

## New England 4-H'ers Travel To Big E To Compete In Dairy Shows

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — About 200 4-H'ers came from around New England to compete against one another in dairy competitions that included dairy shows, quiz bowls, fitting contests, and showmanship, here at the 1999 Big E.

The first few days of the fair are devoted to youth competitions that culminated with the

showmanship classes.

In the Ayrshire breed, Jeanie Graffam of Falmouth, Maine, captured the grand champion award, and Zachary Woodis of Spencer, Mass. took home reserve.

Maine won the Ayrshire state herd contest.

Seth Conway of Jefferson, N.H., took home the Brown Swiss grand champion trophy,

and Brian Whitlow, of Warren Conn. won reserve. The Brown Swiss State Herd blue ribbon went to New Hampshire's entry.

Vermont's Misty Koloski won the Guernsey grand champion award, and Emily Everett of Williamsburg, Mass., was awarded reserve. Vermont's entry in the state herd class won first place.

In the Holstein show, Natalie Keene's 2-year-old heifer won the grand champion for the breed. She is from Auburn, Maine. Peter Erb of Landaff, N.H., took home the reserve grand champion honors. Keene's animal was a member of Maine's first-place state herd.

The grand champion in the Jersey show was owned by Lindsy Shaw of Orwell, Vt. Reserve was given to Kristin Lilly of Gill, Mass. New Hampshire won the state herd class.

Shannon Walker of East Randolph, Vt. took home the grand champion honors and New Hampshire's Shawna Stark won reserve. New Hampshire also claimed the state herd trophy.

Other results are as follows:

### Big E

#### Dairy Show Results

##### 4-H DAIRY - AYRSHIRE

SPRING CALF. 1. Katie Fanell 2. Sarah Cottrell  
WINTER CALF: Zachary Smith.  
FALL CALF. 1. Mark Costello. 2. Emily Archer 3. Casey Marsteller  
SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER: 1. Charlene Archer 2. Andrew Rida 3. Travis Bingham.  
SPRING YEARLING HEIFER: 1. Emil Ponté. 2. Robert Drown. 3. Harold Deering  
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER 1. Sarah Jeffrey



2. Kyle Graffam  
FALL YEARLING HEIFER Faith Everett  
JUNIOR CHAMPION. Charlene Archer  
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Katie Fanell  
2-YEAR-OLD HEIFER 1. Zach Woodis 2. Kevin Before 3. Peter Brodeur  
3-YEAR-OLD COW Jeanie Graffam  
SENIOR CHAMPION Jeanie Graffam  
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION Zach Woodis  
GRAND CHAMPION Jeanie Graffam  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION. Zach Woodis  
STATE HERD 1. Maine 2. Massachusetts 3. Vermont

##### 4-H DAIRY - BROWN SWISS

SPRING CALF 1. Joseph Brodmerkle 2. Sara Gauthier  
WINTER CALF 1. Matthew Pennington 2. Brian Richardson  
FALL CALF 1. Gregory Clark Jr 2. Kevin Richardson  
SPRING YEARLING HEIFER. 1. Aaron Minen 2. Christopher Adams  
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER Todd Kibbe  
FALL YEARLING HEIFER Ashley Loya  
JUNIOR CHAMPION Gregory Clark Jr  
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Ashley Loya  
3-YEAR-OLD COW Seth Conway  
4-YEAR AND OLDER COW Brian Whitlow  
SENIOR CHAMPION Seth Conway  
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION Brian Whitlow  
GRAND CHAMPION: Seth Conway  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Brian Whitlow  
STATE HERD 1. New Hampshire 2. Massachusetts

##### 4-H DAIRY - GUERNSEY

SPRING CALF Beth-Ann Creighton  
WINTER CALF: Bethany Evangelista  
FALL CALF. 1. Tillotson Terri 2. Kate Pennell  
SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER Chad Disorda  
SPRING YEARLING HEIFER 1. Joshua Tanner 2. Nathan Pennell. 3. Kelly Greenbacker  
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER: Aaron Creighton  
JUNIOR CHAMPION: Aaron Creighton  
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Bethany Evangelista  
2-YEAR-OLD HEIFER: Emily Everett  
4-YEAR AND OLDER COW Misty Koloski  
SENIOR CHAMPION Misty Koloski  
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION Emily Everett  
GRAND CHAMPION Misty Koloski  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Emily Everett  
STATE HERD 1. Vermont 2. Connecticut

##### 4-H DAIRY HOLSTEIN

SPRING CALF 1. Michael Hartwell, 2. Sarah Willis 3. Sharon Jacobs  
WINTER CALF 1. Kati Benson, 2. Sue Marston, 3. Stinson Amanda  
FALL CALF 1. Emy Medlicott 2. Suzie Benoit 3. William Arlitt  
SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER 1. Evan Putnam 2. Heather Coro 3. Beth Collins  
SPRING YEARLING HEIFER 1. Ryan Emery 2.

