



Cooperative Extension
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES

For more information contact:
Susan Truehart Garey
Extension Agent, Animal Science
University of Delaware
69 Transportation Circle
Dover, DE 19901
Office: (302) 730-4000
Email: truehart@udel.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Photos available upon request

Delaware 4-H'ers Compete at 58th Annual State 4-H Horse Show

Delaware 4-H Horse project members competed recently at the 58th Annual State 4-H Horse Show held on July 25, 2025 in the Quillen Arena during the Delaware State Fair. Put on by 4-H volunteers on the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, the show offers 4-H members the opportunity to show and learn under the guidance of capable volunteers and judges while having fun at the same time. 44 horse and rider combinations competed in this years show.

Judged this year by Debbie White of Felton, Delaware members competed in the required showmanship classes as well as horsemanship, equitation, trail, pleasure, ranch riding and fun classes like barrel racing, egg and spoon, dollar bareback and costume.

Champion and Reserve Champion Horse Show awards were sponsored by The State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and Probert Farms respectively and were presented to the following 4-H members:

Champion Western Horse- Lily Moffett exhibiting Oh Snap!- Kent County

Reserve Champion Western Horse– Abigail Selzer exhibiting Boon Bars Opie Olena- New Castle County

Champion Western Pony- Chloe Megee exhibiting Gizmo- Sussex County

Champion English Horse- Paloma Jaramillo-Contreras exhibiting Joya del Corazon- New Castle County

Reserve Champion English Horse – Lilyana Wall exhibiting Jedifer Lopez- Kent County

Champion English Pony- Delaney King exhibiting Severn Lucky Penny – Kent County

Reserve Champion English Pony – Taylor Melvin exhibiting Definitely Bold- Sussex County

Grand Champion Walk Trot – Elly Moffett exhibiting Oh Snap! – Kent County

Reserve Champion Walk Trot – Chris Vescovich exhibiting Origami Star – Kent County

The Betty Niblett Perpetual Trophy is presented to the 4-H member who acquires the most points in Showmanship and Equitation/horsemanship classes. Betty was the President of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee at the time of her death and helping kids with horse projects was a passion of hers. The winner of the 2025 Betty Niblett Perpetual Trophy was Emily Jo Strachar of the Ponies and Pintails 4-H Club in Kent County.

The annual horse show is open to any 4-H member on the Delmarva Peninsula or Delaware 4-H members. Thank you to our gold sponsors of the 2025 show; the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and Probert Farms of Millsboro.

4-H is a community of young people across Delaware learning leadership, citizenship and lifeskills. For more information on becoming a 4-H member or volunteer in Delaware please contact your county extension office:

New Castle County: (302)831-8965

Kent County: (302)730-4000

Sussex County: (302)856-7303

Cooperative Extension Education in Agriculture and Home Economics, University of Delaware, Delaware State University and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperating. Distributed in furtherance of Acts of Congress of May 8 and June 30, 1914. It is the policy of the Delaware Cooperative Extension System that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

STG 8/5/2025

-end-