

# Dairy Beef, Market Beef Compete At Manheim Farm Show

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— Both dairy beef and market beef animals took the spotlight in Manheim Farm Show's Arena on Wednesday afternoon.

The first event, the dairy beef show, "was a good show. I think the kids learned a lot," said Cheryl Fairbairn, judge.

There was a wide range of experience among the exhibitors. "There were some really good showmen in the ring," said Fairbairn. In addition, "we did a lot with the showmanship," she said. "I gave the exhibitors a lot of pointers, since many exhibitors had never shown before."

Twenty-seven competitors brought dairy beef animals into the ring during the afternoon event.

Cody Musser, 19, a junior at Manheim Central High School, and "Max" got the nod from Fairbairn for grand champion dairy beef honors.

Musser, an FFA participant, has learned the ins and outs of showing dairy beef from a neighbor and other competitors, he said.

Additionally Cody has shown hogs for the third year this fair season, and had four to exhibit at Manheim Farm Show.

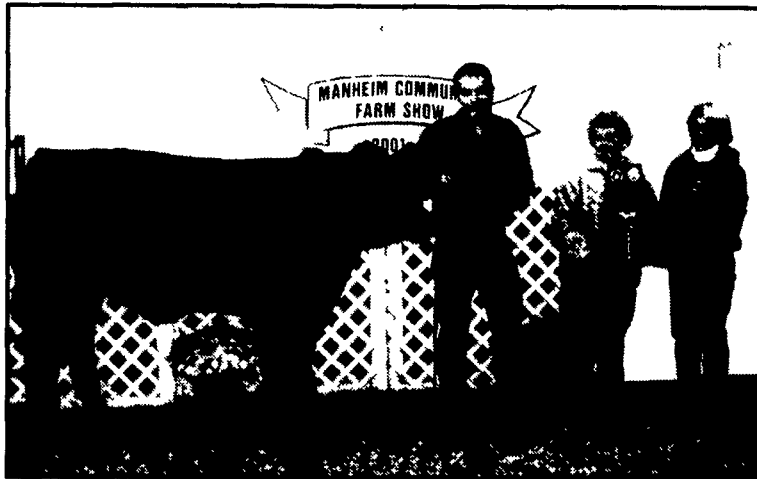
He is the son of Jim and Sue Musser, operators of a family farm and grain business. The Mussers own 70 acres and rent 250 for crops, plus custom feed 150 steers at once.

Next year, said Cody, he plans to be back in the beef show ring, either with a dairy beef or market steer animal.

The calf came from Ken Zurin, a dairy producer in Lancaster County.

A freshman at Manheim Central High School who lives a mile away from Cody Musser, Adam Zurin took "Buzz" to reserve champion placing in the dairy beef show. The calf, Adam's only dairy beef project, is also from Ken Zurin, a relative of Adam's.

This is his third year of showing dairy beef, and he plans to be back next year. He enjoys show-



**In the beef show, Ryan Donough, Manheim, won overall grand champion placing and the revolving Walter E. Hiestand trophy and premium. With Donough are Dorothy Hiestand and Diana Lynn Orley.**

ing the animals because they are easier than steers to fit and also easier to take care of. "They have better attitudes because we've had them since they were small, and they're not out on pasture," said Adam.

He is the son of Gary and Judy Zurin. His father has been the leader of the Lancaster County 4-H Dairy Club since its inception three years ago. Adam also showed two steers and two lambs at Manheim Show, and plans to sell one of each at Friday evening's auction. The remaining steer will travel to compete at the upcoming Farm Show, and he plans to keep the other lamb for breeding purposes.

In the beef show, Adam took home a first in the 4-H preview show and a champion showman placing.

### Market Beef Show

"Adequate finish" marked the market beef show, according to Fairbairn.

"This show is late enough in fair season that the steers are really finished," said Fairbairn.

Ryan Donough, Manheim, won the light heavyweight division in 4-H before getting the nod from Fairbairn for overall grand champion placing. "This steer has more length of body," said Fairbairn. "Both champion

and reserve had adequate finish."

Ryan received the Walter Hiestand Memorial Trophy and premium for his placing.

Brandon Forry won the heavyweight division of the FFA show before winning the reserve champion placing.

Chris Hess, Mount Joy, had reserve champion in the FFA division. Ryan's sister, Joelynn, won reserve placing in the 4-H show.

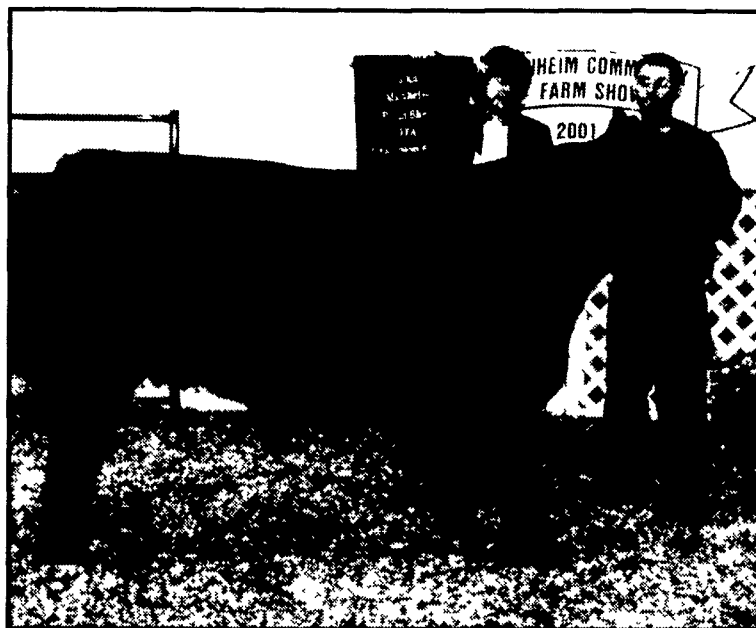
Ryan's steer, "Cletus," will be sold at Friday evening's auction. The steer was from a club calf producer in Crawford County.

"Quervo," another of Ryan's steers, was part of the Farm Show preview show at the fair, and will travel to Harrisburg to compete in January.

He is the son of Ed and LaRue Donough, owners of "TRJ Acres" in Manheim.

The three-acre farm houses 50 breeding ewes and market lambs, besides show steers and hogs.

Overall reserve champion winner Brandon Forry, 19, has four years of experience in the



**Brandon Forry, Manheim, took home reserve champion honors. He is joined by Cheryl Fairbairn, judge, and Manheim Farm Show Queen Trina Plaskowski.**



**At left Cody Musser, Manheim, won grand champion dairy beef honors while Adam Zurin, Manheim, took reserve placing.**

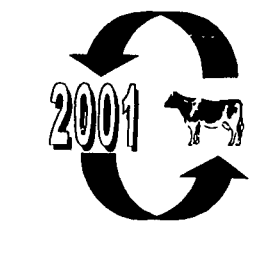
show ring with cattle and 10 years of experience showing hogs. Manheim Farm Show is the only show that he exhibits animals.

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