

Charm Arrives At Swine Show Number Six For Amy At Denver

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DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — Amy Becker has experienced her share of "curtain calls," picking up five reserve champion hog trophies in her 4-H career. But never a supreme.

That all changed Tuesday night at the Denver Fair, when she picked up her first grand

champion market hog trophy with her 249-pound Hampshire crossbred gilt.

Amy, 19, won five reserves: three times at Elizabethtown Fair, once at the Lancaster County FFA Roundup Show, and once at the Manheim Farm Show.

(She picked up one reserve trophy at Elizabethtown this year.)

The daughter of Marlin and Nancy Becker, Manheim, and Manheim Central High School graduate, is soon to complete a 15-month culinary art training program at York Tech.

Dan Atkins, show judge from Lebanon, noted Amy's champion, from Class 5, was "probably the most complete, trendy hog in the show this evening," he said. "It put together muscle expression, leanness, and frame."

Amy said she and her dad selected the hog at the Mason-Dixon Feeder Pig Sale in Manheim last May.

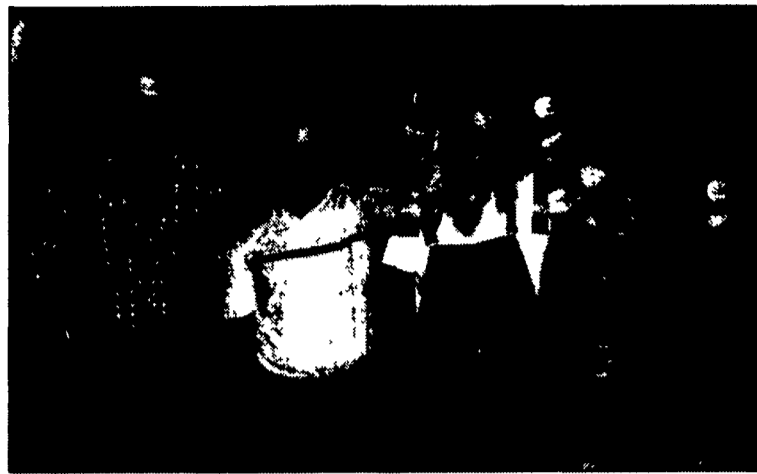
Reserve went to the Blue Butt (Hampshire/Yorkshire crossbred) hog shown by Nathan Manbeck, Rehrersburg. The 239-pound Class 3 winner, a barrow, is homebred.

Nathan, 15, son of Norman and Karen, is a freshman at Tulpehocken High School. This is Nathan's first reserve champion at Denver.

Nathan plans to show at the county roundup at the end of the month. This was his first champion hog, though he exhibited two second-place hogs at Kutztown this year.

Denver Swine Show showmanship champion went to Cody Drace.

There were 26 exhibitors and 49 hogs.



Denver swine showmanship champions, from left, Dan Atkins, show judge; Cody Drace, grand champion; Renee Hoover; and Kyle Parker.



Supreme champion swine at the Denver Fair Swine Show went to Amy Becker, her first-ever grand champion swine. Judge for the show was Dan Atkins.

Following is a list of show placings.

DENVER FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

MARKET HOGS

Class 1 (220-222 lbs.): 1. Amy Becker 2. Andrew Gerhart. 3. Willis Hoover.
Class 2 (226-230 lbs.): 1. Amy Becker. 2. Andrew Gerhart. 3. Jason Martin.
Class 3 (232-239 lbs.): 1. Nathan Manbeck 2. Justin Martin. 3. James Parker
Class 4 (240-248 lbs.): 1. Gerald Martin. 2. Vanessa Manbeck. 3. Gwen Power.
Class 5 (249-253 lbs.): 1. Amy Becker. 2. Gwen Power. 3. Vanessa Manbeck.
Class 6 (254-256 lbs.): 1. Nathan Manbeck 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. Renee Hoover.

