

Somerset County Fair Swine Show

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MEYERSDALE (Somerset Co.) — In a packed arena of spectators, Jeremy Hay had the high honor of showing the grand champion swine at the Somerset County Fair on Aug. 22. The High Ridge Club 4-Her's Yorkshire Cross, according to type judge, Nelson Beam was the best out of the more than 256 hogs in the show. It weighed 251 pounds. Later, during showmanship competition, Ginger Fair, the showmanship judge, selected Jeremy Hay as junior champion showman.



Jeremy Hay's white Yorkshire Cross is grand champion and Lucas Svonavec with the dark hog, a Crossbreed, has reserve champion. With them are fair queen Melissa Schrock, next to Hay and Juliana Hillegass, fair queen alternate; also judge Nelson Beam.

Lucas Svonavec's Crossbreed hog was the swine reserve champion and Svonavec was named senior champion showman.

The Somerset County Born and Raised Market Hog champion belonged to Jesse Brant, a Mountain Springs 4-Her. The Duroc weighed 236-pounds. Jacob Bowman from High Ridge 4-H Club had the reserve, also with a Duroc that weighed 268-pounds.

The Home Grown Market Swine was shown by Megan Korns from White Oak 4-H. It was a 262-pound Duroc/Hampshire. Craig Sanner, High Ridge 4-H had the reserve with a 255-pound Hampshire/Duroc.

SOMERSET COUNTY FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

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| Class 1 1 Matthew Troutman 2 Norman Coberly 3 Travis Murray | Class 19 1 Corey Harbaugh 2 Claude Struckoff 3 Alyssa Thompson |
| Class 2 1 Travis Hummel 2 Sarah Farley 3 Joel Romesberg | Class 20 1 Matthew Brant 2 Jacob Bowman 3 Megan Korns |
| Class 3 1 Adam Luce 2 Matthew Brant 3 Jessica Ohler | Group champion 1 Jeremy Hay 2 Lucas Svonavec |
| Class 4 1 Andrew Nicklow 2 Alyssa Thompson 3 Ian Hummel | |
| Class 5 1 Ryan Will 2 Nathan Faidley 3 Travis Murray | |
| Group champion 1 Ryan Will 2 Nathan Faidley | |
| Class 6 1 Josh Hay 2 Craig Sanner 3 Janee Romesberg | |
| Class 7 1 Natasha Cochran 2 Heather Will 3 Kevin Hillegass | |
| Class 8 1 Travis Brant 2 Matthew Troutman 3 Rebecca Barnhart | |
| Class 9 1 Ian Hummel 2 Dylan Murray 3 Brooke Ritchey | |
| Class 10 1 Jesse Brant 2 Andrew Brant 3 Jacob Luce | |
| Group champion 1 Travis Brant 2 Jesse Brant | |
| Class 11 1 Jesse Brant 2 Brandon Bechtel 3 Amber Hahl | |
| Class 12 1 Angela Brant 2 Brandon Bechtel 3 Andrea Darr | |
| Class 13 1 Andrew Brant 2 Kelly Svonavec 3 Brooke Snyder | |
| Class 14 1 Lucas Svonavec 2 Heather Will 3 Shawn Troutman | |
| Class 15 1 Rebecca Hittie 2 Brian Smith 3 Claude Struckoff | |
| Group champion 1 Andrew Brant 2 Lucas Svonavec | |
| Class 16 1 Gabriel Svonavec 2 Natasha Cochran 3 Carissa Hay | |
| Class 17 1 Jeremy Hay 2 Lucas Svonavec 3 April Coberly | |
| Class 18 1 Jacob Luce 2 | |

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