

# Plainfield Farmers' Fair Posts Swine, Beef Results

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Daryl Bomgardner, Selinsgrove judged the 4-H swine and open beef shows recently conducted during the Plainfield Farmers' Fair, Bangor. Bomgardner, a Penn State graduate where he was a member of the livestock judging team, is a sales representative for Hooper Equipment Inc.

In reviewing the contestants of the 4-H swine fitting and showmanship contests Bomgardner said there were several things he was looking for. When judging a showmanship class he said he felt the two most important things he looks for are: first, keep the hog between you and the judge, and secondly, he wants to see eye contact between the exhibitor and the judge. With the recent changes in fitting 4-H animals, Bomgardner said it seems the "clean and dry" policy is now the acceptable method in preparing your market swine for show. However, he stressed, "No one is opposed to using water" and after the show he took time to demonstrate how the use of water can improve the appearance of colored pigs during competition.

For his champion showman

Bomgardner selected Nicole Kondziela, Moore Township. Described as a smooth and calm showman, Kondziela first won the senior showmanship class. Laura DeWalt, Easton, winner of the junior showmanship class, was then awarded the reserve champion showman ribbon. Kondziela will attend Green Mountain College this fall planning to major in education.

During the fitting competition Kondziela again topped the senior class moving on to be named the champion fitter. Reserve fitter honors went to Josh Bauman, winner of the junior fitting class.

Moving on to the weight classes, Bomgardner said he was looking for a big framed, heavy muscled and lean animal as his choice for champion. He found exactly that as he selected the 234-pound Hampshire entry of first year member, Kelly Hower, describing the champion as being the deepest in quality of the heavyweight class, heavy muscled and widest based, big framed and lean.

For his choice as reserve champion of the show Bomgardner selected the 173-pound Duroc entry of Kondziela.

Later that afternoon, Bomgardner judged the open beef

show. In the market steer competition, the 1,235-pound Angus based entry of Gwen Wagner named Wyatt was tapped as the champion market steer. Bomgardner described the winning entry of Wagner as being square and bold.

Plainfield Farmers' Fair queen, Jennifer Hower, 17, of Bethlehem then led her 1,345-pound Angus steer, Rusty, into the reserve championship spot. Later in the open beef breeding competition, the junior yearling heifer, Just Enuff Circle A Sabrina, the March 2001 daughter of Circle A 2000 Plus and Wakefield Scaara Sarah 818, exhibited by Hower was named the champion Angus female of the show and later the reserve overall female.

Champion Simmental heifer and the champion overall female title went to Strawberry, the Nov. 2000 senior yearling entry, owned by Jesse Poliskiewicz, 19, Bangor. Poliskiewicz is a freshman at East Stroudsburg University as a criminal justice major.

Reserve champion Simmental honors went to Elena Poliskiewicz with her summer yearling heifer entry. Elena, 11, a sixth grade student at DeFranco Elementary, also received the champion cow/calf award for her 2-year-old cow, Snickers, with a Feb. calf at side sired by Power Stroke.

In the showmanship competition of the open beef show Bomgardner selected Wagner as his champion showman with Hower following in the reserve champion showman position.

The fair posted the following results for the 4-H swine and open beef shows:



Shown is Gwen Wagner with her grand champion market steer of the Open Beef Show. Daryl Bomgardner judged the event.

## 4-H SWINE SHOW FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Junior fitting: 1. Josh Bauman 2. Andrew Hower 3. Laura DeWalt.

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Intermediate fitting: 1. Steven Hunsicker  
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Senior fitting: 1. Nicole Kondziela 2. Joel Geiger 3. Travis Hahn.

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Champion fitter: Nicole Kondziela.  
Champion showman: Nicole Kondziela.

## WEIGHT CLASSES

Light lightweight: 1. Kelly Hower 2. Andrew Hower 3. Josh Bauman.

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Middle weight: 1. Joel Geiger 2. Nicole Kondziela 3. Andrew Hower.

Heavyweight: 1. Kelly Hower 2. Joel Geiger 3. Laura DeWalt.

Pairs: 1. Joel Geiger 2. Kelly Hower 3. Nicole Kondziela.

Champion market swine: Kelly Hower  
Reserve Champion market swine: Nicole Kondziela

## OPEN BEEF SHOW MARKET STEERS

Lightweight: 1. Gwen Wagner  
Medium weight: 1. Gwen Wagner 2. Paul Wagner 3. Jesse Poliskiewicz  
Heavyweight: 1. Jennifer Hower 2. Alex Poliskiewicz  
Champion market steer: Gwen Wagner  
Reserve champion market steer: Jennifer Hower

## OPEN BEEF BREEDING

ANGUS  
Junior yearling heifer: 1. Jennifer Hower  
Champion Angus female: 1. Jennifer Hower

## SIMMENTAL

Senior heifer calf: 1. Elena Poliskiewicz  
Summer yearling heifer: 1. Elena Poliskiewicz  
Early junior yearling: 1. Jesse Poliskiewicz  
Senior yearling: 1. Jesse Poliskiewicz  
Cow/calf: 1. Elena Poliskiewicz 2. Jesse Poliskiewicz  
Champion Simmental female: Jesse Poliskiewicz  
Reserve champion Simmental female: Elena Poliskiewicz



Shown is champion market hog of 4-H Swine Show exhibited by Kelly Hower. Also shown is Daryl Bomgardner, judge of the event at Plainfield Farmers' Fair.

## New Equine Show Arena For Frederick Fair

FREDERICK, Md. — Horse shows and special events at the 2002 Great Frederick Fair will be featured in a new outdoor Equine Show Arena at this year's 140th annual county event, Sept. 13-21.

"We are very proud of the new arena that has been built in time for this year's fair," said J.R. Ramsburg Jr., president of the fair's board of managers. "But we could not have gotten this monumental project done without the help and assistance of many area individuals, businesses and supporters who underwrote the arena's cost."

Sponsors of the project are Concrete General (Carl and

Norma Miller), Darling and Daughters, P.H. Drayer Inc., Eastern Materials, LaFarge, Promiseland Feed and Seed, Sandy Spring Bank and Yarnell Wastler Inc. "These are the ones who really made this arena become a reality," Ramsburg added.

Kicking off the fair's equine events will be the 4-H English horse and pony show at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14.

The draft horse and mule show, a long-time favorite among spectators and participants at the fair, gets under way in the new arena at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15. A ribbon cutting for the arena will be at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday as part of the draft horse and mule show. The Maryland Capital Park Police equine colorguard will make a special appearance during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Sunday's show will be judged by Chip Lawrence of North Carolina and Jennifer Biddle of Pennsylvania. The daylong show will feature halter classes as well as the popular antique farm implement class, the hitch and cart classes. Halter classes are for exhibitors with registered Bel-

gians, Clydesdales, Percherons or Shire, Suffolks, geldings and unregistered mares. Judging is based on the animal's conformation and animal condition.

"The draft horse and mule show continues to be a popular event at The Great Frederick Fair," said Ramsburg. "The halter classes are certainly educational because this is where the public can learn how these animals are supposed to look and what they have been bred for."

The hitch and cart classes are the entertaining portion of the show, both for the exhibitor and the spectators. "This is where the public can see how these exhibitors have trained these horses and mules to work together in team hitches and pull carts and antique farm equipment," Ramsburg said. "It's a great example of how farm work used to be done."

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, is the Old Fashion Day Parade of horse drawn buggies, carriages and carts starting at 2:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Rounding out the week's horse events will be the 4-H Western Horse and Pony Show at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 22.

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