Class 7 (257-264 lbs.): 1. Sarah Boyd. 2. Stacy Manbeck. 3. Cody Drace.
Class 8 (265-270 lbs.): 1. Kurt Fleener. 2. Stacey Manbeck. 3. Lori Fox.

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG

Amy Becker

RESERVE

Nathan Manbeck

SHOWMANSHIP

Seniors (16 and Over): 1. Renee Hoover. 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. Gerald Martin
12-15 Years Old 1. : 1. Cody Drace. 2. Gwen Power. 3. Nathan Manbeck
11 and Under: 1. Kyle Parker. 2. Stacey Manbeck. 3. James Parker.

GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN

Cody Drace



Nathan Manbeck, left, won reserve champion hog at Denver Tuesday night. At right, Dan Atkins judged the show.

Oklahoma Hosts National Expo

TULSA, Okla. — Hereford juniors traveled to Tulsa, Okla., to compete in Herefords Together In Native America, July 23-28. The Tulsa Expo Square Fairgrounds were filled with Hereford enthusiasm and tough competition during the first Junior National Hereford Expo. A 1,012 head show and national contests highlighted the weeks activities.

ILLUSTRATED

SPEECH CONTEST

Peewee: Katie Seiss, Thurmont, Md. and Jake Metch, Bainbridge, N.Y.

Junior: 1. Margeaux Firestone, Womelsdorf, Pa

Senior 2. Luke Vogel, Evans City, Pa

PROMOTIONAL

POSTER CONTEST

Peewee: 1. Katie Seiss, Thurmont, Md 2. Jennifer Shultz, Dillsburg, Pa

Senior: 1. Bradley Seiss

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Junior: 2. Katie Seiss, Thurmont, Md

JUDGING CONTEST

Champion junior teams. 1. Maryland — Ryan Velisek, Mt. Airy; Stephen Velisek, Mt. Airy; Katlyn Howes, Keymar; and Bradley Seiss, Thurmont.

Scrapbook. 1. Pennsylvania.

BEEF BOWL

Junior champion team Ohio — Cody Morrison, Lexington; Anthony Neel, Thornville; and Paige Morrison, Bethel.

Outstanding State Junior Member PA — Matt Baurlien, East Berlin

SHOWMANSHIP

Junior. 1. Cody Herman, Continental, Ohio

Selling Produce To Supermarkets In Dickson City Topic Of Meeting

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Pennsylvania Farm Link, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Produce Promotion Program of the Department of Agriculture, will sponsor a meeting for farmers who want to learn more about selling their produce to supermarkets.

Growers are invited to attend a meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the produce sections of Wegmans Market in Dickson City Sept. 27.

