

# Carbon 4-H Livestock Sale Posts Results

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The 2002 Annual 4-H Livestock Sale was conducted during the Carbon County Fair recently. The county that has seen tremendous growth in the membership of the Carbon County 4-H Livestock Club saw 109 animals parade through the sale ring as auctioneer, Tim Houser, of Houser Auctioneers Inc., New Ringgold, accepted bids for the project animals of the 33 members.

A buyer's luncheon was provided to all registered buyers with the food donated by Walck's Restaurant, Parryville.

Starting the sale was the donation of a custom designed hand-made quilt in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 4-H program. The Miller family of Fairyland Farm, Leighton, paid for the materials and hand quilting with proceeds to be donated to the Carbon County 4-H Development Fund. The successful bid for the quilt went to Scott and Tim Seltzer, Seltzer's Nursery, at a figure of \$460. The Seltzers were both members of the 4-H Livestock Club of Carbon County and now have children of their

own starting their 4-H careers.

In an effort to raise money for the Bunny Busters Rabbit Club to host an ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders' Association) rabbit show in the county, former member Travis Hawk donated two pens of rabbits for sale. Successful bidders for the two pens were: Scott and Dawn George of Hollyhock Farms, Palmerton, at \$95 and Miller's Country Store, Leighton, for \$80.

Starting the sale of champions was the grand champion market steer of Justin Cunfer, 18. Houser Auctioneers Inc., New Ringgold, purchased the 1,344-pound Angus for the high bid of \$1,750.

The 236-pound grand champion market hog of Luke Graver, 10, was purchased by Hometown Farmers' Market owned by the Robert Dunn family for \$500. Shanna Simmons, 18, then sold her 65-pound grand champion market goat to Mike Fegley, Fegley Fast Fill Mobil for \$410.

The successful bidder of Nicholas Simmons' 576-pound champion dairy beef was Chas. S. Snyder Inc., Tamaqua, while Herman B. Snyder Plumbing, Leighton, was the high bidder of the 117-pound champion market lamb of Ashley Barry.

Following is a list of the successful bidders of the reserve champion animals with the exhibitor name and amount of bid: reserve champion market steer of Josh Kemmerer sold to Village Center Mall, the Robert Dunn family, for \$1,300; reserve champion market hog of Christiana Graver sold to Palmerton Garage Doors, Ned Biege, for \$360; reserve champion market goat of

Andrew Miller sold to Chas. S. Snyder Inc. for \$150; reserve champion dairy beef of Christiana Graver sold to Chas. S. Snyder Inc. for \$600; and the reserve champion market lamb of Luke Graver sold to Anthony Landscapes Inc., Buckingham, for \$300.

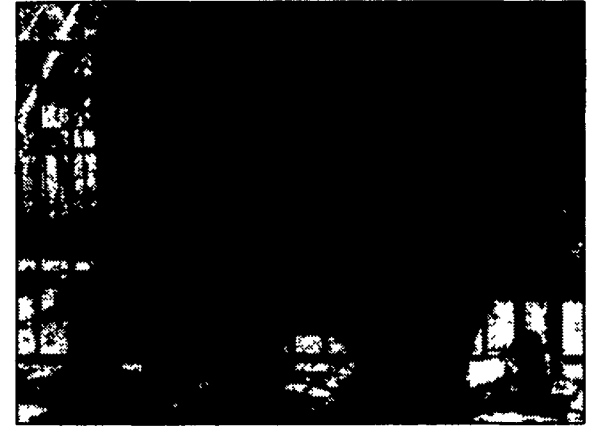
The remainder of the sale (excluding the champion and reserve animals) saw the average

prices for market steers at \$1,200; dairy beef at \$540; market hogs at \$256; market lambs at \$194; and market goats at \$143.

The buy back program for the sale that enabled individuals and businesses that wish to support the 4-H members but do not want to keep the animal was provided by Leesport Farmers' Market, Leesport.



