

Mason Dixon Show Draws From Both Sides Of Border



Junior breed champion line-up, from left, judge Tom Arrowsmith; Tracy Richardson, Guernsey; Erin Magness, Holstein; Tracy Webb, Jersey; Susan Richardson, Ayrshire; Amy Poteet, Brown Swiss; and Carlyn Crowl, Milking Shorthorn.

DELTA (York Co.) — Six dairy breeds were on hand for the Mason Dixon Junior Dairy Show conducted here earlier this summer.

Exhibiting the Holstein winter calf named supreme junior champion of the show was Erin Magness of White Hall, Md.

Thirty-eight exhibitors showed a total of 55 dairy animals at the show, including Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn. The show was judged by Tom Arrowsmith.

The show is an event of the Mason Dixon Fair and is open to exhibitors from York Co., Pa. and Harford Co., Md.



Mason Dixon Junior Dairy Show Supreme junior champion exhibitor Erin Magness with judge Tom Arrowsmith and Junior Fair Queen Candace Parker.

\$8.2 Million Earmarked For 'Growing Greener' Projects

SALTSBURG (Indiana County) — Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary David E. Hess recently announced more than \$8.2 million in "Growing Greener" funds for abandoned mine reclamation and oil and gas well-plugging projects in more than 100 communities in 23 counties.

The funding will facilitate projects, completed through contracts awarded by DEP's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation and Bureau of Oil and Gas Management, to reclaim more than 500 acres of abandoned mine lands, and plug 770 abandoned oil and gas wells.

Secretary Hess, who testified before the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Committee, said, "The 'Growing Greener'

initiative is helping Pennsylvania clean up mine-scarred lands faster and more efficiently than ever before.

"Eliminating these hazards not only takes care of environmental problems, but also becomes a source of pride in communities that now no longer have to accept mine acid drainage as something they have to live with."

Secretary Hess also noted a number of environmental improvement accomplishments beyond abandoned mine reclamation and well plugging.

"Over the last six years, nearly 29,000 acres of abandoned mine lands have been reclaimed through the dedicated work of community groups, private industry and the DEP," Secretary Hess said.

"We also have eliminated 54

miles of dangerous highwalls and 39 dangerous water bodies, extinguished mine fires beneath 107 acres, and reduced the risk of subsidence to 235 acres. As a result of this combined effort, 528 miles of streams are being improved today."

On Dec. 15, 1999, Gov. Ridge signed "Growing Greener" into law, marking the largest environmental investment ever by a Pennsylvania governor — \$650 million over five years. On July 24, Gov. Ridge awarded nearly \$30 million in "Growing Greener" grants to 237 organizations in nearly every county for watershed restoration and protection.

For more information about "Growing Greener," visit DEP through the PA PowerPort at www.state.pa.us or directly at www.GrowingGreener.org.

Harford Fair Announces Awards

HARFORD, Md. — The third annual dairy showmanship contest was recently conducted at the Harford Fair.

The first three places in the 10 and under division were Cody Mack, Kinglsey; Michael Greenwood, Montrose; and Jenna Sprout, Montrose.

Jessie Sartell, Thompson, was the winner in the 11-13 year old division followed by Brittany Zebrowski, Thompson, and Amanda Miner, Meshoppen.

The first place winner in the 14-17 division was Beth Giangrieco, New Milford. Dan Puzo, Montrose, was

second and Abby Onyon, New Milford, was third. The 18-35 year old division was won by Melinda Vanderfeltz, Rushville. Second place was Shelly Woodmansee, Lake Como, and third place was Connie Chisek, Thompson. Winners in the over 35 year old division were Steve VanKuren, Montrose; Judy Sartell, Thompson, and Connie Miner, Meshoppen.

Cody Mack, Jessie Sartell, and Beth Giangrieco competed for the overall junior champion award. Cody Mack won the junior champion trophy. The overall senior grand champion trophy was won by Steve VanKuren.

Northampton 4-H Center Hosts Horse Roundup

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MOORESTOWN (Northampton Co.) — Judge William Joyce, Latham, N.Y. reviewed the entries of the Northampton County 4-H Roundup horse show recently.

In the English grooming and showmanship competition, Shannon McMasters, Brodheadsville, was named champion with Lauren Radvansky, Schnecksville, taking the junior division honors. Sarah Buskirk, Northampton, was named champion in the Western grooming and showmanship junior division with Becky Van Zee, Leighton, taking the senior division.

