

Huff and Herrs take carcass lamb titles



David Huff, standing, showed the grand champion carcass lamb in the on-foot judging at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. Holding the lamb is David's father Carleton Huff.



Hampshire champion ewe was shown by David Lytle, Chester Co.



The Suffolk champion ewe was shown by William MacCauley, III.



Champion showman of the day was Wayne Hess, Conestoga R1. Seen with him is the judge of the show, Buster Wilson, Rural Retreat, Va.

By JOANNE SPAHR
HARRISBURG — In a show which puts pressure on the judge to correlate his placings both on-foot and on-rail, Judge Glenn Kean of Pennsylvania State University named a 100 pound Suffolk/Cheviot/Dorset cross-bred the grand champion carcass lamb, on-foot, of the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. That animal was exhibited by David Huff, age 11, the son of Carleton Huff, 5051 Flourtown Road, Lafayette Hill, Montgomery County.

Three days later, when on-rail judging of the same animals was completed, two sisters, Barbara and Margaret Herr, the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon R2, emerged in the grand champion and reserve grand champion spotlights. Their champions had originally been placed third and fourth in the on-foot competition.

The on-foot champion was bred by Erdenheim Farm, Lafayette Hill, where young Huff's father and grandfather work as herdsman and shepherd. This was David's first grand champion carcass lamb, on-foot, although the family has shown on-foot reserve champions previously at Farm Show. In the on-rail competition, Huff's animal placed fifth.

Barbara Herr, on the other

hand, moved up from third place on-foot judging with her 99 pound Suffolk to take the grand champion on-rail title. The carcass had .10 inches of fat thickness, 2.9 square inches of loin eye area and had a 47.4 percentage of retail cuts.

Following close on her sister's heels, Margaret Herr watched as her fourth place on-foot Dorset was named reserve champion of the on-rail portion of the carcass show. Miss Herr's reserve champ recorded .12 fat thickness, 2.8 inches in loin eye area, and 46.9 per cent of retail cuts.

Keeping most of the carcass show winnings in the Herr family, 16-year-old brother Christian showed the reserve champion carcass lamb, on foot. The 105 pound Hampshire wether, fed on the Narvon R2 Nix Besser Farm, was disqualified from on-rail judging.

In the carcass lamb show, the Herrs, including one other sister, Elizabeth, collected half of the 10 ribbons awarded in the two-class on-foot show, and took the top honors in the on-rail division.

In the last seven years, the Herr family has had the champion or reserve champion, or both, in the on-rail part of the event, although they have won the on-foot classification only one year.

Complete results of the show follows:

CARCASS LAMB, ON FOOT

Lightweight
1. Erdenheim Farm, 5051 Flourtown Road, Lafayette Hill; 2. Jay Kenneth Brubaker, 2418 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster; 3. Stephanie Kocher, Mansfield R1; 4. Margaret Herr, Narvon R2; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon.

Heavyweight
1. Carleton Huff, 5051 Flourtown Road, Lafayette Hill; 2. Christian Herr, Narvon R2; 3. Barbara Herr, 4. Elizabeth Herr, and 5. The Kenneth Staver family, Palmyra R1.

Grand Champion
Carleton Huff

Reserve Grand Champion

Christian Herr
CARCASS LAMB ON RAIL
Lightweight
1. Margaret Herr, Narvon R2; 2. Kenneth Staver family, 3. Stephanie Kocher, Mansfield R1; 4. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr; 5. David Huff.

Heavyweight
1. Barbara Herr, 2. Steven Strauss, Ephrata R1; 3. L.L. Ponce, Mansfield R1; 4. Charles P. Staver, Palmyra; 5. Carleton Huff.

On Rail
Grand Champion
Barbara Herr
On Rail Reserve Grand Champion
Margaret Herr

NFO meeting slated

QUAKERTOWN — The members of the Bucks Co. Unit of the National Farmers Organization will hold their annual banquet on Saturday, January 21, 1978 at 7:00 p.m., at the Milford Square Fire Hall, Milford Square, (two miles west of Quakertown, just off Rt. 663). The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Anita Maxwell, Newport, N.Y.

Mrs. Maxwell and her husband own and operate a large dairy farm and are the parents of eleven children.

Mrs. Maxwell is the speaker and producer of a weekly farm news radio program. She is the editor of the New York state NFO

newsletter, "The Farmers Freedom Press". The Governor of New York recently appointed her to his Commission on Agriculture. Mrs. Maxwell was the first woman to be elected to the National Board of Directors of NFO.