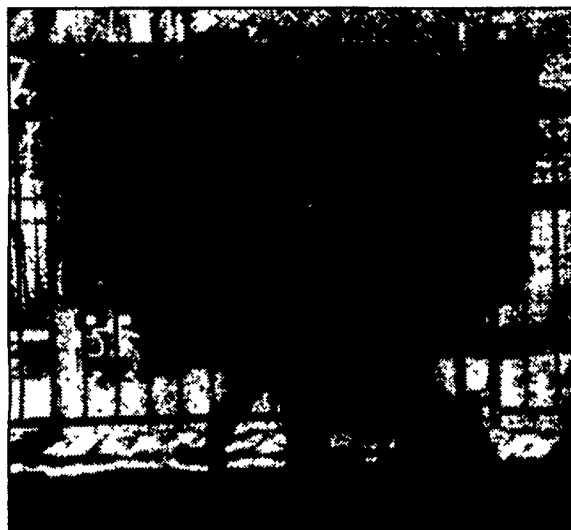
Grand champion dairy beef of the Carbon County Fair exhibited by Nicholas Simmons was purchased by Chas. S. Snyder Inc. of Tamaqua for \$1,000.



Grand champion market hog of the Carbon County Fair exhibited by Luke Graver was purchased by the Hometown Farmers' Market for the high bid of \$500.



Grand champion market steer of the Carbon County Fair exhibited by Justin Cunfer was purchased by Houser Auctioneers, New Ringgold for the high bid of \$1,750.



Grand champion market goat of the Carbon County Fair exhibited by Shanna Simmons was purchased by Mike Fegley of Fegley Fast Fill Mobil, Andreas, for the high bid of \$410.



Grand champion market lamb of the Carbon County Fair exhibited by Ashley Barry was purchased by Herman B. Snyder Plumbing and Heating, Leighton, for \$400.

# Atkins Judges Blue Valley Farm Show Swine Show

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BANGOR (Northampton Co.) —

Dan Atkins, Lebanon, a former breeder of swine and a graduate of Penn State University, judged the market swine show at the Blue Valley Farm Show recently. A dairy and animal science major, Atkins was a member of the meats and livestock judging

teams while at Penn State and currently works with the livestock club and judging team of Lebanon County.

For his champion fitter of the market swine show Atkins selected Josh Bauman from the junior — first-year class. Atkins liked the way Bauman had all the points clean on the hog and had

the hog looking real sharp for the day's competition. The champion showman title went to senior Joel Geiger who Atkins described as being a very smooth and steady showman and also complimented Geiger on keeping the pig out where the judge could see him. Geiger, 17, is a senior at Northampton High School and the son

of Sherwood and Kathy Geiger. Geiger has also started his own swine breeding project with several litters to his credit.

Reserve champion fitter and reserve champion showman honors went to Nicole Kondziela, Moore Township, from the senior division.

For his champion market hog of the competition Atkins selected the 221-pound winner of the light medium weight hogs exhibited by Christiana Graver. In describing this champion Atkins said the hog puts everything together into a nice package in regards to the ideals of the industry. It was a nice showing kind of hog with eye appeal but still put together the desired carcass package.

Graver, 12, daughter of Paul and Diane Graver of Leighton, is in the seventh grade at Leighton Middle School.

Kondziela's 233-pound Duroc entry of the medium weight class followed into the reserve grand champion market hog spot. Atkins described the reserve champion as being big framed, lean muscled, fresh in appearance, and trim yet carrying a lot of muscle.