Janice Martin, roundup committee chairperson, posted the following results.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP HORSE SHOW RESULTS

English grooming and showmanship, senior division: 1. Shannon McMasters. 2. Hayley Willever. 3. Molly Lowman
English grooming and showmanship, junior division: 1. Lauren Radvansky. 2. Sara Fiorot. 3. Bonnie Gallagher
Western grooming and showmanship, senior division: 1. Becky Van Zee. 2. Amber Buttner. 3. Lindsay Paulus
Western grooming and showmanship, junior division: 1. Sarah Buskirk. 2. Allyse Van Zee. 3. Katelynn Ring
Open trail, ponies: 1. Samantha Hugo
Open trail, horses: 1. Ashley Garrett. 2. Kelsey Beal. 3. Victoria Johnson.
Pleasure pairs: 1. Kathleen Black and Christina Daley. 2. Katelynn Ring and Allyse Van Zee. 3. Enca Baggitt and Victoria Johnson.

Stock seat equitation, junior: 1. Katelynn Ring. 2. Allyse Van Zee. 3. Elissa Kline
Stock seat equitation, senior: 1. Becky Van Zee. 2. Amber Buttner
Western pleasure horses, junior rider: 1. Katelynn Ring. 2. Allyse Van Zee. 3. Sarah Buskirk
Western pleasure horses, senior rider: 1. Becky Van Zee. 2. Amber Buttner
Pole bending, horses: 1. Elissa Kline. 2. Christopher Walls
Clover leaf barrel race, horses: 1. Christopher Walls. 2. Christine Daley. 3. Elissa Kline
Raised box keyhole, horses: 1. Christopher Walls. 2. Christine Daley
Hunter seat equitation, junior, flat: 1. Katie Smith. 2. Molly Lowman. 3. Hayley Willever
Hunter seat equitation, senior, flat: 1. Katie Kaulius. 2. Sarah Fiorot. 3. Manssa Bzik
Hunter seat equitation, junior, O/F: 1. Kelsey Beal. 2. Ashley Pianelli
Hunter seat equitation, senior, O/F: 1. Lauren Radvansky. 2. Lindsey Ackley. 3. Bonnie Gallagher
Hunter under saddle, ponies: 1. Hayley Willever. 2. Shannon McMasters. 3. Megan Frantz
Hunter under saddle, horses, junior rider: 1. Katie Smith. 2. Molly Lowman. 3. Ashley Pianelli
Hunter under saddle, horses, senior rider: 1. Lindsey Ackley. 2. Ashley Banko. 3. Sandra Ormer
Working hunter, ponies: 1. Bonnie Gallagher. 2. Hayley Willever. 3. Cayce Mosher
Working hunter, horses: 1. Lauren Radvansky. 2. Ashley Pianelli. 3. Julie Bader.
Hunter hack, ponies: 1. Megan Frantz. 2. Caitlin Donnelly. 3. Shannon McMasters
Hunter hack, horses: 1. Molly Lowman. 2. Katie Smith. 3. Ashley Banko.
Obstacle trail (therapeutic): 1. Annie Murdoch
Walk/trot (therapeutic): 1. Annie Murdoch.
Walk/trot: 1. Natasha Henn. 2. Cathryn Chaszar. 3. Noelle Snyder.

EPA Report Sides With NCGA On Monarch Butterflies

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a report stating *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) corn poses little risk to monarch butterflies, putting to rest controversy stemming from a two-year-old Cornell University study that asserted the Bt pollen was harmful to monarchs.

The EPA report said while there is a small chance that one in 100,000 monarch caterpillars could be affected by toxic corn pollen, research suggests even those larvae will mature into healthy butterflies.

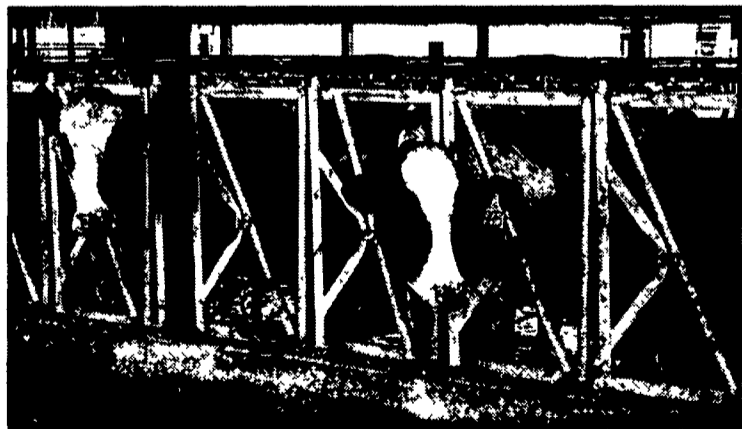
The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) has said in the past Bt corn poses no threat to the Monarch Butterflies and NCGA Biotech Working Group Chairman and Plain City, Ohio, corn grower Fred Yoder said he is glad to see the EPA agrees.

"It's definitely a positive," he said. "With this report, we can put this issue behind us and move on. Growers need continued access to the technology, and this is a big step towards that."

EPA's conclusion that the corn is relatively harmless to monarch populations is based in part on field studies conducted last summer by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Maryland, Iowa and Minnesota. Data from those studies have not been published, but have been turned over to EPA for review.

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