

Martin's lamb is 'black magic' at Manheim



Judge Ken Brubaker named Lisa Martin's entry the grand champion of the Manheim Farm Show's overall market lamb show, adding that the black sheep was, "the best lamb I've seen all summer."

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MANHEIM — "This is the best lamb I've seen all summer," was judge Ken Brubaker's summation as he dubbed Lisa Martin's 125-pound Hampshire-cross the grand champion of the Manheim Community Fair's market lamb show.

The Garden Spot High School junior was off to a fast start on Thursday night after placing first in the senior showmanship competition staged at the beginning of the show.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Martin of New Holland, Martin demonstrated her faith in the black lamb from the beginning, by making it the high seller at Manheim's Supreme Club Lamb Sale in April. And the lamb, a half-brother to last year's Farm Show grand champion, didn't let her down. Named grand champion earlier this year at the Elizabethtown Fair, the fancy lamb was bred by Bill Wade of Virginia.

With a healthy turnout of 98 lambs, this year's show featured three breeding sheep classes, and a market lamb show split into two divisions: those lambs continuing on to other shows, and those to be sold at Manheim's livestock sale on Friday night.



Ellen Lewis' purebred Hampshire not only took top honors in the sale lamb division, but was also named reserve grand champion of the overall show.

After giving the nod to Martin's lamb as champion in the former division, Brubaker went to Ellen

Lewis' purebred Hampshire for his champion in the sale division, as well as reserve grand champion of the overall show.

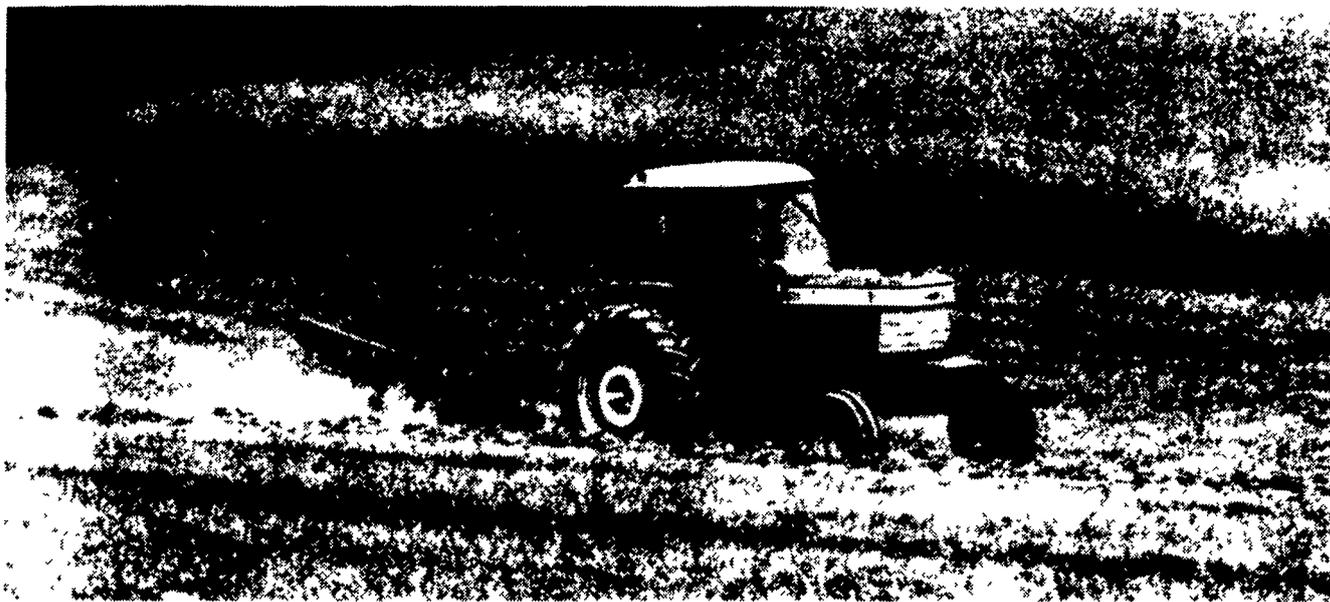
The Hempfield sophomore's winner was a homegrown 115-pound ewe sired by a ram owned by Clyde Brubaker of Lancaster.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis made her mark at the show with two other entries as well, registering a second-place win in Hampshire breeding sheep competition, and winning her class in the lightweight market lamb division.

Reserve champion honors in market lambs not to be sold went to Elizabethtown's Tim Engle, exhibiting a homegrown 4-H project lamb co-owned by himself and brother Curt. The purebred Suffolk was also reserve champion at this year's Lampeter Fair.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Engle, the two brothers also went
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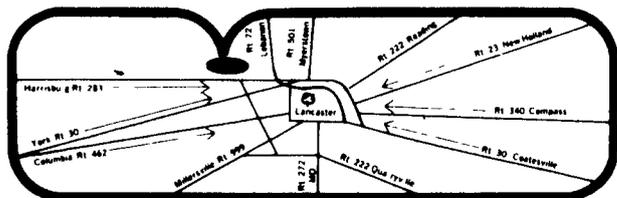


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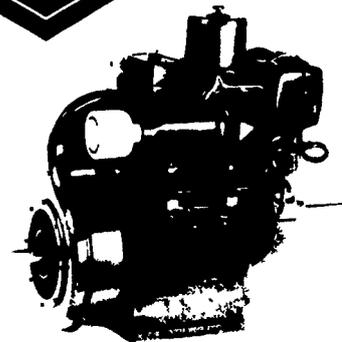
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