

14th Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Is From Clearfield County

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Jana Duttry from Clearfield County Fair is the new Pennsylvania State Fair Queen. Dayton Fair's Katie Cornish was awarded first runner up during the coronation held last Saturday at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

19-year-old Duttry is the daughter of Daniel and Marlene Duttry of DuBois. A freshman at the Pennsylvania State University, she is majoring in agricultural business management. She was a 1999 state finalist for the Outstanding Equine Member Award and the recipient of the Lewis Greene Memorial 4-H Scholarship.

While in high school, Jana was active in cheerleading, the drama club, Spanish club, and student council. She was also homecoming queen and vice-president of her senior class. She enjoys showing and riding her Arabian horses.

Seventeen-year-old Cornish is the daughter of Van and Marilyn Cornish, dairy farmers from Dayton. A senior at Shannock Valley High School, Cornish is a member of the National Honor

Society, band, and chorus. She also is very active in the school's drama club and participated in summer theatre festivals.

Cornish is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and is an All-American Scholar. She plans to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania, majoring in history.

For Duttry, being crowned Pennsylvania Fair Queen was overwhelming. "I was involved in the fair since I was a little girl," she said. "I always wanted to have the opportunity to visit more fairs, and I am looking forward to learning more about every county fair."

Duttry first ran for Clearfield County Fair Queen when she was 17. "I was first runner up in that contest, which usually has about 15 contestants," said Duttry. "The Clearfield County Queen usually finishes in the top ten at the state coronation, but we have never had a state queen. I am honored to be the first."

"It feels wonderful," she said. "I am so honored and shocked that I got first runner up."

Cornish is the twelfth Dayton Fair Queen, but the first to have finished as first runner up in the



The Clearfield County Fair Board congratulates its newly-crowned Pennsylvania Fair Queen, originally the Clearfield County Fair Queen. From left are Wade Cowder, Jason McCracken, Brenda Hunter, Jana Duttry, Jeff Williams, Allen Roseberry, Dave McCracken, and John McCracken.



In her first remarks as Pennsylvania Fair Queen, Jana Duttry commended all of the contestants for being winners. "I am proud to be up here for all of you," she said. "Because each one of you deserves to be state queen."



Nicknamed the "Queen Mother," State Fair Queen Committee co-chairperson Sarah Long poses with both the 1999 and 2000 Pennsylvania Fair Queens, Julie Sechler and Jana Duttry.

state. Cornish's role as first runner up is to fill in when Duttry can't attend a state fair queen activity, although the girls plan to attend events together.

"We're already talking about attending each other's fair," said Cornish. "And I am looking forward to helping Jana as

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The newly-crowned Pennsylvania Fair Queen poses with her biggest supporters, her family. From left are Jana's father Daniel, Jana, her mother Marlene, and sister Kristen Duttry.



Five state finalists were named during the coronation. From left are 1999 Pennsylvania Fair Queen Julie Sechler, 2000 Fair Queen Jana Duttry, 2000 First Runner Up Katie Cornish, (top row from left) Charbi Anne Webb from Luzerne County Fair, Julie Polka from Westmoreland County Fair, and Natalie Foxwell from Somerset County Fair.



Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes, Jr., congratulates the newly-crowned state fair royalty, Jana Duttry and Katie Cornish.