

Southdown Assn. marks centennial year

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Southdown sheep breeders from across the United States generated much enthusiasm and demonstrated a wealth of pride during their show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

The atmosphere carried waves that signaled something special about the show. Posters and displays indicated that this year marked the centennial celebration of the Southdown Association. The show was appropriately referred to as the Centennial National Southdown Show.

A breeder from Palmyra, IL, Gale Cole, claimed the Grand Champion Ram honors with his ram lamb. Reserve Champion Ram honors were granted to a yearling ram owned by Tempel Southdowns of Wiley, CO.

The first place Jr. ewe lamb advanced to be recognized as the Grand Champion Ewe. She is owned by Mark and Dale Smith of Crawfordsville, IN. Reserve Champion Ewe privileges were granted to Howard and Harral Southdowns of Mulhall, OK, with their second placer Jr. ewe lamb.

Howard and Harral Southdowns

of Mulhall, OK, exhibited the Best Pair of Ram Lambs, while Howard Harral of Mulhall, OK took credit for the Best Flock.

Judge Ron Guenther, shepherd at Ohio State, compared and debated for 25 minutes before announcing results of the whether class. Positioned in first place were Howard and Harral Southdowns. The wether exhibits classified as an extra for the centennial observance.

On hand to distribute winnings was the retiring National Southdown Queen Rachel Schultz, a freshman in Home Economics at

Iowa State University, from Peosta, IA. During the centennial show, Mary Dingwall, Lake Port, CA, accepted the reign as 1983 National Southdown Queen.

Nearly 70 exhibitors and more than 350 head of purebred Southdowns competed for \$10,000 in prize money. Traveling trophies will decorate the homes of the

Grand Champion Ram, Grand Champion Ewe, Best Pair of Ram Lambs, and Best Flock for one year.

At the grand finale of the Centennial National Southdown Show, the 1982 Premier Exhibitor award went to Howard & Harral Southdowns, breeders from Mulhall, OK.

Poultry consumption

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relative low cost of poultry meat as compared with beef. But, the big annual percentage gains in broiler consumption experienced in the past are not likely to occur again, he says.

"Turkey consumption per person may continue for some time at a reasonable increase because a 10 percent gain in per capita consumption would only be a pound increase in turkey consumption," Birth says. A 10 percent change in pork production is equivalent to 6.5 pounds per person, while a 10 percent gain in broiler consumption would be almost 5 pounds.

"Further gains in per capita consumption of poultry meat will likely be at the expense of other meats," Birth concludes. "The growth in total meat consumption per person has in all probability leveled off."

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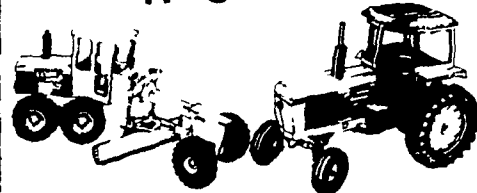
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