallowell and Amber Hallowell both of Bechtelsville were the Holstein grand champion and reserve grand champion, respectively. Grand champion for the five colored breeds are as follows: Ayrshire, Kathrine Dunning of Schwenksville; Brown Swiss, Chris McGinnis of Souderton; Guernsey, Amber Hallowell; Jersey, Chris McGinnis; Milking Shorthorn, Kevin McGinnis.

The fitting and showing portion of the dairy show was divided into three classes. Juniors (Jr.), ages of 8 to 10, Intermediates (Int.) ages 11 to 14, and Seniors (Sr.) ages 15 to 18. In the Jr. Fitting, Kathrine Dunning received Jr. Fitting honors. For the Int. 4-H'ers Amber

Hallowell of Bechtelsville and Kevin McGinnis of Souderton received fitting and reserve fitting awards. Showmanship champion and res. champions went to Amber Hallowell and Kevin McGinnis. In the Sr. 4-H class, Chris McGinnis and Sean Hallowell were 1st

and 2nd place in the fitting and showmanship contest, respectively.

All participants of the 4-H dairy show were required to complete a project book for each animal. The 4-H dairy experience helps teach the basics in how to care for animals and the economics involved with raising dairy animals. For more information on Montgomery County's 4-H dairy program contact Lou Saporito at (610) 489-4315. 4-H is part of Penn State Cooperative Extension. The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by

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Sean Hallowell of Bechtelsville (left) exhibiting Montgomery County's 1999 4-H Dairy Show Supreme Champion, Hallowell's Jurist Jody and Amber Hallowell of Bechtelsville (far right) exhibiting the Junior Supreme Champion Hallowell's Patron Blue. Also pictured is dairy show judge Karen Vail of Myerstown.



1999 Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Show Breed Champions from left to right: Milking Shorthorn, Kevin McGinnis of Souderton; Ayrshire, Kathrine Dunning of Schwenksville; Holstein, Amber Hallowell; Brown Swiss, Chris McGinnis of Souderton; Jersey, (owned by Chris McGinnis) of Souderton; Guernsey Amber Hallowell of Bechtelsville (shown by Seth Wolfgang).

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