

Finally, A First-Time Dairy Champion For Del. 4-H'er

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HARRINGTON, Del. — A first-time champion finally arrived for Mel Wyatt of Harrington here early this week at the Delaware State Fair.

Mel, 15, son of Chris and Crys-

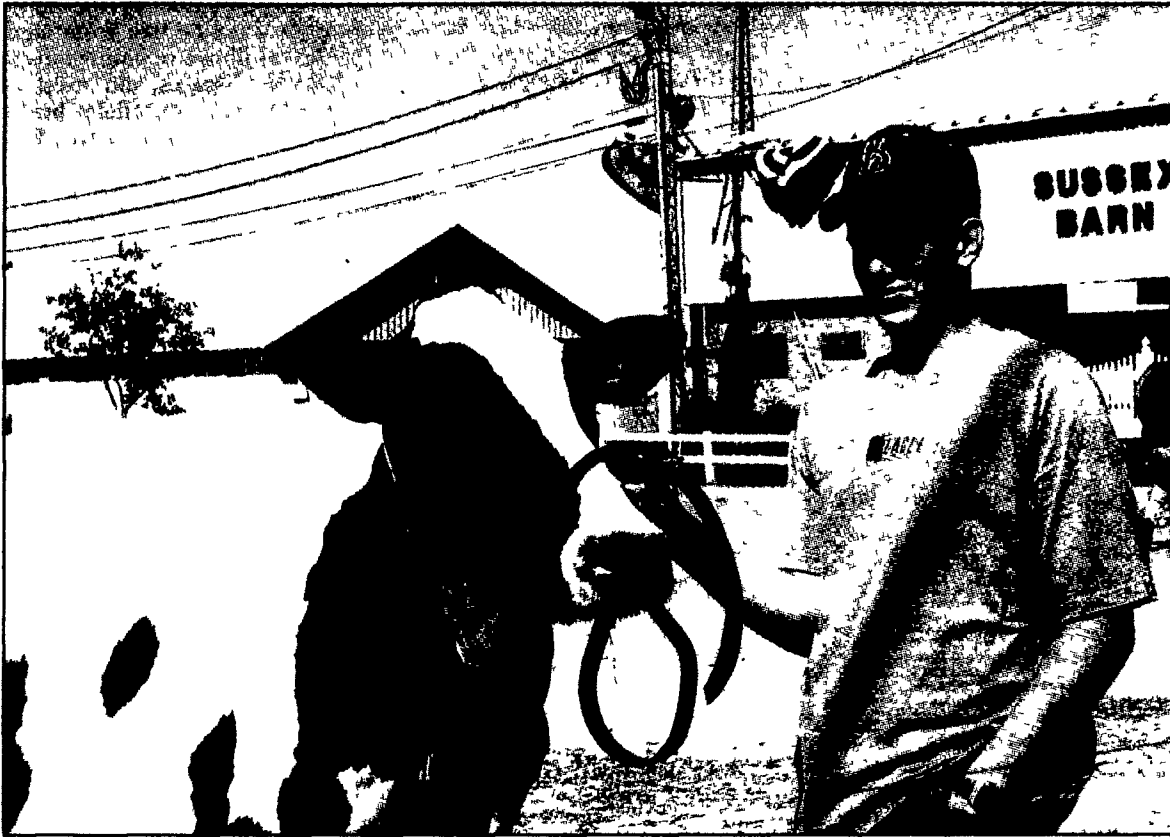
tal Wyatt, won junior dairy show supreme with his 4-year-old Holstein, Hayland Mandel Kathy (S: Lutz-Meadows E Mandel-Et, D: Hayland Blackstar Katie).

The Lake Forrest High School 11th grader is a member of the Vernon Honey Bees Dairy Club, of which he is vice president.

The cow is kept at the farm of Randy Sullivan. Mel noted that nothing special went into garnering the first-time champion.

Sullivan cares for the animal.

Mel noted that his mother and father, who also exhibited at the fair, taught him a lot about showing animals.



Mel Wyatt won supreme champion junior dairy show at the Delaware State Fair Monday with his 4-year-old Holstein, Hayland Mandel Kathy. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor

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Pasture Walks Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — A series of pasture walks have been organized by local graziers in cooperation with Lancaster County Cooperative Extension for people who are interested in grazing dairy cattle.

Hours for all the walks are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., DST. For biosecurity reasons, all who attend are encouraged to wear clean clothes, wash their footwear before visiting the host farm and before returning home, and stay out of feeding and young stock areas.

Lunch plans vary with each location, as described below. In an effort to help host farms make necessary arrangements, reservations will be appreciated, and can be made by calling the Lancaster Cooperative Extension office at (717) 394-6851. Dates, places, and other details are as follows.

• Thursday, Aug. 1. Jeff Stoltzfus farm, located south of Kirkwood at 32 Lakeview Rd., east of Rt. 472. Jeff is a certified

organic producer, an all-grass grazer with 150 acres. He milks 70 cows in a homemade parlor, and has a simple manure and mortality composting system. Drinks will be available, but bring your own lunch.

• Thursday, Sept. 19. John Stoltzfus farm, Parkesburg, located north of Rt. 30 and west of Rt. 10 at 7643 N. Moscow Rd. John is a certified organic producer with 50 acres of grass and 11 years of grazing experience. He milks 50 cows and feeds a mixture of grass and TMR. Lunch will be provided.

• Thursday, Oct. 10. Jake Zook farm, located southwest of Christiana at 1178 White Oak Rd., between Noble Rd. and Bartville Rd. Jake has nine years of grazing experience and 100 acres of grass. He milks 50 cows and feeds no grain. A light lunch and drinks will be provided.

New York State Fair Will Host 'Beef Day'

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The New York State Fair will honor the beef industry in the Empire State on Tuesday, Aug. 27 as it celebrates the seventh annual Beef Day.

Join the beef industry on this day for Beef's "Thrill of the Grill" media burger-making contest. The kickoff to Beef Day will be at 10 a.m. at the pavilion at Cole Muffler Court. Beef industry leaders and friends from across the country and throughout New York State will again meet at the state fair to participate in this event.

Beef Day schedule:

• 10 a.m. — Beef Day Kick-off Proclamation by Nathan Rudgers, Commissioner of Ag and Markets.

• 10:30-11 a.m. — "Thrill of the Grill"

Watch as some of your favorite media personalities compete to

make the biggest and best burgers in town.

• 10:45 a.m.-4 p.m. — Beef Day Activities

Fun for the whole family (grandma and grandpa too). Meet Beefman, eat beef samples and learn about the importance of beef as part of a balanced diet.

• 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. — Beef Cooking Demos

Learn how quick and easy beef and veal dishes can be. Cattle-Women from across the country are here to show you how it's done.

• All Day — BeeFlexible Meal Solutions

Sample new beef and veal products and pick up free recipes for beef and veal dishes.

• All Day — Beef Barn

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