

Hamp/York Crossbreds Shine At Solanco Swine Show

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Tiffany Dean's "blue butt" pigs made a big splash at the Solanco Fair's market swine show last week.

Dean's Hampshire/Yorkshire crossbreds won in the light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions, with the 270-pound heavyweight taking the overall grand champion trophy.

Dean, a junior at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, explained how crossing the Hampshire and Yorkshire breeds results in the bluish coloring, especially in the hind end and face of the animal.

"You combine a black pig and a white pig and you get blue," she said.

Although Dean has shown the blue pigs before, it's the first time they won at the Solanco Fair.

Dean, 17, is the daughter of Gary and Joan Dean of Strasburg.

Nicole Welk, an eight-grader from Quarryville, exhibited the lightweight champion, a 232-pound pig.

Justin Welk's 240-pound hog won the middleweight division. Welk, 10, is the son of Don and Emily Welk, Strasburg.

Judge Bob Miksell praised the winners of the more than 100 swine shown by youth exhibitors.

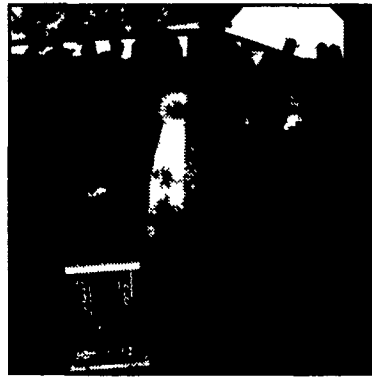
"These are pigs that are lean, heavily-muscled, structurally correct, and stylish," Miksell said of the four division champs.

Dean's grand champion edged out the other three pigs with its combination of body length, levelness, and being extremely heavily muscled, Miksell said.

The show posted the following results:

SOLANCO SWINE SHOW RESULTS
Lightweight class 1: 1. Sarah Henry. 2. Madison Fiano. 3. Kevin Groff.
Lightweight class 2: 1. Nicole Welk. 2. Matthew Groff. 3. Megan Herr.
Lightweight class 3: 1. Nicole Welk. 2. Mandie Holloway. 3. Daniel Keefer.
Champion: Nicole Welk.
Reserve Champion: Mandy Holloway.
Middleweight class 1: 1. Justin Welk. 2. Sarah Henry. 3. Joe Welk.
Middleweight class 2: 1. Megan Herr. 2. Anna Mary Henry. 3. Jenna Bleacher.
Middleweight class 3: 1. Ryan Wissler. 2. Nick Herr. 3. Minam Henry.
Champion: Justin Welk.
Reserve Champion: Megan Herr.
Light heavyweight class 1: 1. Tiffany Dean. 2. Justin Welk. 3. Lisa Hershey.
Light heavyweight class 2: 1. Julene Hoover. 2. Kami Mull. 3. Mandie Holloway.
Light heavyweight class 3: 1. Loren Hershey. 2. Jeremy DeLong. 3. Christine Keefer.
Champion: Tiffany Dean.
Reserve Champion: Loren Hershey.
Heavyweight class 1: 1. Joe Welk. 2. Linford Hershey. 3. Lon Hess.
Heavyweight class 2: 1. Tiffany Dean. 2. Jenna Hershberger. 3. Luke Hershey.
Heavyweight class 3: 1. Loren Hershey. 2. Lisa Hershey. 3. Tom Spring.
Champion: Tiffany Dean.
Reserve Champion: Joe Welk.
GRAND CHAMPION
Tiffany Dean
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Justin Welk

SHOWMANSHIP
Senior division: 1. Tiffany Dean. 2. Lon Hess. 3. Loren Hershey.
Intermediate division: 1. Megan Herr. 2. Lisa Hershey. 3. Mary Booth.
Junior division: 1. Justin Welk. 2. Minam Henry. 3. Matthew Aument.



Justin Welk's 240-pound pig is middleweight champion.

