

Herrs take several blues in lamb meet

EPHRATA — Barbara and Margaret Herr came over from R2 Narvon to the Ephrata Fair and showed an assortment of several breeds to blue ribbons in the Ephrata Fair Lamb Show.

In addition they finished one-two in the on-foot judging in the lamb carcass show.

About the only lamb blue ribbons that the Herrs didn't take home were in the divisions where they had no entries.

Barbara Herr, a Garden Spot FFA'er took both the grand championship and reserve championship in the market lamb division. Her Hampshire ewe took the blue while her Southdown entry was second.

Earlier in the contest show judge Ken Brubaker of Blue Acres Farm, Lancaster, commented, "I've never seen a Southdown so good" when he placed that animal at the top of its class.

It had size and conformation to beat out some classy Suffolks and another Hampshire in the final judging.

In the carcass show Barbara Herr's 112 pound entry edged out Margaret's 100 pounder by a hair.

Brubaker said he liked the length of loin, clean, trim, good overall muscling of the top animal although he felt the second was better conditioned.

The blue ribbon winner, he said, showed the best combination and completeness in the show while the runner-up did not show the same muscle development.

Third place went to Barry Martin, fourth to Christian Herr. Rail judging and carcass lamb auction Friday night were too late to be included in this listing.

In the individual breed

market lamb placings, Cheviot first place went to Gary Eberly, second to Joann Eberly, and third to Loretta Clisham.

Margaret Herr showed the only two entries in Dorset competition and took a blue and red.

Barbara Herr won the first class of Hampshires, followed by Hans Groff in second and Donald Good in third place.

In the second Hamp class, Steven Moyer finished first, followed by Hans Groff and Donald Good.

Barb Herr's reserve grand champion Southdown walked away with that class's ribbon while Jeff Martin took both second and third.

Although Kent Halsey's Corriedale was entered in its class unopposed, the show judge decided the animal had the size and finish to deserve the blue ribbon.

Two classes of Suffolks were run. In the first class, Carolyn Witmer had the top animal. Red ribbon went to Barry Martin, followed by Debbie Martin.

The top spot in the second class of Suffolks went to Debbie Martin, followed by Carolyn Witmer and Maria Lorah.

Three classes each were in competition in the fitting and showmanship divisions.

In the beginners fitting class Darlene Horning finished first, followed by Karen Martin and Carolyn Witmer.

Beginners showmanship title went to Steven Moyer, followed by Carolyn Witmer and Maria Lorah.

Second year fitting championship was awarded to Kirsten Horning. Barbara Martin finished second, Loretta Clisham, third.

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A pen of Dorset lambs showed by Margaret Herr took the championship group of three at Ephrata

Fair. At left, the trio of Suffolks belonging to Carolyn Witmer took the reserve championship.



Barbara Herr captured both the grand and reserve grand champion market lamb at the Ephrata Fair Wednesday evening. Bonnie Harrington, left, showed the grand champ while Barbara Herr displayed the runner-up.

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