

# Western Pa. Sheep & Club Lamb Sale in



Linda Watson of Autumn House Farm in Rochester Mills demonstrates her spinning technique. The end result will be used for knitting and crocheting.

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MERCER — Though consignments were slightly below last year's event, the 10th Annual Western Pa. Sheep and Club Lamb Sale on saw an increase of \$13 over 1983 sale averages. Held at the Mercer County 4-H Park in Mercer, the sale drew a standing-room-only crowd with several bidders coming from New York and Ohio.

Pre-sale lambing brought the 296 lots registered to just over 300 head of sheep, with Lloyd Brahm of Grove City acting as auctioneer, and Mercer County extension agent Bob Calvert reading pedigrees.

With more than 20 breeds and crossbreeds represented, ringmen Frank Hunter of Stoneboro, and Donald Braham of Grove City, probably counted nodding heads in their sleep during the night following the sale.

Though not up to 1979 and 1982 levels, the sale's seven divisions of sheep accounted for gross receipts of \$23,515.

Highest selling animals were found in the registered yearling ram category, with a February, 1983, Suffolk ram consigned by T.R. Williams of Vienna, Ohio, topping the sale at \$475. John Wojcik of Burgettstown was the buyer.

Penn State consigned the second highest selling animal, also a registered yearling Suffolk ram, going to Emil Long Jr., of Emlenton, for \$395.

Other high selling Suffolk sheep in this category include: a ram sold by Dana Kelly, Hartstown, and purchased by Carl Shuler of Fenelon for \$360; a ram consigned by Pamela Kerr of Carmichaels sold for \$300 to Edward Muller, West Middlesex; a ram sold by Robert J. Moore Jr., of Rome, to L.V. Kline, North Canton, Ohio, for \$260.

Highest selling yearling rams among other breeds were as follows: Polled Dorset—consignor Robert Burdick of Mercer, and buyer John Thompson, Carrollton, Ohio, for \$160; Columbia—consignor KKK Farm, New Washington, Ohio, and buyer W. Frank Book, Slippery Rock, for \$145; Shropshire—consignor Wey Farms of Kutztown, and buyer Frank Spudic, Rimersburg, for \$110; Hampshire—consignor Gerald Thoma, Kensington, Ohio, and buyer Joe Shick of New Castle for \$105.

The 27 head of registered yearling rams sold for an average of \$143.52.

At an average of \$100.43, the 46 registered yearling ewes were the second highest selling group.

Top selling yearling ewe was a Suffolk consigned by Mrs. Paul

Corriedales consigned by the Tucker family of Shiloh, Ohio.

Other high selling yearling ewes included: a Montadale from Gary and Nancy Grimes, Paris, Ohio, and sold to Douglas Stewart, Rome, for \$155; a Polled Dorset selling for \$130 to Douglas Hancock

of Honey Grove, consigned by Penn State; a Horned Dorset selling for \$120 to Lloyd Hunter, Adamsville, from George Hunter.

The sale's 28 registered ram lambs sold for an average of \$77.50. Tied for top selling honors in this category were a Polled Dorset and

a Suffolk selling for \$150 each. Buyers were Brian Martin of East Earl, and Calvin Ernst of Meadville, with consignors being Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon, and Frank Hunter of Stoneboro, respectively.

The top selling cross-bred ewe



Ready to head for her new home in Lakewood, New York, is the sale's top selling yearling ewe with her twin black ewe lambs. At left is buyer Vern Johnson along with friend Trevor Burlingame.

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