

# Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup Largest Show In Years

**HONEY BROOK** (Chester Co.) — The Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup was conducted in early August here at the Romano 4-H Center of Chester County.

A total of 27 4-H dairy goat projects were exhibited, with exhibitor participation up 20 percent over last year.

This year the show was divided into three breed classes — Alpines, Nubians, and Toggenburgs. The pre-4-H Cloverbud and 4-H classes were combined for the show.

Dan Torrison of Quakertown not only placed the animals but also instructed the 4-H'ers in how to improve their animals through breeding.

In the Alpine breed, Erin Whitesel of Landenberg captured senior and grand champion with her doe, Lollypop, in the does 1 and 2 years of age class. Andrew Kurtz of Morgantown received the reserve senior and reserve grand champion title in the combined show of pre-4-H and 4-H with Lively, a doe also in the 1 and under 2 years of age category.

Joe Batchelder of Glen Mills received reserve senior and reserve grand champion in the 4-H only show with Jellyrole, who showed in the 3-5 years of age group. Marmelade, who showed in the 4- to 12-month-old kid class, was the junior champion for Erin Whitesel, with Andrew Kurtz winning the reserve junior ribbon with Merry, who also showed in the 4- to 12-month-old class. In the 4-H-only show, reserve junior champion went to Chad McKee of Coatesville with Mist.

Melissa Wertz of Downingtown swept top honors in the Toggenburg class when *Cassy*, who showed in the 5 years of age and older class, was named senior and grand champion. Melissa also received the reserve senior and reserve grand champion with *Muffin*, a doe in the 3- to 5-year-old class. The junior champion in this

division went to Kokomo, a kid under four months of age, and reserve junior champion to Raisenette, a 12- to 24-month-old kid; both owned by Melissa.

In the Nubian Breed, Torrison selected a 3- to 5-year-old doe named *Midnight*, owned by Veronica Bates of Gradyville, for senior and grand champion. Reserve senior and reserve grand champion went to Veronica's doe, *Buttercup*, who showed in the five years of age and older class. *Poppy Seed*, a kid in the 12- to 24-month-of-age class, also owned by Veronica, was awarded junior champion. Reserve junior champion went to Melissa Wertz with *Jenny*, a kid in the 4- to 12-month-old class.

The highlight of the roundup was when the judge selected Me-

lissa Wertz's outstanding grand champion Toggenburg doe, *Casey*, for best in show honors. Erin Whitesel received the reserve award with her Alpine doe, *Lollypop*.

In the fitting and showing competition, Chad McKee was the junior champion showman for members under 14 years old. Joe Batchelder was named junior champion fitter for the same age group. In the senior competition, Melissa Wertz received champion showman and Veronica Bates was awarded champion fitter. In the first-year division, Erin Whitesel received both champion showman and champion fitter awards. In the pre-4-H or Cloverbud competition, Selena Bari of Downingtown won the champion fitter award and Andrew Kurtz was named champion showman.



Dairy goat breed champions, from left, Alpines, 4-H and pre-4-H combined reserve grand champion, Andrew Kurtz, and grand champion, Erin Whitesel.



4-H Dairy Goat Show, from left, Nubian, reserve grand champion Veronica Bates (held by Joe Batchelder) and grand champion Veronica Bates.



Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Show, Toggenburg, from left, reserve grand champion Melissa Wertz (held by Joe Batchelder) and grand champion Melissa Wertz.



Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Show, best of show, from left, reserve best of show, Alpine, Erin Whitesel and best of show, Toggenburg, Melissa Wertz.

## 16-Year-Old Mercersburg Youth Takes Top Honors At Fair

**MERCERSBURG** (Franklin Co.) — The Franklin County 4-H Beef Club held its annual junior market steer show in August at the Franklin County Fair. There were 21 exhibitors in the fitting and showmanship competition classes. The judge was Doug Musser from Mount Joy.

Judge Doug Musser complimented the youth for a job well done.

Matt Hawbaker, 16, Mercersburg, was named the champion fitter of the show. Justin Conner of Loudon Road, Chambersburg, was named champion shower.

Matt Hawbaker also showed the grand champion steer and Jodi Meyers of Greencastle showed the reserve.

In the open division, Jordan Conner showed the grand champion steer and his brother Justin Conner showed the reserve.

### Other placings were as follows: FRANKLIN COUNTY STEER SHOW RESULTS

**Novice Class**  
FITTING: 1. Nicholas Wingert. 2. Jaclyn Upperman. 3. Logan Miller.  
SHOWING: 1. Jaclyn Upperman. 2. Nicholas Wingert. 3. Logan Miller.

**Intermediate Class**  
FITTING: 1. Mathew Stahl. 2. Shawn Meyers. 3. Maria Metzler.  
SHOWING: 1. Kristina Dice. 2. Jordan Miller. 3. Mathew Stahl.

**Senior Class**  
FITTING: 1. Matt Hawbaker. 2. Jordan Conner. 3. Micah Hawbaker.  
SHOWING: 1. Justin Conner. 2. Matt Hawbaker. 3. Jodi Meyers.

**Conformation Classes**  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Kristina Dice. 2. Logan Miller. 3. Garrett Rice.

MEDIUM WEIGHT: 1. Andrew Dice. 2. Justin Conner. 3. Jason Metzler.  
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Jodi Meyers. 2. Shawn Meyers. 3. Eli Rotz.

MEDIUM HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Matt Hawbaker. 2. Lauren Cooper. 3. Nicholas Wingert.

HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Jaclyn Upperman. 2. Micah Hawbaker. 3. Maria Metzler.

**Open Division**  
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1. Jordan Conner. 2. Justin Conner.

MEDIUM WEIGHT: 1. Jaclyn Upperman. 2. Aaron Hartman.

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