

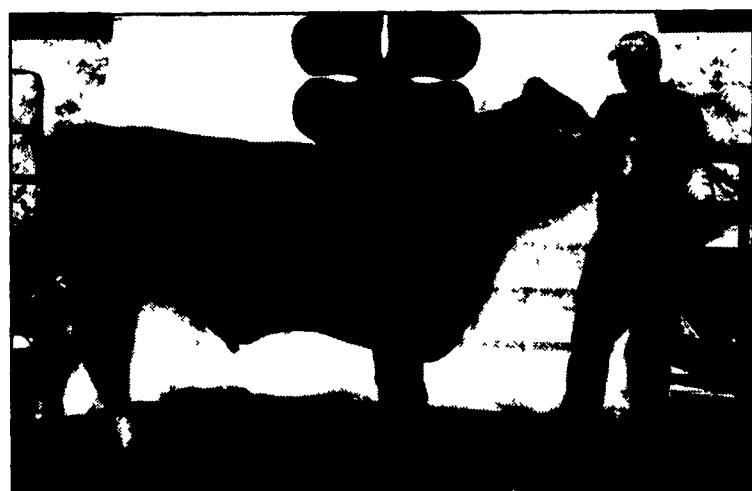
Prices Strong At Bradford County Livestock Sale, Milk Auction



Meredith Hennip sold her grand champion market hog to First National Bank of Canton, represented by Bob Storch.



Cindy Frey, left, and Matt McClellan, right, representing Hostetter Management, purchased the reserve champion market hog from Abbie Kuhlman.



Ryan Calkins holds the reserve grand champion market steer raised by Randy Calkins.



Jade Wood holds the grand champion market steer while her father, Mark, holds the banner.

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TROY (Bradford Co.) — Prices started strong and held steady throughout the 2000 Troy Fair Livestock and Milk Auction Wednesday, July 26.

In all, four steers, 16 lambs, and 60 market hogs crossed the auction block followed by pitchers of milk from the champions from the youth dairy show. Numerous animals were also donated back to benefit the 4-H scholarship fund and a newly created building fund.

In total, five lambs and two hogs were resold to benefit the scholarship fund, raising \$2,054 for that cause. Nine hogs were donated back to the youth program to raise money for a new hog facility. At the end of the auction, a total of \$3,468 was earmarked for the project.

Overall bids in the sale were strong, with four steers averaging \$1.23 per pound. The champion steer, raised by Jade Wood, tipped the scales at 1,272 pounds. He was purchased by Wyalusing Livestock Market for \$1.50 per pound. The reserve champion steer, raised by Randy Calkins, weighed 1,316 pounds and was purchased by Columbia Cross Roads Equipment for \$1.20 per pound.

Sixteen lambs averaged \$3.47, with the grand champion lamb crushing records at \$7.25 per pound. Steve Pelton, Pelton Trucking, purchased the 120-pound champion from Kayla White. The reserve champion market lamb also sold high as C&N Bank bid \$6.75 for the 115-pound animal owned by Eileen Elliott.

Among the 60 market hogs, prices averaged \$2.69 with a high of \$4.50 and a low of \$2. Meredith Hennip sold the 260-pound grand champion to First National Bank of Canton for the high bid of \$4.50 per pound. The reserve grand champion market hog commanded a price of \$4 per pound. That 225-pound reserve champion was raised by Abbie Kuhlman and was sold to Hostetter Management, Pine Hill Pig Company.

The annual milk auction also got the interest of buyers as milk from the champion animals was sold to raise money for the dairy promotion board, youth organizations, and the owners of the animals. Milk from the supreme champion cow, a Jersey owned by Christine Eick, sold for \$850 to Gray and Gray Trucking. The



Gray and Gray Trucking purchased milk from the supreme champion of the Youth Dairy Show, owned by Christine Eick, for \$850. Part of the proceeds from the milk auction goes to the dairy promotion board, part to the member's 4-H club of FFA chapter, and part to the youth who owns the animal.



Sixteen market lambs were shown at the Troy Fair. Here, Kayla White holds her champion and Eileen Elliott holds her reserve champion.

second highest seller was milk from Amberleigh Yurkanin's grand champion Ayrshire, which brought \$550 and was purchased by Judsons Inc.

In all, 12 gallons of milk and two baskets filled with Bradford County products were sold, with an average price of \$373 garnered on all products.

Farm Bureau Announces Achievement Award Semifinalists

GLENMONT, N.Y. — New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm advocacy organization, has announced the three semifinalists in the Young Farmer Achievement awards.

The annual award recognizes Young Farmer members between the ages 18-35 for achievement in their agricultural pursuits and leadership within their agricultural sector and community.

"This year's finalists truly represent the diversity of agriculture and the various regions in New York State," said Sandra Prokop, assistant director of organization for New York Farm Bureau. "We re-

ceived many applications, and had a difficult time narrowing the group down to just three."

The finalists are Jay P. Dey, a cash crop farmer from Seneca County; Eric A. Huddy, a grape, hay, and custom-hire farmer from Chautauqua County; and Dale and Colleen Mattoon, who own and operate a unique dairy

enterprise in Cayuga County.

The three finalists will compete at the New York Farm Bureau State annual meeting in Buffalo Dec. 5. The New York State Champion will go on to compete nationally at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in January in Orlando, Fla.

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