

Tops 1981 Ram Lamb and Invitational Ewe Sale

Suffolk ram lamb brings \$700

STATE COLLEGE — The 1981 Ram Lamb and Invitational Ewe Sale grossed \$19,313, averaging \$174 per head.

The sale was held recently at the Department's Meat Animal Evaluation Center. A total of 49 rams averaged \$217 while 62 ewes averaged \$140 each.

Paul H. Leader of York, York County, topped the entire sale at \$700 with his senior Suffolk ram lamb. The October, 1980 twin ram was sired by Reed Shepherd 55 out of an Oakland Farm's dam. The ram sold to Penns Cave, Inc. of Centre Hall, Centre County. Seventeen Suffolk rams averaged \$312.

Two Dorsets rams topped the Dorset sale at \$400 each. The Kenneth Staver family of Palmyra, Dauphin County, sold their senior twin lamb to John Holtry of Mechanicsburg, Cum-

berland County. The other top bidder at \$400, was Robert L. Holmes, of Oxford, Chester County, purchasing a twin junior lamb from Penn State University. Nine Dorsets rams averaged \$139 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brubaker, Blu-Acre Farm of Lancaster consigned the top selling Hampshire ram. The January, 1981 junior ram was purchased by Robert Fuller of Carmichaels, Greene County, for \$200. Nine Hampshire rams averaged \$319 each.

In other ram breeds, three Shropshires averaged \$92; three Southdowns averaged \$50; one Rambouillet brought \$175; one Oxford sold for \$135; while a Tunis and Montdale brought \$60 and \$50, respectively.

Carol McConnell of Fredericktown, Washington

County, was the top buyer of the Dorset ewe sale, taking home six ewes for an average of \$202.50. The two high selling ewes of the sale, at \$300 each, were purchased by McConnell from the Kenneth Staver family of Palmyra and Penn State University. Eighteen Dorset ewes averaged \$177.

Another high seller at \$300 was a Suffolk ewe sold to Kelly McConnell and Bob Weaver, also of Fredericktown. The ewe was consigned by Paul H. Leader of York. Twelve Suffolk ewes averaged \$172.

Four Shropshire ewes brought \$125 each. Two of these were purchased by Hickory Hill Farms, Port Royal, Juniata County from Warm G. Menhennet of Cochranville, Chester County. Roberta and Ted Kirby of Macungie, Lehigh County, sold two Shropshire for \$125 to John F.

Matthew of Fallen Timbers, Fayette County. Nine Shropshire ewes averaged \$112.

In the Hampshire ewe sale, Kelly McConnell and Bob Weaver bought the high selling ewe from John Nordin of Russell, Warren County. The ewe sold for \$225. A total of 14 Hampshire ewes averaged \$141.

Dawn Madden of Lake Ariel, Wayne County, sold three Tunis ewes which averaged \$162. The top price paid was \$185 by Richard Heit of Bedford, Bedford County.

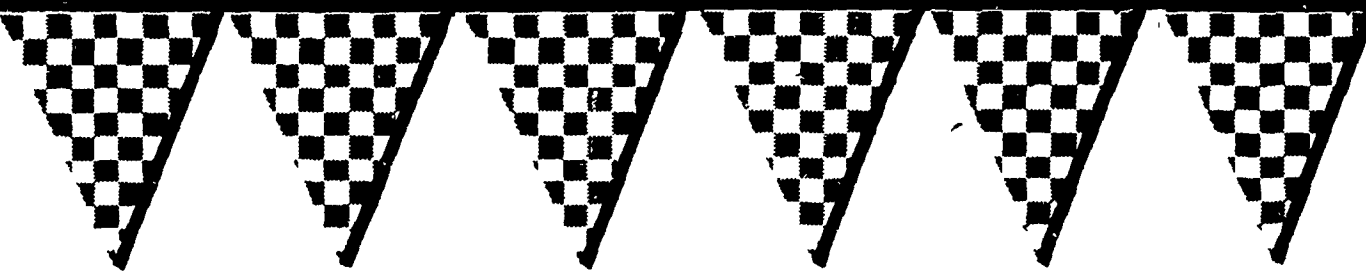
Three Cheviot ewes sold by Calvert Farms of Spraggs, Greene County, averaging \$70. Brian Barkely of Manns Choice, Bedford County was the successful bidder of the high selling Cheviot which brought \$85.

Pete Levan of Bellefonte, Centre County was the high bidder on Price Brothers' Southdown ewe at

\$100. Three Southdowns averaged \$87.

Arnold G. Walker of Mountoursville, Lycoming County took home a Rambouillet ewe consigned by Emil Mellott of Needmore, Fulton County. Three Rambouillets averaged \$95. Mellott also sold his Corriedale ewe for \$185 to Ben and Mary Bow and family of Annville, Lebanon County, and an Oxford ewe to Anthony L. and Ellen C. Rishel of Bellefonte, Centre County, for \$85.

The Pennsylvania Performance Tested Ram Lamb Sale and Invitational Ewe Sale is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and Penn State.



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