

## Nix Besser ewe

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highest selling Dorset ram at the sale.

The top selling Hampshire ewe, owned by Gillespie Sheep Company of Fulton, Missouri, equalled the price paid for the Supreme Champion Hampshire ram. She sold for \$1300 to Wendy, Bobby, and Holly Harmann, Woodbury, Connecticut.

M.A. Bosse, Old Trail Farms, Fostoria, Ohio consigned the high selling Suffolk ram. The junior lamb was purchased by Sheeps Meadow of Chalfant, Bucks County for \$600.

Northumberland County's Lynn Laudenslager, Dalmatia, bought the top-priced Suffolk ewe at Saturday's sale. \$650 bought her from Tim Hall, Farmdale, Ohio.

The champion Rambouillet ram brought the best price in his breed sale. Owned by Kenneth T. Moore, Nichols, New York, the Fall lamb sold to Gretchen Johnson Family, Alliance, Ohio for \$550.

The Johnson's offset their purchase by selling the highest priced Rambouillet ewe to Sterling Farms, Dayton, Armstrong County, for \$300.

The Berks County Shropshires, tagged champion ewe and ram at Friday's show, were the high selling animals in their breed. Donald Shepard, Charlotte, Minnesota, bought the WEY ram for \$325. And William E. Yoder's junior ewe lamb beat that with a price tag of \$800. She sold to Dr John Wood of Lexington, New Jersey.

J. M. Stowell, Hollidaysburg, Blair County, is keeping the top selling Corriedale ram in Pennsylvania. He paid \$400 for the ram consigned by Rodney Wildermuth, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Jagger Brothers, Mt. Gilead, Ohio received top price for their reserve champion yearling Corriedale ewe. The ewe sold to Jack Baird, Spencer Port, New York for \$275.

Centre Countian George A. Downsborough, State College consigned the high selling Southdown ram, the breed's reserve champion. Robert Pokowitz, Rosendale, New York bought the ram for \$300.

The high selling ewe in the Southdown sale brought \$25 more than her male counterpart Roger Clark, Minerva, Ohio, bought the ewe from Tempel Southdowns, Wiley Colorado for \$325.

Budd Martin, Willard, Ohio, consigned the top selling Cheviot ram which brought \$400 from the Homer Long Family, Ballard, West Virginia.

The ram will be joined on the trek to the hills of West Virginia by the top selling Cheviot ewe. The Longs bought the third place junior ewe lamb for \$400 from Howard and Kerry Doolittle of Lafayette, New Jersey.

A total of 295 sheep crossed the auction block of Kenneth Brubaker, Lancaster and Hobart Farthing, Findlay, Ohio, grossing \$78,675. The average price paid for these rams and ewes came to \$265.79, up from last year's average of \$235.55.

The 49 Dorsets sold grossed \$14,350 for an average of \$292.85 per head,

up from last year's breed average of \$279.49.

A sale average of \$394.23 was paid for the 39 Hampshires that crossed the block to gross \$15,375. This was a significant increase from the 1979 average which was \$296.87 per head.

The 73 Suffolks sold for an average of \$307.26, also up from last year's sale average of \$272.24. The breed sales this year totaled \$22,430.

Rambouillet sales were up from last year. An average of \$263.52 was paid for the 17 head to gross \$4480.

One of the breeds that showed a slight decline in price was the Shropshires. An average of \$185.96 was paid this year for the 26 head — last year's average was \$187.11 per head.

Corriedale sales were up from last year, with the 24 individuals averaging \$194.16. Last year's average was \$172.17.

Cheviots, too, were up with an average of \$190.39 per head for the 38 sheep consigned. This beat last year's average by almost \$30. The Keystone sale was the second highest Cheviot sale in the country from both the numbers sold and the price paid standpoint, according to Mrs. Clyde Brubaker, Lancaster.

Southdown breeders took in slightly less dollars than last year for their 29 individuals on an average. This year's average came to \$171.03, a drop of slightly over \$5.50 per head.

