

# A day of sweeps in jr. breeding sheep judging

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FARM SHOW — Individual of family entries from Lancaster and Chester

counties swept two-thirds of the top awards in junior breeding sheep competition on Wednesday

The day of sweeps began when judge G. Monte Chappell, of Lexington, Ky selected the Dorsets shown by Barbara L. Herr, R2, Narvon as both the breed champion and reserve champion.

Not to be topped, Sarah Brubaker, of Lancaster, next guided her Hampshires into the small arena and walked off with both the championship and the reserve championship.

A bit later, it was time for the Southdowns to enter the arena. This time it wasn't an individual sweep, but a family domination of the breed. Gerald Rohrer, R1, Quarryville, took the championship, while his younger sister, Barbara, captured the reserve championship.

The final individual sweep went to a neighboring youthful Chester County exhibitor. William J. MacCauley III, R1, Atglen, took both the championship and the reserve championship in the Suffolk judging.

The four breed sweeps — three by individuals and a fourth by a brother and sister — are believed to be unprecedented in junior sheep judging.

In the remaining two breed contests, top winners were:

Cheviot championship to Donna MacCauley, R1, Atglen, sister of William, and the reserve championship to Jeff Mellott, R1, Needmore.

Shropshire championship to Christine R. Ambler, R1, Cochranville, and reserve championship to David L. Harpster, Boalsburg.

Top finishers in the various classes of competition in the junior breeding sheep division include:

- CHEVIOT**  
Ewe lamb 1 Donna MacCauley R1 Atglen 2 and 3 Jeff Mellott R1 Needmore  
Yearling ewe 1 and 2 Jeff Mellott  
**DORSET**  
Yearling ewe 1 Barbara Herr



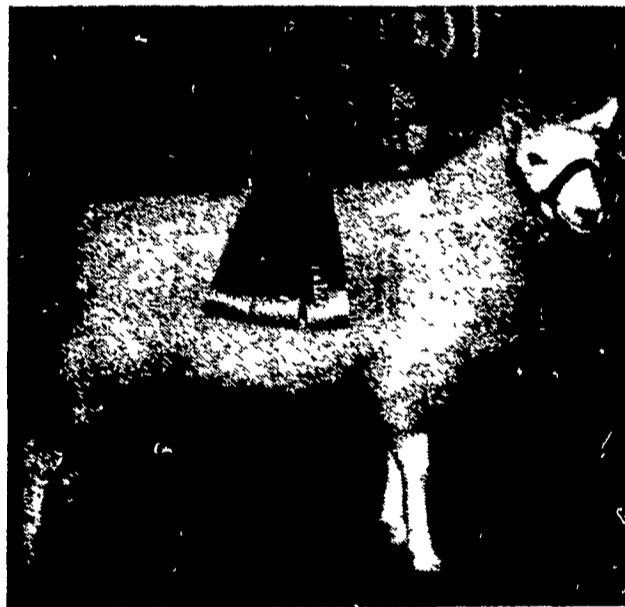
With her grand and reserve champion entries in Hampshire competition is Sarah Brubaker, of Lancaster. Helping her with entries is Tim Fleener.



Shropshire champion is exhibited by Christine Ambler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ambler, R1, Cochranville.



With his Suffolk champion is William J. MacCauley III, of R1, Atglen.



Cheviot grand champion is shown by Donna MacCauley, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William MacCauley, R1, Atglen.



In the Dorset breed, the grand champion honors go to Barbara Herr, R2, Narvon.



Sweep of the Southdown competition belongs to Gerald and Barbara Rohrer, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rohrer, R1, Quarryville.

- Narvon 2 John Sevik R1 Pa Furnace 3 Bethann Nehoda Doylestown 4 Barbara Herr  
Ewe lamb 1 and 2 Barbara Herr 3 and 4 Margaret Herr R2 Narvon  
**HAMPSHIRE**  
Yearling ewe 1 Sarah Brubaker Lancaster  
Ewe lamb 1 Sarah Brubaker 2 David Little New London 3 David Little 4  
Denise Ambler R1 Cochranville  
**SHROPSHIRE**  
Yearling ewe 1 Mark E Ebaugh R2 Delta 2 Ernest Barrett R1 Cochranville 3 Mark Ebaugh 4 Christine Ambler R1 Cochranville  
**SOUTHDOWN**  
Yearling ewe 1 Barbara Rohrer and 2 Gerald Rohrer R1 Quarryville 3 and 4 Michelle Bankert R3 Red Lions  
Ewe lamb 1 Gerald Rohrer 2 Barbara Rohrer 3 Michele Bankert 4 Tai McGary R3 Indiana  
**SUFFOLK**  
Yearling ewe 1 and 2 William J MacCauley III R1 Atglen 3 Nancy MacCauley 4 Troy A Ness R1 Dallastown  
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## Senior potato farmer takes Show limelight

GERMANSVILLE — Clydan Handwerk, a 90-year-old potato farmer from Germansville, Lehigh County, was honored Monday night for being the oldest farmer in attendance at the 65th annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell presented Handwerk with the Pennsylvania Farm Show Senior Farmer Award during Secretary of Agriculture's Night ceremonies in the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex.

Hallowell said, "The Senior Farmer Award was created by the Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the Department of Aging in order to recognize the many years an individual has contributed to the state's farming community."

"The award recognizes the family farm as well," Hallowell said, by showing that all members of a farm family, both young and old, contribute to a successful farming operation."

Assisting Hallowell in

presenting the award was Deputy Secretary of Aging Hugh Jones who noted that Handwerk has been a potato farmer for more than 70 years and presently lives on his son's 500-acre farm in Lehigh County.

Jones said, "Handwerk faced stiff competition in

being named the oldest active farmer at the Farm Show. Of the many entrants who signed up at the Senior Citizen's Corral at the Farm Show, more than 30 were over the age of 70."

The next five entries closest to Handwerk were

Walter Cherry, 86, of Tipton, Blair County; A.H. Staub, 86, of New Freedom, York County; J.T. Sleek, 83, of New Paris, Bedford County; Norman Strohl, 82, of Lehigh, Carbon County; and Arthur Shull, 82, of Pipersville, Bucks County.

## Brooks End sale held

BEAVERTOWN — Brooks End and Par Kay Farms held their annual Winter Sale on Friday, Jan. 9. A total of 240 head sold for \$64,707, for an average of \$270.

The top-selling animal was a Yorkshire Bred Gilt, Esther 77-3 selling for \$850 to Terry Swan, Libertyville, Iowa. The top-selling Yorkshire Boar was purchased by Terry Swan, Libertyville, Iowa for \$725.

The top-selling Landrace Bred Gilt was purchased by Tim Purvis, Hobgood, N.C. for \$380. The top-selling Landrace Open Gilt was purchased by Potecasi Pork Producers, Potecasi, N.C.

for \$300. The top-selling Landrace Boar was purchased by Richard Melson, Davis Wharf, Va. for \$360.

The 46 head of Yorkshire Bred Gilts averaged \$402. The 26 head of Yorkshire Boars averaged \$364. The 72 head of Yorkshires averaged \$389.

The 42 head of Landrace Bred Gilts averaged \$330. The 10 head of Landrace Open Gilts averaged \$272. The 12 head of Landrace Boars averaged \$294. The 64 head of Landrace averaged \$314.

The 104 Commercial Open Gilts averaged \$160. This sale offering sold into

9 different states. Most of this sale offering was new imported blood from Scotland. The next sale offering of Brooks End and Par Kay Farms will be March 6.

