

Manheim Dairy Show Grows To Become Largest Show In Lancaster

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — From a handful of exhibited animals two years ago to almost 100 head this year, the Manheim Dairy Show, which almost closed, has grown to become the largest dairy show in Lancaster County this year.

"Two years ago, we had 20 cows and barely five exhibitors. The state fair fund matches premium money for five exhibitors and we only had four and almost lost it, but one exhibitor came at the last minute," said Ruby Bollinger, member of the Manheim Dairy Show Committee.

Show numbers also increased when the show was opened up to Lebanon County last year, which resulted in 56 head exhibited.

In addition to the broader pool of exhibitors and extra donated prizes from corporate sponsors, this year a milk auction helped to draw younger participants.

A symbolic gallon of milk from the supreme and reserve champion in the youth division is auctioned off, with 90 percent of the proceeds going to the exhibitor, said committee member Mike Kerdeman, Manheim. Two percent of the auction money goes to the farm show and eight percent goes to the dairy committee to pay for the painted crocks which accompany the milk.

Other community fairs also have a milk auction, said Kerdeman, who was enthusiastic about Manheim's auction. "We have really good supporters here in town," he said.

This year grand champion Dustin Horning received \$750 for his gallon of milk from Manheim Auto Auction and reserve grand champion Crystal Brubaker sold her gallon for \$425 to Jacob Ruhl Insurance, Manheim.

"It's been snowballing for us," said Michelle Wetzel, also a committee member, of the

show's growing numbers. Wetzel points to word of mouth as the main source of advertisement. "The kids went back to Lebanon and told others about this show."

Two years ago the show had two exhibitors, last year the number rose to three, and this year 22 junior exhibitors brought their animals to Manheim.

The committee has also introduced corporate-sponsored classes that donated prizes toward class winners. Last year, 10 businesses sponsored the class, a number which rose to 29 classes this year. Area businesses donated blankets, chairs, and CD cases for the youth exhibitors.

"We also had special things," said Wetzel. "We (the dairy committee) had an ice cream social and birthday party for an exhibitor and this morning we had donated milk and chocolate milk and doughnuts for the exhibitors."

"If you want to sum it all up, it's all everyone working together and helping each other out and lending a hand," said Wetzel, who cited examples of exhibitors in the same classes assisting each other.

"There's a lot of support from the community, a lot of people willing to donate time, money, and products," she said.

The outdoor show took advantage of the 75-degree fall day to showcase the animals. In the youth show, judge Elvin Hess looked for a true-type model of each breed. "I try to pick the one the closest fit to that model," said Hess, who selected Dustin Horning's Holstein out of the tough competition of the 3-year-old class.

"Turn Pike View Starbuck Penny," from Turn Pike View Farm, Stevens, took home the junior grand champion spot, followed by reserve grand champion Crystal Brubaker, Manheim, who showed a 2-year-old from Hilltop Heritage Farm.

"This is a pair of beautiful

cows put together just the way you like to see them," said Hess.

In the morning's colored breeds show, James Findley owned the grand champion Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, and Milking Shorthorn. Andrew Dice had the grand champion Jersey. In the Holstein show, Lindsey Horning had the junior champion, followed by Dustin Horning with reserve junior champion.

Since each breed represented a difference in size, scale, appearance, and breed characteristics, Hess again looked for the closest fit to the best model of the breed for overall grand champion. To Hess, the Holsteins at the show followed true-type model the closest, as he picked Lowell and Deb Brubaker's animals for overall and reserve grand champion placings.

The Brubakers, who operate Hilltop Heritage Farm, brought 15 head to exhibit at the Manheim's dairy show. The family milks 150 head and crops 210 acres of corn and alfalfa. Their daughter, youth reserve champion winner Crystal, is joined by Heather, 19; Blake, 14; and Candice, 9. "The kids are the eighth generation," said father Lowell Brubaker.

"We enjoy doing fairs, they always have incentives for youth as far as premiums and gifts," said Brubaker. He said that he appreciates the efforts at motivating youth to stay involved in showing animals. The Brubaker family also shows at Elizabethtown fair and the Lancaster 4-H show, besides making an occasional appearance at the Farm Show.

Elvin Hess, retired dairy producer from Strasburg, judged the dairy show. Hess served for 30 years as a 4-H leader and has judged shows for 15 years, judging in every district show in the state of Pennsylvania. Following is a list of show placings:



Dustin Horning, Stevens, won junior grand champion honors. Crystal Brubaker, Hilltop Heritage Farm, took home reserve junior champion placing. In place of trophies, grand and reserve champion winners took home a sturdy duffel bag or a sweatshirt.



Judge Elvin Hess, Strasburg, picked Lowell and Deb Brubaker's Holstein as overall grand champion. The Brubakers, Manheim, milk 150 cows at their Hilltop Heritage Farm.



Representing Manheim Fair Dairy Committee is Mike Kerdeman, Michelle and Gene Wetzel, and Ruby Bollinger.



Andrew Dice, James Findley, and Lowell Brubaker lined up their breed champions to compete for the overall grand champion placing.

2000 Manheim Dairy Show Results

BROWN SWISS

Dry cow: 1 James Findley.
Grand Champion Brown Swiss: James Findley.

MILKING SHORTHORN

Junior Calf: 1. James Findley - Junior Champion.
3-Year-Old Cow: 1. James Findley.
4-Year-Old Cow: 1. James Findley.
Senior Champion: James Findley.
Reserve Senior Champion: James Findley.
Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn: James Findley.
Reserve Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn: James Findley.

