



Ralph Thomas for Ralph Thomas Meats claimed Ed Keeny's champion lamb with a top bid of \$2.90 per pound.



A winning bid of \$1.75 per pound for the reserve champion lamb brought smiles to both seller Melissa Trostle and buyer Willie "the butcher" Kreider.

## Retiring 4-H'er shows champ at York-Adams Lamb Roundup

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THOMASVILLE — Tuesday evening's York-Adams 4-H lamb roundup sale finished with a true fairy-tale, happily-ever-after type ending for Red Lion shepherd Ed Keeny.

Keeny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Keeny, Red Lion R3, wrapped up his 4-H career with this roundup show and sale. When it was all over, his 110-pound purebred Suffolk market lamb heavyweight wore the purple rosette at the top of the champion lineup.

"It feels good," grinned the 19-year-old retiring 4-H'er. "It's been a long time coming."

His lamb presentation to the standing-room-only crowd of bidders and supporters opened the annual roundup sale to spirited bidding. Final price, a record \$2.90 per pound, came from frequent 4-H sale supporter Ralph Thomas, of Ralph E. Thomas Meats, Shrewsbury.

Another perennial 4-H supporter, Willie "the Butcher" Kreider, was winning bidder of the reserve champion lamb, a Dorset exhibited by Melissa Trostle. The 17-year-old shepherdess is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle, Red Lion R2.

Travis Renfro, Seven Valleys, earned the lightweight class champion honors, with his 85-pound entry that sold to Willie the Butcher for an 85-cent price. His second appearance, with the 90-pound reserve champion mediumweight, brought the Seven Valleys youngster a 75-cent winning bid from Leroy Shearer.

A back-to-back appearance took East Berlin 4-H'er Tina Shaffer through the ring with her champion mediumweight and reserve lightweight entries. The 95-pound champion sold for 80 cents per pound to Sam Meisenhelter, while John Yohn purchased smaller winner, at 85 pounds, with a 90 cent bid.

Miller Charolais took home the reserve champ light heavyweight, exhibited by John Myers, Dallastown. Weighing in at an even 100 pounds, the lamb earned Myers \$82.50.

Sonja Shearer, Abbottstown, earned a \$1.20 per pound price for her 110-pound reserve champion heavyweight. Jerry Sterner was the winning buyer.

A total of 46 lambs sold during the roundup auction, averaging \$99.70 per cwt. and setting a record high average for the combined county sale event.

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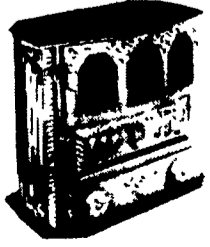
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