

Grumbine Judges Blue Valley Swine Show

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 — The 4-H market swine competition was recently conducted during the Blue Valley Farm Show.

Judge for the event was Dennis Grumbine, former Farm show director and past president of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA). A lifelong farmer and livestock producer, the Lebanon County resident has been involved in county fairs and the 4-H program all his life.

For his champion fitter Grumbine selected Nicole Kondziela, 19, from the senior division. Kondziela, daughter of Tim and Terry Kondziela completed her last year of 4-H eligibility and will be starting her second year at Green Mountain College, Vermont, majoring in secondary education with a concentration in history.

For his reserve fitter, Grumbine went with the winner of the junior competition first-year member Hanna Bauman, 8, daughter of Mel and Anita Bauman, Bangor. Bauman is in the fourth grade at DeFranco Elementary School and completed the sheep, dairy goat and market swine projects this year as well as belonging to the Backtrackers Horse 4-H Club.

Champion showman honors went to Jennifer Hower, 18, daughter of Ned and Linda Hower, Bethlehem. In her first year of the market swine project, Hower is a recent graduate of Nazareth High School and is attending Northampton County Community College working towards a major in elementary and special education. Hower also completed the beef breeding, market steer, and horse production projects and is a member of the Northampton County 4-H teen council.

The reserve showman title went to Joel Geiger, 18-year-old son of Sherwood and Kathy Geiger, Danielsville. Geiger will be continuing his education at Penn State-Lehigh Campus majoring in Ag Business. Geiger, a member of the livestock and Clever Clover Community 4-H clubs, and Northampton County 4-H teen council and has served as a 4-H ambassador and attended the 4-H National Congress. Geiger also received the champion bred

and owned market swine banner.

In reviewing the entries, Grumbine selected the 257-pound Duroc/Hampshire cross gilt from the heavy weight class of first year member Hanna Bauman as his grand champion market hog.

The reserve champion market hog rosette went to the 219 pound winner of the medium weight class exhibited by Andrew Hower, 12. In his third year of the 4-H swine project and fourth year of 4-H, Hower will be in the seventh grade at Northampton Middle School. Hower, son of Blair and Amy Hower, is also a member of the Clever Clovers Community 4-H club and completed the potato judging project this year.

Geiger and Kondziela, respectfully, then captured the champion and reserve champion pair of market hog titles.

The fair posted the following results:

