

# Lamanchas top annual state dairy goat shows

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**HUNTINGDON** — Goat breeders from Pennsylvania and surrounding states gathered June 15 and 16 at the Huntingdon County Fairgrounds for their annual state dairy goat shows and activities.

In addition to the show competition, the 1985 Dairy Goat Youth Representative was named during the weekend events.

The youth and buck shows were held on Saturday. More than 150 dairy goat breeders competed for top spots in the youth division, and the buck show had 66 entries.

Theresa Wigel, of Keemar, Md., judged the competition and remarked on the many top quality goats exhibited at the event.

Sue Miller, of Furlong, received the top honor in the doe show. Her six-year Lamancha was named the best doe of the show.

Two other Lamanchas earned best-of-show titles. The best buck of the show was shown by Dawn Spittler. And Deborah Van Valkenberg, a New Jersey entrant, showed the best baby buck of the show.

On Sunday during the open class competition, Deb Smeltzer of Centre Hall dominated the junior doe show by winning both the best baby doe and best junior doe prizes. She showed Posey Acres CS Wildfire, a Lamancha, to the winners' circle.

Brad and Terry Wigel won best senior doe of show with Gaymore's Likely Chemise, an Alpine.

Also selected during the weekend activities was the 1985 Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Youth Representative.

The 1984 representative, Leslie Bowen, handed over her title to Jonathan Merkle of Warriors Mark Glenda Hockenberry of Port Royal was named the alternate representative.

In addition to the main show, a special costume class was also held. Exhibitors and their goats came dressed in everything ranging from a Frito Bandito to the rock star Madonna. The audience helped pick the winners by applauding their favorite.

Out of about 15 entries, Dondee Reichel, Joe Reichel, and Jane Smeltzer earned first-place honors in the costume class.

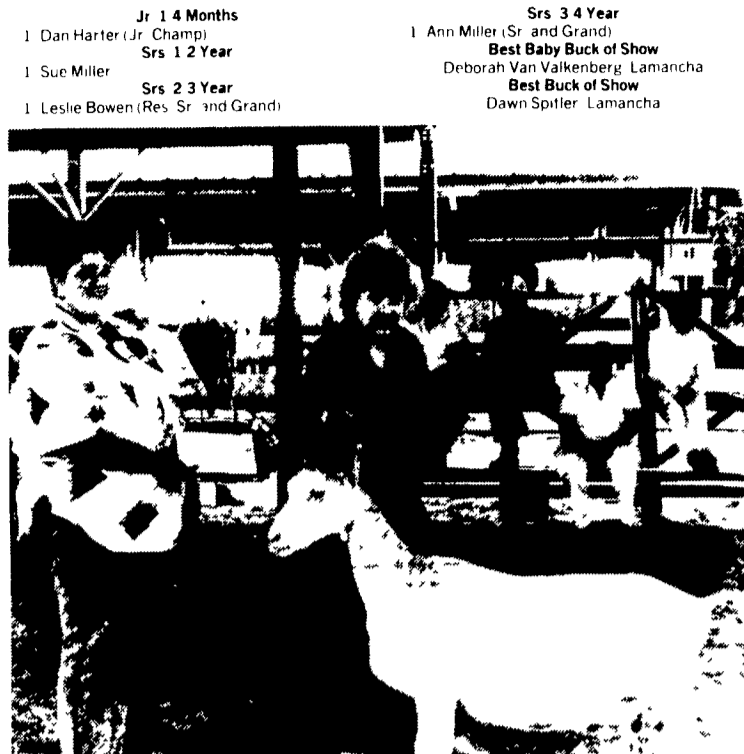
And a "Miss Pennsylvania" of

the dairy goats was also selected following the shows. Jubilee Mt Misty, a Toggenberg owned by Dan Harter, earned that honor.

