

Columbia RD2 Sheep Farm Has Best Southdowns at Harrisburg

Sheep Hill Ranch dominated the Southdown sheep breed this year at Harrisburg.

The Columbia RD2 farm is operated by James Shearer.

Sheep Hill Ranch had both the grand champion Southdown ram and ewe.

Sheep Hill Ranch also showed the first place animal in seven of 10 classes. The first were in the following classes: Ram Under 1 Year (first and second), Three Ram Lambs Owned by Exhibitor, Ewe Under 1 Year (first and second), Three Ewe Lambs Owned by Exhibitor, Breeder's Young Flock, Pen of Lambs, Get of Sire.

Dorset

In the Dorset breed, Harry P. Sigler and Son, York RD5, had

the grand champion ewe and Mr and Mrs Robert Herr, Narvon RD2, had reserve grand champion.

Dorset breed results by class included: Ram Under 1 Year—Mr and Mrs Robert Herr, second and third, Three Ram Lambs Owned by Exhibitor—Mrs and Mrs Robert Herr, third.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2—Harry Sigler and Son, first and third. Ewe Under 1 Year—Mr and Mrs Robert Herr, first and fourth, Elizabeth Herr, Narvon RD2, third.

Three Ewe Lambs Owned by Exhibitor—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, second. Breeder's Young Flock—Mr and Mrs Robert Herr, second. Penn of Lambs—

Mr and Mrs Robert Herr, second Get of Sire—Mr and Mrs Robert Herr, second.

Shropshire

Micar Farm, Stewartstown RD1, York County, took several top spots in the Shropshire breed, including grand champion and reserve grand champion ewe.

Micar Farm also had the following class placings: Ewe 1 Year and Under 2, first and third, Ewe Under 1 Year, first, Ewe Lambs Owned by Exhibitor, second, and Flock, first.

Suffolk

Steven Chronister, Windsor RD1, York County, showed the grand champion ewe and reserve grand champion ram in the Suffolk breed.

In addition, Chronister was first in seven of 10 classes. Firsts were in the following classes: Ram Under 1 Year, Ewe 1 Year and Under, Three Ewe Lambs Owned by Exhibitor, Breeder's Young Flock, Pen of Lambs, Flock, and Get of Sire. He was also third and fourth in the Ewe Under 1 Year class.

Hampshire

Among local farmers placing in the Hampshire sheep breed were: Ram Under 1 Year—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brubaker



Mrs. Robert D. Herr, Narvon RD2, shows the family reserve grand champion Dorset ewe in open class competition at the Farm Show Monday.

Lancaster, third. Ewe Under 1 Year—Robert Buch, Ephrata, third.

Exhibitor—Micar Farm, Stewartstown, York County, second. Flock—Micar Farm, second.

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While these rural problems are not foreign to Southeastern Pennsylvania, they are most characteristic of the rest of the state, including Secretary McHale's own Crawford County.

We suggest that these problems will not be helped—but will be greatly aggravated and perhaps spread to larger areas—by bringing pressures on profit margins in the Pennsylvania dairy industry.

Any program to rebuild rural Pennsylvania should start with the preservation of the sound agricultural base which already exists.

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