## 4-H Animal Projects Garner Good Prices At Maryland State Fair

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TIMONIUM, Md. — About 116 animals went on sale Sunday night here at the Maryland State Fair.

About 218 buyers registered at the start of the sale.

Grand c'ampion beef, exhibited by Jacob Wolfrey, Frederick, Md., sold for \$3 per pound to Greg Deggeller of Deggeller Attractions. Reserve champion beef, exhibited by Randi Rodeheaver, was sold to Stony Brook Development, represented by Lou Strosnider, for \$3.70 per pound.

Grand champion exhibitor Jacob Wolfrey, 18, is the son of Dan and Judy Wolfrey, Frederick. The 2003 Sherando High School graduate exhibited a 1,291-pound Angus/Chianina crossbred. Jacob said he purchased the animal from a private sale in Illinois.

This was Jacob's first champion at the Maryland Fair. He shows at the Frederick County Fair in Maryland.

Reserve champion Randi Rodeheaver, 16, is the daughter of Donald and Sharon Rodeheaver, McHenry, Md. Randi, a junior at Northern Garrett High School, exhibited at the fair for her first time and picked up her first champion.

Randi exhibited a 1,170-pound Maine Anjou crossbred steer purchased at Sun Rise Club Calves in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. She nicknamed the steer "Tweeter" after a character in the "Varsity Blues" movie, she said.

Meghan Norris exhibited grand champion dairy steer. Pearce Norris purchased the 1,288-pound steer for \$1 per pound.

In market hog competition, Heather Willis, 14, won grand champion hog with her 245-pound Hampshire crossbred. The hog sold for \$2.30 per pound to Mike Birch.

Reserve champion hog was exhibited by Timmy Martin, 13, Smithsburg. Jimmy Kimbles purchased the hog for \$1.70 per pound for Kimstead Farm.

Heather Willis, grand champion exhibitor, is the 14-year-old daughter of Christopher and Fran Willis, Walkersville, Md. The Walkersville High School 10th grader exhibited the medium weight champion, a Hampshire crossbred. Heather also exhibits at the Frederick Fair. She purchased the hog from the Hoosier Sale in Ohio.

Reserve champion exhibitor Timmy Martin, 13, is the son of Karen and Steve Martin, Smithsburg, Md. The Smithsburg Middle School eighth grader exhibited his first champion with a purebred Yorkshire homebred



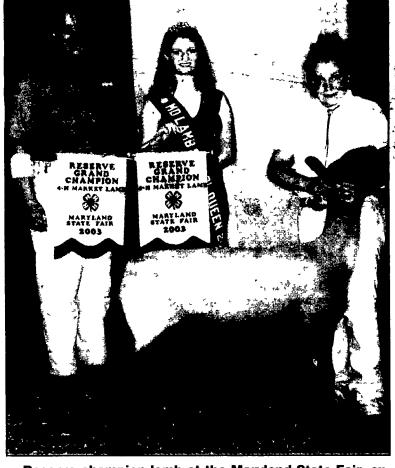
Jacob Wolfrey exhibited grand champion steer on Sunday at the Maryland State Fair, right. The steer sold for \$3 per pound to Greg Deggeller, Deggeller Attractions, center. At left is Maryland State Fair Ambassador Sara Wiles. *All photos by Andy Andrews, editor* 

from Ivy Hill Farms. Timmy said he picked it out himself, noting he liked the swine's "good muscle definition." He won reserve at the Washington County Ag Expo. He also won first place at the National Junior Swine Association Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Ky.

In 4-H/FFA market lamb competition, Christopher Utz exhibited the grand champion. Dennis Kendall, manager, Cornerstone Antiques and Consignments, Timonium, Md., purchased the 128-pound champion for \$7.50 Fer pound. Kendall noted he wanted to "give back" to the 4-H program for all it means to him.



Regive champion steer, exhibited y Randi Rodensaver, sold for \$6.70 per peut tio Lou Strougher, Storn Brook Development, center. At left is Manual State air Ambassador Sara Wiles.



Reserve champion lamb at the Maryland State Fair, exhibited by Morgan Meisenheimer, right, was sold for \$5 per pound to Becky Lynch, left. In center is Maryland Lamb and Wool Queen Anna Schlicht.

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