

Rains put damper on West Lampeter Fair

By Melissa Piper
Rain, rain and more rain greeted the 51st celebration of the West Lampeter Fair, which opened to the public on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

For the first time since the opening of the fair, many of the agricultural events planned for early in the week, were postponed to Friday afternoon (following the publication of this edition of Lancaster Farming.)

The hog show, an annual favorite had originally been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon but was postponed along with the usually heavily attended dairy show.

Seas of ankle-high water and thick mud put the damper to fair attendance but exhibitors still brought their goods for display. The foul weather didn't keep away the exhibitors who brought outstanding displays of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Canned goods, baked goods and tobacco still lined the exhibition halls calling attention to their variety of colors.

Admst much mud, the FFA members from Penn Manor and Lampeter-Strasburg High Schools weighed in the hogs and beef entries under the direction of Gus Birchler, ag instructor at Penn Manor.

Although the water crept into the main exhibition

diligently despite the weather to primp and show their animals.

Jim Greider, Columbia R2, exhibited the grand champion steer of the show. Greider's crossbred had been selected as the first place animal in the class.

Nancy Herr, Penn Grant Rd., Lancaster, exhibited the reserve grand champion steer which had also placed second in the crossbred class.

Debbie Grider, Columbia R2, was awarded the first place honors in the junior showmanship contest, followed by Michelle Dean, Strasburg in second place.

In the senior showing competition, Robert Hess, Lancaster R6 placed first with Nancy Herr, Penn Grant Rd., Lancaster taking second place honors.

Other winners in the beef contest were as follows:

FFA Angus
1. Curtis Hess, 2. Charles Groff.

Hereford

1. Jay Shertzer.

Crossbred

1. Rick Hess, 2. Gary Long.

4-H Angus

1. Sharon Bare, 2. Michele Dean.

Hereford

1. Marcie Shank, 2. Joanne Shaub.

Crossbred
1. Jim Greider, 2. Nancy Herr.

Judge for the event was Mac Smith, a graduate student in agriculture at Penn State.

Sheep Contest Gets Bugged Down

Exhibitors having sheep for the annual contest had to work around poor weather conditions in order to carry out their judging at the West Lampeter Fair on Wednesday.

Using facilities in livestock tent, the contest went off as scheduled with Dr. Robert Herr, Narvon, serving as judge for the competition. Placings in the contest follow:

Ram, 1 year and under 2 years - Merino, Calvert Farms, Centre County; Southdown, Tim Donough, Manheim.



Despite very muddy conditions, FFA'ers from Penn Manor and Lampeter - Strasburg High School,

spent much of Wednesday afternoon weighing steers and hogs for the contests at West Lampeter Fair.

Montadales, Kathy Cartey.

Three ram lambs - Hampshires, Clyde Brubaker.

Ewe, 1 year and under 2 - Hampshire, Brubaker; Montadale, Cartey; Merino,

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While weather conditions made it difficult to hold the annual sheep show, the exhibitors took it all in stride. Showing in a Shropshire class are (from left) Sarah Brubaker and her brother Kenneth and Harold Harster.

Lamb under 1 year - Suffolk, Mrs. Milton Morgan, Lancaster; Hampshire, Clyde Brubaker, Lancaster; Montadale, Kathy Cartey, Centre County; Merino, Calvert; Dorset, Ed Donough, Manheim; Southdown, Harpster; Shropshire, Harpster.

Champion Ram - Suffolk, Mrs. Morgan, Hampshire, Clyde Brubaker; Southdown, Ed Donough; Dorset, Tim Donough; Merino, Calvert;



Jim Kreider (far right) exhibited the grand champion baby beef at the West Lampeter Fair on Wednesday evening. Jim's brother Jay looks on, along with Mac Smith (left) judge for the event.

tents, the machinery dealers and advertisers braved the poor conditions and stayed with their displays hopeful of increasingly good weather.

While the weather didn't cooperate to its best ability, spirits didn't damper under all the rain. Donning raingear and boots, many people did attend the popular event which has become part of Lancaster County's heritage for the past 50 years.

Greider Wins Beef Contest

Although rain, chilly weather and seas of mud, kept many of the visitors away from the West Lampeter Fair on Wednesday evening, many individuals did brave the weather to view the popular baby beef competition.

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