

Somerset County Fair Sale Raises More Than \$260,000

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SOMERSET (Somerset Co.) — The junior livestock sale at the Somerset County Fair Aug. 23 brought in the largest recorded dollar amount ever at \$267,172.75.

The sale of 340 4-H and FFA animals ends a week's worth of agricultural and entertainment activities at the Somerset County Fair in Meyersdale during the week of Aug. 16-23.

According to Mary Ann Sorber, fair board member and 4-H leader who has helped to coordinate the event for several years, this sale is one of the biggest livestock sales in the state of Pennsylvania and is a nice way to end the fair on a positive note. She also added that without the continued support of the buyers over the years, the sale wouldn't be as successful.

Somerset County auctioneers Kermit Stahl, Mike Knepper, William Arnold, Scott Mostoller, and Reed Luce started the sale off at 10 a.m. and ended at about 4 p.m.

In total, 41 steers were auctioned off for a total of \$112,311, averaging \$1.81 a piece per pound; 54 lambs for \$18,302.25, averaging \$2.94 a pound; and 245 swine for \$136,559.50, averaging \$2.25 a pound.

The first item sold during the sale was a "Dairy Basket," full of dairy goods, gift certificates, and other goodies. The basket was bought by Van Bremans of Somerset for \$1,200, money donated to the 4-H Dairy Scholarship Fund.

The grand champion steer, owned by Shawn Troutman of Hyndman, went to Save A Lot in Somer-

set at \$5.75 a pound, totaling \$7,245. Troutman's beef also won county bred champion.

Reserve champion steer, owned by Lacey Murray of Garrett, went to Wheeler Brothers Inc. of Somerset, at \$4 a pound, totaling \$5,000. It was donated to Bethany United Methodist Church.

Beth Miller of Meyersdale sold her reserve county bred steer to Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Somerset for \$2.50 a pound, totaling \$3,387.50.

The sheep were the next group of animals to be sold at the sale.

Molly Enos of Rockwood sold her grand champion sheep to Swank Steel City Amusements of Pittsburgh, for \$17.50 a pound, totaling \$2,345.

Nicole Shultz of Rockwood sold her reserve champion sheep to the Animal Medical Center in Somerset for \$5 a pound, totaling \$620.

Elle Enos of Rockwood sold her home grown champion to Sredy Enterprises of Somerset for \$4.50 a pound, totaling \$553.50.

Valerie Svonavec of Rockwood sold her reserve home grown

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Shawn Troutman of Hyndman (southern Somerset County) sold his grand champion steer to John and Toni Polosky, representing Save a Lot in Somerset, for a grand total of \$7,245 during the junior livestock sale on Aug. 23 at the Somerset County Fair. The Poloskys are not pictured.

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