

Blue Valley Farm Show Conducts Beef Show

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 — Gary Dean, Lancaster, judged the dairy beef, beef breeding and market steer shows at the Eastern Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Show and Sale during the Blue Valley Farm Show. Dean, a Penn State University graduate, is the Business Development Manager at Purina Mills.

Starting with the 4-H and Open Beef Fitting and Showmanship competition, Dean selected Jennifer Hower as the 4-H champion fitter and showman. Hower, daughter of Ned and Linda Hower, Bethlehem, is a recent graduate of Nazareth High School and is attending Northampton County Community College working towards a major in elementary and special education.

Going to the intermediate division for his reserve 4-H fitter and showman Dean selected Elena Poliskiewicz, daughter of Phil

Poliskiewicz and Wendy Moore. The champion fitter and showman titles in the open beef competition went to Gwen Wagner, Danielsville, with Hower following in the reserve fitter and showman spot.

In the market steer competition Dean selected the 1,175 pound entry of Gwen Wagner as his champion of the open division. Describing the champion from the heavy weight class Dean liked the way the steer was balanced and uniform with more natural thickness making the animal the most complete of the competition. Following in the reserve champion spot was Wagner's son, Paul, with his 1,030 pound entry described as well balanced from side and behind and following the type of the champion.

Jennifer Hower saw her 1,120 pound entry from the heavy weight class tapped as the champion of the 4-H market steer competition. The reserve champi-



Gwen and Paul Wagner of Two Barn Farm near Danielsville are shown with their champion and reserve champion entries, respectfully, of the open market steer competition at the Blue Valley Farm Show, Bangor.

on title went to Elena Poliskiewicz and her 1,035 pound bred and owned entry. This entry of Poliskiewicz also received the champion bred and owned banner of the show.

Moving on to the beef breeding competition Dean named the Oct. 2001 senior yearling of Hower, Kruegers Erica 76L as the champion 4-H and Open Angus heifer with Hower's Feb. 2003 Just Enuff Flashback Julie receiving the reserve champion rosette.

Champion 4-H and Open Angus cow/calf honors went to Hower's Feb. 2001 Just Enuff LS3000C Jodie with her Feb. 2003 heifer calf at side. This calf had previously been named the reserve champion Angus heifer by Dean. Reserve champion cow/calf honors went to Hower for her Aug. 1998 J E A Widespread Mascara also having a Feb. 2003 heifer at her side.

Poliskiewicz then captured the champion Simmental heifer honors in both the 4-H and Open di-

vision with her March 2002 entry, SweetnSassy. Her July 2002 summer yearling entry then moved into the reserve champion 4-H and Open Simmental heifer spot.

Jesse Poliskiewicz then received the champion and reserve champion rosettes of the Open competition for his cow/calf entries.

The supreme champion bull title went to Elena Poliskiewicz for her Dec. 2002 Simmental fall bull entry. Hower went home with the supreme champion heifer and cow/calf honors with Elena Poliskiewicz capturing the reserve supreme heifer rosette. Jesse Poliskiewicz received the reserve supreme cow/calf award.

Finishing the night with the dairy beef competition Dean selected Bryan Dietrich from the intermediate division as his champion fitter. Reserve fitter honors went to Diana Holder.

As his champion showman Dean selected Holder with Stephanie Brewer named the reserve champion showman.

As his champion dairy beef Dean selected the 556 pound entry of Dietrich from the heavy weight class. The champion was described as being more naturally balanced and cleaner throughout the lower third. Following closest in type as reserve champion was the 532 pound entry of Diana Holder from the medium weight class.

The fair posted the following results:

- FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP 4-H DIVISION**
 Senior fitting: 1. Jennifer Hower.
 Senior showmanship: 1. Jennifer Hower.
 Intermediate fitting: 1. Elena Poliskiewicz. 2. Alex Poliskiewicz
 Intermediate showmanship: 1. Elena Poliskiewicz. 2. Alex Poliskiewicz.
 Junior fitting: 1. Zach Pysher. 2. Sonja Robinson.
 Junior showmanship: 1. Zach Pysher. 2. Sonja Robinson.
 Champion 4-H fitter: Jennifer Hower.
 Reserve champion 4-H fitter: Elena Poliskiewicz.
 Champion 4-H showman: Jennifer Hower.
 Reserve champion 4-H showman: Elena Poliskiewicz.

- FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP OPEN DIVISION**
 Senior fitting: 1. Gwen Wagner. 2. Jenni-

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Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, is shown with her champion market steer of the Eastern Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Show and Sale during the Blue Valley Farm Show. Gary Dean, rear, judged the event.

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