

# South Mountain Fair Honors Champions

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Melissa Jeffcoat, Littlestown, showed the grand champion 4-H steer at the South Mountain Fair.

Melissa received a permanent plaque from the South Mountain Fair. Liz Hitz, Littlestown, showed the reserve grand champion 4-H steer and received a plaque sponsored by David Jeffcoat Building and Remodeling.

Justin Diehl, Fairfield, was named champion 4-H fitter. He received a rotating plaque from K-Hill Farm, Abbottstown, and permanent plaque from the South Mountain Fair. Bert Martin, Orrtanna, was selected reserve champion 4-H fitter and received a plaque sponsored by David Jeffcoat Building and Remodeling.

Bert Martin, Orrtanna, was selected champion 4-H showman. He received a rotating plaque from Elva Ward, East Berlin, and permanent plaque from the South Mountain Fair. Justin Diehl, Gettysburg, was selected reserve champion 4-H showman and received a plaque sponsored by David Jeffcoat Building and Remodeling.

Champions in each weight division were as follows:

Champion lightweight Owen Weikert  
Reserve champion lightweight Cami Topper

Champion middleweight Chris Jeffcoat  
Reserve champion middleweight Justin Diehl

Champion heavyweight Melissa Jeffcoat  
Reserve champion heavyweight Liz Hitz

Fitter winners in each class were as follows:

Advance fitter 1 Bert Martin  
Senior fitter 1 Melissa Jeffcoat  
Intermediate fitter 1 Justin Diehl  
Junior fitter 1 Luke Reichart

Showman winners in each class were as follows:

Advance showman 1 Bert Martin  
Senior showman 1 Melissa Jeffcoat  
Intermediate showman 1 Justin Diehl  
Junior showman 1 Courtney Meyer

The 2000 Adams County 4-H steer program will conclude Thursday, Oct. 26, with a show and sale at the South Mountain Fairgrounds near Arendtsville. The sale is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Contact Darlene M. Resh, extension 4-H agent at (717) 334-6271 or (717) 624-4525 or Karol Sherman, 4-H leader, at (717) 259-0006 for more information.



Bert Martin, Orrtanna, was champion showman and reserve champion fitter and Justin Diehl, Fairfield, was champion fitter and reserve champion showman at the 4-H Market Steer Show at the South Mountain Fair. Presenting plaques on behalf of David Jeffcoat Building and Remodeling, the Elva Ward Family, and K Hill Farm is Candice Flickinger, Adams County Beef Queen, and Stacey Menchey, Adams County Beef Princess.

## Record Drought Continues In North Texas

DALLAS, Texas — For about a year now, Pennsylvania producers have begun to recover from what many consider to be the worst drought in state history.

For Texas growers, recovery

from a deepening drought seems far away.

According to Farm Bureau, a history-making drought in north Texas has all the signs of continuing for days and weeks to come. The forecast elsewhere in the state isn't much better.

The record of 58 consecutive days without rain in the region — first set in 1934 — was tied on Sunday, which had been repeated in 1950.

The National Weather Service forecast this week calls for con-

tinued temperatures at or exceeding the century mark along with dry skies. Area meteorologists are predicting 65 to 70 days without rain.

A 58-day drought interval first occurred in Texas from May 25 to July 21, 1934 during the Dust

Bowl years of the Great Depression.

Statewide, agriculture and livestock producers estimate they've already lost \$595 million this year to the parched conditions, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

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