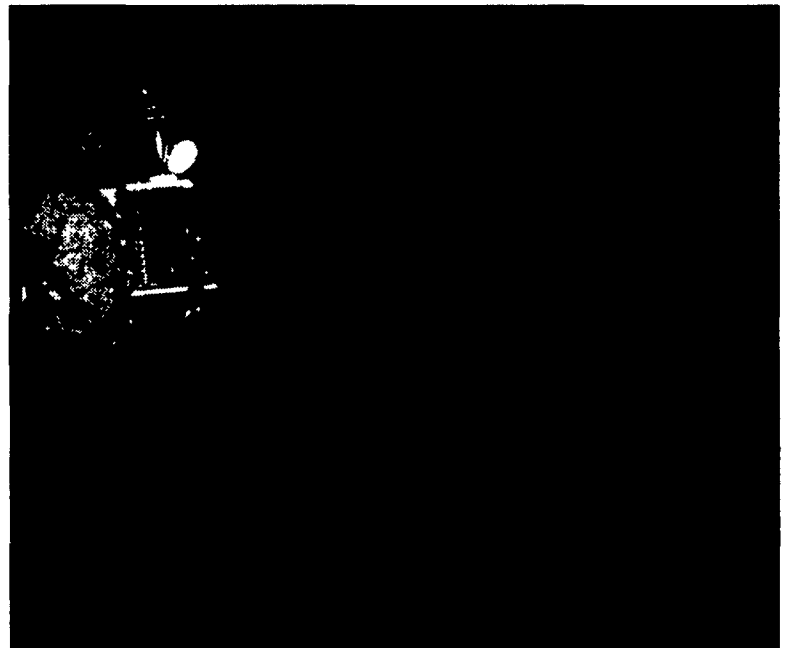


Nicole Welk exhibits the champion lightweight.



Tiffany Dean shows her grand champion Hampshire/Yorkshire crossbred.

Keefer's Steer Wins At Solanco



Jessica Keefer is at the halter of "Lickoreish," her grand champion steer at the Solanco Fair. Judge Scott Wright is in back.

QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Jessica Keefer's 1,263-pound Angus crossbred steer took grand champion honors at the recent Solanco Fair Market Beef Show.

The show took place on the evening of Sept. 18, as Hurricane Isabella was starting to bear down on the area. Scott Wright of the Pennsylvania Beef Council completed the judging as wind howled and rain pelted the roof of the exhibition building.

Grand champion exhibitor Keefer, 11, is a sixth-grader at Swift Middle School. She is a member of the Red Rose 4-H Beef Club and lives on the small farm of her parents Gary and Karen Keefer near Peach Bottom.

Keefer said she named the steer "Lickoreish" by sounding out the letters of the popular black candy.

Fred Linton, Kirkwood, bred the champion steer.

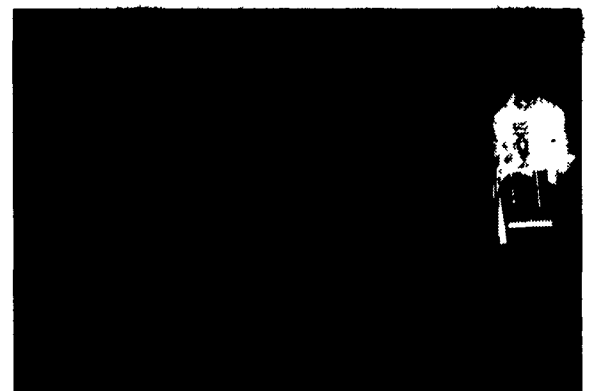
Barbara Pfender of Holtwood showed the reserve champion, a 1,325-pound black steer.

Katrina Frey received the top Angus award

from Wakefield Angus for her 1,384-pound heavyweight.

The show posted the following results:

SOLANCO MARKET BEEF RESULTS
Lightweight: 1. Jessica Keefer. 2. John Burton. 3. Luke Hershey.
Middleweight: 1. Barbara Pfender. 2. Freddy Frey. 3. Loren Hershey.
Heavyweight: 1. Katrina Frey. 2. Linford Hershey. 3. Anna Marie Henry.
GRAND CHAMPION
Jessica Keefer
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Barbara Pfender
SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING
Senior showman: 1. Matt Groff. 2. Loren Hershey. 3. Eric Holzhauser.
Junior showman: 1. Katrina Frey. 2. Barbara Pfender. 3. Freddy Frey.
Junior fitter: 1. Katrina Frey. 2. Sarah Henry.
Senior fitter: 1. Anna Marie Henry. 2. Matt Groff. 3. Loren Hershey.
Novice fitter: 1. Barbara Pfender. 2. John Burton. 3. Eric Holzhauser.



