

# Beshore Farm Wins Farm Show Hay Competition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Beshore Farms of New Cumberland, York County, was crowned the grand champion of the hay competition with an alfalfa grass mixed entry on Jan. 4 at the 86th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show. Receiving reserve champion was Heidel Hollow Farm of Germansville, Lehigh County, with an entry of timothy grass hay.

Judge Lester Vough of Brookeville, MD, evaluated the hay classes. In his evaluation, he looked at the entry's stage of maturity, leafiness, color, odor, and the presence of any foreign material such as weeds or sticks. Also, each entry is given chemical scores for protein content and feed and dollar values per ton of hay. When talking about his champions, he judge referred to the champion alfalfa as "having a very high feed value," while the reserve is quoted as being "one of the best Timothy samples I have ever seen." He also referred to Mid-Atlantic region as having an adequate hay supply through the rest of the winter.

Judge Murray Fisk, Tunkhannock, evaluated 49 entries in the Small Grains Competition at the

86th Farm Show. Small Grains are broken down into five divisions: wheat, oats, barley, soybeans, and miscellaneous. Two Juniata County natives were crowned grand champions, as Sarah Bargo, Port Royal claimed the champion wheat honors and John Shearer, Port Royal, was crowned champion oats. Also, David Wickard, Carlisle, Cumberland Co., was named grand champion barley. Judge Fisk evaluated the entrants on purity of the seeds, their bushel weight, and seed quality characteristics such as cracked grains, insect, or disease injuries. Timothy seed and Rye were also exhibited and placed.

### HAY — FIELD CURED NO HEAT

Alfalfa first cutting field dried only 1 Daniel Christ 2 Sean Kneebone 3 James Henry

Alfalfa later cutting field dried only 1 Daniel Mikos 2 Daniel Christ 3 Frank Rafti

Alfalfa grass mixed first cutting field dried only 1 James Henry 2 Sean Kneebone 3 Garry W Burgard

Alfalfa grass mixed later cutting field dried only 1 Beshore Farms 2 Raymond Norconk 3 Garry W Burgard

Clover, field dried only 1 Terry Lutz 2 H Ray Ruhland 3 Bill Henry

Clover, grass mixed field dried only 1 Dave and Bonnie Klinger 2 Maple Hill Farm 3 Mack Farms

Grass, first cutting field dried only 1 Mack Farms 2 Carson S McKinley 3 Norm Wurzbach

Grass, later cutting field dried only 1. Dustin Smyth. 2. Steve Bandi. 3. Bill Henry

Mixed, more than 50 percent of legumes field dried only 1 Daniel Mikos 2 Maple Hill Farm 3 James Henry

Mixed, more than 50 percent of grasses field dried only 1. Andral Farms 2 Maple Hill Farm 3. Steve Bandi

### HAY — FIELD CURED PRESERVATIVE

Alfalfa, first cutting 1 Rodney Walter. 2 Heidel Hollow Farm

Alfalfa, later cutting 1 Heidel Hollow Farm 2 Breezy Farms 3 Scott Long

Alfalfa, grass mixed first cut 1 Heidel Hollow Farm

Alfalfa, grass mixed later cut 1 Ruth Long 2 Nevin G Rice

Grass, first cutting 1 Heidel Hollow Farm 2 Nevin G Rice 3 Daniel K Pearson

Grass, later cutting 1 George C Heintz 2 Jayme E Benner 3 Breezy Farms  
Mixed more than 50 percent legumes 1 Heidel Hollow Farm 2 Nevin G Rice  
Mixed more than 50 percent grasses 1 Ken Long 2 Breezy Farms 3 Nevin G Rice

Hay, grand champion 1 Beshore Farms  
Hay, reserve grand champion 1 Heidel Hollow Farm

### HAY — FIELD CURED HEAT DRIED

Alfalfa, first cutting 1 Robert Bieber 2 Dennis R Newhard 3 R.M Klein Hay and Straw Farms

Alfalfa, later cutting 1 Duane Shuman 2 Richard Shuman 3 Robert Bieber

Alfalfa, grass mixed first cutting 1 R M Klein Hay and Straw Farms

Grass, first cutting 1 R M Klein Hay and Straw Farms 2 Robert Bieber

Grass, later cutting 1 Norm Wurzbach 2 George C Heintz

Mixed, more than 50 percent of legumes 1 Dave and Bonnie Klinger 2 James P Henry

Mixed, more than 50 percent of grasses 1 Dave and Bonnie Klinger 2 Robert Bieber

### SMALL GRAINS — WHEAT

Dynasty 1 Ed Wickard.

