

Lamb sale features show prospects

BY JACK HUBLEY

MANHEIM — The price of the day was \$150.00 as four lambs tied for high selling honors at the Supreme Club Lamb Sale held at the Manheim Community Fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon.

With 36 market lambs and eight purebred lambs consigned, 4-H'ers in attendance had their choice of more than 40 show prospects.

A black crossbred Hampshire was the favorite among the market lambs, selling for \$150 to Lisa Martin, of New Holland. The lamb was consigned by Bill and Margaret Wade, of Greenville, Va., breeders of last year's champion market lamb at the Farm Show.

The Wades were also consignors

of one of the three lambs tying as high sellers in the purebred sale immediately following the sale of market lambs. Their Dorset lamb was sold to Paul Keller of Lititz.

Pete LeVan, of Nittany Valley Livestock, was the consignor of the other Dorset in the high selling trio, sold to Andy Wagner of I.A.W. Livestock, in Bethlehem.

The third \$150 ewe lamb was a Hampshire owned by Tim and Sarah Fleener, of Fleener Hampshires in Lancaster, and sold to Daryl Reedy, of Dover.

"This being our third club lamb sale, we feel the quality of our animals was extremely high," commented the sale's auctioneer and founder, Ken Brubaker.

Brubaker emphasized that the event will continue, in years to



These purebred Dorset ewe lambs each brought \$150 to their owners (pictured) Margaret Wade, of Greenville, Va., and Pete LeVan of Nittany Valley Livestock in Bellefonte. Purchasers were Paul Keller of Lititz, and Andy Wagner of Bethlehem, respectively.

come, as an invitational in an effort to provide only the best stock for 4-H and FFA show prospects.

In addition to the aforementioned breeders, the show's two other consignors were Clyde and Dorothy Brubaker's Blu-Acre Hampshires, of Lancaster, and William Moore, III, of Moornistan Hampshires, in Elverson.

Ken Brubaker and his father, Clyde, were the originators of the (Turn to Page D4)

Simmental is high seller at bull test sale

BY PATTY GROSS MOCK

STATE COLLEGE — Turnout was lower than in past years and so were the prices at Pennsylvania's 11th Performance Tested Bull Sale, held at the Meat Animal Evaluation Center in State College.

Postponed a week because of a heavy spring snowfall, 83 potential buyers attended the April 6 sale. However, many of the dignitaries were unable to be present at the delayed event. Over a foot of snow

fell on the rural campus of the Pennsylvania State University the week before, collapsing the sale tent. A week later weather was still cold and windy with intermittent drizzle.

The total paid for the 59 bulls sold was \$65,850. The average bid of the day was \$1,116.00.

Total sale price for the 18 Polled Herefords was \$23,025, for an average of \$1,279.17. The dozen Simmentals sold for \$17,625, for an average of \$1,463.75. Sale officials admit that the Angus sale was disappointing with the 24 animals averaging \$854.16, for a total of \$20,500. The sale's four Charolais sold for \$3,975, for an average of \$993.75. The lone Charolais went for a bid of \$725.

High seller was a March, 1983 Full blood Simmental Bull, MF Renegade R1, with a daily test gain of 4.47 pounds, was consigned by Mylin Messick, Middletown. General Potter Farm, owned by Bert Phillips, of Spring Mills, paid the top sale price of \$2,600.

The first animal into the ring, a Polled Hereford from Dushore, was sold to Kahle Hahn, of Knox. Genie's Giant, a March, 1983 bull, brought \$2,250 for his owner, R. Drew Wilkins. The second highest seller had an average daily test gain of 4.14 pounds.

Eagle Hy Boy R23, a 7/8 Polled Simmental born March, 1983, was sold for \$2,000 to William McIntire, Shelocta. The consignor was John Clark, of New Castle. The bull's daily weight gain was 3.88 pounds.

Other top sellers included: V.V.F. Sir Dinder, full blood Simmental, consigned by Leo Angevine, Rixford, and purchased by William McIntire for \$1,800; a Polled Hereford, KPF Kingsley Gilead, owned by John and Janet Humphrey, Patton, and purchased by Eleanor Booset, of Chicora, for \$1,750; Enforeful VIC, a Polled Hereford consigned by Kevin Diehl, Fairfield, and bought by Hillside Acres, Lenhartsville, for \$1,700.




Bert Phillips, of Spring Mills, gets a close look at his Simmental, the high indexing bull at Pa.'s 11th Performance Tested Bull Sale. Consigned by Messick Farms, of Middletown, the Renz-sired bull was high selling animal at \$2,600.



Genie's Giant, the first bull to enter the sale ring, was second highest seller at \$2,250. Consigned by Drew Wilkins, of Dushore, the Polled Hereford was purchased by Kahle Hahn of Knox.



At \$150, this purebred Hampshire ewe lamb was one of four lambs trying for top selling honors at last Saturday's Supreme Club Lamb Sale in Manheim. Pictured are buyer Daryl Reedy (left) of Dover, and consignor Tim Fleener of Fleener Hampshires in Lancaster.



Livestock Ledger

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Soon my telephone will be ringing with calls from several folks looking for a place to buy a lamb to raise during the summer. Most of these inquiries are from people with little or no experience in sheep raising, but their interest always seems to catch my attention. Many of these new-to-be shepherds are interested in raising one or two lambs in the backyard for a variety of reasons.

Some want them to help keep the grass clipped down in hard to mow areas, while others value them as weed control specialists. Some folks would like to have a couple of lambs around to watch them play and frolic in the backyard. The more enterprising individuals are interested in growing a nice fleece to spin and weave during the winter months or would like to put a few meat cuts in the freezer for a delicious lamb dinner in the fall.

Whatever the reason may be, it still seems like everyone wants to buy a baby lamb, as young as possible, so they can bottle feed it and watch it grow! I urge most

people to buy lambs that have been properly weaned and cared for by the seller. Usually, I suggest that a person obtain a pair of lambs, as opposed to one, as they will eat and grow better. Lambs should have shelter and a nutritious grass area properly fenced to keep out predators and keep the sheep in. Fresh water and minerals are important to growing lambs and supplemental feed may be needed if pasture becomes short.

A good way to manage the grass area is do divide it into lots and rotate the grazing activity, because sheep graze close to the ground. Because of the close grazing habits sheep should be wormed to prevent unthriftiness.

Producers selling backyard lambs, should take time to explain simple sheep husbandry practices to new owners so that the experience will be an enjoyable one. For more information on raising lambs, you may call the Penn State Extension Service.

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