

Somerset FFA Presents Awards

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BERLIN (Somerset Co.) — ley. 3. Kevin Miller, Somerset. Somerset County FFA conducted its annual awards banquet in the Berlin Community Center May 18.

Members from five FFA chapters in the county were honored.

Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter not only was first in parliamentary procedure at the countywide public speaking contest, but went on to a first place in the state FFA western region.

The Berlin chapter, therefore, was also the recipient of the G. Floyd Dye Memorial Trophy for parliamentary procedure.

In the 2000 county parliamentary procedure and public speaking contest March 28, Somerset FFA was second and Somerset County Technology Center (SCTC) was third. Judges were Jason McGinnis, Jay Shaffer and Dale Thomas. Event chair people were Doyle Paul and Tracey Sauder.

Following are contest results:

Creed speaking: 1. Jared Hillegass, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Kyle Hillegass, Berlin-Brothersval-

Judges: John Augustine, John Hartman, and James Harrold. Chair: Tom Willey.

FFA junior public speaking: 1. Dusty Kohan, SCTC. 2. Jeannette Fisher, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 3. Michelle Grace, SCTC. Judges: Rev. Owen Preston, Marcus Twyford, and Joanna Wilson. Chairperson: Brent Dahlhaus.

Prepared FFA public speaking: 1. Lacey Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Stephanie Hartman, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 3. Matt Emerick, Meyersdale. Judges: Betty Brant, Dave Glotfelty, and Keith Hay. Chair: Jason Flick.

Extemporaneous public speaking: 1. Morgan Dickey, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Susan Barron, Somerset FFA. 3. Chris Harvey, Berlin-Brothersvalley. Judges: R. Dean Hillegass, Rev. Mel Kirk, Jr., Howard Nicklow. Chair: Jim Stutzman.

Conservation public speaking: 1. David Bittner, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Jen Stahl, Somerset. 3. Matt Pyle, Berlin-Brothersvalley. Judges: J.B. Harrold, Keith



Pictured are Somerset County FFA honorees. Kneeling: Jeff Mishler, Michael Horst. Seated: Pat Kaufman, Sue Barron, Morgan Dickey, Jason Knotts, Adam Coleman, and Jen Stahl. Last: David Bittner, Jared Hillegass, Dusten Weigle, Stephanie Hartman, Josh Slifco, Nathan Croner, Lacey Coleman, and Heather Stahl.

Largent, Penny Stahl. Chair: Keith Largent. The winners received checks from the Somerset Conservation District.

The 1999-2000 FFA skills judging contest results are: Dairy cattle: 1. Adam Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Jared Hillegass, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 3. Austin Walker, Somerset.

Forestry: 1. Pat Kaufman, SCTC. 2. Ben Saylor, SCTC. 3. Dustin Kohan, SCTC.

Livestock: Nathan Croner, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Josh Slifco, Meyersdale. 3. Jeannette Fisher, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Ag sales and service: 1. Josh Hoover, Somerset. 2. Steve Mishler, SCTC. 3. Jeannette Fisher, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Land judging: 1. Jeff Mishler, SCTC. 2. Sam Weimer, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Horse judging: 1. Stephanie Hartman, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

2. Carrie Woods, SCTC. 3. Mandy Rose, SCTC.

Agronomy: 1. Jen Stahl, Somerset. 2. Matt Webreck, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 3. Adam Wagner, Berlin-Brothersvalley.

Wildlife: 1. Jim McKenzie, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 2. Samuel Philip, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 3. Nathanael Ritz, SCTC.

Interview: 1. Heidi Knopsnyder, Meyersdale. 2. Lacey Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley. 3. Virginia Tressler, Meyersdale.

Floriculture: 1. Jennifer Berkebile, SCTC. 2. Jennifer Logue, SCTC. 3. Kristy Layton, SCTC.

Meyersdale FFA received both the basketball and volleyball trophies.

Jennifer Stahl received \$50 from Production Credit for the Best Kept SOEP recordbook in the county.

Somerset FFA Chapter received the Edward P. Shoemaker Memo-

rial Trophy for educational demonstration.

Jason Knotts, Meyersdale, received the Somerset County Beef Producers Scholarship Award.

Lacey Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley, was the Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative's Washington D.C. youth tour recipient.