Freedom. 1 Ed Wickard 2. Vernon Wickard

Jackson: 1 John E Shearer

Madison. 1 Sarah Bargo 2 Ed Wickard

Wheat, grand champion 1 Sarah Bargo

### SMALL GRAINS — OATS

Armor 1 John E Shearer 2 Daniel Christ 3 Sarah Bargo

Ogle 1 Ed Wickard 2 Vernon Wickard

3 Robert E Swartz

Hercules 1 David Wickard 2 Benjamin J Hamer

Porter 1 Ed Wickard 2 David Wickard

3 Daniel Christ

Porter, voc class 2 Sean Kneebow

Oats, grand champion. 1 John E. Shearer.

### SMALL GRAINS — BARLEY

Barsory 1 David Wickard. 2. Ed Wickard. 3. Vernon Wickard

Pennco. 1. David Wickard 2 Ed Wickard 3. Vernon Wickard

Wysor: 1. Daniel Christ 2. Ed Wickard. 3. David Wickard.

Barley, grand champion: 1. David Wickard.

### SMALL GRAINS — MISCELLANEOUS

Soybeans, any variety. 1. Vernon Wickard 2 Jeff Wickard 3 David Wickard

Buckwheat, Japanese or silverhull: 1 Ed Wickard 2 Vernon Wickard 3 David Wickard

Rye, any variety: 1. Jeff Wickard. 2. Vernon Wickard 3. Ed Wickard

Timothy seed 1 Vernon Wickard 2 Ed Wickard 3 David Wickard

## What's In A Market Report?

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) collects and distributes price and sales reports on farm products to provide equal access to both buyers and sellers on current marketing information.

Uniform standards (such as quality grade and yield grade) on which to quote prices have been established for each commodity. The commodity's price basis — per-hundred weight, per-head, per-ton, per-bushel, etc. — should be noted in the report. Most livestock prices are reported on a per-hundred pound weight basis (CWT) with those on a per-head basis adequately noted. The weighted average is computed by dividing the total value of the sales by the total number of units sold.

For example: "Choice 2-3 steers, 1100-1400 lbs, sold 65-68.00" means the market reporter considered those steers of Choice quality, ranging from 1,100 to 1,400 pounds, with the estimated yield of closely trimmed retail cuts graded at 2-3 (on a scale of 1-5 yield grades) and at prices ranging 65 to 68 cents per-pound live weight.

The word "market" can refer to the geographic location where the commodity is traded or the price at which it is traded. Market reports may denote market activity, price trend, supply, demand and undertone. An explanation of these terms follows:

#### • MARKET ACTIVITY: The pace at which sales are made.

Active - Supplies readily clearing the market.

Moderate - Supplies clearing at a reasonable rate.

Slow - Supplies are not clearing the market.

Inactive - Sales are intermittent with few buyers or sellers.

#### • TREND: The direction in which prices are moving in relation to trading in the previous reporting period.

Higher - Majority of sales are at prices measurably higher.

Firm - Prices are higher, but not measurably so.

Steady - Prices are unchanged.

Weak - Prices are lower, but not measurably so.

Lower - Prices for most sales are lower.

#### • SUPPLY: The quantity of the commodity currently available.

Heavy - Volume of supply is above average.

Moderate - Volume is average.

Light - Volume is below average.

#### • DEMAND: The desire to possess a commodity coupled with the willingness and ability to pay.

Very Good - Offerings or supplies are rapidly absorbed.

Good - Firm confidence on the part of buyers that general market conditions are good. Trading is more active than normal.


Moderate - Average buyer interest and trading.

Light - Demand is below average.

Very Light - Few buyers are interested in trading.

#### • UNDERTONE: Sense of direction in a given market situation.

**Foraging Around,** the official publication of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council, scheduled February 9 in Lancaster Farming, is scheduled to include a feature on rotational grazing for poultry in addition to work by other leading graziers. A preview and schedule of the upcoming Pennsylvania Forage and Grazing Conference is also scheduled, in addition to news and views of the Council.



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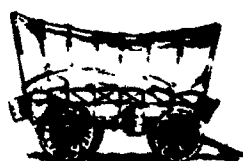
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## USDA To Increase Assessments On Imported Pork Products

WASHINGTON, D.C. — USDA is increasing assessments on imported pork and pork products. The increase — from seven-hundredths to one-tenth of a cent per pound, or the equivalent of fifteen-hundredths to twenty-two hundredths of a cent per kilogram — will become effective Jan. 28, 2002.

The increase reflects the 36 percent increase in hog prices paid at major U.S. markets last year. The rate of assessment, which was increased from 0.35 to 0.45 of one percent of market price effective Sept. 3, 1995, remains unchanged.

This increase will bring importer assessments more in line with those being paid by domestic producers.

Assessments on imported pork and pork products are established by formula each year, based on U.S. market prices for hogs. Assessments on domestic and imported pork are authorized by the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985. The assessments fund research and promotional activities designed to strengthen the position of pork in the marketplace.

Notice of the increase appeared as a final rule in the Dec. 28 Federal Register. Copies of the final rule are available from the Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA Stop 0251, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251, (202) 720-1115.

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