

# Ram sale record

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after auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom's gavel fell.

Calling for bids, the lamb's price quickly jumped into the thousands of dollars. And, one by one, Rosenboom entreated the two bidders to "go one more." As this piece by piece bidding slowly moved into the '20s', then '30s', a murmured chuckle could be heard from the crowd of buyers and consignors.

"If that's the way we have to do it, we will," announced the auctioneer, and the crowd grew intensely silent. All eyes were on the two contending bidders, watching the nods as another hundred was added to the price tag.

All the while Culham knelt next to the ram lamb, keeping him set up to perfection for the future buyer's eye. Even when the bidding stalled at \$4,700, Culham and the ram kept cool.

After several entreaties from Rosenboom, the contending bidder gave in and went another hundred. Then, in rapid succession that was hard to keep up with, the bidding jumped to \$6,000. That was too much for the contending bidder who dropped out of the race.

When the auctioneer sounded the final call, Eberts became the new owner of Lot 532. He noted this ram is the "right breeding and fits my bloodlines", pointing out his sire, Quasar, is from the Big Joe and Olsen breeding. "He should have been champion," claimed Eberts.

What was Culham's reaction to this high-priced demand for his ram? — grateful disbelief.

"I would have been thrilled with \$2,000," he laughed. "It would have been fine with me even if the bidding had stopped at \$4,700."

"Auctions are crazy. You just never know, do you? If I had asked those two guys for a price of \$6,000 before the sale, they would have walked away laughing."

Culham, who has been raising sheep since he was 9-years-old and now owns 90 registered Suffolks and 300 commercial ewes, said this is "undoubtedly" the highest price he's ever received for a lamb, especially a third place one. Commenting on the lambs show placing, Culham said, "He got ripped off."

The supreme champion ram of the Keystone Sale show brought the second top price at Saturday's sale. Half interest in this Cheviot ram, consigned by Robert and Edith Kelley of Skowhegan, Maine, sold for \$1,200 to Martin Brothers of Willard, Ohio.

The supreme champion ewe, a Hampshire junior ewe lamb consigned by Gillespie Sheep Co. of Fulton, Missouri, sold to Judy Harwood, Ionia, Missouri, for \$700.

The grand champion Dorset ewe, consigned by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr of Narvon, Lancaster County, sold to Lewis Meiser, Jr., Mt. Pleasant Mills for \$375.

Stephen Myers of Rushsylvania, Ohio consigned the champion Dorset ram and the reserve champion Dorset ewe. The junior ram lamb sold to Doug A. Whitfield, Schellsburg for \$275, while the junior ewe brought \$375 from Francis R. McAlonan, Alloway, N.J.

And Penn State's reserve champion Dorset yearling ram brought \$475 from Armon Snowden, Hershey.

The 67 Dorset consigned totaled \$13,660 and averaged \$203.88.

The first place yearling ram and the first place senior ram lamb brought the highest prices in the Hampshire ram sale. Linda Harwood's yearling brought \$475 and sold to Black Berry Hill Farms, Ashbury, N.J. Buster Wilson of Rural Retreat, Virginia, received \$475 for his senior lamb from Peter Levan, Bellefonte.

Wilson's junior lamb, the champion Hampshire ram, was

purchased by William H. Stoner, Mifflintown, for \$425. The reserve champion Hamp ram was purchased by Stoney Road Farm, Flemington, N.J. for \$200. It was the consignment of Stuart Hamps, Leshe, Missouri.

There was an upset in the Hampshire ewe sale, with the second place yearling ewe selling for the top bid of \$900. Consigned by Charles Kirlin, Milton, Indiana, the ewe sold to Hamps, Inc. of Marion, Ohio.

Judy Harwood of Ionia, Michigan purchased the champion Hampshire ewe, a junior ewe lamb consigned by Gillespie Sheep Co. for \$700. The reserve champion Hampshire ewe, consigned by Judy Moore of Eagle, Missouri, sold to Steward Ebersole, York, for \$625.

A total of 62 Hampshires sold for \$16,200, averaging \$261.24.

