

48 Union County 4-H Members Sell Animals At West End Fair

LAURELTON (Union Co.) — The 22nd Annual Union County West End Fair Junior Livestock Sale was conducted here recently.

Forty-eight different members of several Union County 4-H clubs and the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter sold animals at the sale.

One hundred lots containing four rabbit meat pens, 12 steers, 27 market hogs, and 57 market lambs were sold.

Forty-five buyers supported the youth by purchasing animals at the 75th annual Union County West End Fair. This year's sale grossed more than \$41,700, which broke the previous record set in 1996.

Bryan Imes of Port Royal served as sale auctioneer. Earlier in the week, Bob Mikesell, Penn State senior extension associate, served as the livestock judge.

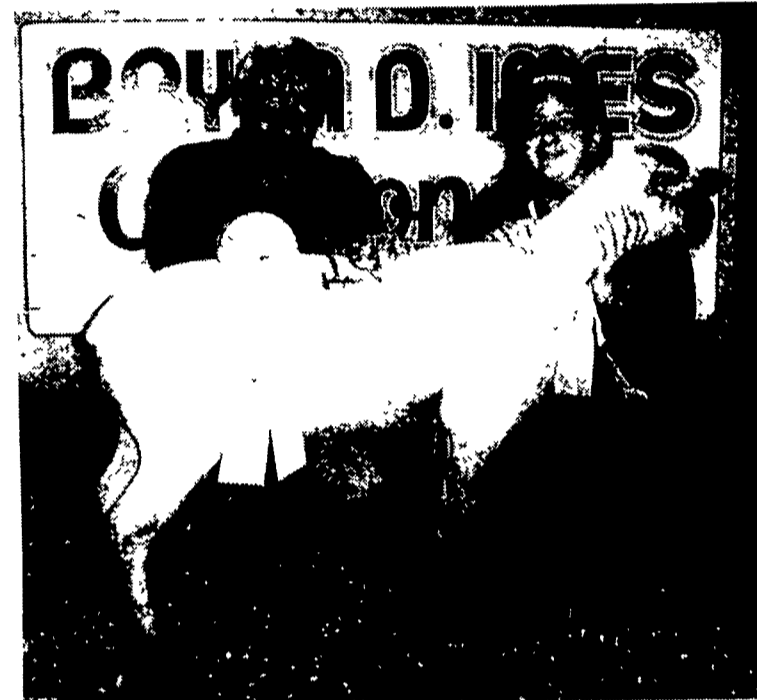
Grand champion and reserve champion market steers were purchased by Robert Hamm for the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Lewisburg. A bid of \$5



West End Fair champion hog buyer was Wiand Enterprises, represented by Michael and Justin Wiand and Ken Fetteroth with owner Doug Wolfe.



Reserve champion steer buyer Robert Hamm of Country Cupboard in Lewisburg and Owner Adam Wolfe of Lewisburg at the West End Fair.



Reserve champion lamb buyer Cliff Valentine of the Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Company and owner Katy Troester of Mifflinburg.

European Reality

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significantly calmer and had better stress hormone levels than those milked in a traditional parlor. There was discussion at the meeting that part of the increased production response of the cows in an AMS might be due to lowered stress levels. No data was presented to support this hypothesis, however.

Animal well-being, or welfare, is an important concern in Europe. More important than in the United States, according to

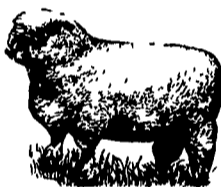
per pound was accepted for the 1,275-pound Angus steer owned by Rhonda Hook of Middleburg. The first-year beef exhibitor is the daughter of Wanda Hook and is a member of the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter.

The 1,355-pound reserve champion market steer was sold for \$1.75 per pound and was owned by Adam Wolfe. Adam is a 4-H member from Lewisburg and is the son of Dennis and Anna Wolfe. Other steers were sold at an average price of 88 cents per pound.

The champion market hog was sold for \$5.50 per pound

and was purchased by Wiand Enterprises of Mifflinburg. Glenn Wiand and Ken Fetteroth bought the 238-pound Hampshire/Duroc crossbred hog from Douglas Wolfe. Doug is a graduate of the Mifflinburg Area High School and is the son of William and Jean Wolfe of Mifflinburg. Doug is the 2000 winner of the Pennsylvania FFA Diversified

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many observers. There were two presentations at the conference discussing how AMS was viewed according to bioethics. The speakers concurred that there was good support for the notion that an AMS was more ethical for animal well-being than traditional systems. Since cows could choose when to go to the AMS, this ability to have a choice was considered important. Further, many herds are now using an AMS within a grazing system. Again, grazing was considered to be good by bioethics standards, so that was another positive aspect of the AMS.

AMS IN THE UNITED STATES

There are approximately a dozen AMS systems in Canada, and D. Reinemann of the University of Wisconsin described a dairy farm in Wisconsin that was the first private farm in the US to use an AMS. They had been using their system for approximately two weeks. The University of Wisconsin was building a barn for an AMS, and their system should be operating this fall, perhaps in time for Dairy Expo in Madison.

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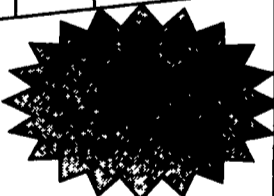
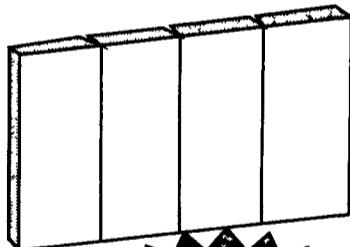
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