Following are the results from Saturday's youth and buck shows

- ALPINE JR SHOW**  
0-4 Months  
1 Deborah Van Valkenberg  
4 8 Months  
1 Kim Kopp  
8 12 Months  
1 Michelle Haines  
12 24 Months  
Phippard  
Jr Champion  
Michelle Haines  
Reserve  
Deborah Van Valkenberg  
**LAMANCHA JR SHOW**  
0-4 Months  
1 Sue Miller  
4 8 Months  
1 Dawn Spittler  
12 24 Months  
1 Dawn Spittler  
Jr Champ  
Dawn Spittler  
Reserve  
Sue Miller  
**NUBIAN JR SHOW**  
0-4 Months  
1 Dan Detwiler  
12 24 Months  
1 Trisha Trimer  
Jr Champ  
Dan Detwiler  
Reserve  
Dan Detwiler  
**OVERHASLI JR SHOW**  
0-4 Months  
1 Over  
12 24 Months  
1 Tracy Bowen  
Jr Champ  
Tracy Bowen  
Reserve  
Over  
**SAANEN JR SHOW**  
0-4 Months  
1 Shelly Novack  
8 12 Months  
1 Tracy Bowen  
12 24 Months  
1 Shelly Novack  
Jr and Reserve Champs  
Shelly Novack  
**TOGGENBERG JR SHOW**  
0-4 Months  
1 Kristen Hogg  
12 24 Months  
1 Trisha Trimer  
Jr Champ  
Kristen Hogg  
Reserve  
Cody Shields  
**RECORDED GRADES**  
0-4 Months  
1 Trisha Trimer  
4 8 Months  
1 Michelle Haine  
12 24 Months  
1 Matt Harter  
Jr Champ  
Matt Harter  
Reserve  
Dawn Spittler  
**ALPINE SR YOUTH SHOW**  
1-2 Year  
1 Jon Merkle  
2-3 Year  
1 Michele Haine  
5 & Over  
1 Shirley  
Grand Champion  
Jon Merkle  
**LAMANCHA**  
1-2 Year  
1 Deb Smeltzer

- 2-3 Year  
1 Deb Smeltzer  
5 & Over  
1 Sue Miller  
Senior & Grand  
Sue Miller  
Reserve  
Deb Smeltzer  
**NUBIAN**  
1-2 Year  
1 Keith Neff  
2-3 Year  
1 Dan Detwiler  
3-4 Year  
1 Ed Sollers  
Senior Grand and  
Reserve Senior and Grand  
Dan Detwiler  
**OVERHASLI**  
2-3 Year  
1 Mark Blouch  
3-4 Year  
1 Mark Blouch  
Mark Blouch also had all champions  
**SAANERS**  
1-2 Year  
1 Edward Sollers  
2-3 Year  
1 Jonathan Merkle  
3-5 Year  
1 Tracy Bowen  
Sr & Grand Champ  
Tracy Bowen  
**TOGGENBERGS**  
2-3 Years  
1 Mark Blouch  
3-5 Years  
1 Mark Blouch  
Mark Blouch also had all champs  
**RECORDED GRADES**  
2-3 Years  
1 Matt Harter  
3-5 Years  
1 Ed Sollers  
Grand Champ  
Ed Sollers  
**JR AND SR BUCK SHOW**  
**ALPINES**  
Jrs 1-4 Months  
1 Esbok (Jr Champ)  
Jrs 4-8 Months  
1 Michelle Haines (Res. Jr.)  
Srs 1-2 Year  
1 Dan Detwiler  
Srs 2-3 Year  
1 Deb Van Valkenberg (Sr & Grand Champ)  
**LAMANCHA**  
Jrs 1-4 Months  
1 Deb Smeltzer (Res. Jr. Champ)  
Jrs 4-8 Months  
1 Steppi (Jr Champ)  
Jrs 8-12 Months  
1 Gunther  
Srs 1-2 Year  
1 Esbok  
Srs 2-3 Year  
1 Ann Miller (Res. Sr & Grand)  
Srs 3-4 Year  
1 Dawn Spittler (Sr and Grand)  
**NUBIANS**  
Jrs 1-4 Months  
1 Keith Neff  
Jrs 4-8 Months  
1 Esbok (Jr and Res. Sr.)  
Srs 1-2 Year  
1 Dennis Dornst  
Srs 3-4 Year  
1 Nate Bryan (Sr & Grand)  
**OVERHASLI**  
Srs 1-2 Year  
1 Tracy Bowen  
Srs 2-3 Year  
1 Dr. R. B. (Sr & Grand)  
Srs 3-4 Year  
1 Dr. R. B. (Res. Sr & Grand)  
**SAANEN**  
Jrs 1-4 Months  
1 Deb Van Valkenberg (Jr. Champ)  
Jrs 4-8 Months  
1 Shelly Novack (Res. Jr.)  
Srs 1-2 Year  
1 Shelly Novack  
Srs 2-3 Year  
1 Trisha Trimer (Sr & Grand)  
**TOGGENBERG**



Judge Theresa Wigel awards Sue Miller, with her Lamancha, the best-doe-of-show prize.