Michael Warner 3. Sherri Haynes  
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER 1. Dan Michaud 2. Deanna Emery 3. Ashley Jensen  
FALL YEARLING HEIFER. 1. Bruce Haynes 2. Greg Lilly 3. Kimberly Morrill  
JUNIOR CHAMPION Kati Benson  
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Bruce Haynes  
2-YEAR-OLD HEIFER 1. Natalie Keene 2. Becky Simpson 3. William Linkovich  
3-YEAR-OLD COW 1. Peter Erb 2. Kim Crowell  
4-YEAR AND OLDER COW 1. Katy Wildes 2. Josh Kirchner  
SENIOR CHAMPION 1. Natalie Keene  
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION 1. Peter Erb  
GRAND CHAMPION 1. Natalie Keene  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION 1. Peter Erb  
STATE HERD 1. Maine 2. Vermont 3. New Hampshire

##### 4-H DAIRY - JERSEY

SPRING CALF 1. Scott Wood  
WINTER CALF 1. Jack Borden 2. Sarah Baker 3. Heather Gregoire  
FALL CALF 1. John Lucier 2. Bearor Kyle 3. Carrie Whitcomb  
SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER 1. Riel Crystal  
SPRING YEARLING HEIFER 1. Jon Samuelson 2. Ashley Adams  
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER 1. Abby Stevens 2. Alison Hunt 3. Lindsey Parent  
JUNIOR CHAMPION Mike Musty  
FALL YEARLING HEIFER 1. Mike Musty 2. Erica Emery 3. Natalie Wisniewski  
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION 1. Jack Borden  
2-YEAR-OLD HEIFER 1. Kristin Lilly 2. Wendy Sanctuary 3. Nick Bickford  
3-YEAR-OLD COW Sarah Crowell  
4-YEAR AND OLDER COW 1. Lindsy Shaw 2. Melynda Naples  
SENIOR CHAMPION 1. Lindsy Shaw  
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION Kristin Lilly  
GRAND CHAMPION Lindsy Shaw  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Kristin Lilly  
STATE HERD 1. New Hampshire 2. Vermont 3. Massachusetts

##### 4-H DAIRY - MILKING SHORTHORN

SPRING CALF 1. Shawna Stark  
WINTER CALF 1. Justin Clark 2. Katie McCulloch  
FALL CALF 1. Kelly Murphy 2. Glenn Rida  
SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER 1. Daniel Bagley 2. Karin Gage  
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER George Whaley  
JUNIOR CHAMPION Shawna Stark  
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Justin Clark  
2-YEAR-OLD HEIFER Shannon Walker  
SENIOR CHAMPION Shannon Walker  
GRAND CHAMPION Shannon Walker  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Shawna Stark  
STATE HERD New Hampshire

## Farm Relief Package Provides Some Assistance

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The farm relief package approved by Congress will provide badly needed assistance to the nation's hard-pressed farmers and ranchers, the National Farmers Union (NFU) said recently.

The \$8.7 billion package, passed by the Senate and the House, includes about \$5.5 billion in direct payments to offset low prices and \$1.2 billion in disaster assistance. It also includes \$475 million for oilseed producers, \$200 million for livestock producers, \$125 million for dairy farmers, funding for the cotton Step 2 program and relief for tobacco, peanut, and sugar growers.

The package also extends the dairy support price for another year.

"We are pleased Congress has taken steps to help alleviate the financial stress felt by the country's farmers and ranchers. The assistance will give many producers a temporary economic reprieve as they make decisions about next year," said NFU President Leland Swenson. "However, while this package is certainly welcome, it is far from ideal."

NFU led the charge for farm assistance and helped build support among national farm groups

by organizing a national agricultural summit in April and worked closely with the 28 farm groups that attended to present a united front to Congress.

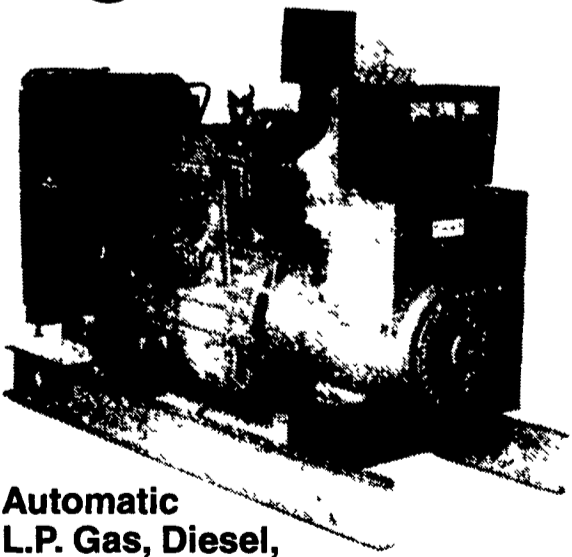
NFU is pleased the package for the first time attempts to address mandatory price reporting, one of the organization's top priorities for several years. NFU said that while the price reporting measure is not perfect, it is a step in the right direction.

Because of other shortfalls in the bill, NFU also is urging Congress to immediately begin work on action to fully address long-term and disaster needs in agriculture.

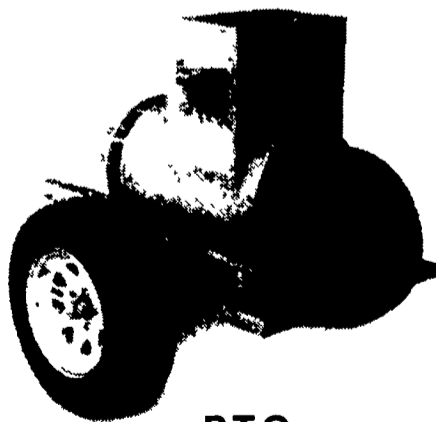
"Lawmakers should waste no time in rolling up their sleeves and getting to work today on a supplemental bill for additional disaster relief. Congress should also take this opportunity to make constructive changes to the farm program now so we don't find ourselves here again next year," Swenson stated.

NFU would like to see Congress put in place a counter-cyclical farm safety net to help producers when prices fall and to give them the tools to generate more revenue from the market, not from government programs.

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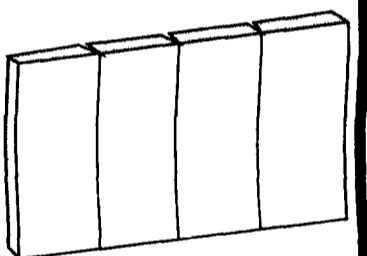
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