

# Berks County 4-H Beef Take Home Honors

KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — Members of the Berks County 4-H Beef Club recently competed for top honors at the Kutztown Fair in August and the county roundup in September.

Judges for the two events were John Hausner, York County, and Robert Mikesell, State College.

Kelly Dietrich, Hamburg, showed her steer "Lucas" to champion honors in fitting and reserve champion heavyweight at Kutztown Fair and was selected champion market steer at roundup. During the fitting contest, 4-H beef club members use 30 minutes to prepare their animals for the show. The animals enter the ring clean, dry, and clipped and are then fitted in the ring. The first and second place individuals in each age division return for five minutes to put the finishing touches on their animals for champion honors. Reserve champion fitter and showman was Cathryn Levan, also of Hamburg.

Champion honors in showmanship at the Kutztown Fair went to Emilie Miller, Womelsdorf, with her bred-and-owned Hereford steer, "K-Ci." In this event, contestants are judged on their ability to present their animal and also themselves in the showing. Miller placed fourth in the overall champion showmanship contest. In this competition, champion showmen in dairy, sheep, goats, beef, hogs and dairy beef compete for top showman-

ship honors by showing each species.

In the market steer competition at Kutztown Fair, grand champion honors went to Clay Brubaker, Womelsdorf. Brubaker, a first-year 4-H member, exhibited his crossbred steer "Tex." Matthew Manbeck, also of Womelsdorf, showed the reserve champion market steer at both Kutztown Fair and roundup, after winning champion lightweight steer honors at both events with "Scottie."

The final beef competition at Kutztown Fair was the breeding classes. Five breeds of cattle were represented. Champion female of all breeds went to Matthew Manbeck, with his Simmental champion, "Matts Sable." Champion Angus went to Michael Holcombe, Mohrsville. Champion Hereford female went to Emilie Miller with her junior yearling. Champion Limousin honors went to Kelly Dietrich with her junior yearling. The outstanding beef club project members for 2000 were announced at round-

up. The Outstanding Beef Club Member was a tie this year between Emilie Miller and Clay Brubaker. The tie was broken on an interview. Miller's steer brought \$1,600 from Moyer Packing Company and Alderfer Auction Company. Brubaker's steer brought \$1,500 from Select Collisions Center, Empire Service, and Bunnell Farms.

Reserve Outstanding Project Member was also a tie between Matthew Manbeck and Cassandra Spatz. This tie was also broken on an interview and Manbeck sold his steer to Miles Angstadt Livestock Hauling for \$1,050 and Spatz sold to Rich Brandt Farm and Land for \$1,250. The Outstanding Project Member is determined by how well members place in showmanship and market classes at Reading and Kutztown fairs and roundup, and how they score in a skill-a-thon, which tests beef industry knowledge.

## BERKS COUNTY 2000 4-H BEEF ROUNDUP RESULTS

Light lightweight steer 1 Matt Man-



The Berks County 4-H Beef Club's outstanding members were announced during the recent livestock roundup. Top 4-H member was Emilie Miller, Womelsdorf, back row, left, and Clay Brubaker, Womelsdorf, front row left. Reserve champion project honors went to Matt Manbeck, back row, right, and Cassandra Spatz, Mohrsville, front row right. Standing with them is judge Robert Mikesell, far right.

beck, Womelsdorf, lightweight champion and reserve champion. 2 Jason Levan, Hamburg 3. John Hartman, Bernville.

Heavy lightweight steer 1. Clay Brubaker, Womelsdorf, reserve lightweight champion. 2. Knsty Dietrich, Hamburg. 3. Kyle Zerbe, Womelsdorf.

Middleweight steer 1. Cassandra Spatz, Mohrsville, reserve middleweight champion. 2. Josh Krill, Bernville.

Heavy middleweight steer. 1. Kelly Dietrich, middleweight and grand champion. 2. Michael Holcombe, Mohrsville.

Light heavyweight steer: 1. Emilie Miller, Womelsdorf, reserve heavyweight 2. Dean Dietrich, Lenhartsville. 3. Nathan Stump, Mohrsville.

Heavy heavyweight steer: 1. Cathryn Levan, Hamburg, heavyweight champion. 2. Harrison Reichard, Mohrsville.

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