In summarizing the 32nd annual sale, Brubaker commented, "The prices in the breeds were up for some and down for others, but the prices overall held well despite the record number of sheep sold."—SM



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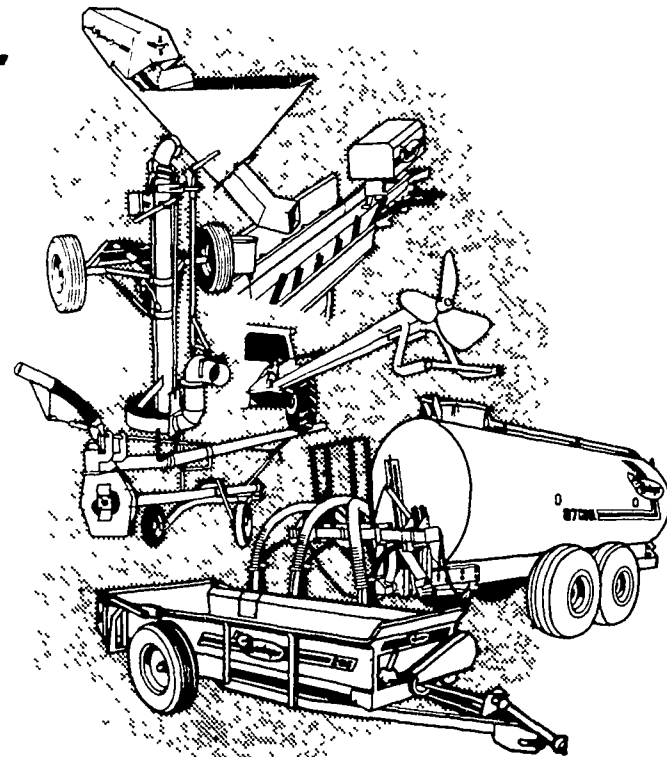
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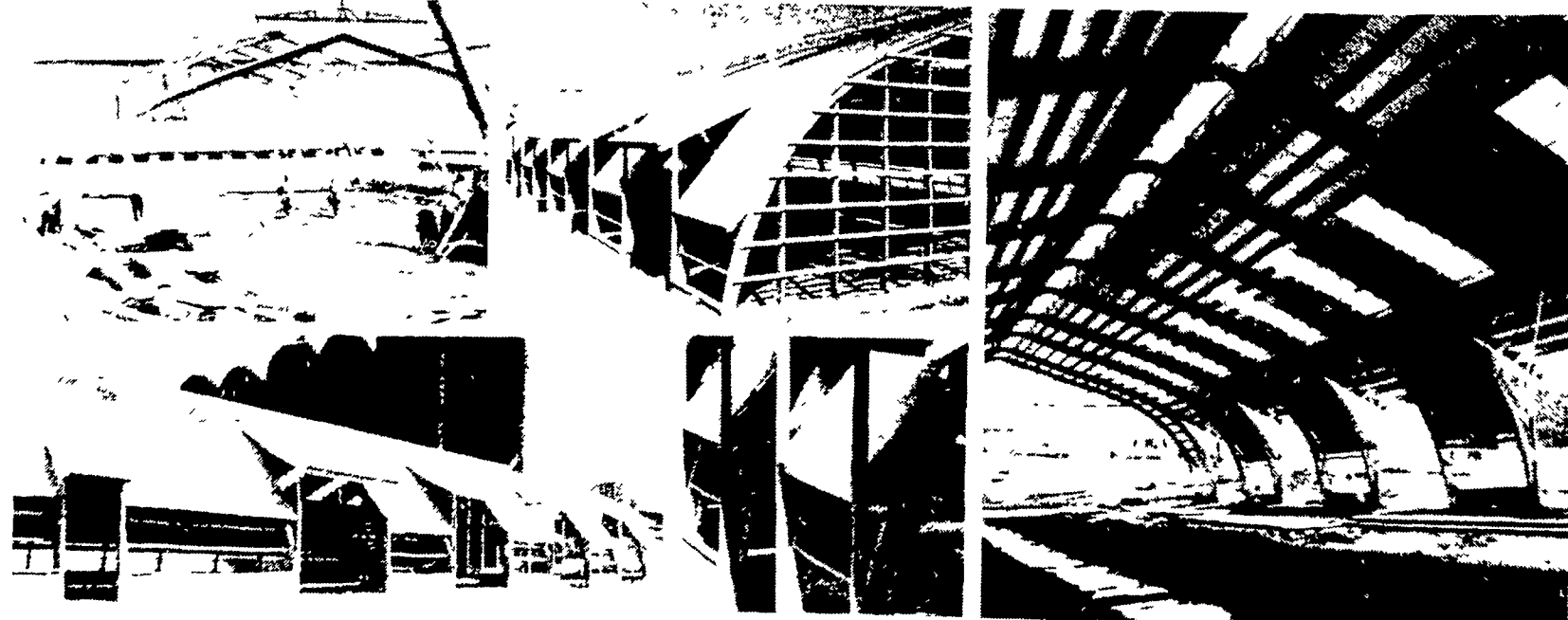
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