

York Fair

Chester County goats dominate

By DIETER KREIG.
 YORK - Goat breeders from southern Chester County won all of the grand championship awards at the York Fair's goat show this year. The Richard Stoneback and Jane Walker families, both from Oxford, dominated events in which 85 goats were entered in competition. Five breeds - Alpine, La Mancha, Nubian, Saanen, and Toggenburg - were represented.

All goats entered in the show were registered with the American Dairy Goat Association, under whose rules the show was conducted. Judging was done by Ann Miller of Philadelphia, who is officially licensed by the ADGA.

Jane Walker, who became interested in goats five years ago when a 4-H goat club was formed near her former home in Bucks County, told LANCASTER FARMING on Monday night why she has become an enthusiastic goat breeder and exhibitor.

"La Manchas have a nifty personality," the mother of five children began, while confessing that she's had a love for animals since she was a toddler. Explaining further, she said: "They're the most intelligent of all breeds, and they seem to get into the most mischief - they're door unlatchers and

string untiers. They seem to be the breed that sneaks through the door when you open it."

But, surprisingly enough, Mrs. Walker announced Nubians have always been my favorite. She owns 23 goats in all - mostly La Manchas, some Nubians and one Alpine. Describing the Nubians as a more highly strong breed of goats, Mrs. Walker points out that "if you love your animal, they'll return it." Within the past five years she has become so involved with her goats that a number of prizes have been won and the herd has increased from two to over 20 - of which five are milking. Her son, Scott, has shared her interest in this relatively novel business-hobby and is the owner of the grand champion La Mancha shown here last week. The Stonebacks believe this animal may have a good chance of placing in national competition and have offered to take "Tia" along with their show string. The national goat show is being held in Santa Rosa Calif. later this year.

According to Mrs. Walker, there's a big market for goats' milk and prices per quart might run as high as they are per gallon for cows' milk. "It's very good for people with ulcers and some



"Coco" was the top Nubian goat at the York Fair. Owned by Jane Walker of Oxford, "Coco" was one of 85 goats entered in the show.

babies who can't drink cows' milk," Mrs. Walker said. "Goats' milk doesn't curdle in your stomach like cows' milk does," she explained.

It isn't just goats' milk which is expensive. A goat which has won her share of ribbons at national shows can command a price of \$1500 and up, Mrs. Walker reported. Although she did not reveal the prices she paid for her first goats, she admitted she was in for "a rude awakening" when the talk centered on prices.

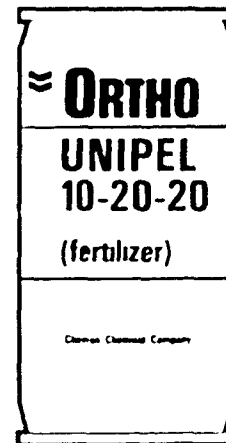
Goats are becoming more

and more popular, the accomplished show woman proclaimed. She considers the Nubians to be the biggest breed, while the La Manchas from Spain are the fastest growing. The number of entries at the York Fair might be interpreted as sizable by most people, but Mrs. Walker pointed out that there were 451 goats entered in the show at Timonium, Md., and 500 might have been there if some people hadn't cancelled.

Mrs. Walker had 10 entrants at the York Fair.

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Other scholarship award winners in the York County FFA Association were:

Rickey L. Ruppert, 1531, George Street, Dover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milod Ruppert. Rick will be attending the University Park campus of Penn State

University in the agricultural business management curriculum. Rick is a 1974 graduate of Dover Area High School.

Bruce V. Miller Red Lion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale V. Miller, and a 1974 graduate of Red Lion Area High School. Bruce will be attending Penn State in a dual major of agricultural education and food science.

William M. Spahr, a 1976 graduate of Dover Area High School is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spahr. Bill will be attending the Mont Alto campus of Penn State in the forestry science curriculum.

Jeffrey L. Keeney 2826 Vireo Road a 1974 graduate

of York County Area Vocational Technical School was the fifth award winner. Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Keeney and will be attending Penn State in the nursery management curriculum.

The teachers of agriculture in York County high schools and York County FFA members would like to thank all individuals and organizations who have contributed to the Carrol F. Thompson Scholarship Fund. Any further contributions may be made payable to York County FFA Scholarship Fund, in care of Richard M. Coons, Teacher of Agriculture Dover Area High School Dover, PA 17315.

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