Homer Long and family, of Ballard, W.V., purchased both the champion and reserve champion Cheviot ewes, the first and second place junior ewe lambs, for \$600 and \$225 respectively. The ewes were consigned by Judy Moore and Martin Brothers.

The reserve champion Cheviot ram, consigned by E. Spraker and Albert Wilson, sold to H.W. Irvine of Gaithersburg, Md. for \$300.

The 58 Cheviots brought \$11,705 for an average of \$201.81.

W.G. Carpenter and Son of Jefferson, Maryland consigned all the top selling and champion Southdowns at the Keystone sale.

Top-selling ram was the fourth place senior lamb which sold to Renee Harris, Stillwater, for \$225. The champion yearling ram sold to Gordon Gilchrist, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, for \$175; and the reserve champion senior ram sold to Chris Snyder, Moline, Illinois for \$200.

The first and second place senior ewe lambs were the top-priced Southdown females, selling to Chris Snyder for \$300 each. Darlene McConaughy of Smicksburg, purchased the champion junior ewe lamb for \$200; and A.T. Newberry, Jr. of Bland, Virginia purchased the reserve champion yearling for \$175.

There were 27 Southdowns sold for \$3,414, averaging \$126.48.

William E. Tucker, Ashland, Ohio, sold the high-priced Corriedale ewe and the champion ram. Buying the yearling ewe for \$250 was Raymond Forrester, Albion, Virginia and Roger Ripstein, Roundhill, Virginia purchased the champion ram for \$200. Ripstein also purchased the champion junior ewe lamb from K&K Corriedales, Ashland, Ohio for \$175.

Tammy Craig, from Clay City, Illinois purchased both the reserve champion senior ewe lamb and the reserve champion yearling ram in the Corriedale sale for \$150 and \$125 respectively.

The high-selling Corriedale ram was consigned by Charles McCrae, Mohnton and sold to Barbara Caribon, Pattenburg, N.J. for \$225.

A total of 30 Corriedales grossed \$3,855 for an average of \$128.50.

Shober & Calvert Farms, Berlin, sold their Shropshire champion and reserve champion junior ram lambs for \$225 each to Renee Harris, Stillwater and Wilmer French, Reading, Michigan.

Tammy Hopkins of North Scituate, R.I. sold her champion Shropshire junior ewe to Spring Bottom Farm, Fairfield for \$385. Ed Peckham of Belchertown, Massachusetts, purchased the reserve champion junior lamb for \$350 from Donald Shepard, Charlotte, Michigan.

The 33 Shropshires sold for \$5,000 and averaged \$153.78.

Kenneth T. Moore, Nichols, N.Y., consigned the champion Rambouillet ram and ewe. The yearling ram sold to William Free,



Auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom calls for just another hundred or so to get the price of the record-breaking ram "over that magic 50." Consignor Alan Culham watches the contending bidder intensely while the bid stalls at \$4,700. Then, in just a matter of seconds, the price tag jumped to \$6,000 to set a record for the Keystone Stud Ram and Ewe Sale.

East Berlin for \$325, while the yearling ewe sold to Richard Eberts, Newville, for \$300.

Dave Clouser, Nova, Ohio, consigned the reserve champion senior ram lamb and the reserve champion yearling ewe. The ram sold to Brian Culham, Dansville, Michigan for \$175 while the ewe sold to William Free for \$225.

The 23 head of Rambouillet grossed \$4,055 and averaged \$176.30.

The champion Suffolk ewe, consigned by Alan Culham who also sold the high-selling ram, brought \$950 from Stuart K. Gilbert of Red Hook, N.Y. The reserve champion ewe, consigned by Norm Pensoneau, Belleville, Illinois, sold to Roy Estel, Clinton, for \$700.

The champion Suffolk ram was consigned by Fairview Farms, Sterling, Colorado, and sold to

John Hogi, Hopewell, N.J. for \$350. The reserve champion ram was sold by Bob and Tootie Monson, Roxbury, Connecticut, to Lawson Deerfield Farm, Culpepper, Virginia for \$425.

The 85 Suffolks grossed \$33,435, averaging \$393.35.

A total of 385 head were auctioned by Rollie Rosenboom and Ken Brubaker, New Holland for \$91,400.

