

## Rohrer Oaks dispersal draws enthusiastic buyers

CARLISLE — Due to active interest and a quality group of sheep, the Rohrer Oaks Dispersal ended with an impressive average of \$183.00 on 52 lots. The Rohrer family saw an end to their eastern Southdown domination on July 14th in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Topping the sale at \$525 was Howard "167-81", a three-year-old ewe selling to James Howard of Wooster, Ohio. Bernadette Bauer of Bonfield, Illinois selected two other Howard ewes at \$325 and \$300. Several ewes selling at \$200 to \$235 were purchased by Steve Kwisnek, Don Hopkins, and David Freundt of Illinois. Eighteen

breeding ewes posted a \$188 average.

Stud rams sold strong, as C & S Curtis of Stockbridge, Michigan Purchased "Hercules" at \$400. This was the famed Howard stud that was reserve champion at the 1981 Midwest Sale. In the second slot, was a son of "Hercules" selling at \$360 to Michelle Seace of Richmond, Massachusetts. Seven stud rams averaged an impressive \$217.14.

Yearling ewes held their own as the average on the ten ewes was \$199. David Freundt of Monticello, Illinois selected Cole "2422", the 1983 Reserve Champion at the Midwest Sale, at \$325. Donna Fife

of Massachusetts and Karen Armbruster of Michigan each selected yearlings at \$260. M.C. Ashby of Staunton, Virginia took a pair at \$210 and \$200.

Bidding on ewe lambs was highly competitive. Quantity was low but quality strong, as seven ewe lambs

averaged \$214. Steve Kwisnek of Clarksburg, Pennsylvania took first choice at \$475. Laurhel Southdowns of Oakham, Massachusetts selected another at \$325.

Ten quality ram lambs ended the sale with a \$112 average. Top lamb

went to Laurhel Southdowns at \$275, while Shaurna Jones of N. Tazwell, Virginia selected one at \$200.

Over 100 registered buyers were on hand. Sheep sold into 12 states. Brubaker Livestock Marketing, Ken Brubaker, of Westtown, Pennsylvania managed the sale.

## Sheep losses

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Colorado producers were also hard hit. An early snowstorm last Thanksgiving, followed by sub-zero temperatures throughout winter, cost producers 21.5 percent of their breeding ewes and disrupted the normal breeding cycle. So Coloradans will produce 23.5 percent fewer fat lambs and 27 percent fewer feeder lambs this

fall. Idaho reported ewe losses of 6.7 percent, with 16.3 percent fewer lambs available this fall. Montana lost 6.6 percent of its breeding ewes and will have 9.7 percent fewer lambs to sell. South Dakota lost 6.9 percent of its ewes and 6.8 percent of its lambs. And Utah reported losses of seven percent of breeding ewes, 6.5 percent of lambs.

Some of the impact on farm-level prices is already built into the market. Idaho producers, the first of Western ranchers to market their lambs are receiving 60 to 63 cents per pound, up 12 to 15 cents from last year. California mountain lambs are showing similar increases, as are Montana lambs. Wholesale lamb prices have also been affected. Last week prices climbed five cents to \$1.35 per pound, 20 cents higher than the same week last year.

## Pa's Townsends place in Simmental Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A five member squad from the State of Michigan won the team championship, and 13 year old Nikki Overpeck of Clinton, Indiana was the high scoring individual in the overall competition at the American Simmental Association's 5th Annual Summer Classic for junior members, held recently at Springfield, Missouri.

Two hundred eighty delegates from 25 states competed in a variety of categories, including a sire summary exam, a herdsman exam, public speaking, a sales

talk, beef bowl, livestock judging with oral reasons, a heifer competition and showmanship.

"In keeping with ASA's traditional performance philosophy, emphasis is placed on education, competition, participation, and recognition", said Earl B. Peterson, Executive Vice President of the American Simmental Association. "The Classic, above all else, is a learning experience for our junior members".

The Michigan I team, composed of Dan Bates of North Branch,

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### ASPC 6-STATE WEATHER LOSS SURVEY\*

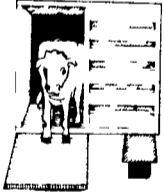
State	Stock Ewe Change	Lamb Crop Change	Market Lamb Change			
	January 1984- June 1984	June 1983- June 1984	June 1983- June 1984	Fats	Feeders	Total
Colorado	-21.5	-21.5	-23.5	-27.0	-25.0	
Idaho	-6.7	-10.8	-15.6	-19.9	-16.3	
Montana	-6.6	-5.8	-17.3	-7.4	-9.7	
South Dakota	-6.9	-3.0	-13.0	-2.0	-6.8	
Utah	-7.0	-8.9	-6.9	-6.1	-6.5	
Wyoming	-22.2	-17.0	-11.7	-37.3	-30.5	
Six-State Average	-12.3	-11.1	-15.4	-18.0	-16.7	

\* All figures presented as percentages

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