

Maryland State Fair

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The 128-pound reserve champion, exhibited by Morgan Meisenheimer, Mount Airy, Md., sold for \$5 per pound to Becky Lynch.

Grand champion exhibitor Christopher Utz, 14, is the son of Deb and Dennis Utz, Limeboro, Md. Christopher, in the ninth grade at North Carroll High School, exhibited a crossbred wether, his first champion.

Reserve champion exhibitor Morgan Meisenheimer, 12, is the daughter of Millie Meisenheimer, Mount Airy. Morgan exhibited a crossbred wether, "Buddy." Morgan is in the seventh grade at New Market Middle School.

In market goat competition, champion was exhibited by Claire Bennett and sold for \$5 per pound originally to Dick Byrne, Maryland 4-H program leader. The goat was then resold for \$4.75 per pound to Andy Cashman, assistant general manager of the Maryland State Fair.

Reserve, exhibited by Aaron Lantz, was sold for \$5.25 per pound to Farm Credit of Virgin-

ia, represented by Willie Lantz for F.J. Grady, Oakland, Md.

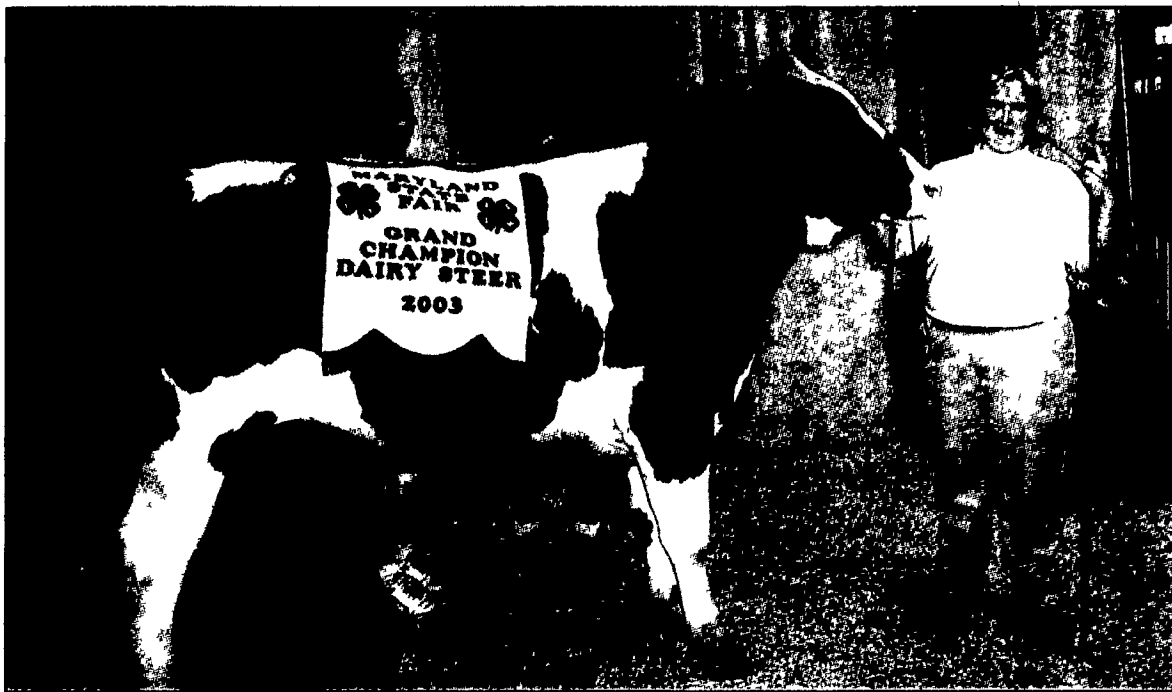
Champion Claire Bennett exhibited her crossbred doe, "Ivy," a homebred named because of its Christmas Day birth, she said. Claire, 12, is the daughter of Bruce and Kate Bennett, Union Bridge, Md.

Claire noted she raises "really nice goats" and takes time to make sure they get proper exercise. Claire noted she raised last year's grand champion at the fair.

Reserve champion Aaron Lantz, 9, is the son of William and Arlene Lantz, Oakland. This was his first time as champion, with a wether. Aaron said he is in the fourth grade at Yough Glaeds Elementary School.

The champion rabbit was exhibited by Brittany Cusic and sold for \$110 to the Maryland Foods Pavilion, represented by Stan Dabkowski. Reserve, exhibited by Sean Baker, sold for \$120 to Craig Oliver. The reserve was then resold for \$100 to Robin Keyser.

Present at the sale was Mary-



Grand champion dairy steer, exhibited by Meghan Norris, far right, sold for \$1 per pound to Pearce Norris. From left, Maryland State Fair Ambassador Sara Wiles, Lynn Norris, Pearce Norris, and Meghan.

land Lamb and Wool Queen and Howard County Fair Queen Anna Schlicht. Anna, 17, is the daughter of Dianne and John Schlicht, Clarksville, Md.

This was the first year the state fair did not have a "queen." Instead, the title was changed to "fair ambassador."

This year's fair ambassador was Sara Wiles, Washington, Md. Sara, 16, is the daughter of Robert and Vickie Wiles. Sara, a Clear Spring High School senior, is in her eighth year as a 4-H member in the dairy club, dairy goat club, and fashion club. She brought eight different projects to the fair.



At the resale, the grand champion market goat at Maryland State Fair, exhibited by Claire Bennett, center, sold to Andy Cashman, assistant general manager, Maryland State Fair, at right. At left is Maryland State Fair Ambassador Sara Wiles.



Reserve champion goat at the Maryland State Fair was exhibited by Aaron Lantz, right, and sold to Willie Lantz, representing Farm Credit of Virginia, center, for 5.25 per pound. At left is Maryland State Fair Ambassador Sara Wiles.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR 4-H/FFA WINNERS BEEF STEER SHOW SHORTHORN

Champion: Clair Bennet.
Reserve Champion: Charles Kretz.
Champion Rate of Gain: Amanda Leister.

CROSSBRED
Champion: Jacob Wolfrey.
Reserve Champion: Randi Rodeheaver.
Champion Rate of Gain: Sean Klein.

ANGUS
Champion: Jason Farrell.
Reserve Champion: Morgan Meisenheimer.

Champion Rate of Gain: Cory Nusbaum.

HEREFORD
Champion: Bradley Seiss.
Reserve Champion: Maria Stevens.

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