

Businesses Support Youth At Sale Of Champions

Grand Champion Goat Sale Sets Record at \$2,200; Farm Show Scholarships Awarded

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The former Small Arena — now designated as the Sale Arena — again hosted the annual Sale of Champions at the Farm Show complex Tuesday.

The event followed what some believe to be record attendance over the weekend.

The record belonged to the market goat show this year. Zac

Ocker, 15, in his fifth year showing market goats at the Farm Show, exhibited the grand champion market goat, a crossbred Boer. Zac received \$2,200 — doubling the previous record of \$1,100 — from New Holland Sales Stables.

The grand champion market swine. A crossbred animal, the hog was exhibited by Jacob Wheeler, Somerset, and purchased by Hatfield Quality Meats

and Giant Foods for \$2,200.

Kori Morgan, 17, Pine Grove, showed the grand champion market lamb. Pioneer Pole Buildings purchased the lamb for \$3,000.

Nate Tice's

PENNSYLVANIA 2003 FARM SHOW



Kori Morgan sold her grand champion market lamb to Pioneer Pole Buildings for \$3,000.



Valerie Svonavec sold her reserve champion market swine for \$2,100 to Fulton Bank and Kessler's, Inc. Also pictured are Sue Samson, Kessler's, Inc., and Mike Firestine, Fulton Bank.

grand champion market steer, a crossbred, brought \$20,000 for Nate, a senior at Northern Lebanon High School. Hoss's Steak and Sea House purchased the steer.

Valerie Svonavec, 9, Rockwood, showed the reserve

champion market swine, also a crossbred. She re-

ceived \$2,100 for her hog from Fulton Bank and Kessler's, Inc.

The reserve champion market lamb in the junior show was a crossbred animal exhibited by Becky Cowell, Waynesburg, a freshman majoring in biology at Waynesburg College. Old Guard Insurance, Lititz, purchased the lamb for \$1,500.

The reserve champion market steer was shown by third-year Farm Show exhibitor Ryan Claycomb, 11, Osterburg. Taylor Excel, Wyalusing, purchased the Shorthorn steer for \$2,700.

Matt Riebling, 16, Hanover, in his first Farm Show appearance as an exhibitor, showed the reserve champion market goat. New Holland Sales Stables purchased the goat for \$1,150.

Also auctioned off was a limited edition tractor — number one of 1,200 — sold to benefit the FFA Foundation. Bill Campbell, CEO of Hoss's Steak and Sea House, purchased the item.

"Although facilities are important, it is not just about brick and

mortar. In addition to building for the future with physical infrastructure, we are also building for the future when we support our 4-H and FFA members," said Sam Hayes, agriculture secretary.

In another show of support for youth, also at the sale twenty-four Pennsylvania scholars were honored Tuesday when the Pennsylvania Farm Show Scholarship Foundation announced the winners of its tenth annual scholarship contest at the 2003 Farm Show Junior Livestock Sale of Champions.

The scholarship committee awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 24 Pennsylvania youth who are pursuing post-secondary education. Winners were selected based on scholastic achievements, 4-H or FFA involvement, school activities, and a history of involvement in the livestock events at the Farm Show.

The first fund established after the 1993 Farm Show Sale of

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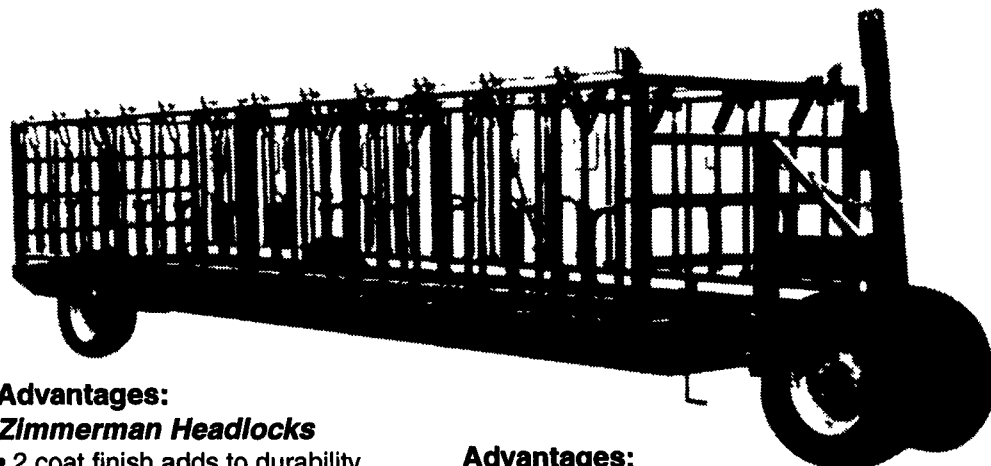


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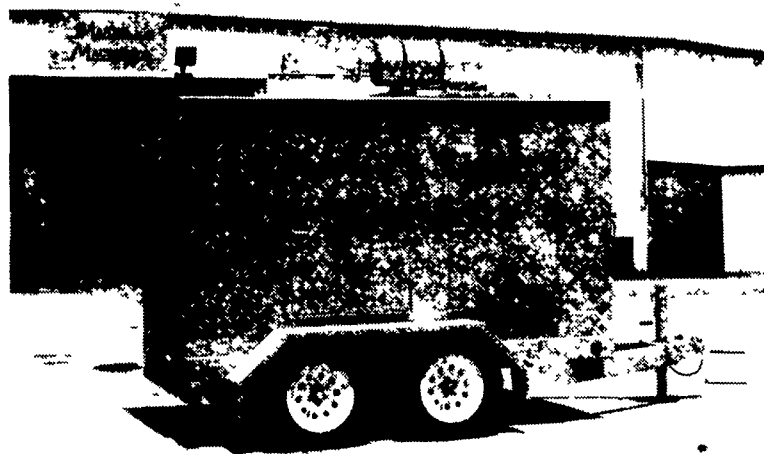
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