

# York Beef Show Posts Results

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Approximately 60 exhibitors showed 140 head of cattle at the York Fair's Open Class Market Steers show Monday.

After picking the winners, judge Chet Hughes, Lancaster County livestock extension agent, said, "I think if I hauled these steers to market, people would be pleased with what I brought.

"They're deep-bodied, heavily-muscled, and finished for market. Also they are the right weight — 1,300 pounds — and frame size for what the packers would select. These cattle are eye-appealing but have enough condition to make Choice. They're market ready," said Hughes.

Shane Miller, 15, a sophomore at Spring Grove, and 1,355-pound "Louie" clinched grand champion status after winning the heavyweight division of market steers.

The steer, which Shane got when the animal was seven months old last October, hails from Shane's uncle's "Lazy M" ranch in Wyoming. Shane is starting his own herd on the seven-acre property of his home

and hopes to someday sell club calves, so he has also added a heifer to his string.

He is in his fourth year in the show ring and plans to go onto college and perhaps enter an animal-related career. He is the son of Kevin and Deb Miller, Spring Grove.

Tommy Welsh, a senior at Spring Grove, took off football practice to exhibit "Johnny." The 1,331-pound steer took home reserve champion honors.

He is the son of Tom and Carol Welsh, East Berlin, who farm 450 acres of crop land. Tommy, who has seven years of experience in the ring, and his sister have steer and dairy heifers. The heifers, he said, will go to Harrisburg to compete in the Farm Show this year.

He bought his steer at KILE last year and is looking forward to purchasing another animal at the same event this year. Future plans include perhaps beginning a landscaping/lawn care business.

Both steers will be sold on Saturday.

Full results follow:

**OPEN CLASS  
MARKET STEER  
SHOW RESULTS  
ANGUS**

Lightweight class: 1 Kim Long 2 Herman Hake. 3 Kyle Whitebread

Medium weight class: 1. Beth Baer. 2 Corey Hunt. 3 Leanne Hoffman  
Light heavyweight class: 1 Greg Daugherty 2. Jamie Welsh 3 Kevin Klinedinst  
Heavyweight class 1. Cory Thompson 2 Herman Hake 3 Zach Kinsley  
Breed champion. Cory Thompson  
Breed reserve champion Greg Daugherty

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Lightweight class 1 Donald Sunday 2 April Daugherty  
Medium weight class: 1 Jennifer Shultz  
Light heavyweight class 1. Greg Daugherty 2 Kate Livingston. 3. Donald Sunday  
Breed champion Greg Daugherty  
Breed reserve champion Jennifer Shultz

**SHORTHORN**

Lightweight class. 1. Kelly Hain  
Medium weight class: 1 Cassandra Hake 2. Tina Brown.  
Breed champion: Cassandra Hake.  
Breed reserve champion Tina Brown

**SIMMENTAL**

Lightweight class. 1 Dustin Finchbaugh  
Light heavyweight class: 1. Kim Long 2. Katie Myers  
Breed champion. Kim Long  
Breed reserve champion Katie Myers

**OTHER BREEDS**

Lightweight class: 1 Richard Heineman. 2 Cassandra Hake 3 Tina Brown  
Medium weight class. 1 Cassandra Hake 2 Tina Brown. 3 Brooke Keeney.  
Light heavyweight class 1 Hope Long 2 Jennifer Shultz. 3. Richard Heineman  
Heavyweight class 1 Shane Miller 2 Tom Welsh 3 Kelly Hain.  
Breed champion: Shane Miller  
Breed reserve champion Tom Welsh

**GRAND CHAMPION**  
Shane Miller  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**  
Tom Welsh

# Montgomery County Conducts 4-H Dairy Show

**CREAMERY** (Montgomery Co.) — Sixteen dairy animals with four dairy breeds represented were exhibited at the Montgomery County 4-H Fair in Creamery. Joy Crothers was the fitting and showmanship judge and Jane Pepple judged the type classes.

This year's supreme champion of the show was a senior 2-year-old Holstein, Hallowells Conrad Marlene, exhibited by Sean Hallowell of Bechtelsville.

An antique gallon milk container representing milk from the supreme champion was auctioned off to the top bidder, Fred Seipt of Freddy-Hill farms in Lansdale for \$400 as part of Montgomery County's Market Animal Sale.

Proceeds from the milk container are split between Sean and the Montgomery County 4-H Dairy Club.

The junior supreme champion

was a winter calf, Maple Knoll Duke Taffy, exhibited by Amber Hallowell of Bechtelsville.

Grand and reserve grand champions of the show were Corey Yoder and Aaron Heiser in Ayrshires, Amber Hallowell and Corey Yoder in Guernseys, Sean Hallowell and Amber Hallowell in Holsteins, and Amber Hallowell and Sean Hallowell in Red and Whites.

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Sean Hallowell of Bechtelsville, right, exhibited Montgomery County's 4-H Dairy Show's supreme champion, Hallowells Conrad Marlene. Amber Hallowell of Bechtelsville, second from right, exhibited the junior supreme champion, Maple Knoll Duke Taffy. Also pictured are dairy show judges, from left, Joy Crothers and Jane Pepple.

# Sustainability Grants Offered To Agricultural Researchers, Educators

**BURLINGTON, Va.** — The Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program (SARE) will once again offer competitive grants to educators and researchers who are exploring how to move agricultural practices toward greater sustainability. Agricultural sustainability is defined as farming that is environmentally sound, economically viable, and socially supportive of both rural and urban communities.

There are two types of SARE grants for researchers and educators — Research and Education grants focus on projects that lead directly to improved farm practices, profitability, or quality of life, often by combining research with farmer implementation and

evaluation. Professional Development grants help Cooperative Extension and other agricultural professionals working with farmers gain the knowledge they need to help farmers move toward greater sustainability.

Both grant programs are designed to support complex multi-year efforts. Anyone with interest and experience in sustainable agricultural techniques and education may apply.

Last year, Northeast SARE committed \$1,570,128 for 14 Research and Education projects — grants ranged for \$4,320 to enhance farmers' marketing and business skills to \$167,660 to help develop a farmer-run research organization. The average Research

and Education grant was about \$112,200.

SARE also committed \$533,046 to fund six Professional Development projects, including training on holistic management, organic agriculture, and urban gardening. The average Professional Development grant was about \$88,000. We anticipate that more funds will be available for grants in this new grant cycle.

To encourage strong applications and explain SARE's funding priorities, a series of workshops were scheduled in Albany, N.Y., Manchester, N.H., and Baltimore, Md.

Application deadlines are Nov. 6 for Professional Development grants, Nov. 9 for Research and Education grants. You can also call or e-mail to request application materials, or you can download an application from the SARE Website at [www.uvm.edu](http://www.uvm.edu).

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**Johnston To Head NFU Communications Department**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Farmers Union (NFU) President Leland Swenson recently announced the appointment of Laura Johnston as director of communications for the family agriculture organization. Johnston joins the national staff in Washington, D.C., after five years with Oklahoma Farmers Union, where she served as the public relations specialist. She also coordinated communications and special projects for the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation for two years. Last year, Johnston was one of 30 Oklahomans selected to participate in the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program.

The Oklahoma native grew up on a registered Angus cattle ranch. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and broadcasting from Oklahoma State University.

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