JERSEY

Junior Calf: 1. Harold & Audrey Dice.
Intermediate Calf: 1. Andrew Dice 2. Edward E. Dice.
Senior Calf: 1. Harold & Audrey Dice.
Summer Yearling: 1. Dianne & Brenda Dice.
Junior Champion: Andrew Dice.
Reserve Junior Champion: Andrew Dice.
4-H/FFA Junior Champion: Andrew Dice.
Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Harold & Audrey Dice.
Senior 2-Year Old: 1. Andrew Dice.
3-Year-Old: 1. Harold & Audrey Dice 2. Harold & Audrey Dice.
5-Year-Old: 1. Andrew Dice.
Dry Cow: 1. Andrew Dice.
Senior Champion: Andrew Dice.
Reserve Senior Champion: Andrew Dice.
4-H/FFA Senior Champion: Andrew Dice.
Reserve 4-H/FFA Reserve Senior Champion: Andrew Dice.
Grand Champion Jersey: Andrew Dice.
Reserve Grand Champion Jersey: Andrew Dice.
4-H/FFA Grand Champion Jersey: Andrew Dice.
4-H/FFA Reserve Grand Champion Jersey: Andrew Dice.

AYRSHIRE

Junior Calf 1 Janel Zinn 2. James Findley
Summer Yearling: 1. Kenneth & Kathryn Findley 2. Janel Zinn.
Junior Yearling: 1. Kenneth Findley.
Junior Champion: James Findley.
Reserve Junior Champion: Janel Zinn.

4-H Junior Champion: Janel Zinn.
4-H Reserve Junior Champion: Janel Zinn.

Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Howard Miller 2. James Findley 3. Mary Gettle.
Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. Kenneth Findley.
3-Year-Old: 1. James Findley.
4-Year-Old: 1. James Findley.
Dry Cow: 1. Jennifer E. Zinn 2. Kenneth & Kathryn Findley.
Aged Cow: 1. James Findley.
Senior Champion: James Findley.
Reserve Senior Champion: James Findley.
4-H Senior Champion: Jennifer Zinn.
Grand Champion Ayrshire: James Findley.
Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire: James Findley.
4-H Grand Champion Ayrshire: Jennifer Zinn.
Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire: Janel Zinn.

HOLSTEIN SHOW

Junior Calf: 1. Nelson Bomgardner 2. Candice R. Brubaker 3. Candice R. Brubaker.
Intermediate Calf: 1. Jared Zimmerman 2. Jennifer Zinn 3. Dave Wenger.
Senior Calf: 1. Kelly Horning 2. Jay D. Bomgardner 3. Dave Wenger.
Summer Yearling: 1. Dustin Horning 2. Janelle Zimmerman 3. Crystal E. Brubaker.
Junior Yearling: 1. Lindsey Horning 2. Kyle Wenger 3. Dave Wenger.
Intermediate Yearling: 1. Leanne Stoner.
Junior Champion: Lindsey Horning.
Reserve Champion: Dustin Horning.
4-H/FFA Junior Champion: Lindsey Horning.
4-H/FFA Reserve Junior Champion: Dustin Horning.
Junior 2-Year-Old: 1. Lowell Brubaker 2. Crystal E. Brubaker 3. Janelle Zimmerman.
Senior 2-Year-Old: 1. Joe Wivell 2. Daniel Eberly 3. Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
3-Year-Old: 1. Paul Horning 2. Lowell & Debra Brubaker 3. Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
4-Year-Old: 1. Lowell & Debra Brubaker 2. Clair N. Oberholtzer 3. Leanne Stoner.
5-Year-Old: 1. Lowell & Debra Brubaker 2. Joe Wivell 3. Daniel Eberly.

Dry Cow: 1. Heather Brubaker 2. Jennifer Zinn 3. Janelle Zimmerman.
Senior Champion: Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
Reserve Senior Champion: Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
4-H/FFA Senior Champion: Dustin Horning.
4-H/FFA Reserve Senior Champion: Crystal Brubaker.
Grand Champion Holstein: Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
Reserve Grand Champion Holstein: Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
4-H/FFA Grand Champion Holstein: Dustin Horning.
4-H/FFA Reserve Grand Champion Holstein: Crystal Brubaker.
Supreme Champion: Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
Reserve Supreme Champion: Lowell & Debra Brubaker.
4-H/FFA Supreme Champion: Dustin Horning.
4-H/FFA Reserve Supreme Champion: Crystal Brubaker.

GROUP CLASSES

Dam & Daughter
Milking Shorthorn: 1. James Findley.
Ayrshire: 1. Ken Findley 2. James Findley.
Jersey: 1. Dice Family.
Holstein: 1. Joe Wivell 2. Brubaker Family 3. Daniel Eberly.
Produce of Dam
Milking Shorthorn: 1. James Findley.
Ayrshire: 1. James Findley
Jersey: 1. Dice Family.
Holstein: 1. Brubaker Family 2. Brubaker Family 3. Ray-Kay-1.
Get of Sire
Ayrshire: 1. James Findley.
Jersey: 1. Dice Family.
Holstein: 1. Brubaker Family 2. Lowell Brubaker 3. Ray-Kay.
Best Owner Bred
Milking Shorthorn: 1. James Findley.
Ayrshire: 1. James Findley 2. Ken Findley.
Jersey: 1. Dice Family.
Holstein: 1. Lowell Brubaker 2. Joe Wivell 3. Dustin Horning.

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