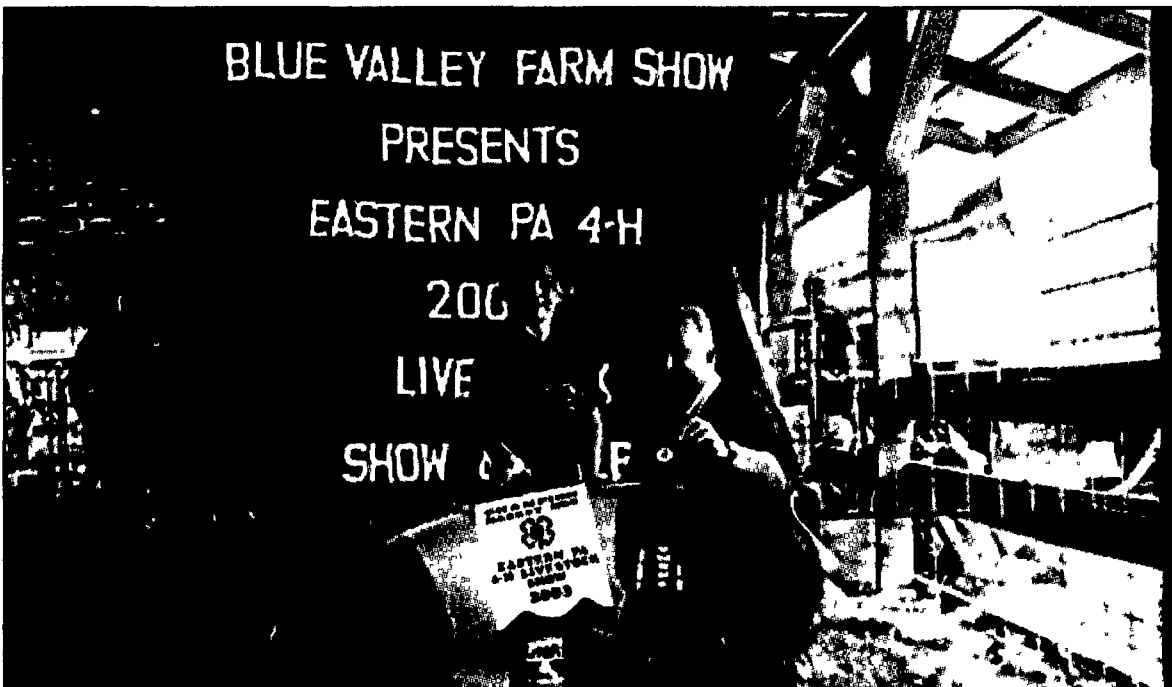
4-H MARKET SWINE FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
 Senior fitting: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Travis Hahn. 3. Steven Hunsicker.
 Senior showmanship: 1. Joel Geiger. 2. Nicole Kondziela. 3. Travis Hahn.
 Intermediate fitting: 1. Laura Dewalt. 2. Josh Bauman. 3. Kelly Hower.
 Intermediate showmanship: 1. Kelvin Dewalt. 2. Kelly Hower. 3. Laura Dewalt.
 Junior fitting: 1. Hanna Bauman. 2. Jennifer Hower. 3. Elena Polskiewicz.
 Junior showmanship: 1. Jennifer Hower. 2. Elena Polskiewicz. 3. Hanna Bauman.
 Champion fitter: Nicole Kondziela.
 Reserve champion fitter: Hanna Bauman.
 Champion showman: Jennifer Hower.
 Reserve champion showman: Joel Geiger.

4-H MARKET SWINE WEIGHT CLASSES
 Light lightweight: 1. Joel Geiger. 2. Alex Polskiewicz. 3. Kelvin Dewalt.
 Lightweight: 1. Jennifer Hower. 2. Alex Polskiewicz. 3. Steven Hunsicker.
 Light mediumweight: 1. Laura Dewalt. 2. Elena Polskiewicz. 3. Kelly Hower.
 Mediumweight: 1. Andrew Hower. 2. Nicole Kondziela. 3. Hanna Bauman.
 Heavy mediumweight: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Jennifer Hower. 3. Travis Hahn.
 Medium heavyweight: 1. Josh Bauman. 2. Joel Geiger. 3. Nicole Kondziela.
 Heavyweight: 1. Hanna Bauman. 2. Nicole Kondziela. 3. Joel Geiger.
 Champion market hog: Hanna Bauman.
 Reserve champion market hog: Andrew Hower.