## In Dorset, Corriedale, Shropshire Shows

# Pa. sheep showmen take champs at Keystone Sale

HARRISBURG — Both of the supreme champion trophies awarded at last Friday's Keystone Stud Ram & Ewe Sale show, held here at the Farm Show Complex, went to out-of-state entries.

The supreme champion ram was also the Cheviot ram champ This yearling ram was exhibited by Robert and Edith Kelley of Skowhegan, Maine. A class winner who caught the judges' eyes from his first step onto the tanbark, the supreme champion is sired by KEH 78 out of HWB 360. Wearing his breeders' prefix, R & E Kelley 756 topped the entire ram show. Halt interest in the ram sold Saturday (see front page story).

Judges Ron Guenther of Columbus, Ohio, and Rollie Rosenboom of Clifton, Illinois, went with the junior ewe lamb in the Hampshire breed for their supreme champion ewe selection. Gillespie 81-81, a February twin, topped her class of Junior Ewe Lambs and went on to claim the championship in the female division of her breed. A daughter of twin parents, Gillespie 81 was sired by Heggemeier Rocket Supreme out of Nelson 7922, the 1978 National Champion ram and the top selling ewe at the 1980 Nebraska Hampshire sale. The supreme champion ewe was exhibited by Gillespie Sheep Company, Fulton, Missouri.

Pennsylvania exhibitors took home championship trophies in the Dorset show, Corriedale show, and Shropshire show.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Herr of Narvon, Lancaster County, exhibited their senior ewe lamb to the top of her class and on to take the championship Nix Besser 021, an October, 1980 twin, is sired by Saylor & Sons S-711 out of a homebred ewe, Nix Besser 133.

The reserve champion Dorset ram honors went to a Penn State entry. The yearling ram, Penn State 8043, topped his class before standing next to the first place champion junior ram lamb exhibited by Stephen Myers of

Rushsylvania, Ohio. The reserve champion ram is sired by Staver 333 out of Penn State 7731.

Charles McCrae of Mohnton showed his senior ewe lamb to the top of her class and on to take the reserve championship in the Corriedale show. Lamed October, CRM 185 is sired by NGW 991 out of Kin 4797.

In the Shropshire show, Shober & Calvert Farms of Berlin captured both championship trophies for their junior ram lambs. Both lambs were sired by Beall's Onward 392 out of Shober ewes. The lamb selected for the championship was the younger of the two rams by five days

Show results are:

- DORSET**  
Yearling Rams  
1 Penn State reserve champion 2 Elizabeth S Grey Woodbine Md 3 Erdenheim Farm Lafayette Hill 4 French & Zinser Dorsets Reading Mich 5 Michael L Carpenter Jefferson Md
- Senior Ram Lambs  
1 Ovine Alley Dorsets Palmyra 2 Dr & Mrs Robert Herr Narvon 3 Charles J Botero Whitmore Lake Mich 4 Kenneth T Moore Nichols NY
- Junior Ram Lambs  
1 Stephen Myers champion Rushsylvania Ohio 2 Michael L Carpenter 3 Ovine Alley Dorsets 4 Fred D Scheyer & Sons North Hampton N H 5 Dr and Mrs Robert Herr
- Yearling Ewes  
1 Ovine Alley Dorsets 2 Kenneth T Moore 3 Penn State 4 G.C. Klahold Sinking Spring 5 James E. Baxter Marlinton W V
- Senior Ewe Lambs  
1 Dr and Mrs Robert Herr 2 Michael L Carpenter 3 John R Sevek Pennsylvania Furnace 4 French & Zinser Dorsets
- Junior Ewe Lambs  
1 Stephen Myers reserve champion 2 Cat s Paw Farms North Berwick Maine 3 Dr & Mrs Robert Herr 4 Ovine Alley Dorsets 5 Kenneth T Moore
- HAMPSHIRE**  
Yearling Rams  
1 Linda Harwood Ionia Mich 2 Van Vleck Farms Woodbury Ct 3 Stuart Hamps Leslie Mich 4 Vernon Deal & Family Navarre Ohio 5 Mr & Mrs Clyde Brubaker Lancaster
- Senior Ram Lambs  
1 Albert Wilson Jr Rural Retreat Va 2 Price Stock Farm Westminster Md
- Junior Ram Lambs  
1 Albert Wilson Jr champion 2 5 Stuart Hamps reserve champion 3 Linda Harwood 4 Van Vleck Farms
- Yearling Ewes  
1 Judy Moore reserve champion Eagle Mich 2 Charles Kirlin Milton Ind 3 Gillespie Sheep Co Fulton Mo 4 Stuart Hamps 5 William Maghes McConnellsville Ohio
- Senior Ewe Lambs  
1 Price Stock Farm 2 Albert Wilson Jr 3 Steward Ebersole & Son York
- Junior Ewe Lambs  
1 5 Gillespie Sheep Co champion and

