

Ayrshire Takes Top Award At Allentown

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"When I pick the champion, I think, 'If I was going to pick one, which one could I pick that would go the furthest in the long run?'" said judge Curtis Day of Tri-Day Holsteins, who picked a 2-year-old Ayrshire for her angularity, set of legs and strong topline.

Jennifer Miller took "Emory" into the ring for her employer, Earl Hafer and Sons of Douglasville. The yearling bull won supreme champion dairy bull of the show.

Amber Knoll Farm, in Bechtelsville, is a family affair, with siblings Amy and Seth Wolfgang and Karen Sterner taking their animals in the ring. The farm topped the Ayrshire class with their supreme champion, followed by Jill Vail, of Myerstown, winning reserve supreme champion with her Jersey.

In the Brown Swiss division

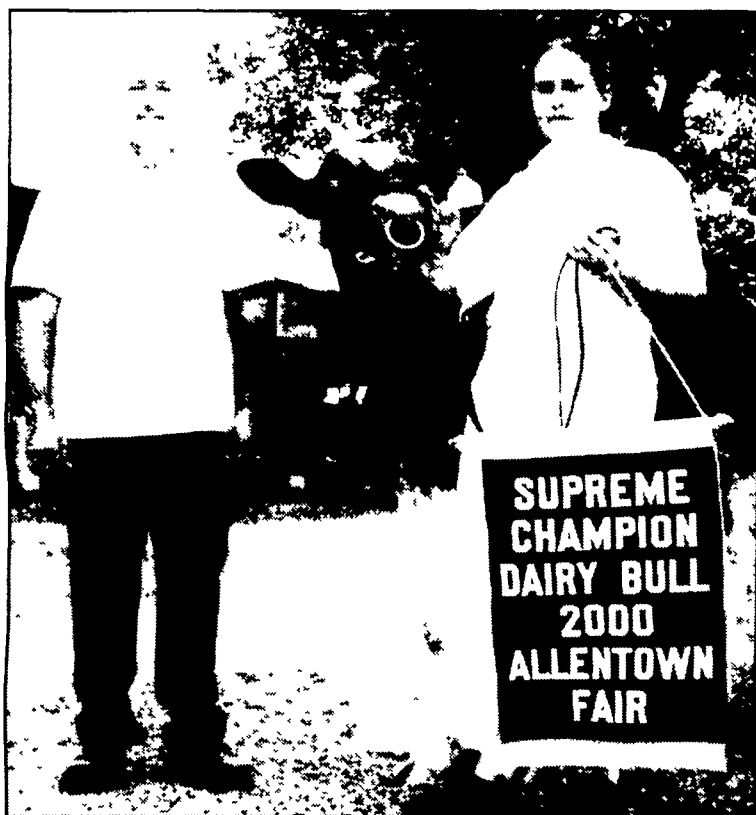
Shannon Semmel, Schnecks-ville, took home both grand and reserve champion female honors. Karen Sterner, Bechtelsville, won grand champion female Guernsey, with reserve going to Nathan Phillips, Mertz-town.

Hannah Miller of Tamaqua took home the grand champion female placing in the Holstein show and Jennifer Rassler, Kempton, the reserve grand champion placing. In the large Jersey show, grand champion distinction went to Jill Neiman, Fleetwood, with Katie Harwick, Kempton, taking home reserve grand champion female honors.

In the Milking Shorthorn show, Kevin McGinnis of Souderton showed the grand and reserve champion females. In the Lineback show, an "up and coming" breed, according to extension agent Steve Dietrich, Seth Wolfgang, Bechtelsville, won grand champion and Jill Vail, Myerstown, took home reserve grand champion.



A champion lineup: Judge Curtis Day holds the supreme champion banner at left. Amy Wolfgang holds the halter of the overall champion, an Ayrshire from Amber Knoll Farm in Bechtelsville. Shannon Semmel, Schnecks-ville, holds the champion Brown Swiss; Karen Sterner, Bechtelsville, had the champion Guernsey; and Hannah Miller of Tamaqua showed the champion Holstein. Jill Neiman, Fleetwood, took home grand champion honors with her Jersey and Kevin McGinnis of Souderton showed the grand and reserve champion Milking Shorthorns. In the Lineback show, Seth Wolfgang, Bechtelsville, won grand champion.



Jennifer Miller holds "Emory" for her employer, Earl Hafer and Sons of Douglasville. The yearling bull won supreme champion dairy bull of the show. Curtis Day, of Tri-Day Holsteins in Shippensburg, judged the event.

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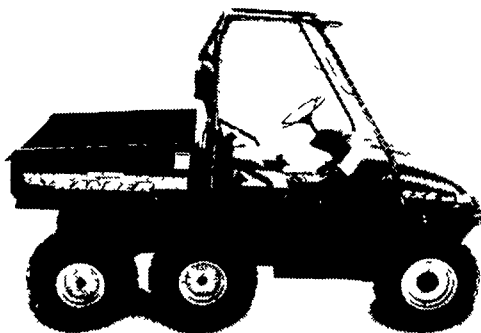
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