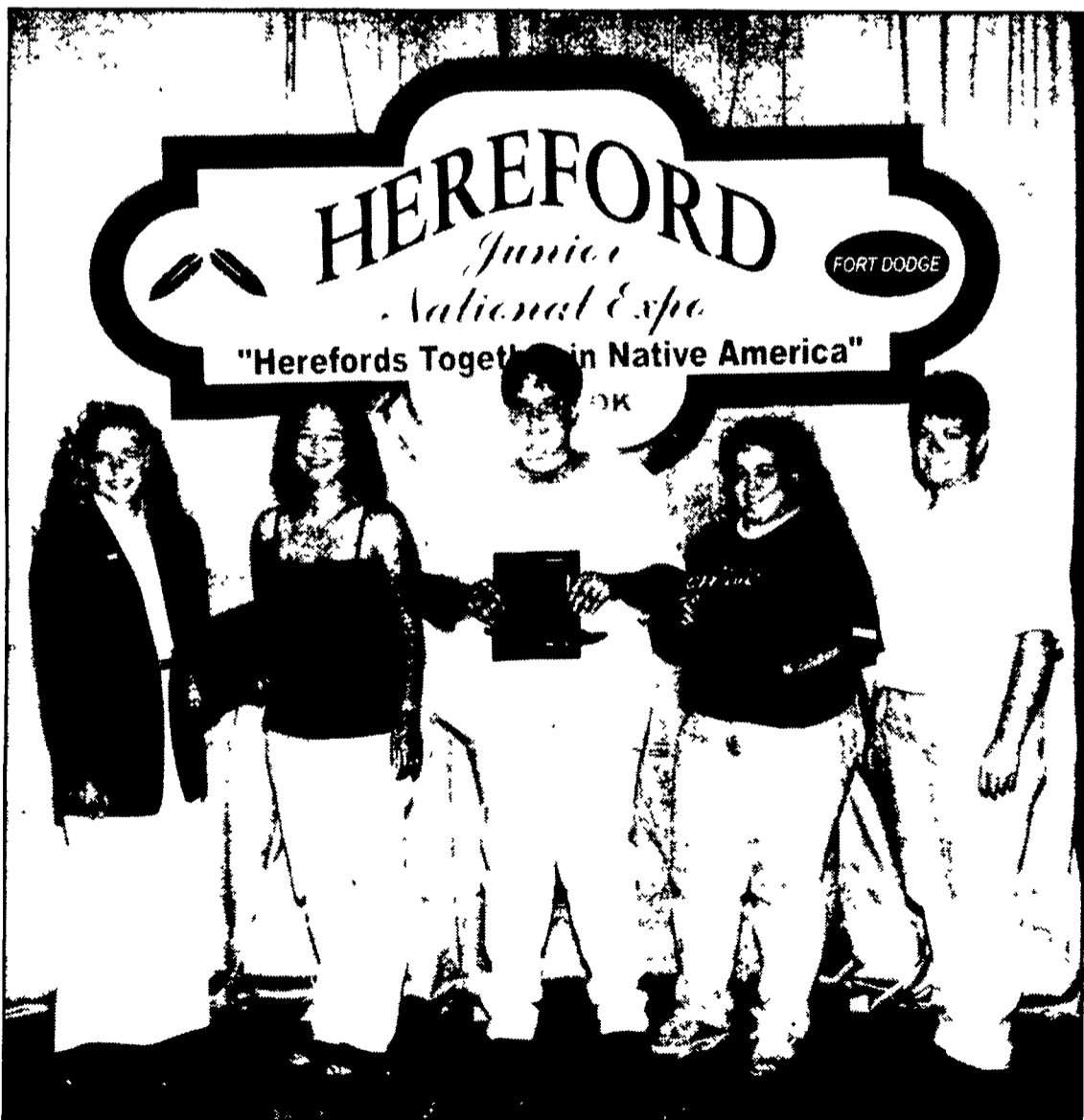
Wegmans Food Market, Inc. is a 59-store supermarket chain with stores in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. According to Robert Finn, produce manager, "The family-owned company, founded in 1916, is recognized as an industry leader and innovator."

Finn will discuss their experiences working directly with farmers, their preferences for quality produce, and their "wish

list" of quantities and packaging. Russell Gunton, regional director for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will discuss the Pennsylvania Produce Promotion Program, the program's objectives, and how it assists buyers and sellers. Farm Link information and other marketing sessions sponsored by the non-profit organization will be available at the meeting.

Wegman's Market is located off of exit 57A of Rt. 81. Take business route 6 east for 1½ miles. The store is on the left and set back from the road with a McDonald's at the entrance.

Contact Pennsylvania Farm Link at (717) 664-7077 for information on this and other marketing events. Farm Link is sponsoring a series of marketing meetings to assist beginning farmers and others looking for marketing opportunities.



2000 Junior National Hereford Expo Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship. From left, Tara Walker, Rohrsersville, Pa.; Carole Hicks, Statesboro, Ga.; Kim Chastain, Danielsville, Ga.; Mary Hanna, Molalla, Ore.; and Melissa McGee, Fairbury, Neb.