

First Time's The Charm For Kready, Nolt

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 — At the recent Manheim Community Farm Show, exhibitors had the chance to participate in the second year of the dairy beef

competition, the 4-H and FFA beef show, and a showmanship clinic hosted by judge Ken Brubaker.

In his inaugural year in the dairy beef ring, Jevin Kready, 12, Manheim, showed the grand

champion winner. Not only is this his first year with dairy beef, "Buddy" is Jevin's first livestock project.

Jevin, in the sixth grade at Manheim Christian Day School, received "Buddy" from the lottery system which disperses the calves at the outset of the 4-H project.

"My cousin did it last year and I decided it would be a neat project," he said. Buddy is Jevin's only animal, but he hopes to increase numbers and have three animals to participate in several fairs next year.

Jevin is the son of Gerry and Melva Kready. Nicole Kready, their daughter, won first place in the FFA light heavyweight beef cattle show. The family owns a 100-acre farm, which hosts both layers and heifers.

Jeff Nolt, 17, a senior at Terre Hill Mennonite High School, won reserve champion in the dairy beef competition. Jeff works on the 250-acre home farm, which houses hogs and feeds 150 Holstein bulls.

Jeff's steer, "Jerry," came from an area farm. He also received the calf from the lottery system. Like Jevin, Jeff is a first-year exhibitor in the dairy beef competition. Jeff has eight years of experience with swine.

In the beef ring, Joelyn Donough took home supreme champion placing. "He's heavily muscled and would grade at



Dairy beef winners included reserve champion Jeff Nolt, Manheim, and Jevin Kready, also of Manheim. Both are first-year participants in the dairy beef program. This year marks the second year for the dairy beef competition at Manheim Fair.



Joelyn Donough, left, won first place in the 4-H heavyweight division before taking home supreme champion honors in the beef show. As supreme champion, Donough received the rotating Walter Hiestand Memorial Trophy. Lisa Pfautz, 20, Manheim, won first in the 4-H light heavyweight division before she won reserve champion placing.



Judge Ken Brubaker, Berks County, gave participants and audience alike a showmanship clinic during the afternoon beef shows.

the upper end," said Brubaker.

"As a cow-calf producer I'm concerned about frame, what suits the industry, and the lowest cost of production," said the judge, who decided Joelyn's steer was closest to fitting the bill.

Reserve champion winner Lisa Pfautz also won with a 4-H animal, an animal which won in the light heavyweight division. Lisa, 20, is employed at a local dairy farm.

"Gert" and Todd Zurin went to the head of the showmanship classes, as Todd took home overall champion showman honors. Todd, 15, goes to nearby Manheim Central High School. A

six-year veteran of 4-H, Todd has also shown swine and sheep, besides his two years of experience with dairy beef.

He is the son of Gary and Judy Zurin, Mount Joy, who are involved in helping at the beef ring during the Manheim Fair. The 30-acre Zurin farm hosts crops and 35-40 head of beef cattle.

"Don't save showmanship for showmanship class," urged Brubaker. "As soon as you walk in the ring, you're on the job. Your job is to make your calves look better. You should show just as hard for the type classes as you

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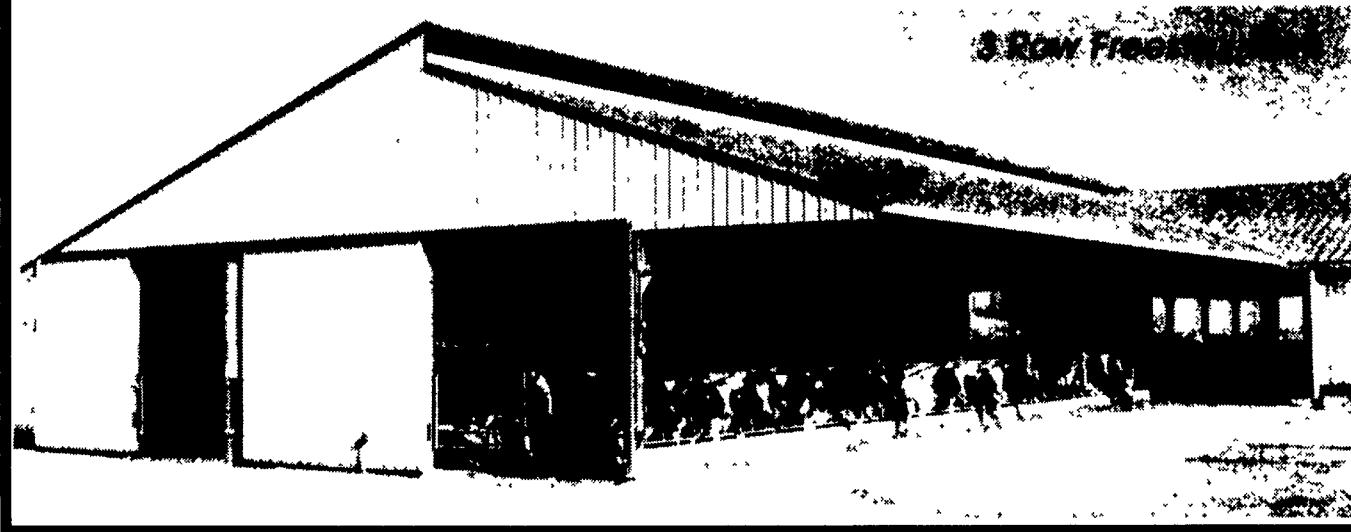
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