

Owner-Bred Entries Fill Carbon County Goat Show

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PALMERTON (Carbon Co.) — The 4-H market and 4-H and Open dairy goat shows were recently conducted during the Carbon County Fair.

Judge Gwen Soult, of Perry County, raises and exhibits Alpine and Nubian goats. Soult is attending Bucknell University, majoring in rural sociology.

As champion fitter and champion showman of the 4-H market goat competition, Soult selected Laura Mazur from the intermediate class. Mazur, 14, is the daughter of Diane Fisher and completed the sheep, dairy beef, and market goat projects this year. Mazur, of Too Busy Acres near Weatherly, is in the ninth grade at Weatherly High School.

Soult selected the 62-pound winner of the medium weight class, exhibited by Sarah Miller, as her grand champion market goat. Soult described the champion as having the highest body capacity while being structurally correct with outstanding muscle. During the annual 4-H livestock sale, Houser Auctioneers of New Ringgold was high bidder at \$800 for this animal.

Reserve champion market goat honors went to the heavy weight class winner, the bred-and-owned 69-pound entry of Josh Kemmerer. Kemmerer, 18, is in his last year of 4-H competition and starting his second year of studies at Penn State-Lehigh campus majoring in ag engineering.



Sarah Miller, 14, is shown with her 62-pound grand champion market goat of the Carbon County Fair. Miller was also named the reserve champion fitter of the market goat competition. Houser Auctioneers, New Ringgold, was the high bidder at the 4-H livestock sale at a bid of \$800.

In the dairy goat show, Sarah Miller's Nubian, Jasperhollow Jarrett Mink, took home both the 4-H and open senior and grand champion Nubian doe rosettes. This doe also captured the Best Doe of Show banner, competing against a LaMancha shown by Kevin Miller and a recorded grade doe shown by Josh Kemmerer.

Sarah Miller also topped the 4-H junior market breeding goat show with the champion fitter and champion showman titles. Her Boer doe, Richie Dean Farm Faith, was named grand champion.

The fair posted the following results:

4-H MARKET GOAT SHOW

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Senior fitting: 1. Rebecca Cunfer. 2. Andrew Miller. 3. Ashley Barry.
Senior showmanship: 1. Rebecca Cunfer. 2. Ashley Barry. 3. Andrew Miller.
Intermediate fitting: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Sarah Miller.
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Laura Mazur. 2. Sarah Miller.
Champion Fitter: Laura Mazur.
Reserve Champion Fitter: Sarah Miller.
Champion Showman: Laura Mazur.
Reserve Champion Showman: Rebecca Cunfer.

WEIGHT CLASSES
Lightweight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Ashley Barry.
Light heavyweight: 1. Ashley Barry. 2. Sarah Miller. 3. Rebecca Cunfer.
Mediumweight: 1. Sarah Miller. 2. Josh Kemmerer. 3. Josh Kemmerer.
Heavyweight: 1. Josh Kemmerer. 2. Josh Kemmerer. 3. Andrew Miller.
Bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Josh Kemmerer. 2. Josh Kemmerer. 3. Josh Kemmerer.

GRAND CHAMPION
Sarah Miller
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Josh Kemmerer

4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
Senior Fitting: 1. Josh Kemmerer.
Senior showmanship: 1. Josh Kemmerer.
Intermediate fitting: 1. Sarah Miller.
Intermediate showmanship: 1. Sarah Miller.
Champion Fitter: Josh Kemmerer.
Reserve Champion Fitter: Sarah Miller.
Champion Showman: Sarah Miller.
Reserve Champion Showman: Josh Kemmerer.

BREED CLASSES
NUBIAN
Doe, born March 1 and after: 1. Sarah Miller.
Junior Champion Nubian doe: Sarah Miller.
Doe, born 8/1/2000 to 7/31/2001, in milk: 1. Sarah Miller. 2. Sarah Miller.
Senior Champion Nubian doe: Sarah Miller.
Reserve Senior Champion Nubian doe: Sarah Miller.
Doe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Sarah Miller.