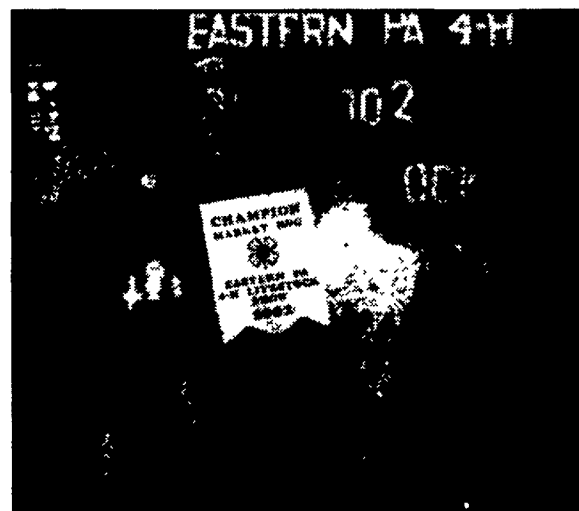
Graver and Kondziela followed with the grand champion and reserve champion pair of market hogs, respectively.

The fair posted the following results:

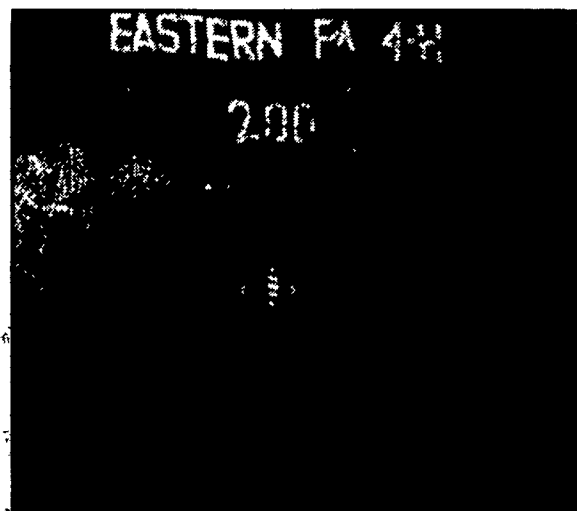
**MARKET SWINE SHOW FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**  
Senior fitting: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Joel Geiger. 3. Christiana Graver.  
Intermediate fitting: 1. Luke Graver. 2. Laura DeWalt. 3. Kelvin DeWalt.  
Junior fitting: 1. Josh Bauman. 2. Kelly Hower.  
Senior showmanship: 1. Joel Geiger. 2. Nicole Kondziela. 3. Travis Hahn  
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Kelvin DeWalt. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Andrew Hower.  
Junior showmanship: 1. Josh Bauman. 2. Kelly Hower.  
Champion fitter: Josh Bauman.  
Reserve champion fitter: Nicole Kondziela.  
Champion showman: Joel Geiger.  
Reserve champion showman: Nicole Kondziela.

**MARKET SWINE SHOW WEIGHT CLASSES**  
Light lightweight: 1. Andrew Hower. 2. Andrew Hower.  
Heavy lightweight: 1. Kelly Hower. 2. Andrew Hower. 3. Steven Hunsicker.  
Light medium weight: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Joel Geiger.  
Medium weight: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Christiana Graver. 3. Luke Graver.  
Heavy medium weight: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Steven Hunsicker. 3. Travis Hahn.  
Heavyweight: 1. Joel Geiger. 2. Kelly Hower. 3. Travis Hahn.

**GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG**  
Christiana Graver  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG**  
Nicole Kondziela  
**MARKET SWINE SHOW PAIRS**  
Lightweight: 1. Josh Bauman. 2. Nicole Kondziela. 3. Andrew Hower.  
Medium weight: 1. Christiana Graver. 2. Luke Graver. 3. Joel Geiger.  
Heavyweight: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Joel Geiger. 3. Travis Hahn.  
**GRAND CHAMPION PAIR MARKET HOGS**  
Christiana Graver  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PAIR MARKET HOGS**  
Nicole Kondziela



Shown is grand champion market hog of Blue Valley Farm Show, Bangor. From left is judge Dan Atkins, Lebanon, and Christiana Graver, 12, with her 221-pound grand champion. Graver is the daughter of Paul and Diane Graver of Leighton and a seventh-grade student at Leighton Middle School.



From left is judge Dan Atkins, Lebanon, and Nicole Kondziela, with the reserve grand champion market hog of the Blue Valley Farm Show. Kondziela was also named the reserve champion fitter and showman of the competition.