

Dairy Beef Winners Will Miss Calves

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — Thanks to Jason Rice, Freedom lives a stress-free life.

Jason, 14, lives on Bad Farm, a dairy farm in Kempton. His heavyweight calf, Freedom, took grand champion at the Kutztown dairy beef show.

Jason did better than he expected and he was very happy with his results at the show, because he also won grand champion showman.

"I feed him as much as possible and keep him away from stress," he said.

Jason lives in the middle of nowhere so it isn't too hard to keep Freedom away from stress he said. Jason spends about two hours a day with Freedom. He also has 4 dairy cows at the show.

This is Jason's sixth year showing and he will be in eighth

grade at Kutztown Middle School in the fall.

Rachael Stafford is 10, but this is her first year showing. Charlie, Rachael's heavyweight calf, won reserve grand champion dairy beef.

With her first year success, Rachael said she wants to work even harder for next year.

"This is my last fair, and I had a lot of fun doing it," she said. "I am looking forward to next year."

Rachael lives on Penn Jersey Farm, a dairy beef and hog farm in Strausstown. She will be in fifth grade at Strausstown Elementary in the fall.

Both of the winners said they will be sad to see their calves go at the roundup in September.

"They are like my pets," Rice said.

MARKET DAIRY BEEF
 Light lightweight: 1. Stacey Manbeck. 2. Brandon Younker. 3. Vanessa Manbeck.
 Lightweight: 1. Jordan Rice. 2. Stacey Manbeck. 3. Eric Younker.
 Champion lightweight: Stacey Manbeck.
 Reserve: Jordan Rice.
 Light mediumweight: 1. Amelia Mengel. 2. Mike Moyer. 3. Brett J. Treichler.
 Mediumweight: 1. Kyle Hunsberger. 2. Vanessa Manbeck. 3. Rachael Kirkoff.
 Champion mediumweight: Kyle Hunsberger.
 Reserve: Amelia Mengel.
 Light heavyweight: 1. Jason Rice. 2. Rachael Stafford. 3. Bradley R. Younker.
 Heavyweight: 1. Adrienne N. Huber. 2. Pamela S. Werley. 3. Rachael Stafford.
 Champion heavyweight: Jason Rice.
 Reserve: Rachel Stafford.

GRAND CHAMPION
 Jason Rice
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Rachael Stafford
DAIRY BEEF FITTING AND SHOWING
 Fitting senior 1: 1. Mike Moyer. 2. Jacob D. Rice. 3. Stacey Manbeck.
 Fitting senior 2: 1. Brett J. Treichler. 2. Bradley R. Younker. 3. Vanessa Manbeck.
 Fitting junior 1: 1. Rachel Kirkoff. 2. Rachael Stafford. 3. Eric Younker.
 Fitting junior 2: 1. Brittini S. Treichler. 2. Adrienne N. Huber. 3. Jordan Rice.
 Showing senior 1: 1. Jason Rice. 2. Mike Moyer. 3. Stacey Manbeck.
 Showing senior 2: 1. Pamela S. Werley. 2. Vanessa Manbeck. 3. Kimberly Angstadt.
 Showing junior 1: 1. Rachael Kirkoff. 2. Rachael Stafford. 3. Eric Younker.
 Showing junior 2: 1. Jordan Rice. 2. Adrienne N. Huber. 3. Amelia Mengel.
GRAND CHAMPION FITTER
 Brett J. Treichler
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FITTER
 Rachael Kirkoff
GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
 Jason Rice
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
 Pamela S. Werley



From left, Shelby Rarick, 11, showed Alimoe, her Main Anjou cross steer who received reserve champion market steer. Kristy Dietrich, 18, hangs onto Who, the grand champion market steer at the 2003. Judge C.J. Farley, Mount Joy, chose the winners at the 2003 Kutztown Fair Beef Show.



Jason Rice's dairy beef entry, Freedom, won grand champion market dairy beef at the Kutztown Fair dairy beef show. Rachael Stafford took reserve grand champion market dairy beef with Charlie.

'Who' Helps Dietrich Place High

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — Who, a Black Angus steer, can be confused for a dog and Kristy Dietrich is going to be sad to let him go.

"I cry every year," she said. "This year is going to be especially hard."

Kristy, the 18-year-old daughter of James and Donna Dietrich, did extremely well at the Kutztown Fair steer show. She took grand champion showman and fitter and grand champion market steer with Who, her best county steer so far.

Kristy said she had her hopes high, but anything can happen. She was confident because Who was by her side. She said her homebred steer is like a dog. He moos to wake her up in the morning and cuddles up to her when she is taking care of him throughout the day.

The Dietrich family lives on a large beef farm in Hamburg, where Kristy has grown up around steers and become accustomed to working with them.

"I am so proud of her, because she deserves it. She is such a hard

worker and she always does her own work," her mom Donna Dietrich said. "Her dad and I just drove her around."

Kristy is a 2003 graduate of Tulpehocken High School. She will attend Penn State starting at the end of the month for animal sciences and all her premiums go into the savings account to pay for college.

Eleven-year-old Shelby Rarick, of Fleetwood, likes to raise sheep, but she fared very well at the steer show.

Shelby's Main Anjou cross steer, Alimoe, is reserve grand champion market steer and her Simmental Felicity earned supreme champion female at the 2003 Beef Show. Shelby lives on a beef farm in Fleetwood.

This is Dietrich's last year showing with 4-H, but she still has Allentown and Oley fairs left with Who. Then she will sell him at the roundup in September.

"It is going to be hard," Dietrich said. "I guess it never is easy."

MARKET BEEF

Lightweight: 1. Cassandra Spatz. 2. Jason Levan 3. Gwen E. Powers.
 Champion lightweight: Cassandra Spatz.
 Reserve: Jason Levan.
 Light middleweight: 1. Nathan A. Dietrich. 2. Todd L. Bennecoff. 3. Cathryn M. Levan.
 Middleweight: 1. Shelby L. Ranck. 2. Alyssa Dietrich. 3. Krnsty Dietrich.
 Champion middleweight: Shelby L. Ranck.
 Reserve: Alyssa Dietrich.
 Heavyweight: 1. Krnsty Dietrich. 2. Enn L. Dietrich. 3. Wyatt Gehnnger.
 Champion heavyweight: Krnsty Dietrich
 Reserve: Enn L. Dietrich.

GRAND CHAMPION

Krsty Dietrich
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
 Shelby L. Ranck
BEEF FITTING AND SHOWING

Senior fitting: 1. Krnsty Dietrich. 2. Cathryn M. Levan. 3. Dean Dietrich.
 Intermediate fitting: 1. Gwen E. Powers. 2. Todd L. Bennecoff. 3. Nathan P. Stump.
 Fitting junior 1: 1. Cassandra Spatz. 2. Wyatt Gehnnger. 3. Justine A. Bennecoff.
 Fitting junior 2: 1. Alyssa Dietrich. 2. Shelby L. Ranck. 3. Samuel Stump.
 Senior showing: 1. Krnsty Dietrich. 2. Cathryn M. Levan. 3. Enn L. Dietrich.
 Intermediate showing: 1. Todd L. Bennecoff. 2. Gwen E. Powers. 3. Jason Levan.
 Showing junior 1: 1. Cassandra Spatz. 2. Wyatt Gehnnger. 3. Justine A. Bennecoff.
 Showing junior 2: 1. Shelby L. Ranck. 2. Samuel Stump. 3. Alyssa Dietrich.

GRAND CHAMPION FITTER

Krsty Dietrich
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