Best udder: Sarah Miller.
GRAND CHAMPION
Sarah Miller
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Sarah Miller
OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW
BREED CLASSES
NUBIAN

Doe, born March 1 and after: 1. Kevin Miller. 2. Sarah Miller.
Doe, born 8/1/2001 to 7/31/2002, not in milk: 1. Kevin Miller.
Junior Champion Nubian doe: Kevin Miller.
Reserve Junior Champion Nubian doe: Kevin Miller.
Doe, born 8/1/2000 to 7/31/2001, in milk: 1. Sarah Miller. 2. Sarah Miller.
Senior Champion Nubian doe: Sarah Miller.
Reserve Senior Champion Nubian doe: Sarah Miller.
Doe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Sarah Miller.
Produce of dam: 1. Kevin Miller.
Best udder: Sarah Miller.

GRAND CHAMPION
Sarah Miller
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Kevin Miller
LaMANCHA
Doe, born before 8/1/2000, in milk: 1. Kevin Miller.
Senior Champion LaMancha doe: Kevin Miller.

Best udder: Kevin Miller.
GRAND CHAMPION
Kevin Miller
4-H AND OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW
RECORDED GRADE

Doe, born before 8/1/2000, in milk: 1. Josh Kemmerer. 2. Josh Kemmerer.
Senior Champion Recorded Grade doe: Josh Kemmerer.
Reserve Senior Champion Recorded Grade doe: Josh Kemmerer.
Doe, bred and owned by exhibitor: 1. Josh Kemmerer.
Best udder: Josh Kemmerer.
GRAND CHAMPION
Jose Kemmerer
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Josh Kemmerer
BEST DOE OF SHOW
Sarah Miller's Nubian



Winners of the 4-H and Open Dairy Goat shows of the Carbon County Fair are shown, from left: Sarah Miller with her 4-H and open grand champion Nubian; Gwen Soult, judge; Josh Kemmerer with his 4-H and open grand champion recorded grade and Kevin Miller with his grand champion LaMancha of the Open Dairy Goat Show. Sarah Miller's Nubian, Jasperhollow Jarrett Mink, captured the Best Doe of Show honors.



Josh Kemmerer, 18, is shown with his 69-pound bred and owned reserve champion market goat of the Carbon County Fair. Herman B. Snyder Plumbing and Heating, Lehighton, purchased the animal at the 4-H livestock sale at a high bid of \$450.

Maryland Receives \$440,975 For Risk Management Education

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A total of \$440,975 in new partnership agreements with the USDA Risk Management Agency will allow the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) to build on its success in helping farmers manage their business risks with crop insurance.

Maryland is among 15 states nationwide targeted by the USDA to boost participation rates in crop insurance.

Recent efforts by MDA and the University of Maryland to educate farmers on the value of crop insurance have been effective. Crop insurance participation increased by 15.8 percent over the last two years, with more than \$162.4 million of protection

on 715,484 acres covered in 2003.

After the devastating drought of 2002, Maryland farmers received \$23.4 million from crop insurance, which is almost equal to the amount farmers had received over the previous five years combined.

"Crop insurance payments helped support our farmers during an incredibly tough year," said Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis R. Riley. "Risk management is among the tools that will help keep Maryland farmers in the business of farming. Like diversification of farm enterprises, sound business management and good stewardship, it will help preserve agriculture and farmland for the next

generation."

The crop insurance education and promotion project will combine the work of MDA staff and University of Maryland Cooperative Extension faculty. Among the project's goals is the development of a computer software package which will allow University of Maryland faculty to work with farmers to detail the value of crop insurance to their operation. MDA will promote crop insurance at farmer meetings, nursery farmer events, and through a variety of targeted projects.

"Crop insurance is a valuable risk management tool. These federal partnership agreements will be carefully managed to benefit Maryland farmers," said Riley.

Maryland's funding comes from two separate federal partnership agreements: \$379,275 to MDA and \$61,700 of \$343,000 awarded to the Pennsylvania De-

partment of Agriculture from the USDA for a regional educational effort on risk management for farmers.

