

Market lamb competition at KILE

BY WENDY WEHR

HARRISBURG — A long-time exhibitor at KILE picked up two championships and a lot of first place wins in class competition during the Open Market Lamb show on Sunday. Johnson Brothers, of Hillsboro, Ohio, showed the grand champion individual wether lamb and the grand champion pen of three at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

"We've only missed three shows since the first KILE," said Russell Johnson, which makes 25 years of sheep showing at KILE, in the market lamb competition as well as the breeding sheep shows.

Johnson noted that they've picked up the premier exhibitor honors with their Dorsets in the breeding sheep shows.

The Johnson brothers placed in the top three of nearly every breed division of the market lamb show, but it was their Suffolk entries that took the two championship titles for the top individual and top pen of three.

The reserve champion individual, also a Suffolk lamb, in the open competition was shown by James Hefner, Lima, Ohio. B and B Livestock, Danville, Ohio, took the reserve champion pen of three title with their Hampshire entries.

Although the Ohioans swept the

championships in the open competition, the honors in the junior market lamb show were shared by Massachusetts and Pennsylvania natives.

Sharon Peckham of Belchertown, Mass., showed the champion lamb, and Margaret Herr of Narvon had the reserve champion individual.

Herr, the daughter Dr. Robert and Betty W. Herr, comes from a family of winning exhibitors. Last year her sister Barb showed the grand champion in the open market lamb show. Along with her reserve championship this year, Margaret also showed the first place pen of three in the junior market lamb show.

Judge of the KILE market lamb shows was Dr. Leroy Boyd, a faculty member at Mississippi State University. Dr. Boyd is known for his teaching and sheep research.

Following are the top three placings in the open and junior market lambs show.

OPEN MARKET LAMBS

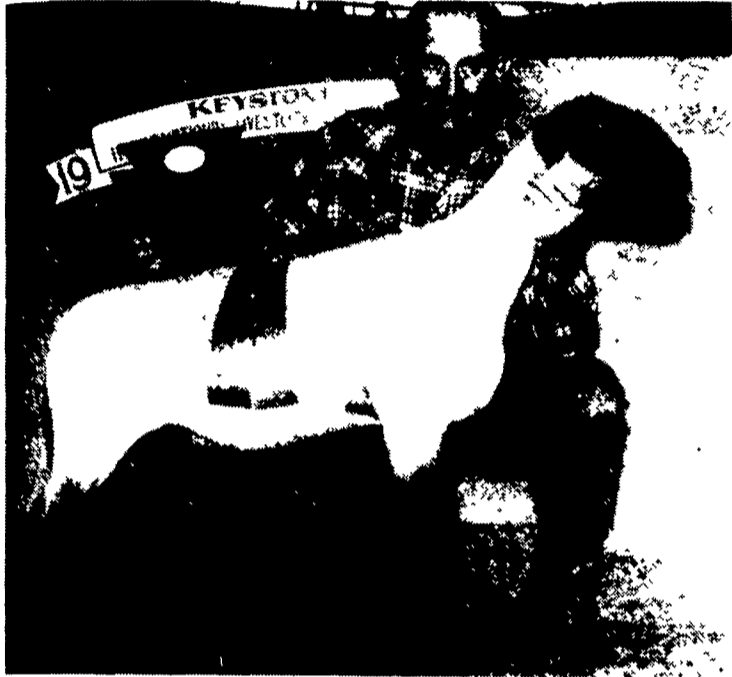
- Cheviot**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Johnson Brothers Ohio 2 Gerald Thoma Ohio 3 Johnson Bros
- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Gerald Thoma 2 Johnson Bros
- Columbia and Corriedale**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 James Hefner Ohio 2 Band B Livestock Ohio 3 Gerald Thoma
- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Joan Hess & Sons Ohio 2 Johnson Bros
- Dorset**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Barb Herr Ohio 2 Johnson Bros 3 Billy Wade III Va
- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Johnson Bros 2 Kenneth Staver Family Pa
- Hampshire**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
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- 1 Band B Livestock 2 Clarence Williamson & Sons Ohio
- Merino & Rambouillet**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Band B Livestock 2 Gerald Thoma 3 Joan

