

Junior Swine Enthusiasts Compete At Eastern Regional

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Junior purebred swine enthusiasts gathered here, to compete for top honors at the National Junior Swine Association Eastern Regional, Oct. 3-4. Jim McCoy, Bloomingburg, Ohio, selected champion gilts from 168 entries.

Josh Short, Panama, N.Y., claimed the Overall Champion Gilt title, exhibiting a Mar. 2 gilt that first claimed Champion Duroc. This gilt was a daughter of 2SM2 Center Stage 3-3. The Overall Reserve Grand Champion Gilt was exhibited by Cailyn Hines, Quincy, Mich. This Feb. 27 female is a daughter of RWG1 Crossfire 68-4. She was first named Reserve Champion Duroc. The Champion Bred-and-Owned Duroc was exhibited by Joshua Wasieleczyk, Volant, Pa., with his Mar. 1 daughter of CPMF2 60 Minute Man 1-4.

Kalie Bodey, Castalia, Ohio, drove a Feb. 10 daughter of BOLN1 Digital 133-3 to the title of Champion Hampshire Gilt. The Reserve Champion Hamp-

shire was shown by Cailyn Hines. Her gilt was a Mar. 8 daughter of HRFD0 Alladdin 25-5. The Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt was exhibited by Lane Innerst, Red Lion, Pa., with a Feb. 4 daughter of 1SZ2 Zimmy 18-6.

In the Yorkshire show, Heather Storer, Hillsboro, Ohio, captured the champion title with her Feb. 4 daughter of GGT2 Vigilante 4-3. Kalie Bodey exhibited the Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt with her Jan. 22 daughter of AR2 Barn Burner 241-2. The Champion Bred-and-Owned Yorkshire Gilt was raised by Graceon Ehrman, Steubenville, Ohio, with her April 15 daughter of CDO2 Full Count 53-2.

The Landrace Champion award was captured by Nic Reed, Coralville, Iowa, with his Jan. 9 daughter of 1ACE2 Icy Hot 4-15. The Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt was exhibited by Blaire Boyer, Kempton, Ind., with her Jan. 11 daughter of CR9 PSSS Snake 152-1.

The class winners in each breed follow:

DUROC GILT SHOW

Class 1: Kevin Pfautz. 2. Nathan Behm. 3. Joshua F. Leshner.

Class 2: 1. Josh Short. 2. Cailyn Hines. 3. Nic Reed

Class 3: 1. John Ebersole. 2. Ben Vainner. 3. Paul Gregory Hester.

Class 4: 1. Nathan Joostberns. 2. Abigail Leigh Hester. 3. Courtney Sheaffer.

Class 5: 1. Kevin Pfautz. 2. Kyle Bontrager. 3. Austin Joostberns.

HAMPSHIRE GILT SHOW

Class 1: 1. Cailyn Hines. 2. Bud Matthews. 3. Samantha Rabenold.

Class 2: 1. Kalie Bodey. 2. Ben Staymates. 3. Payton Hines.

Class 3: 1. Lane Innerst. 2. Harley Ehrman. 3. Brooke Trowbridge.

LANDRACE GILT SHOW

Class 1: 1. Nic Reed. 2. Blaire Boyer. 3. Austin Anderson.

YORKSHIRE GILT SHOW

Class 1: Graceon Ehrman. 2. Bryant Boyer. 3. Randy Wilson.

Class 2: 1. Alexandra Strouse. 2. Ethan Hood. 3. Cassie Holloway.

Class 3: 1. Heather Storer. 2. Drew Schmidt. 3. Lauren Osborn.

Class 4: 1. Kalie Bodey. 2. Kaley Bontrager. 3. Rick Wilson.

Class 5: 1. John Ebersole. 2. Russ Wilson. 3. John Calvin Strawbridge.

Top swine showmen from 12 states competed for the champion showman title evaluated by Judge Jim McCoy. Kevin Pfautz from Litiz was the top winner in the senior contest.

The top placings in showmanship follow:

SHOWMANSHIP

Senior Showmanship: 1. Kevin Pfautz. 2. Ryan Alty. 3. Donielle Inskeep.

Intermediate Showmanship: 1. Kyle Bontrager. 2. Drew Schmidt. 3. Kyle Storer.

Junior Showmanship: 1. Kaley Bontrager. 2. Nathan Joostberns. 3. Blaire Boyer.

Novice Showmanship: 1. Austin Joostberns. 2. Graceon Ehrman. 3. Harley Ehrman.

SKILLATHON

Senior Skillathon: 1. Ryan Alty. 2. Kevin Pfautz. 3. Ben Vainner.

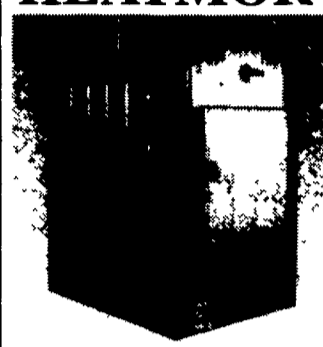
Intermediate Skillathon: 1. Amanda Vockeroth. 2. Kyle Bontrager. 3. A.J. Anderson.

Junior Skillathon: 1. Kaley Bontrager. 2. Sara Krome. 3. Chase Turner.

Novice Skillathon: 1. Cole Seaman. 2. Austin Joostberns. 3. Ryan Eaves.