1999 officer plaques were presented: president Jason Knotts; vice-president Susan Barron; secretary Adam Coleman; treasurer Josh Slifco; reporter Todd Custer; sentinel Nathan Croner; parliamentarian Mandy Rose; chaplain Jen Stahl; historian Andy Walker; and student adviser Jesse Brant.

Officers installed for 2000 are president Todd Custer; vice-president Lance Bittner; secretary Lacey Coleman; treasurer Steve Brode; reporter Sarah Hoover; chaplain Josh Slifco; parliamentarian Jason Paugh; and sentinel Austin Walker.



Pictured is the Berlin-Brothersvalley parliamentary procedure team: From left, Adam Coleman, Dusten Weigle, Morgan Dickey, and David Bittner. Standing Lance Bittner, Matt Webreck, and Nathan Croner. Absent is Jared Hay.

Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale Has Highest Average Ever

FREDERICK, Md. — The Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale was a history-making sale with a great crowd and excellent line up of quality calves. Held last month at the Frederick Fairgrounds, the sale averaged \$2,645 on 34 calves, ranging in age from June 1999 to March 2000.

"The sale had exceptional quality all the way through, with an outstanding headliner selling for \$11,000," said Cindy Warner, sale manager. "The three high-selling animals averaged \$6,366, an impressive sale result in anybody's book."

The sale committee commended consigners for the quality of animals at this year's sale. Animals for the sale were selected by the breeders. "They used their good judgement, honesty, and integrity to send quality animals," said Warner. "It's what this sale is built on and continues to thrive for."

Topping the sale was a blue-ribbon June 1999 heifer, Top Acres Coll Paris, consigned by Wayne Sliker from St. Paris, Ohio. This tall, straight-lined, deep-ribbed, and dairy heifer was named first place summer yearling and junior champion at the Ohio Spring Dairy Expo held in March. She is sired by R Hart BC Collection and is out of a VG-86 Jetway with a

nice index. Paris was purchased by Kenny Manion from Scottsville, Kentucky.

The second high-selling animal was consigned by Steve Blessing from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Blessing Jetway Mist, a correct, silky-hided December calf was an eye-catcher and commanded \$4,100 from Mike Birch in White Hall, Maryland. Mist is a Jetway daughter out of a VG-85 Aytola with 25,000 pounds milk.

Selling as third high-seller was a big and stylish December Jetway from one of the breed-leading families of the Brown Swiss. The calf, who is out of 3E-91 Top Acres Dotson Shiny, was consigned by Dan Chard and Eric Green of Woodstown, New Jersey, and Woodsboro, Maryland. She was sold to Jarrett Remsburg from Middletown, Maryland, for \$4,000.

Consignments were sold to buyers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, and Maryland.

"We had another good sale with solid and consistent prices, which continue to indicate the demand and interest of new and repeat buyers at the sale," said Dennis Smith, vice president of the Maryland Brown Swiss Association. "The demand for Brown Swiss is on the rise, and the Mid-

Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale is a good place to get one."

According to Smith, two of this year's All-American Brown Swiss were sold in the 1998 calf sale. "We get the kind of calves here that go on to do very well for the new owner," he said.

Six embryo packages, consisting of three frozen embryos, sold for an average of \$1,252. The embryo packages featured genetics from leading cow families and national breed greats.

All calves sold are automatically entered in the Mid Atlantic Brown Swiss Futurity with the first payment made by the Maryland Association. The seventh annual Futurity will be held on Sunday, September 3, during the 2000 Maryland State Fair in Timonium, Maryland. For more information about the Futurity contest, contact Cindy Warner at 301-371-5206.

Denny Remsburg was the sale auctioneer, while Wayne Sliker read pedigrees. Juniors helped in the show ring and with leading the animals. Ringmen were Mike Birch and Brian Garrison, and Eric Fleming and Peter Velsiak fitted the animals. Howard Fleming, Dennis Smith, and Harold Long supervised the barn.

The sale was sponsored by the Maryland Brown Swiss Associa-



The high selling animal of the 2000 Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale was a June 1999 calf that sold for \$11,000. Top Acres Coll Paris, a R Hart BC Collection daughter, was consigned by Wayne Sliker of St. Paris, OH. From left are Jamie Savage, contending bidder; Dennis Daubert representing Larry Paaske, contending bidder; Mike Birch, representing buyer Kenny Manion. In the box are Dennis Remsburg, auctioneer, and Wayne Sliker, pedigrees. Almee Smith is leading the animal.