

MacCauleys trade places in Chester Co. 4-H Lamb Show

BY JACK HUBLEY

NEWTOWN SQUARE — Since 1979 the Chester County Market Lamb Show has been a MacCauley affair. This year, though, there was a new twist.

After five straight years of exhibiting the show's grand champion lamb, Donna MacCauley was unseated by big sister Nancy.

Showing a 108-pound purebred Suffolk wether named Spot, Nancy MacCauley took top honors in the show held in conjunction with the Goshen Country Fair at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

A 10-year veteran of the 4-H program, the Octoraro High School graduate notes that 1985 may well be her last year of 4-H competition.

Though she has one more year of eligibility, entry into the nursing program at Lancaster General Hospital later this month may put an end to her 4-H showing career.

Younger sister Donna will probably have to look for competition elsewhere when she attempts to add to her long string of grand champion honors in next year's show.

Donna and Nancy are the daughters of Joan and Bill MacCauley of Atglen, a family noted for turning out blue-ribbon Suffolk sheep on their Breezeview Farm.

In sale action that followed the show on July 31, Nancy sold her champion to Gerry Williams of Brandywine Savings and Loan, Downingtown, for the show's top

bid of \$3.25 per pound.

Ira Hicks of Goshenvew Farms, Paoli, offered a bid of \$1.95 for Donna MacCauley's reserve champion.

Auctioneer Ken Brubaker of Brubaker Livestock Marketing, West Chester, was pleased to announce a sale average of \$1.62, with champions, and \$1.47 not counting the show's top two animals. "This is probably the highest average of any county that I'm aware of," Brubaker said at the sale's conclusion.

Following are market lamb show results, as well as results from the 4-H steer and breeding cattle shows held Aug. 3.

Show Results

CLASS 1

1. Ricky Hicks; 2. Katie Hicks; 3. Leonard Brown.

CLASS 2

1. Meredith Rapp; 2. Donna MacCauley; 3. Ellen Herr.

Champion Lightweight

Donna MacCauley

Res. Champion Lightweight

Meredith Rapp

CLASS 4

1. Kendra Stoltzfus; 2. Nancy MacCauley; 3. Donna MacCauley.

CLASS 5

1. Shawn Swartzentruber; 2. Ross Colket; 3. Nancy MacCauley.

Champ. Heavyweight

Nancy MacCauley

Res. Champ. Heavy

Nancy MacCauley

Grand Champion

Nancy MacCauley

Res. Grand Champion

Donna MacCauley

Chester Co. 4-H Beef Show

Judge Tim Livingston

Steer Classes

Lightweight

1. Philip Howe 2. Robbie Rohrer 3. Matt Howe

Mediumweight

1. Lisa Howe 2. Ryan Rohrer 3. Evan Smith 4. Joe Horton

Light Heavyweight

1. Ken Walker 2. Marty Rosenberg 3. David Howe

Heavyweight

1. John Crossan 2. Tiffany Rohrer 3. Anita Howe

Grand Champion Steer

John Crossan

Reserve Champion

Ken Walker

Heifer Classes

Angus Heifers

Class 1

1. Greg Davis 2. Matt McClellan

Class 2

1. Chris Jordan

Class 3

1. Erica McClellan

Grand Champion Heifer

Erica McClellan

Reserve Champion

Greg Davis

Showmanship Classes

Seniors

1. Greg Davis 2. Ken Walker 3. Robbie Rohrer

Juniors

1. Lisa Howe 2. Erica McClellan 3. Ryan Rohrer

1st Year Members

1. John Crossan 2. Evan Smith 3. David Howe

Champion

Greg Davis

Reserve Champion

Ken Walker



Grand champion market lamb in this year's Chester County 4-H show was a purebred Suffolk exhibited by Nancy MacCauley. At sale time, Gerry Williams, representing Brandywine Savings and Loan, Downingtown, offered the top bid of \$3.25 per pound.



Donna MacCauley's reserve champion went home with Ira Hicks of Goshenvew Farms, Paoli, for \$1.95.

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KILE's new carcass event

Recent marketings of beef cattle, particularly slaughter steers and heifers, have indicated that fat is definitely "out" and that lean beef is a most desirable product for today's consumer. Even when realizing that some fat, especially intramuscular, or marbling, is desirable and needed to score a higher quality grade, we must be aware that excessive fat is costly to the producer, packer, and retailer under today's market conditions.