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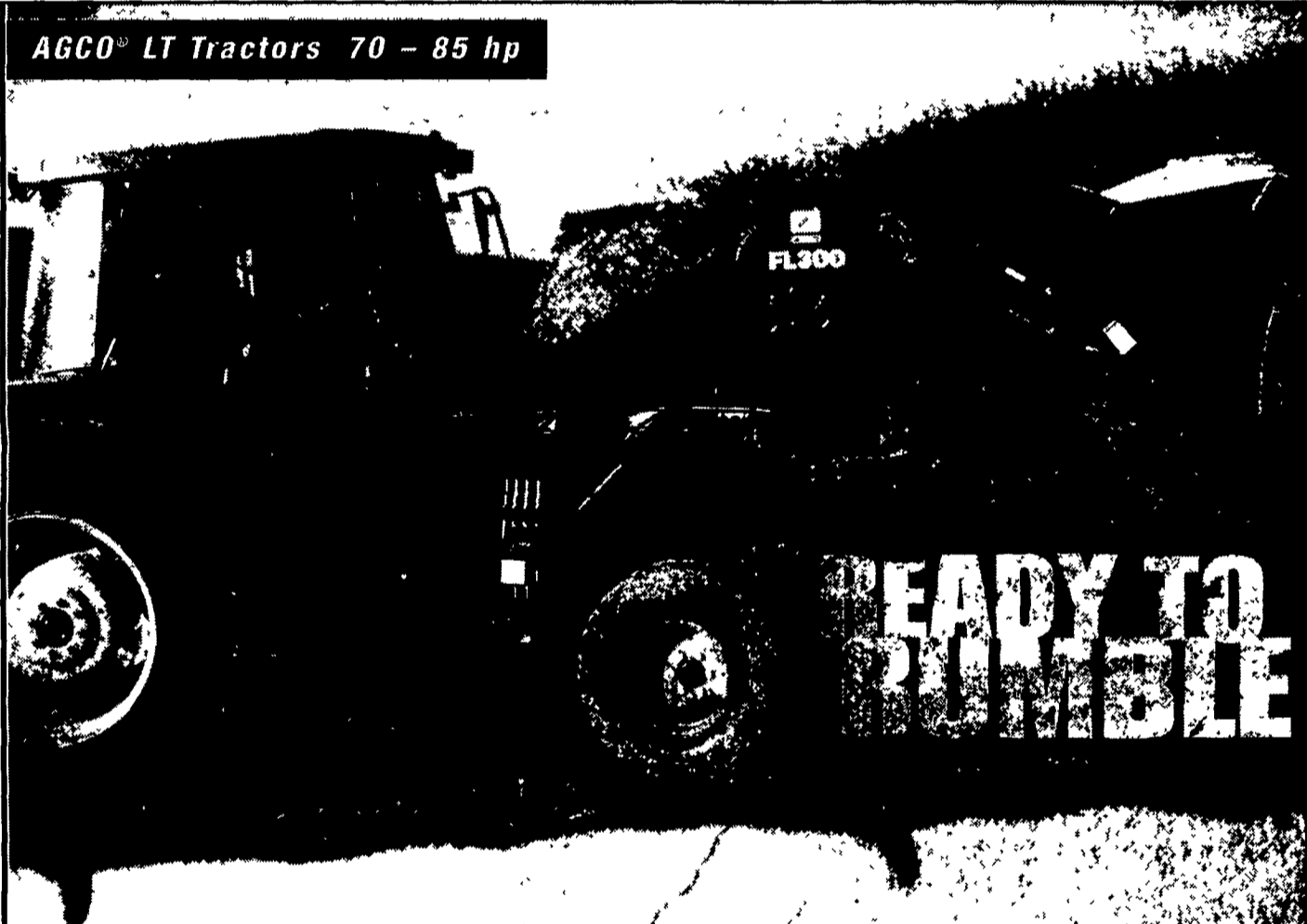
WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) recently conducted two meetings with Pennsylvania dairy farmers to discuss the senator's proposed dairy legislation, The National Dairy Equity Act. For many of the farmers, this trip was their first to the nation's capitol and the first time they were asked to give input on legislation affecting their industry. Twenty-four dairy farmers attended the meetings on Tuesday and Thursday in the Senator's Washington office.

Senator Specter's proposed legislation would help stabilize the price of milk and support the income of dairy farmers through an over-order price system, which would require a minimum price to be paid to eligible producers. The legislation would also include provisions that take into consideration of the cost of production, including the price of feed, and cost of labor, machinery expenses, and other cash expenses such as hauling and veterinary services.

In addition to this legislation, Senator Specter was also original co-sponsor of S.154, the Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2003, which would require that the same tariff-rate quotas currently assessed on related dairy products (cheeses and skim milk powder) be applied to Milk Protein Concentrates (MPC) and casein used in the food and animal feed industries. In 2003, Senator Specter authored several letters urging USDA to reconsider their decisions on the sale of butter, purchase prices for dairy products, and the consideration of the regional costs of feed, feed availability, or other region-specific economic factors.

Specter plans to use the input from these meetings in the final drafting of the bill.

"Having the support of Pennsylvania dairy farmers is very important to this legislation," said Senator Specter after the meeting. "It is imperative to the state's economy and the livelihood of Pennsylvania farmers that we correct the disparities over milk pricing while taking into consideration factors like the cost of production. Agriculture is a major industry in Pennsylvania and I will continue my fight to improve the lives of farmers across the state."



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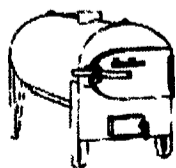
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