Tickets for the family-style dinner are \$5 each, and can be purchased from any Bucks Co. NFO member, or by calling Bill Garges (348-5514); Raymond Gross (766-8785) or Web Singer (346-7749).

Photographers are welcome after 6:30 that evening or by appointment.

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Brubaker, Lancaster; 3. Robert Golsmith, Greenville; 4. Robert Golsmith, 5. Sarah Brubaker
Hampshire, Champion Ewe

Strawberry Hill Hampshire - David Lytle
Hampshire, Reserve Champion Ewe
Sarah Brubaker
Shropshire, Yearling Ewe

1. Steve Calvert, Berlin R4; 2. Mark Ebaugh, Delta R2; 3. Mark Ebaugh.
Shropshire, Ewe Lamb

1. Steve Calvert, 2. Mark Ebaugh, 3. Mark Ebaugh.
Shropshire, Champion Ewe

Steve Calvert
Shropshire, Reserve Champion Ewe
Steve Calvert
Southdown, Yearling Ewe

1. Timothy Donough, Chambersburg R5; David Harpster, Boalsburg; 3. Timothy Donough, 4. Jeff Calvert, Berlin R4; 5. Jeff Calvert.
Southdown, Ewe Lamb

1. Jeff Calvert 2. Jeff Calvert 3. Timothy Donough.
Southdown, Champion Ewe

Jeff Calvert
Southdown, Reserve Champion Ewe
Timothy Donough.
Suffolk, Yearling Ewe

1. Gary Kwisnek, Clarksburg R1; 2. Charla Janney, 3. Charla Janney
Suffolk, Ewe Lamb

1. William MacCauley, Atglen R1; 2. Kathy Hixenbaugh, Beaver; 3

Charla Janney 4. Kathy Hixenbaugh, 5. Joyce Harpster, Boalsburg.

Suffolk, Champion Ewe
William McCauley
Suffolk, Reserve Champion Ewe
Gary Kwisnek
Jr. Lamb Showmanship Age 11 and under

1. Kathy Baroni, Chester Co.; 2. Margaret Herr, Lancaster Co.; 3. Gerald Rohrer, Lancaster Co.

Jr. Lamb Showmanship 12, 13, 14 years
1. Wayne Hess, Lancaster Co.; 2. William McCauley, Chester Co.; 3. Barbara Herr, Lancaster Co.

Jr. Lamb Showmanship 15 yrs. and over
1. Charla Janney, York Co.; 2. Joyce Witt, Fayette Co.; 3. David Lytle, Chester Co.

Jr. Lamb Champion Showmanship
Wayne Hess

Top potato judges named

HARRISBURG — Lycoming County's 4-H potato judging team captured the championship in the 4-H Potato Grading and Identification Contest held at the 62nd Farm Show on Thursday. The team consisted of three sisters, Paula, Marian, and Susan Eck, of Muncy R3, and Lois Berger, of Muncy R4.

The Lycoming team was coached by Ralph Styer, also from Muncy, grandfather of the Eck sisters.

The contest's high individual judge was Phil Risser, of Leola R1, Lancaster County, which had the second place team. Lehigh County judges placed third.

Poultry disease prevention set

HARRISBURG -- In response to recent outbreaks of Laryngotracheitis (LT) throughout the state, Pennsylvania's Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer recently announced a recommended LT prevention program for poultrymen.

Shelhamer said that LT is a virus disease of poultry flocks which results in death losses of from five to 70 per

cent. "It is essential that the Bureau of Animal Industry be notified of the occurrence of the disease so that we can take steps to prevent repeats and spread to other farms.

"Recent inquiries and examinations of the current outbreaks of LT in Pennsylvania have pointed to several important reasons for the continued spread of this disease," he said. "Much of the problems seem to be related to the existence of normal looking survivor LT carrier chickens in many small flocks. Other problems may be due to poor sanitary precautions and poor control of rats, mice and wild birds."

Most of the recent cases have been in southeastern Pennsylvania, but scattered cases have been detected in northeastern and western regions of the state. All types of chicken flocks have been affected, large and small, meat and egg flocks.

As a final note, Shelhamer said, "LT carrier birds will be around in backyard flocks for many years to come. Stay security conscious and stick with the prevention program through 1979 and beyond."



John Arrell, Jr. showed the champion Cheviot ewe.