

Ness wins grand champion award

STEWARTSTOWN — A purebred Suffolk wether exhibited by Troy Ness was named the Grand Champion of the York 4-H lamb roundup, held Monday at the Sechrist Auction barn.

The 120-pound animal was the first on the auction block for the roundup sale and went to Ralph Thomas, Thomas and Diehl Meats of Shrewsbury, for \$1.16 per pound.

Ness, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ness, Dallastown R1. He showed two lambs in the competition, capturing the reserve champion in the Suffolk division with his second animal. The winning wether was a spring lamb, from Michigan sire "Son of Czar."

The young shepherd has been breeding and exhibiting sheep in the 4-H program for five years and the Ness' have a flock ranging from 100 to 150 head.

Reserve grand champion ribbons went to Shane Seidenstrickler with a 105-pound Dorset and Suffolk crossbred. Buyer for the reserve spot winner at 95 cents per pound was Delman Enterprises of Warren, New Jersey.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seidenstrickler, Emigs Mill Road, York, Shane is 14 and owns one other wether, scheduled for sale at the second lamb roundup in November. He's been a 4-H exhibitor for 4 years.

A total of 47 head were shown during the annual Stewartstown roundup, judged by Don Sunday of York. The roundup animal averaged a hundred pounds per head and sold for an average of \$67.42 per hundredweight.

Jim Jefferies won the Cheviot championship and Jim Caudill, the reserve place with their heavyweight entries. Lightweight winners, in placing order, were Jim Caudill, with first and second, Jim Jefferies, and Tom Flory, in fourth and fifth.

Dwayne Gracey took the top two awards in the Corriedale breed with Denny Erdsman in third Terry



A crossbred entry by Shane Seidenstrickler took the reserve championship of the lamb roundup. Buyer of the second high animal was Delman Enterprises of New Jersey, which paid 95 cents per pound.

Flory was named winner of the Hampshires and Shelly Bankert was the reserve winner.

Crossbred champ was Shane Seidenstrickler's reserve grand winner, and Lesley King had the reserve champion cross. In Class I, Dwayne Gracey edged out Shelly Bankert, and Class II was a switch of the same two exhibitors.

Laurie Dobrosky won the Dorset category, over reserve-placed Greg Bankert. Shelly Bankert was third place exhibitor in the middleweight division. Penny Erdsman was first and second in the lightweights, and Donna Wilson placed third. Heavyweight placings went to Brian Bankert, first and second, Neil Seidenstrickler, third,



Troy Ness won the York 4-H lamb roundup with a purebred Suffolk, purchased for \$1.16 per pound by Ralph Thomas of Shrewsbury.

and Linda Waltersdorff, fourth and fifth.

Mark Ebaugh's heavyweight Shropshire was champion in that category, topping Lesley King's reserve winner. Gus Parlett

won the lightweight class and Mark Ebaugh took the middleweight division.

Topping the Suffolk's was Troy Ness' champion winner and it's reserve place pen mate. Tim Flory was third in

that heavyweight class, with Jim Jefferies fourth and Mike Arndt, fifth. Lightweight Suffolk class was won by Laurie Dobrosky, with Mike Arndt, second, and Ray Snyder, third.

Berks County seeks ASC nominations

LEESPORT — Farmers are asked to nominate candidates of their choice to be on the ASC community committee ballot, says Mark Balthaser, Chairperson of the Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

The ASC community committee election will be conducted from November 21 to December 1 by mail ballot.

The 11 ASC communities in Berks County are: Comm. 1 Bethel, Marion & Tulpehocken twps.; Comm. 2 Jefferson, Upper Tulpehocken & Penn twps.; Comm. 3 Tilden, Upper Bern & Center twps.; Comm. 4 Perry, Windsor, Bern, Ontelaunee & Muhlenberg twps.; Comm. 5 Albany & Greenwich twps.; Comm. 6 Longswamp, Rockland, Maxatawny, District & Hereford twps.; Comm. 7

Richmond, Maiden Creek & Ruscombmanor twps.; Comm. 8 Oley, Pike, Alsace, Lower Alsace & Exeter twps.; Comm. 9 Colebrookdale, Earl, Amity, Douglass & Washington twps.; Comm. 11 Caernarvon, Robeson, Union, Brecknock & Cumru twps.; and Comm. 12 North Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Lower Heidelberg, South Heidelberg & Spring Townships.

ASC committees are responsible for managing government farm programs on the local level. To meet the needs of individual producers, ASC committee members must be concerned and responsible individuals, Balthaser said.

Berks County farmers have the opportunity to nominate persons they feel would best serve the farm community. Farmers have received petition forms by

mail and are now submitting them to the county ASCS office.

A few basic considerations should be kept in mind when circulating petitions, Balthaser said. In order to be valid, petitions must be limited to one nominee each, must include written certification that the nominee is willing to serve if elected, must be signed by at least three eligible farm voters in the ASC community, and must be received in the county ASCS office no later than October 27.

Farmers may circulate or sign nominating petitions for as many candidates as they choose. Anyone wishing to nominate a farmer for the ASC committee election may contact the county

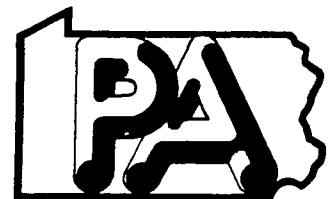
ASCs office for full details, including eligibility requirements for officeholders.

"Farmers should petition for and elect those individuals they feel would do a good job as a member of the ASC committee. The election of concerned farmers to positions on ASC committees is essential in

the administration of farm programs," Balthaser said.

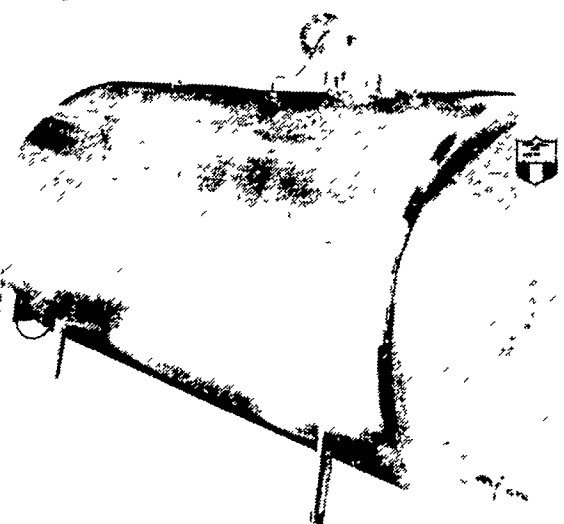
Balthaser further explained that the county ASCS office welcomes all valid petitions. The opportunity to nominate, vote and be elected to office is guaranteed to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color or national origin.

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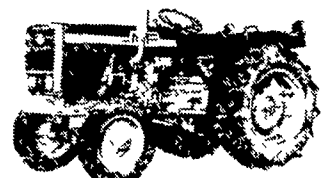
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