

\$22,000-Worth Of Sheep Sell At Mid-Atlantic Classic

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MANHEIM — Shepherds came from a dozen states and all points of the compass to take part in the Mid-Atlantic Classic Show and Sale held at the Manheim Fairgrounds on July 19.

In its second year, the Mid-Atlantic saw nearly 90 Hampshires and Dorsets come under the judge's scrutiny before crossing the auction block later in the day. Judging this year's show was Richard Cobb of the University of Illinois.

After taking top honors in the

Hampshire ram show, a fall-called Jersey garnered the sale's high bid of \$1,500. Owned by Verna Gengler of Honey Hill Hampshires, Pittston, New Jersey, the big ram was sired by last year's reserve champion at the Maryland State Fair. The ram's new owners, Belle and Daniel Fangmeyer, plan to give Jersey a chance to go one title better at this year's show.

Honey Hill's purebred Hampshire operation actually started eight years ago when the Gengler's two daughters got involved with sheep through the 4-H program. It

wasn't long before the girls' mother, Verna, picked up the ball. "It's gotten to be a major thing with me," she says.

Birch Hill Hampshires came all the way from Gorham, Maine to win the champion Hampshire ewe title. Their top ewe went to Don Witt of Champion, Pa., for \$600.

In Polled Dorset competition, the champion ram came from the

Bloomington, Ill., farm of Stan Rader. The ram sold to Owen Rhoads of Paoli, Pa., for \$510.

The top Polled Dorset female was shown by Willow Run Farm of Wytheville, Va., The ewe sold to Kirsten Sass, Johnsonburg, N.J., for \$410.

Woodleigh Farms of Weston Mass., showed the top Horned Dorset ram that sold to Virginians

Barbara and Leon Cassell for \$260.

The top Horned Dorset ewe was shown by Steve Savage of Macy, Ind., and sold for \$425.

By sale's end, nearly \$22,000-worth of sheep had passed beneath the gavel of auctioneer Ken Brubaker. The sale's 40 Hampshires averaged \$287, the 34 Polled Dorsets averaged \$225 and the 13 Horned Dorsets sold for an average of \$206.



Verna Gengler (left) sold her champion Hampshire ram to Daniel and Belle Fangmeyer for a sale-topping bid of \$1,500 at the Mid-Atlantic Classic Show and Sale.

USDA Announces Export Program For Poultry, Eggs

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng recently announced plans for a \$6 million program to expand poultry and egg exports in the next year to Pacific Rim and Middle East countries.

Lyng said promotional activities will be carried out through an agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service and the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council, which represents the U.S. poultry industry.

Promotional activities will be targeted at expanding consumption of poultry and eggs in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates Yemen and Bahrain.

The dollar value of U.S. sales to these countries dropped from \$370 million in 1980 to \$175 million in 1985, Lyng said, a loss of 53 percent. Export subsidies, primarily from the European community, accounted for most of this loss.



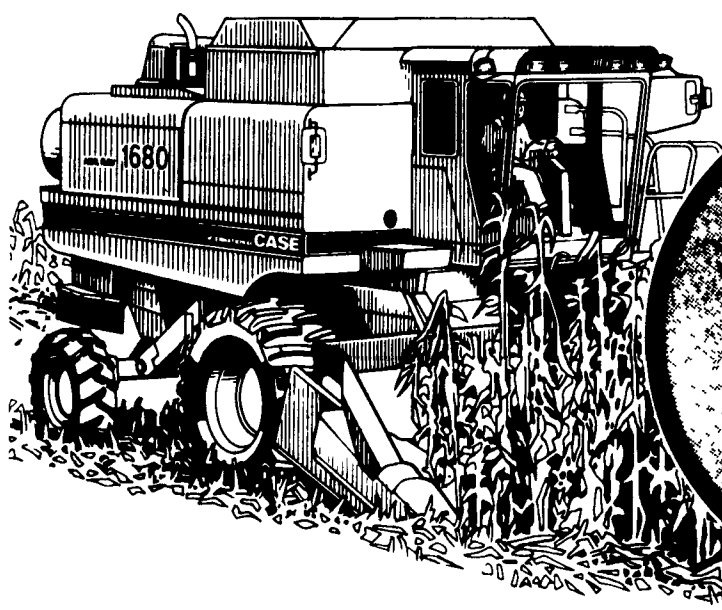
A Royal Birth

'While Britain's Sarah and Andrew were honeymooning, their namesakes, a set of twin Hereford calves, were born on the New Windsor farm of Lancaster Farming's Maryland correspondent, Sharon Shuster. In beef industry circles, at least, the birth of Sarah and Andrew ranks right up there with the royal wedding. According to USDA, twinning occurs in only .5 to 8 percent of bovine births, with beef breeds producing fewer twins than dairy cows.

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