- supreme champion 2 3 Albert Wilson Jr 4 Van Vleck Farm
- CHEVIOT**  
Yearling Rams  
1 Robert & Edith Kelley champion and supreme champion Skowhegan Maine 2 E Spraker & Buster Wilson reserve champion Bath NY and Rural Retreat Va 3 William N Lawter Russellville Ind 4 Martin Brothers Willard Ohio 5 Calvert Farm Sprags
- Senior Ram Lambs  
1 3 Robert & Edith Kelley 2 Martin Brothers
- Junior Ram Lambs  
1 2 3 Martin Brothers 4 Harris Cheviots Stillwater 5 William Lawter
- Yearling Ewes  
1 2 Judy Moore 3 5 Robert & Edith Kelley 4 E Spraker & Buster Wilson
- Senior Ewe Lambs  
1 2 Robert & Edith Kelley
- Junior Ewe Lambs  
1 4 Judy Moore champion 2 5 Martin Brothers reserve champion 3 William Lawter
- SOUTHDOWN**  
Yearling Rams  
1 W G Carpenter & Son champion Jefferson Md 2 The McCrums Mars
- Senior Ram Lambs  
1 2 4 W G Carpenter & Son reserve champion 3 Gale Cole Palmyra Ill
- Junior Ram Lambs  
1 Gale Cole 2 Price Brothers Mars
- Yearling Ewes  
1 W G Carpenter & Son reserve champion 2 Don & Debra Hopkins Fulton Mo 3 Allen Bros Southdowns Eaton Rapids Mich 4 McCrums 5 Gale Cole
- Senior Ewe Lambs  
1 2 4 W G Carpenter & Son 3 Gale Cole
- Junior Ewe Lambs  
1 W G Carpenter & Son champion 2 Dennis Schoenian Clarksville Md 3 Susan Schoenian Clarksville Md 4 5 Jagger Bros Mt Gilead Ohio
- CORRIEDALE**  
Yearling Rams  
1 William E Tucker champion Ashland Ohio 2 Jagger Bros reserve champion, 3 Charles McCrae 4 Rodney Wildermuth Canal Winchester Ohio
- Senior Ram Lambs  
1 2 K&K Corriedale Ashland Ohio 3 Charles McCrae
- Junior Ram Lambs  
1 Jagger Bros 2 Charles McCrae
- Yearling Ewes  
1 William E Tucker 2 Rodney Wildermuth 3 Charles McCrae 4 Shamrock Farms Wayland NY 5 Jagger Bros
- Senior Ewe Lambs  
1 3 5 Charles McCrae reserve champion 2 4 K&K Corriedales
- Junior Ewe Lambs  
1 3 K&K Corriedales champion 2 William E Tucker 4 Rodney Wildermuth 5 Charles McCrae
- SHROPSHIRE**  
Yearling Rams  
1 Kenneth T Moore 2 Don Shepard Charlotte Mich 3 Belmont Farms, Gettysburg 4 Mr & Mrs Ed Beall Germantown Md
- Junior Ram Lambs  
1 2 Shober & Calvert Farms champion and reserve champion Berlin 3 Don Shepard 4 Wey Shropshires Kutztown 5 Tammy Hopkins North Scituate RI
- Yearling Ewes  
1 2 Charles & Barbara Platt, Gettysburg 3 Wilmer French Reading Mich 4 Kenneth T Moore 5 Glenn High & Family Lexington Ohio

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