

Lauden Acres sweeps Gratz Suffolk show

GRATZ — The Suffolk show at this week's Gratz Fair provided the most ovine competition at the Wednesday morning Open Show.

Both the grand champion ram and the grand champion ewe were exhibited by Lynn Laudenslager, Lauden Acres R1 Dalmatia.

Although they've been in the commercial sheep business for the past 10 years, Lynn's wife, Dixie, explained this is their first year in the purebred business. As a matter of fact, Gratz Fair marks their first attempt, and a rather successful one, at showing.

The Laudenslagers also exhibited the reserve grand champion Suffolk ram. Both champion rams were this year's lambs.

The reserve grand champion ewe followed the Laudenslager ewe lamb in their class before being tagged by Judge Don Sunday as the second top female in the show. She was shown by Dianne Eberts Keefauver, of Newville.

Competition in other breeds found Wayne Bankert, Red Lion, exhibiting the champions in both the ram and ewe classes in the Hampshire show; E. Richard Eberts, Newville, exhibited the champion ram and the champion and reserve champion ewes in the Rambouillet show; and Lynn Laudenslager exhibited two Dorset ram lambs for the championship honors in the breed.

In the Southdown competition, Shelly Bankert, Red Lion, showed both the grand and reserve grand champion rams along with both female championships. Bankert also was the first place exhibitor in the Pen of Lambs class, Breeders Young Flock, and Get of Sire classes.—SM

Class results for the Suffolk and Southdown shows follow:

SUFFOLKS
 Yearling Rams
 1 Lynn Laudenslager, R1 Dalmatia, 2 Michael Bankert, Red Lion

Ram Lamb
 1,2 Lynn Laudenslager, grand and reserve champion

Pair of Ram Lambs
 1 Lynn Laudenslager; 2 Dianne Eberts Keefauver, Newville

Yearling Ewes
 1 Dianne Eberts Keefauver, 2 Lynn Laudenslager

Ewe Lamb
 1 Lynn Laudenslager, grand champion, 2 Dianne Eberts Keefauver, reserve grand champion

Two Ewe Lambs
 1 Lynn Laudenslager, 2 Dianne Eberts Keefauver

Pen of Lambs
 1 Lynn Laudenslager, 2 Dianne Eberts Keefauver

Breeders Young Flock
 1 Dianne Eberts Keefauver, 2 E. Richard Eberts, Newville

Get of Sire
 1 Michael Bankert, 2 Dianne Eberts Keefauver

SOUTHDOWNS
 Yearling Ram
 1 Shelly Bankert, Red Lion, grand champion, 2 Wayne Bankert, Red Lion

Ram Lamb
 1,2 Shelly Bankert, reserve grand champion

Two Ram Lambs
 1 Shelly Bankert, 2 Wayne Bankert

Yearling Ewes
 1,2 Shelly Bankert, grand champion

Ewe Lamb
 1,2 Shelly Bankert, reserve grand champion

Two Ewe Lambs
 1 Shelly Bankert, 2 Wayne Bankert

Pen of Lambs
 1 Shelly Bankert, 2 Wayne Bankert

Breeders Young Flock
 1 Shelly Bankert, 2 Wayne Bankert

Get of Sire
 1 Shelly Bankert; 2 Wayne Bankert



In their first year of competition, Lynn (left) and Dixie Laudenslager, Dalmatia, are happy with their Suffolk champs.

Vegetable-dairy farmer named campaign chairman

CLARKS SUMMIT — Keith Eckel, a Lackawanna County dairy, grain and vegetable farmer, has been named chairman of the Pennsylvania Farmers for Reagan-Bush Committee.

His appointment was announced by the Reagan-Bush State Chairman, Richard J. Fox.

Eckel, a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and a member of the Pennsylvania State University agricultural advisory council, farms near Clarks Summit in partnership with his father, Fred W. Eckel, and his brother, Fred D. Eckel. They produce and pack mature green

tomatoes on 250 acres and have a herd of 150 Holstein dairy cattle.

Eckel said he has joined the Reagan-Bush effort because of the need to end government regulations of agriculture and other businesses.

"Regulatory overkill has impaired our productivity. Government over-regulation contributed to inflation," he said.

Eckel said Pennsylvania dairy farmers are concerned that the Carter Administration is considering weakening or eliminating the present federal milk marketing orders.

"Such a move," he said, "would be as unpopular among farmers as the

Carter grain embargo has been."

He added that his Committee will seek to mobilize all members of Pennsylvania farm families — regardless of their political affiliation — in support of the Reagan-Bush team "in order to bring about needed changes in Washington."

Eckel, 33, is a graduate of Dickinson College. He is a past Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Council of Cooperative Extension Service Councils. He is a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association and of the Governor's seasonal farm labor committee.

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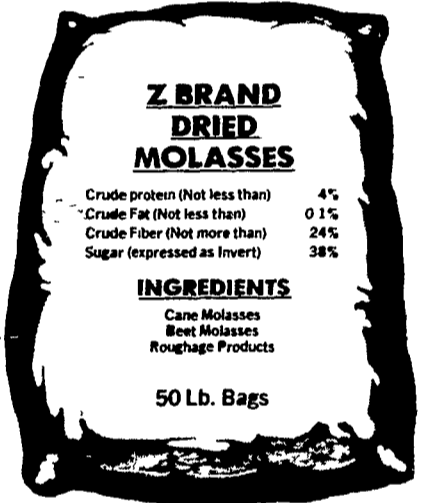
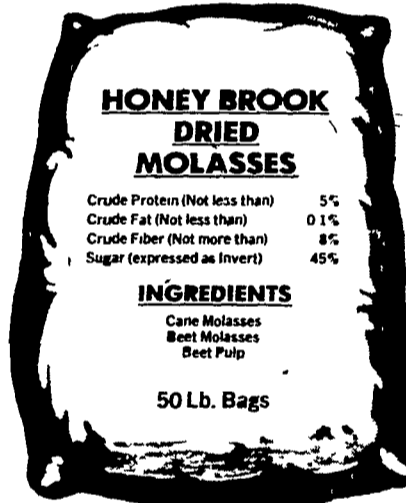
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