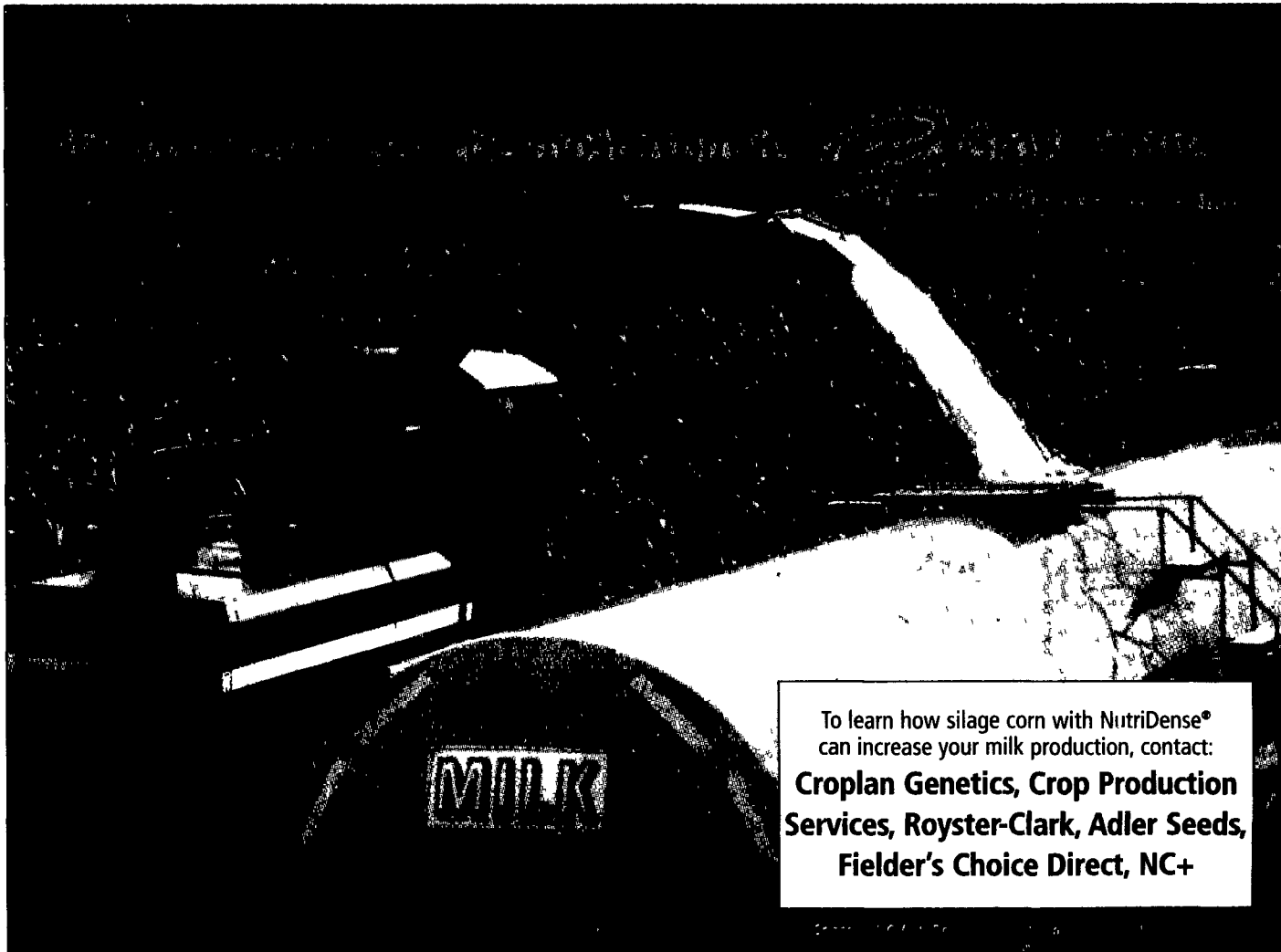
4-H MARKET SWINE PAIRS CLASSES
 Lightweight: 1. Nicole Kondziela. 2. Andrew Hower. 3. Laura Dewalt.
 Mediumweight: 1. Hanna Bauman. 2. Nicole Kondziela. 3. Kelvin Dewalt.
 Heavyweight: 1. Joel Geiger. 2. Josh Bauman. 3. Steven Hunsicker.
 Champion pair market hogs: Joel Geiger.
 Reserve champion pair market hogs: Nicole Kondziela.



Joel Geiger, 18, of Danielsville, is shown with his champion bred and owned market hog at the Blue Valley Farm Show, Bangor. Geiger was also named the reserve champion showman of the competition. Dennis Grumbine, Lebanon County, judged the event.



First year member Hanna Bauman is shown with her grand champion market hog of the Eastern Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Show at the Blue Valley Farm Show. Dennis Grumbine judged the event.



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