Indiana County girl named Southdown queen

SMICKSBURG - Darlene McConaughey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Clyde Mc-Conaughey, Smicksburg, has been named the 1980 Pennsylvania Southdown Queen.

She has chosen for this honor on the basis of her knowledge of sheep, her participation in sheep activities, and her poise and personality.

During her reign as state queen, she will help with Southdown promotions, attend Southdown shows and attend elementary schools to talk about sheep and southdowns. Her next engagement will be promoting Southdowns at the Keystone Sale in Harrisburg on July 10 and 11.

An active 4-H club member, Darlene will compete for the National Southdown Queen title at the Livestock Exposition in Kentucky later this fall.

She currently owns 35 head of sheep and has exhibited sheep both locally and at the Keystone Livestock Exposition. In 1979, she exhibited the Reserve Junior Champion ram in the Junior Southdown Show at the event



Darlene McConaughey, Smicksburg, has been chosen Pennsylvania Southdown Queen for 1980. She'll be promoting the breed at the Keystone Sale this coming week.

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shows and has been named champion several times

Other past honors bestowed on her have been the Pennsylvania 4-H Sheep State Winner, the Outstanding County Livestock Member and the Pennsylvania Outstanding 4-H livestock Producer She is

also a member of the Outstanding Farm Show Family in Pennsylvania

McConaughey is also a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Southdown Association and is on the board of directors of the Indiana County Sheep and Wool Growers.

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