

Reading Fair Back In Action

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READING (Berks Co.) —
The Reading fair has reopened its doors after a few years of hiatus, a fact which seemed to have little effect on the type of



Dairy ambassador Adrienne Phillips, 15, helped to pass out ribbons during the fair. Phillips has more than two years experience in promoting the dairy industry. A sophomore at Hamburg High School, Phillips was raised on a dairy farm.

animals brought to the dairy show on Wednesday.

"We had a very excellent show with a lot of quality top to bottom," said judge Steve Shaw, a Cargill nutritionist. "The winning cows would withstand a lot of competition anywhere. The animals could go onto bigger shows and still do very well. We also had a very strong junior show."

Shaw, who grew up in the nearby Oley area, judges approximately a dozen shows a year in Pennsylvania. He and his wife own a dairy herd in Williamsport. Clyde Myers directed the Holstein and colored breeds shows.

"We think it's a great experience here at the fair," said A. Wayne Readinger, who coordinates the agriculture and exhibit areas. "We did anticipate that it would be finished, but we weren't sure. We had some last-minute projects."

This fair, believes Readinger, will help fair coordinators improve next year's fair.

Although the fair is down in dairy numbers, Readinger is confident that the new facilities will draw more exhibitors in the coming years. The attendance of competitors in the beef ring has remained about the same.

Lower dairy numbers may be a result of the new location plus

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From left, junior champion Brent Schuler, reserve junior grand champion Doug Sattazahn, reserve grand champion Crystal Miller, grand champion Lynae Johns for Stump-land farms, and Melissa Schuler for her brother, Brent Schuler, who also had the reserve junior champion. Steve Shaw judged the event.



An all-star lineup: Brett Treichler for Brandon Treicher, reserve champion Red and White; Brittini Treichler, grand champion Red and White; Joseph Phillips, grand champion Ayrshire; Kellie Phillips, reserve grand champion Ayrshire; David Neiman, reserve grand champion (youth), Ayrshire; Kyle Kulp, grand champion Lineback; Jill Neiman, grand champion Jersey; Brent Schuler for Jill Neiman, reserve grand champion Jersey; Nathan Phillips, grand champion Guernsey; Kara Brendlinger, reserve grand champion Guernsey; Brandon Treichler; grand champion Brown Swiss, Kevin Buch, reserve grand champion Brown Swiss. The winners are joined by Berks County Dairy Princess Lucinda Bray, dairy ambassador Kristy Gross, Lil Miss Jaylene Leshner, and show judged Steve Shaw.

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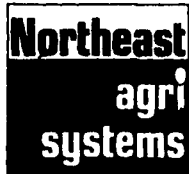
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