Dawn Spittler poses with her Lamancha which was named best buck of show.

## Weather climate data now available from Cornell

**ITHACA, NY** — People interested in quickly obtaining accurate and up-to-date weather and climate information can do so, thanks to a new computer-assisted information system recently installed at Cornell University.

For a modest fee, subscribers with computer on-line capabilities can receive weather maps and forecasts for the United States, wind chill and dewpoint figures, historical climate data for the Northeast since the late 1800s, graphs of daily, weekly, and monthly temperatures; and monthly climate summaries.

The new system upgrades the dissemination of weather and climate information by receiving data via satellite and displays it on an interactive computer system. This recent breakthrough has been developed by the Northeast Regional Climate Center (NRCC), established at Cornell in 1983.

The center is the keystone in constructing a nationwide system of climate services required by the National Climate Program Act, according to Bernard E. Dethier, director of the NRCC. Dethier, a professor of meteorology in the meteorology unit of the agronomy department in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, is also a

climatologist for New York State and Maine.

The NRCC acts as a climate resource for more than 50 million people throughout the Northeast and adjacent areas of the United States, and strengthens the growing meteorology industry by helping make the study of weather more accurate, says Dethier.

The NRCC conducts research and provides services to meet the needs of its users throughout the northeastern region of the country. In addition to meteorologists, users of the NRCC services include more than 100 local, state, and federal government offices, 125 schools and universities, the news media, Cooperative Extension agricultural agents in New York and other states, ski-area operators, and contractors.

NRCC staffers, with the cooperation of state climatologists and scientists throughout the Northeast, assess effects of climate to develop new applications of weather data to agriculture, commerce, and industry, Dethier explains.

An extensive historical and real-time data bank in the NRCC computer is now available for users. This information enables users to take most of the guesswork out of activities such as

developing planting schedules or construction starts.

Cornell's Dethier says that users with computer access have more than 1,700 products available to them through the center's CLIMOD (Climate Information for Management and Operational Decisions) program.

In addition to the computer program, the NRCC issues special fact sheets on abnormal climatic events affecting the Northeast as they occur and monthly publications, including weather highlights, drought maps, monthly regional outlooks, and pertinent articles on climate and past weather trends.

Dethier says the response to the services provided by the center has been enthusiastic, with more than 1,000 subscribers already using the services. As the pioneer of such a regional program, the NRCC serves state climatologists in many states.

A typical project for the NRCC is its work with New Jersey, for example, it details the history of drought in the region, Dethier notes. Data compiled by the NRCC is displayed through maps and graphs, thus enabling planners to pinpoint areas of concern.

The NRCC also works closely with climatologists and scientists

throughout the Northeast to assess the impact of climate variables on agriculture.

The NRCC is funded by Cornell and the National Climate Program Office. Users pay a modest subscription fee to offset some of the federal budget cuts.

Despite the relatively low cost to subscribers, many of the resources provided by the NRCC remain untapped.

"Many users of climate information are unaware of the

existence of this valuable information," Dethier points out.

Dethier hopes to expand the program's capabilities by installing a toll-free telephone number to make the NRCC's computer-generated information and services more appealing to potential users.

In the meantime, anyone wanting more information about the services available through the Northeast Regional Climate Center should contact Dethier at (607) 256-3034.

## Maryland prof named as Presidential advisor

**COLLEGE PARK, MD** — Robert G. Chambers, an associate professor with the University of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station (UMAES), has been named as a senior staff economist to President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisors.

Chambers, 35, will assume his duties today. A native of Rockville, Md., Chambers was assigned to the department of agricultural and research economics at the university in 1979.

His major research interests include marketing and trade, production, econometrics, and policy analysis.

In his new post with the President's advisory council, Chambers will be primarily responsible for food and agricultural problems.

Chambers received his undergraduate degree in international relations from Georgetown University in 1972. He received the master's in agricultural economics from the University of Maryland in 1975.