

## 12 Lancaster Co. FFA lambs selected for Farm Show

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NEW HOLLAND — If the results of last year's Farm Show are any

indication, then show judge Gail Post may have placed some of the state's top market lambs at

Lancaster County's FFA Market Lamb Show on Wednesday.

This was the second year that Post, a former Penn State livestock judging team member, placed Lancaster County's prospective Farm Show entries. In last year's show, her top three Lancaster FFA lambs all went on to take first-place honors in their respective classes at Farm Show. What's more, her choice for grand champion county honors did likewise at Farm Show.

Proving that the right stuff runs in the family, Post selected a half-brother to last year's Farm Show winner for champion laurels in Wednesday night's county show. The show's top lamb was owned by Margaret Herr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, Narvon. A Hampshire-Suffolk cross, the 107-pound wether was bred by B&B Livestock, Danville, Ohio.

Showing the reserve champion was Kristin Chupp, 14, daughter of Larry and Barbara Weaver of New Holland.

In a separate show consisting of lambs slated for Thursday's sale, Margaret Herr again came out on top, this time with both champion and reserve honors. Both the top

sale lambs, as well as Kristin Chupp's reserve champion, were bred by B&B Livestock.

In sale action at the New Holland Sales Stables, Herr's champion and reserve both went to Dave Fine Meat Packing of Pittsburgh, for the sale's top bids of \$2.75 and \$2, respectively. The sale's 2,460 pounds of lamb sold for an average of 91 cents a pound, not including champions.

Fine, along with New Holland Sales Stables, proved to be the sale's most active buyers, with Fine taking home six lambs and New Holland offering top bids on seven. Other buyers included Jack Godak of New Jersey, Walter M.

Dunlap, Great Valley Packing, Amos Hurst and Breaker Lane Farm.

Wednesday's placings for the 12 FFA project lambs bound for the upcoming Farm Show are as follows:

- 1 Margaret Herr, Narvon
- 2 Kristin Chupp, New Holland
- 3 Becky Weber, Narvon
- 4 Tammy Martin, New Holland
- 5 Dave Firestone, Latitz
- 6 Paul Quanbeck, New Holland
- 7 Kevin Bollinger, Latitz
- 8 Gary Crills, Ephrata
- 9 Heidi Fisher, East Earl
- 10 Molly Wise, Blue Ball
- 11 Tina Strauss, Latitz
- 12 Eric Connolly, Latitz

## Farm management

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She stressed the value of "networking" among the farm groups, since many are relatively small in numbers and resources.

"Agriculture must work for power to do things together," Leavens emphasized, rephrasing the Agri-Women motto, "We can do it, together."

One promotional "gimmick" devised by her state's California Women for Agriculture group has been highly successful in stirring media interest and consumer awareness of the price that farmers receive for their produce.

Members set up a huge educational exhibit in the San Francisco waterfront area, with displays covering the gamut of the state's agriculture production. As part of the effort, they also sold farm-fresh produce at the price the grower receives at the farm. Response by the city residents was understandably overwhelming, with over 100 tons of fresh foods changing hands at bargain prices in just the few days that the exhibit ran.

Other topics covered during the seminar included decision management and concurrent sessions on estate tax planning, lobbying, and nutrition and stress.

A summation of the long-range purpose of the annual gathering of agriculture women was offered by Kathy Gill, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, who coordinated activities through the event.

"We need to get together to know one another," said Gill. "Those who work in agriculture need this networking with farm women."

Groups involved in planning the Women in Agriculture day included the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn's Agri-Women, Pennsylvania Farmers' Association's women's committee, Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, Farmer's Union, Society of Farm Women and the Grange.

## Wisner to speak at PFU meeting

HERSHEY — State Grange Master Charles E. Wisner, Jr., will be the featured speaker at the Pennsylvania Farmers Union's 14th Annual Convention banquet, November 6 at the Hotel Hershey.

"We have worked very closely with the State Grange on a number of important issues lately," said PFU Executive Director Chester L. Reed. Reed cited legal representation of farmers who had shipped milk to Schep's Cheese and recent confirmation proceedings for Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Grubb as examples of the two farm organizations working together to benefit family farmers.

"It is only fitting to have a leader from another farm organization address our delegates. Farmers must work together to survive our current financial crisis," Reed said.

Non-delegates wishing to attend the banquet may reserve tickets at \$20 each by calling toll-free 1-800-932-4629.



Dane Fine of Dave Fine Packing, Pittsburgh, paid \$2.75 for Margaret Herr's champion sale lamb at Lancaster County's FFA Market Lamb Roundup. Exhibiting for Herr was Kristin Chupp.

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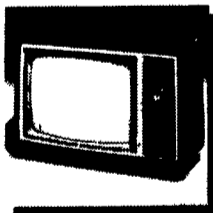
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