

Market Hog Tops Junior Livestock Auction

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WHITNEYVILLE (Tioga Co.)
 — A 254-pound market hog, raised by Kyle Hamblin, brought

be a good sale for the kids. We felt we needed to have something to spur the sale on. From there on out, the bidding went pretty well," said Ed Cornell, Cornell

the champions from the junior dairy show were put across the auction block.

The 35 hogs averaged \$1.42 per pound with the high price of \$7.50 per pound, belonging to the champion, and the low price of \$.90 per pound.

The second high seller was Matt Watkins' 226-pound reserve grand champion, which brought the final bid of \$3.80 per pound. The reserve champion was purchased by Wood's Excavation Service.

In the steer ring, the high price of \$1.45 per pound was commanded by Larry Schaar's 1,229-pound grand champion. C&N Bank purchased the high seller. The reserve grand champion steer, raised by Brandon Reed, tipped the scales at 1,178 pounds and was purchased by John Sharpe, Gaines, for \$1.15 per pound. Steer prices ranged from a high of \$1.45 per pound to a low of \$.75 per pound with the average price at \$.91 per pound.

The 12 market lambs averaged \$2.56 per pound, with the sale topper belonging to David O'Dell. His 105-pound grand champion brought \$4.75 per pound and was purchased by Nick Helf. Reserve grand champion lamb, a 104-pound animal raised by Garrett Webster, was the second-high seller, commanding a price of \$4.25 per pound from First Citizens National Bank.

Toward the end of the sale, a 60-pound angora market goat, sold by Star Pais, stole the heart of Nick Helf, as he raised the bid to \$10 per pound, topping the market goat sale. The 70-pound grand champion market goat, raised by Joseph Sepiol, brought \$4.80 per pound and was purchased by the Jersey Shore Livestock Market. Weis Market purchased the 47-pound reserve grand champion market goat for \$5.50 per pound. Alison Gorenflo raised the reserve champion.

In the Tioga County Fair milk auction, money was raised to develop new and innovative programs for dairy youth in 4-H or FFA. Owners of the animals also receive a portion of the proceeds.



Cornell Brothers Agway, represented by Ed Cornell, right, purchased Kyle Hamblin's champion market hog.



Nick Helf Jr., right, was the high bidder on David O'Dell's grand champion market lamb.

7.50 per pound at the 2002 Tioga County Junior Livestock Auction, topping the list as the high-selling animal of the sale. Cornell Brothers Agway cast the final bid for the grand champion.

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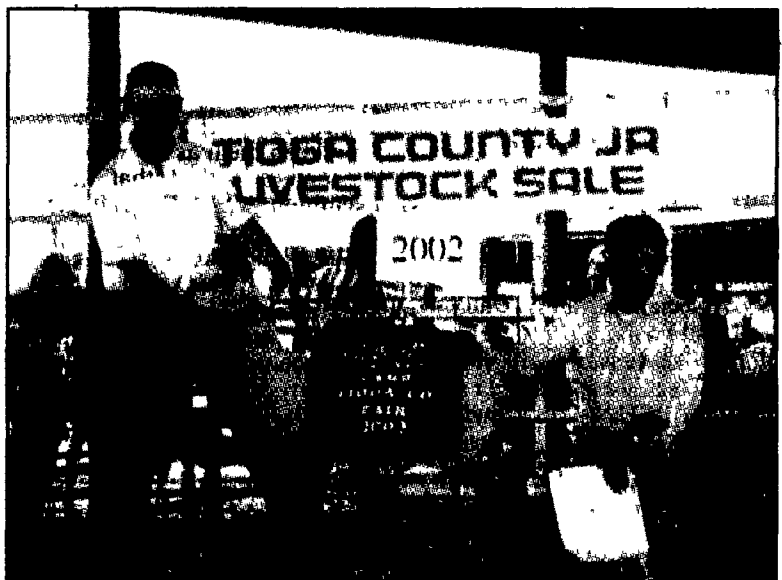
The sale, conducted recently, featured 35 hogs, 18 steers, 12 lambs, and 19 market goats. Also featured was the 2002 Tioga County Milk Auction, where decorated gallon jars representing

Grand champions from six breeds were brought into the arena for this year's program. Commanding the highest price was the milk jar from Renee Norman's champion Jersey. Wright's Farm and Home purchased the jar for \$500.

The Holstein was next on the list, as Chelsea Coolidge's milk jar sold for \$475 to Judson's Inc. Pelton Trucking purchased the

third high-selling milk jar, belonging to Alison Gorenflo and her Guernsey, for \$450.

Craig Johnson sold the Brown Swiss jar for \$425 to Middlebury Cooperative. The Red and White milk jar, sold by Michael Ritter, went for \$325 to Rodney Sherman. The Ayrshire milk jug, sold by Stefanie Long, rounded out the sale, bringing a price of \$250 from Wild Rose Concrete.



Nick Helf Jr., right, was the high bidder on David O'Dell's grand champion market lamb.



Joseph Sepiol, right, sold the grand champion market goat to Jersey Shore Livestock Auction.

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