

'Princess' crowned grand champion sheep

BY JACK HUBLEY

ELIZABETHTOWN — Although livestock shows aren't normally considered beauty contests, it was a "pretty lamb" named Princess that took top honors at the Elizabethtown Fair's Youth Sheep Show on Tuesday, amid a strong field of 160 entries.

Campaigned by Michelle and Scott Mylin of Manheim, the Hampshire ewe lamb not only took the champion title in breed competition, but went all the way to the top as the fair's overall grand champion sheep. Unlike most fair livestock events, Elizabethtown's sheep competition climaxes with the naming of the show's best sheep chosen from the breeding, market and sale lamb champions.

"Of all the classes I had to judge, this was my easiest," concluded show judge Lee Wagner after singling out the Mylin ewe. "She's an exceptional ewe lamb, with size and scale," said the Polled Dorset breeder from Easton, adding that the show's top sheep could be labeled a "pretty lamb" as well.

Though Scott Mylin noted that "this is probably the best lamb we ever had," both he and his sister seemed as surprised as they were

elated with their victory.

The children of Jay and Carol Mylin of Manheim, Michelle, 16, and Scott, 14, have been splitting the labor and profits from their sheep projects for the past six years.

Their blue-ribbon ewe was purchased earlier this summer at the Mid-Atlantic sale in Manheim.

Though New Holland exhibitor Lisa Martin campaigned a lamb named Cry Baby in the market lamb competition, the January-born wether lamb had nothing to cry about after being named champion in the market division.

The daughter of Aaron and Dorothy Martin bought her purebred Hampshire market lamb from Lancaster breeders Tim and Sarah Fleener.

A senior at Garden Spot High School, Lisa is a three-year veteran of E-town sheep competition, and exhibited last year's market champion in the open show.

Other top competitors in breed show competition included Landisville's Ellen Lewis, who took reserve honors in the Hampshire show behind the Mylin champion. The daughter of George and

Lorraine Lewis, Ellen's entry was a homegrown ram lamb that the exhibitor had bottle fed.

In the Dorset show, Lisa Sadler, 16, of Elizabethtown, took top honors in her first year of breed show competition. Her champion was a yearling ewe purchased from Greg Strausbaugh of Clearview Acres, York.

Champion Suffolk honors went to Tim and Curt Engle, also of Elizabethtown. This year's president of Lancaster County's 4-H Woolies Club, 15-year-old Tim notes that he and brother Curt, 12, share responsibilities for their sheep both at home and in the showing.

The children of Jerry and Sharon Engle, the brothers bought their show champion from Harry Jones at the Keystone International Livestock Expo last November.

In his first year of 4-H competition, Mark Tracy, 9, got his career off to a running start by campaigning the show's top Southdown. He is the son of Helen and Gerald Tracy, Elizabethtown.

With only one sheep represented in the Cheviot and Columbia shows, two young exhibitors became instant winners. Last year's only Cheviot exhibitor Doug Martin, 11, brought his Cheviot lamb back as a yearling, and Heidi Fisher, 15, entered one of her two Columbia sheep.

Following are show results in the breeding, market and sale lamb classes:

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This stylish ewe lamb shown by Scott and Michelle Mylin not only took top honors in the Hampshire show, but was also named the show's grand champion sheep.



Lisa Martin's (left) champion market lamb came from breeders Tim and Sarah Fleener of Lancaster. Sarah is on right.



Lisa Sadler and Jeff Martin took grand and reserve honors, respectively, in the Dorset show.



Tim Engle's (right) yearling ewe was tops in Suffolk show, with Tammy Baker exhibiting the reserve.

Dauphin Co. exhibitor wins steer title

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ELIZABETHTOWN — Unlike many junior beef showmen, Tim

Foreman never has to go far in his quest for winning show prospects. This year's Elizabethtown Fair

champion steer is a prime (or at least choice) example of the quality of Foreman beef animals.

Though show judge Dr. Robert Herr of Narvon liked all the steers in the final championship run, he had to admit that Foreman's homegrown 1,105-pound entry was a standout.

"Every year I've shown a calf from home," said Foreman, a nine-year veteran of the 4-H program. A junior at Lower Dauphin High School, he uses his practiced eye to choose prospective show champions from calves produced by the family's herd of 40 Angus cows.

And this year Foreman's judgement proved to be right on the mark. "I'm real happy with the way he turned out," said the son of Jim and Marie Foreman, Hershey. Foreman's top beef was a Chianina-Angus calf sired by Ten Speed, the family's Chianina herd sire.

Born in March, the calf was the longest and straightest of the spring crop, according to Foreman. "He's pretty green now, but you've got to keep them like that when you're planning to go to Farm Show," the exhibitor explained.

Foreman's comment refers to the fact that most steers can't be considered finished by the time the Elizabethtown show is held. Consequently, judges of such early shows must evaluate entries with



Second-year Elizabethtown exhibitor Derek Nissley had the show's reserve champion.

an eye toward their potential, rather than considering them as finished products.

Another Chianina-Angus cross found its way to the winner's circle as reserve champion. This one was a 960-pound April calf shown by Derek Nissley, 10, of Mount Joy.

The son of Marvin and Linda Nissley, Derek's steer was a Super Star son purchased from Elmer Stehman of Landisville. With three years of 4-H showing experience, Nissley is also hoping to make it to Farm Show in January. Following are results of the beef show:

BEEF SHOW
Breeding Heifers
1 Mark Foreman 2 David Coble

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| Steers | | |
| Light Weight | | |
| 1 Derek Nissley | 2 Darrell Coble | 3 Chris Miller |
| Medium Weight | | |
| 1 Dwayne Coble | 2 Michelle Nissley | 3 Diane Musser |
| Heavy Weight | | |
| 1 Tim Foreman | 2 Greg Musser | 3 Deb Wolgemuth |
| Champion Steer | | |
| Tim Foreman | | |
| Reserve Champion | | |
| Derek Nissley | | |
| Showmanship | | |
| Age 15 & Over | | |
| 1 Joe Garber | 2 Greg Musser | 3 Tim Foreman |
| Age 12-14 | | |
| 1 Michelle Nissley | 2 Dwayne Coble | 3 Doug Musser |
| Age 8-11 | | |
| 1 Diane Musser | 2 Mark Foreman | 3 Darrell Coble |



Dauphin County's Tim Foreman showed Elizabethtown's grand champion steer.