

55th Southeast Dairy Show Held At Kutztown



Michael Hicks, 13, Unionville, had reserve junior champion Lineback while Becky Nolan, 15, Cochranville holds the halter of Becky Baily's Lineback. Meredith Baily, 17, showed the homebred "Pocopson Meadow Jewel," to win reserve grand champion.

Her sister Becky Bailey, 13, also had a good day in the ring with her homebred animals, as she took home junior champion and grand champion Lineback honors. The girls are the daughters of Janet and Barnard Baily of West Chester. Although they used to be more competitive, the girls say they now work together well. The sisters picked their animals from the various breeds represented on their 210-head home farm.



Dairy ambassador Kellie Phillips, 15, Mertztown, stands beside Holly Moyer, 16, holding "Ruch Jolt Cassidy," Aaron Ruch's reserve grand champion. Ruch, 17, of Andreas, holds grand champion "Ruch Jolt Corry-ET." At far right stands dairy ambassador Pam Werley, 16, Hamburg.

A combination of dairyness and strength plus a chiseled mammary system and deepness in the cleft put Ruch's Holstein at the top of the classes. Ruch, a senior at Tamaqua, is the son of Brian and Brenda Ruch of Ruch Farms. According to Ruch, who owns six cows, these two seemed to be the best show animals and have the best type of the herd. Ruch is a nine-year 4-H participant and show ring veteran.



Sisters Rosie Moyer, 14, and Holly Moyer, 15, took home reserve and grand champion placings, respectively, in the Red and White classes. They are the daughters of Paul and Lucinda Moyer of Peek-A-View Farm, Bernville.

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Kutztown Fairgrounds hosted a large gathering of both colored and Holstein breeds as 4-H'ers from ten Pennsylvania counties gathered to exhibit not only their animals but their experience in fitting and showing.

Michael Kunkle, owner of a dairy replacement farm in Jonestown, judged the Holstein show. Besides participating on the state 4-H judging team, Kunkle went to a one-year judging school. This show is the fifth Kunkle has judged this season.

Sue Beshore, New Cumberland, and Meranda Sellers, Annville, judged the fitting and showmanship talents of 4-H'ers in the Holstein show. Both have had prior 4-H and judging experience. Beshore, a former show ring participant herself, has children who are currently in 4-H. She is also a 4-H leader.

According to Sellers, who participated on a collegiate judging team, cleanliness, well-trimmed hair, and clean ears were tip-offs for the judges.

In the colored breeds ring Jeff Myers of Westminster, Md. judged the animals. Myers, who judges 8 to 10 shows a year has judged in 22 different states and South America. He has judged since he was nine years old in the 4-H program before he moved on to compete on University of Maryland's collegiate team, where he won high individual in the national intercollegiate dairy judging contest. He also coached the Michigan State judging team while he pursued his masters degree at the university, a team which went on to win the intercollegiate dairy judging contest.

"As a whole, for a district show, this show was definitely above average in quality of animals," said Myers. "While the quantity was not high, the quality is, and from a judge's standpoint that is very pleasing."

Patty Huff of Nottingham judged fitting and showmanship the colored breeds show. Huff, who has shown animals for 30 years, showed at Kutztown when she was in 4-H, besides showing on the national level. She recently served as the Dela-



Winners in the Milking Shorthorn class, from left to right: Aaron Helser, Royersford, for Kevin McGinnis; Melissa Harper, 12, Fleetwood, reserve grand champion; and Kevin McGinnis, 14, Souderton, who had both senior and grand champion placings with his five year old and spring yearling.



In the Jersey classes, David Harwick of Kempton took a homebred to reserve junior champion honors while Jill Nelman, Fleetwood, won junior champion with her homebred "JMJ Centurion Crunchberry." Megan Phillips, Bernville, showed her homebred "Phil-J Berretta Hickory Hershey" for reserve grand champion while Travis Mast, Oley, and "Limekiln Lester Oley" came home with grand champion Jersey placing.

ware State Fair conformation judge. Huff focused on overall appearance but also made sure that the details were taken care of on the animals.

"The overall impressions is

important," said Huff.

In the showmanship division, Huff made sure the 4-H'ers paid attention not only to the judge but also to the animal they were showing.



A family affair: from left, Candice Knight, 13, Trisha Knight, 12, Christi Knight, 14, Justin Hall, 14, Cameron Knight, 7, and Shane Hall, 12, all from Woodbine Farms in Airville, participated in the recent dairy show. Woodbine farms took home champion and reserve champion spots in the Holstein show, with Justin Hall's "Woodbine Durham Macadamia" winning the champion spot in the Holstein show and "Woodbine Elton Candy" taking reserve champion placing.

Trisha and Christi are the daughters of Paul and Jeann Knight, Candice and Cameron are the children of George and Naomi Knight, and Justin and Shane are the sons of Cindy and Mark Hall.