Hess & Sons

- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Joan Hess 2 Johnson Bros 3 Gerald Thoma
- Oxford**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Clarence Williamson & Sons 2 Kurt & Walt Johnson Ohio 3 Gerald Thoma
- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Clarence Williamson & Sons 2 Gerald Thoma 3 Kurt & Walt Johnson
- Shropshire**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Johnson Bros 2 F W Heaton & Family Ohio 3 Gerald Thoma
- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Johnson Bros 2 F W Heaton & Family
- Southdown**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Melissa Trostle Pa 2 Johnson Bros 3 Lehigh County FFA Pa
- Suffolk**
- Individual Wether Lambs**
- 1 Johnson Bros 2 James Hefner 3 James Hefner
- Pen of 3 Wether Lambs**
- 1 Johnson Bros
- Champion Individual**

Johnson Brothers Suffolk

- Reserve Champion Individual**
- James Hefner Suffolk
- Champion Pen of 3**
- Johnson Brothers Suffolk
- Reserve Champion Pen of 3**
- Band B Livestock Hampshire
- Truckloads**
- 1 F W Heaton & Family 2 Dirk Wise Pa
- Junior Market Lambs**
- Class 1-Individual Lamb**
- 1 Chad Lebo 2 Sam Dean 3 Chad Lebo
- Class 2 Individual Lamb**
- 1 Margaret Herr 2 Sam Dean 3 Alicia Strausbaugh
- Class 3 Individual Lamb**
- 1 Sharon Peckham 2 Margaret Herr 3 Sam Dean
- Class 4 Individual Lamb**
- 1 Bob Dinsmore 2 Sharon Peckham 3 Mark Brubaker
- Pen of Three Lambs**
- 1 Margaret Herr 2 Sam Dean 3 Sharon Peckham
- Champion Lamb**
- Sharon Peckham
- Reserve Champion Lamb**
- Margaret Herr

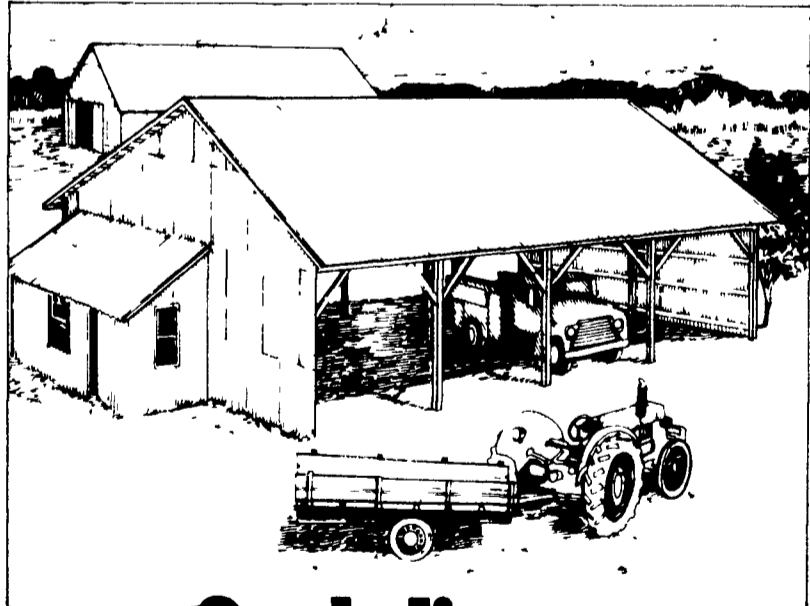


Russell Johnson kneels behind the champion of the open market lamb show, held Sunday during KILE. The Johnson Brothers, of Hillsboro, Ohio, also showed the champion pen of three market lambs.



Sharon Peckham, Belchertown, Mass., peeks out from behind her champion market lamb of the junior competition at KILE.

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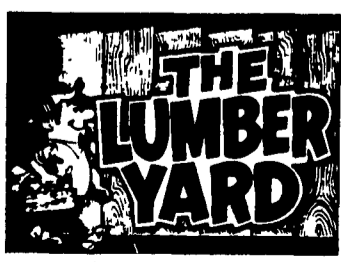
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