Barbara Pfender shows the reserve champion beef. Fritz Frey is at the halter and judge Scott Wright is in back.

Harnish Shows Top Holsteins At Solanco

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Jill Harnish's junior 2-year-old cow, Spruce Edge Storm Tansy, took grand champion honors at the recent Solanco Fair Holstein Show.

Harnish also exhibited the reserve grand champion, Spruce Edge Convincer Marylouise. This 3-year-old cow is the daughter of Wa-Del Airliner Mandylouise, an EX-91, 5-year-old who received an honorable mention at the show. Three young bulls from this cow family are soon slated to enter A.I. stud service.

Harnish manages a 60-cow dairy near Christiana in partnership with her parents, Ed and Arlene Harnish. She plans to flush all three of her winning cows for embryos.

Kyle Miller exhibited the junior champion, a spring yearling named Kildairy Acres Robust Reggie.

Miller, 12, is a member the Airville Milk and Money 4-H Club in York County. His parents are Ronald and Kelly Miller.

The Millers raise heifers, and Kyle's grandfather William Kilgore operates Kildairy Acres dairy farm.

Esther Trimble's winter yearling was named reserve junior champion.

Trimble, 13, is the daughter of Marshall and Angie Trimble and is in ninth grade at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

The Trimbles manage a 250-cow dairy farm near Drumore.

Jeremy Daubert of Mount Joy judged the show and called the following results:

HOLSTEIN DAIRY SHOW RESULTS
Spring calf: 1. Justin Hershberger. 2. Robert Hershey. 3. Andy Pownall.
Winter calf: 1. Generation Three Farm. 2. Stevie A Greek. 3. Matthew Wiker.
Fall calf: 1. Dale Bollinger. 2. Michael Bollinger. 3. Tim Bronson.
Spring yearling: 1. Kyle Miller. 2. Mathew Groff. 3. Kacie Hershey.
Winter yearling: 1. Ester Marie Trimble



Jill Harnish, right, shows her grand champion Holstein, "Tansy," at the Solanco Fair. Joining her is Mike Ammon with Wa-Del Airliner Mandylouise, who received an honorable mention.

2. Bryant Evans. 3. Dale Bollinger.
Junior Champion: Kyle Miller.
Reserve Junior Champion: Esther Trimble.
Dry cow: 1. Bryant Evans. 2. Robert Hershey.
Junior 2-year-old: 1. R. Edwin Harnish. 2. Stormi Lynn Greek.
Senior 2-year-old: 1. Jamey Knisely. 2. Dale Bollinger. 3. Kelsey Knight.
3-year-old: 1. Jill K. Harnish. 2. Stormi Lynn Greek. 3. Dale Bollinger.
5 years and older: 1. Jill K. Harnish.
Senior Champion: Jill Harnish.
Reserve Senior Champion: Jill Harnish.
Premier exhibitor: Dale and Michael Bollinger.
Premier breeder: Dale and Michael Bollinger.
Junior Division Champion: Jamey Knisely.
Reserve Junior Division Champion: Stevie Greek.
Best three females: 1. Dale Bollinger. 2. Greeks. 3. Kelsey Knight.
Dairy herd: 1. Jill Harnish. 2. Dale Bollinger. 3. Stormi and Stevie Greek.
Product of dam: Stormi Greek.
Dam and daughter: 1. Jill Harnish. 2. Bryant Evans. 3. Kelsey Knight.



Kyle Miller, right, exhibits the junior champion Holstein. Esther Trimble had the reserve champion.

GRAND CHAMPION
Jill Harnish
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Jill Harnish
SHOWMANSHIP
8-10-year-old: 1. Andy Pownall.
11-14-year-old: 1. Esther Trimble. 2. Stevie Greek. 3. Jamey Knisely.
15 years and older: 1. Matt Groff. 2. Bryant Evans. 3. Matt Wiker.