Many of our local cattle feeders were caught up in the declining beef market and held cattle even longer, hoping for a better selling price, but compounding the overfed beef supply. Feeding cattle is a complex, competitive business for both the farmer/feeder and the 4-H/FFA member. We would like to produce a choice steer with a minimum amount of finish in a short number of days to realize maximum profits, but the market price at our feeding endpoint is not always favorable.

Perhaps we can learn more about our feedlot cattle in a competitive event that allows us to make carcass estimates of live feedlot steers before slaughter and then to measure the actual carcass traits on the rail. This comparison can help us in determining a more ideal time to send cattle to the marketplace.

The 1985 Keystone at Harrisburg will include such an event for all interested feeders. Pens of three steers will be on exhibit from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10. Exhibitors and other interested people will be encouraged to

submit live animal evaluations on each pen of steers. Steers will not be fitted but fresh out of the feedlot.

Carcass placing will be determined by carcass quality and yield grade with meat values current at the time of the show. The only requirement is that each carcass must have a minimum weight of 625 lbs.

This event will enable cattle feeders, breeders and others a chance to "eyeball" live cattle and have their estimates checked at slaughter. Each person who completes and turns in an evaluation card will be sent the complete slaughter results. I'm hoping many of you will give this serious consideration.

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Oklahoma youth leads Polled Hereford juniors

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — Honors for outstanding achievements in the Polled Hereford industry were passed out to youth from more than 35 states and Canada at the week-long 12th Junior National Polled Hereford Heifer Show and Forum here. The highlight of the week's events was a two-day heifer show, but activities for the entire family included educational sessions, entertainment and tours.

Placed at the top of the roster for the heifer show was 14-year-old Matt Sims of Elgin, Okla. Sims earned the reserve champion title last year at the Des Moines' Junior National and this year he moved up with Sara 12P 474S. She marched to the victory circle from the Division III championship. Sims continued his winnings by collecting the premier breeder and exhibitor awards. This was the first time a junior received both awards at the Junior National.

Capturing the champion bred-and-owned heifer title was Matt King of Fort Payne, Ala. Timberline Vindy 27S also collected the

Division II championship for King. The purple banner in the bred-and-owned cow-calf competition went to last year's reserve champion cow-calf breeder Jason Kuhlmann, North Platte, Neb. Silver Belle and her bull calf by sterling nabbed the top title.

The individual and team showmanship contests were stiff with 14 states entered in the team competition and more than 100 individuals vying for the peewee, junior and senior awards. Charlie Boyd II, Mays Lick, Ky., earned the champion senior showman title. Champion honors in the junior division went to Fred Wingert, Ottawa, Kan., and in the peewee category Ben Hadden of Gibson, Ga., earned the champion title. Matt Sims claimed the reserve senior division championship.

Active in the planning and carrying out of the week's activities was the National Junior Polled Hereford Council. The Council is composed of 12

representatives of the 37 state junior Polled Hereford associations. Their new officers elected during the week are Chairman Tim Roberts, Arcadia, Okla.; Vice Chairman Sam McGill Jr., Washington, Ga.; Secretary Melanne Taft, Springfield, Ill.; and Reporter Suzanne Boyd, Mays Lick, Ky.

The 12th Junior National marked the fifth year for the Beef Bowl contest where youth exhibit their knowledge of the cattle and Polled Hereford industries. The final round between the Wisconsin and Missouri teams was a close race to the final buzzer with the Wisconsin team winning the bout by one point.

In the senior division of the National speech contest, Jeanne Sorrells of Bell Buckle, Tenn., was named champion. The reserve senior winner was Richard Poss of Harlem, Ga. Matt Sims collected the champion junior award with the reserve junior champion honors going to Cindy Sorrells of Bell Buckle, Tenn.

The Tennessee Junior Polled Hereford Association exhibited the winning scrapbook in this year's competition. Missouri juniors claimed the overall Sweepstakes Award for the third consecutive year. The Sweepstakes Award goes to the state junior association with the best overall performance during the week's competitions.

The keynote speaker at the mid-week Youth Forum was Sam Washburn of Fowler, Ind. The past president of the National Cattlemen's Association encouraged the youth to take a more active role in the future of the beef cattle industry.

Mini-workshops addressed topics of beef nutrition by Dr. Ron Lemenager of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and performance testing and the American Polled Hereford Association Guide Lines Program by Dr. Jim Gibb, APHA director of education of research. A fun rodeo and junior dance rounded out the week's events.

