

**BRIEF HISTORY**  
**STATE FFA HAM, BACON AND EGG SHOW AND SALE**

The first State Future Farmers of America Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale was held in 1941 at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Since that date, 40 shows and 38 sales were held at the hotel. During the years 1943 and 1944, a show was held, but no sale. The show and sale were discontinued in 1945-47 due to the war effort.

The 75 sales to date have netted the FFA members a sum of \$1,436,664.78. A total of 7946 hams, 5860 bacon and 4033 dozen eggs have been sold.

The first sale in 1941 amounted to a total of \$204.82. The prize ham sold for \$23.63; the prize bacon for \$2.75; and the prize dozen eggs for \$2.25. The largest sale was held in 1981, with the total sales amounting to \$53,624.24.

The records show that the highest price paid for a champion ham was \$11,977.00 by **Jack Catalano, owner of the Central Distributing Company**. The ham was exhibited by **Jerry Hostutler of Hundred** in 1975.

The highest price paid for a champion bacon was \$6,400.00 by **Kroger Mid-Atlantic** in 2007. The bacon was exhibited by **Phillip Dennison of Valley High School**.

The top price for the champion eggs (dozen) was \$10,000.00 by **Kroger Mid-Atlantic** in 2007. The eggs were exhibited by **Kim Riley of Cameron High School**.

At the 75<sup>th</sup> annual auction, buyers spent \$37,110.00 on 50 hams, 50 bacon and 10 dozen of eggs. Champion exhibitors and buyers included:

PLACING	PRODUCER	WEIGHT	PRICE PER LB. TOTAL SELL PRICE	BUYER
Champion Ham	<b>Luke Chips</b> Doddridge County High School	24	210.00 5,040.00	Triple H Enterprises
Reserve Champion Ham	<b>Hunter Aston</b> Cameron High School	24	150.00 3,600.00	Gunnoe Farms
Champion Bacon	<b>Cody Soles</b> Hundred High School	9	175.00 1,575.00	Kroger Mid-Atlantic
Reserve Champion Bacon	<b>Savannah Horner</b> Hundred High School	8	170.00 1,360.00	Gunnoe Sausage
Champion Eggs	<b>Autumn Radford</b> Greenbrier East		1,000.00	Kroger Mid-Atlantic
Reserve Champion Eggs	<b>Mackenzie Powell</b> Cameron High School		800.00	Kroger Mid-Atlantic

THE SHOW IS SPONSORED ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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THE FFA EXTENDS ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT, MAKING MANY DREAMS BECOME REALITY FOR FFA MEMBERS.