

Shuman Wins Best Of Show In Hay Competition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Duane Shuman, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, took grand champion in the hay competition at the 2003 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Shuman's alfalfa was picked as the best by judge Lester Vough from Brookeville, Md. Shuman's entries won both the first, and later cutting-alfalfa-in-the-field-dried-only division before going on to be named grand champion. Reserve grand champion was awarded to Wilmer Kuhns's later-cutting alfalfa that came from the partially field-cured-plus hay preservative division. Kuhns is from Chambersburg in Franklin County.

Nearly 100 entries were judged on maturity, leafiness, color, odor, and presence of foreign materials such as weeds or sticks. Also, each entry was given chemical scores for protein content and feed and dollar values per ton of hay.

Entries are sorted into three different divisions based on heat drying. The first division is for no

heat drying, the second for partial heat drying, and the last for heat drying plus a preservative. Within these divisions, there are classes for the different varieties including alfalfa, clover, grass, and mixed varieties.

Placings in the hay competition follow:

HAY - FIELD CURED (NO HEAT)

Alfalfa, first cutting field dried only. 1. Duane Shuman 2. Nevin G. Rice. 3. Andal Farms.

Alfalfa later cutting field dried only. 1. Duane Shuman. 2. Ed and Brian Harnish 3. Marcus J. Zook.

Alfalfa grass mixed first cutting field dried only: 1. Bryan Hoover. 2. Jeffrey E. Reed. 3. Dennis R. Newhard

Alfalfa grass mixed later cutting field dried only: 1. Beshore Farms. 2. Maple Hill Farm. 3. James Henry.

Clover, field dried only: 1. Bryan Hoover
Clover, grass mixed field dried only: 1. Terry Lutz. 2. Greg Kennis. 3. Bill Henry.

Grass, first cutting field dried only: 1. George C. Heintz. 2. Mack Farms. 3. Andal Farms.

Grass, later cutting field dried only: 1. Maple Hill Farm. 2. George C. Heintz. 3. Bob Beck.

Mixed, more than 50 percent of legumes, field dried only: 1. Marcus J. Zook. 2. Maple Hill Farm. 3. Ore Bank Acres Farm.

Mixed, more than 50 percent of grasses, field dried only: 1. Andal Farms, Gratz. 2. Brian D. Fulmer. 3. James Henry.

HAY - FIELD CURED (+ HEAT DRIED)

Alfalfa, first cutting: 1. Robert Bieber

Alfalfa, later cutting: 1. Robert Bieber

Alfalfa, grass mixed first cutting: 1. Dennis R. Newhard. 2. Robert Bieber

Alfalfa, grass mixed, later cutting: 1. Dennis R. Newhard. 2. Robert Bieber.

Grass, first cutting: 1. Brian D. Fulmer. 2. James P. Howard.

Grass, later cutting: 1. George C. Heintz. Mixed, more than 50 percent of grasses: 1. Robert Bieber.

HAY - FIELD CURED (+ PRESERVATIVE)

Alfalfa, first cutting: 1. Heidel Hollow Farm.

Alfalfa, later cutting: 1. Wilmer Kuhns. 2. Nevin G. Rice. 3. Rodney Walter.

Alfalfa, grass mixed first cut: 1. Heidel Hollow Farm.

Alfalfa, grass mixed later cut: 1. Nevin G. Rice. 2. Ruth Long. 3. Breezy Farms.

Grass, first cutting: 1. Gilbert Campbell 2. Heidel Hollow Farm. 3. Nevin G. Rice.

Grass, later cutting: 1. Heidel Hollow Farm. 2. Greg Kennis. 3. George C. Heintz.

Mixed more than 50 percent legumes. 1. Nevin G. Rice 2. Greg Kennis 3. Ruth Long.

Mixed more than 50 percent grasses: 1. Nevin G. Rice. 2. Breezy Farms 3. Scott Long.

HAY, GRAND CHAMPION

Duane Shuman

HAY, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Wilmer Kuhns

Rodichok Captures Top Honors In Potato Competition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Jim Rodichok of Tower City, Schuylkill County, captured top honors in the potato judging competition at the 87th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Rodichok took open division champion and overall with their entry of white skin variety potatoes. Judge John Smith of York County commented, "uniformity of size, shape, and color are the most important criteria when selecting the perfect potato."

Lorissa Lazarus of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, who first received champion in the junior division, as well as the largest potato award, exhibited this year's reserve grand champion entry.

Additional winners include:

OPEN DIVISION

White skin varieties: 1. John Rodichok 2. Spring Creek Farms. 3. Joey Hunsicker.

White skin, yellow flesh varieties: 1. Earl Livengood. 2. Spring Creek Farms.

Russeted skin varieties: 1. Spring Creek Farms. 2. Art Sweinhart.

Red or blue skin varieties: 1. Spring Creek Farms. 2. Timothy Scott Komar. 3. Art Sweinhart.

Special major chipping potato class. 1. James Smith III

JUNIOR DIVISION

White skin varieties: 1. Lorissa Lazarus. 2. Lorissa Lazarus. 3. Kelly Komar.

White skinned, yellow flesh varieties 1. Lorissa Lazarus.

Russeted skin varieties: 1. Lorissa Lazarus 2. John Strawbridge 3. Ryan Komar

Red or blue skin varieties: 1. Timothy Scott Komar 2. Stephanie Martzen 3. Brandon Komar.

Largest potato: 1. Lorissa Lazarus 2. Spring Creek Farms. 3. Tallman Family Farms.

Corn Competition Winners Named At Farm Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — It was a celebration of corn as the judging got under way during the annual corn competition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Sunday, Jan. 12.

Judge Paul Craig of Dauphin, Dauphin County, was the judge for this year's event, and carefully examined each entry for such things as uniformity of display, good examples of what's available, imperfections, and quality and abundance of kernels.

Judge Craig said that "picking out 10 similar ears is a pretty big challenge" for producers who are making their final entry decisions.

Shell corn and ornamental corn were also judged. Shell corn, a grain crop made from combined ear corn, is evaluated for appearance, color, and contamination. Additionally, it's put through quality indicators such as a moisture test and bushel weight determination, which will give some more scientific data to place the entries. Corn in this category must be submitted in four-quart volumes. Ornamental corn, known as Indian corn, and varieties of popping corn also have their own classes, and are judged in a similar manner.

Winners by category are as follows:

District I, 10 ear hybrid dent: 1. Joanne Sharpless Cruse 2. Wendy Wickard. 3. Ed Wickard

District II, 10 ear hybrid dent: 1. Robert Swartz 2. Daniel Christ.

Statewide, 10 ear open pollinated or hybrid dent: 1. Daniel Christ. 2. Vernon Wickard.

Statewide, 10 ear open pollinated Ige. Indian corn 1. Christopher Rickard 2. Hannah Kiscadden. 3. Paul Kiscaden.

Statewide, 10 ear open pollinated mini Indian ornamental: 1. Art Sweinhart. 2. Pearl Sweinhart 3. Wendy Wickard

District I, shelled corn hybrid dent: 1. Wendy Wickard 2. David Wickard. 3. Art Sweinhart.

District II, shelled corn hybrid dent: 1. Daniel Christ 2. Devon Swartz.

Statewide, 10 ear popcorn yellow 1. Art Sweinhart. 2. Pearl Sweinhart.

Statewide, 10 ear popcorn strawberry. 1. Art Sweinhart. 2. Hannah Kiscadden. 3. David Wickard

Voc. District II, 10 ear hybrid dent 1. Eric Brubaker 2. Justin Shearer.



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