

Sheep winners selected at South Mountain Fair

O ARENDSVILLE — A combination FFA/4-H Sheep Show and independent 4-H and FFA sheep shows were held at the 1983 South Mountain Fair.

Tim Staub, Biglerville, had champion market lamb, and 2nd place heavy weight market lamb. He had Champion FFA market lamb and 1st place FFA market lamb. Tim was also named Champion FFA Fitter and Reserve Champion FFA showman.

Pam Hawn, Gettysburg, had Reserve Champion Market Lamb. She had Champion 4-H Market Lamb and took 2nd place in the Jr. 4-H Showman class and 4th in the Jr. 4-H Fitting Class.

Joe Showers, Bendersville, had 2nd place light weight and 5th place heavy weight market lambs. He had Reserve Champion FFA and 2nd place heavy weight market lamb. Joe was also named Champion FFA Showman and Reserve Champion FFA Fitter.

O Chris Hawn, Gettysburg, had 3rd place light weight market lamb. He was also placed 3rd in both 4-H Jr. Fitting and Showmanship classes. Chris placed 1st in the 4-H light weight market lamb class.

Jon Teets, McKnightstown had 3rd place heavy weight market lamb. He was also placed 1st in the 4-H Jr. Fitting Class and 4th in the 4-H Jr. Showman Class. Jon also had Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb.

Heidi Quanbeck, Fairfield, had 4th place heavy weight market lamb. She was also named Reserve Champion 4-H Fitter and Showman. Heidi also had 3rd place 4-H heavy weight market lamb.

Earl Wilkinson, Gettysburg, had 4th and 5th place market lambs. He was also named Champion 4-H Fitter and placed 2nd in the Sr. 4-H

Showman Class.

Kirk Graham, Gardners, had 2nd place 4-H light weight market lamb. He also placed 1st in both the 4-H Intermediate Showman and Fitting Classes. Kirk also had 2nd place Crossbred ewe lamb and 2nd place 4-H Crossbred ewe lamb.

Arron Wachhaus, York Springs, had Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred ewes and 1st place pair of crossbred ewes. He also placed 2nd in both 4-H In-

termediate Showman and Fitting Classes. Arron had Champion and Reserve Champion 4-H Crossbred ewes and 1st place 4-H pair of crossbred ewes.

Heidi Quanbeck had Champion and Reserve Champion Suffolk ewes, and 1st place pair ewes in 4-H and the combination division.

Joe Showers had Champion and Reserve Champion Shropshire Rams and 1st place ram pair.

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Reserve Champion Shropshire ewes and 1st place ewe pair. Joe had 1st place pen and breeder young flock lambs. In FFA class he had Champion and Res Champion Rams and Ewes and 1st place pen and breeder young flock.

Earl Wilkinson had 3rd and 4th place ram lambs, 2nd place ram pair, 3rd and 4th place ewe lambs, 2nd place ewe pair, 2nd place pen lambs and 2nd place breeders young flock with Shropshire Sheep.

In the 4-H Shropshire division he had Champion ram, 1st place pair ram, 1st place pair ewes, Champion Ewe, 1st place pen and breeders young flock.

Melinda Keller, Gettysburg had 5th place Shropshire ewe lamb. She was selected Champion 4-H Showman, and placed 2nd in the Jr. 4-H Fitting Class. Her ewe lamb was 2nd in the 4-H Shropshire Division.

Horse owners should be alert to EIA threat

HARRISBURG — Horse owners should be alert to the threat of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) during late summer and early fall months, when insect vectors of infectious diseases are at peak population levels, according to the state Agriculture Department. This is also the time of year when shows, fairs and other equine competitive events reach a climax.

Equine Infectious Anemia is an infectious viral disease of horses that results in anemia, intermittent fever, severe weight loss and sometimes death.

"EIA is sometime called swamp fever because of its association with areas infected with mosquitos and other blood sucking insects," said Dr. Max Van Buskirk, VMD, director of the department's Bureau of Animal Industry.

Five horses infected with Equine Infectious Anemia have been discovered in Pennsylvania during the past six months. In two instances, Dr. Van Buskirk said, the diagnosis of EIA in a clinically ill horse led to the discovery of an infected but apparently normal stable mate. The five animals were

located in Butler, Perry and Dauphin Counties.

He said, "Horses sick with EIA typically have a sudden rise in temperature to 105 degrees F. or higher, often sweat profusely, breathe rapidly and appear depressed. Fever attacks may be intermittent or continuous as the disease progresses and anemia becomes severe, the animal will become weakened, and swelling of the legs and lower parts of the body often develop."

Some infected animals exhibit only gradual loss of weight and depression, while other never show any signs of the disease. Still other animals appear to recover but have recurrent relapses. "Equine Infectious Anemia is sometimes confused with influenza, equine encephalitis, horse tick fever and other diseases," Van Buskirk said.

EIA may be spread from horse to horse by biting insects. Blood transfusions and unsterilized equipment (knives, syringes, tattoo needles, and bleeding needles) previously used on infected animals clinically ill with the disease, it may also be present


in apparently recovered or normal animals for long periods of time.

"Equine Infectious Anemia can be readily diagnosed by laboratory examination with the Coggins test," the director said. "The test reveals the presence of EIA antibodies even if the animal appears normal."

The Bureau of Animal Industry urges organizations conducting fairs, shows, races and horse sales to require all participating horses

to be Coggins test negative within one year of the event. Anyone purchasing a horse is advised to insist that the horse be Coggins test negative within 30 days of purchase.

For additional information, contact your local veterinarian or the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry, 2301 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110, or telephone 717-783-5301.



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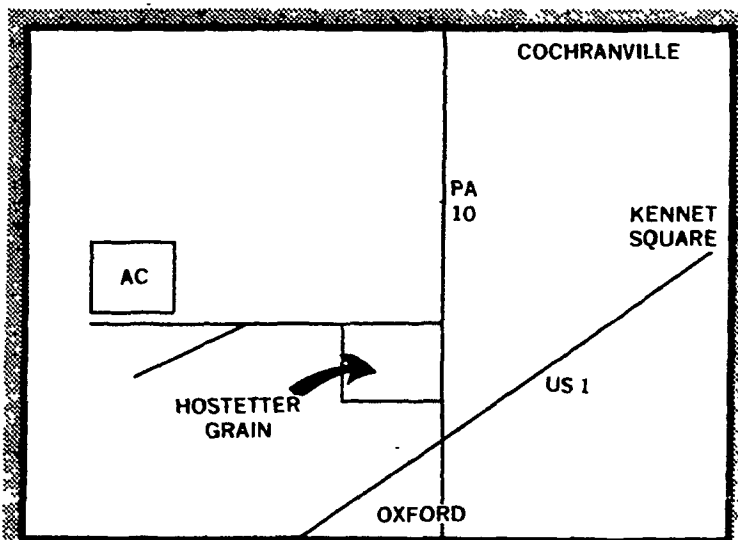
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