

Livestock Champions Named At Lebanon Area Fair

Bow, Emrich take Top Sheep Honors

LEBANON — Melanie Bow came to the Lebanon Area Fair with high hopes for her Suffolk wether and she wasn't to be disappointed. Show judge Chester Hughes selected Melanie's wether champion market lamb of the Fair Wednesday evening.

"He's a real flashy animal," Melanie said after the show. "I had some real high hopes for him."

Melanie's 132-pound homebred wether placed first in the heavyweight division, topping a 248-pound lamb entered by her chief competitor, Heather Emrich. Heather's lamb was named reserve champion.

Melanie, the 18-year-old daughter of Ben and Mary Bow, R1 Annville, is no newcomer to the show ring. She has won numerous championships at the Lebanon Fair and has shown her lambs at Farm Show and Keystone International.

The Bows raise both Corriedales and Suffolks and have about 65 breeding sheep and 20 replacements on their farm.

Heather's reserve champion was a homegrown Polled Dorset wether. Following the show, Heather said she was surprised to have done so well. "Usually horned lambs don't do so well, so I was really pleased," she said.

Heather is the 16-year-old daughter of Henry and Anna Emrich of R1 Annville. The Emrichs have about 25 Dorsets on their Friendly Persuasion Dorset Farm.

In the breeding show, which had only a handful of entries, the tables were turned with Heather taking both the 4-H and FFA supreme champion ewes and Melanie claiming reserve champion ewe. Melanie showed the champion 4-H ram, a Corriedale lamb, and Heather took the FFA champion ram with a Dorset lamb.

Heather's breed champion ewes were both Dorset yearlings. The FFA champion was a homebred lamb and the 4-H champ was purchased from Stavers of Palmyra.

Melanie claimed the reserve champion ewe with a Suffolk entry.

The two show veterans also battled for showmanship honors, with Melanie edging out Heather for the top placing.

Below are results from both the breeding and market lamb shows.

- CORRIEDALE**
Ram Lamb
 1 Melanie Bow
Ewe Lamb
 1 Melanie Bow 2 Ben Bow
DORSET
Ram Lamb
 1 Heather Emrich 2 Krista Hetrick
Ewe Lamb
 1 Heather Emrich 2 Krista Hetrick 3 Matt Hetrick
Yearling Ewe
 1 Heather Emrich (4 H) 1 Heather Emrich (FFA) 2 Daryl Grumbine
Aged Ewe
 1 Heather Emrich
SUFFOLK
Ewe Lamb
 1 Melanie Bow
Yearling Ewe
 1 Melanie Bow
Aged Ewe
 1 Melanie Bow
Champion Suffolk
 Melanie Bow
Reserve Champion Suffolk
 Melanie Bow



Melanie Bow, left, showed her 132-pound wether to the market lamb championship at the Ephrata Area Fair Wednesday night. Heather Emrich, center, took the reserve championship with her Polled Dorset wether. Here, the champions receive congratulations from show judge Chester Hughes.

- Supreme Champion Ewe**
 Heather Emrich 4 H and FFA
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe
 Melanie Bow
Supreme Champion Ram
 Melanie Bow—4 H
Heather Emrich—FFA
MARKET LAMBS
Lightweight
 1 Matt Hetrick 2 Heather Emrich 3 Krista Hetrick
Light Middweight
 1 Amy Smith 2 Heather Emrich 3 Darrin Grumbine
Middweight
 1 Matt Hetrick 2 Darrin Grumbine 3 Krista Hetrick
Middle Heavyweight
 1 Luke Custer 2 Benjamin Bow 3 Melanie Bow
Heavyweight
 1 Melanie Bow 2 Heather Emrich 3 Amy Smith
- Supreme Champion**
 Melanie Bow
Reserve Champion
 Heather Emrich
4-H Showmanship
 Ages 16-19
 1 Melanie Bow 2 Heather Emrich
 Ages 14-15
 1 Krista Hetrick 2 Daryl Grumbine 3 Tammy Lineweaver
 Ages 12-13
 1 Tina Long
 Ages 10-11
 1 Jed Custer 2 Darren Grumbine
 Ages 8-9
 1 Nicki Lineweaver 2 Amy Smith 3 Luke Custer
- Champion Showman**
 Melanie Bow
Reserve Champion Showman
 Krista Hetrick
FFA Champion Showman
 Matt Hetrick

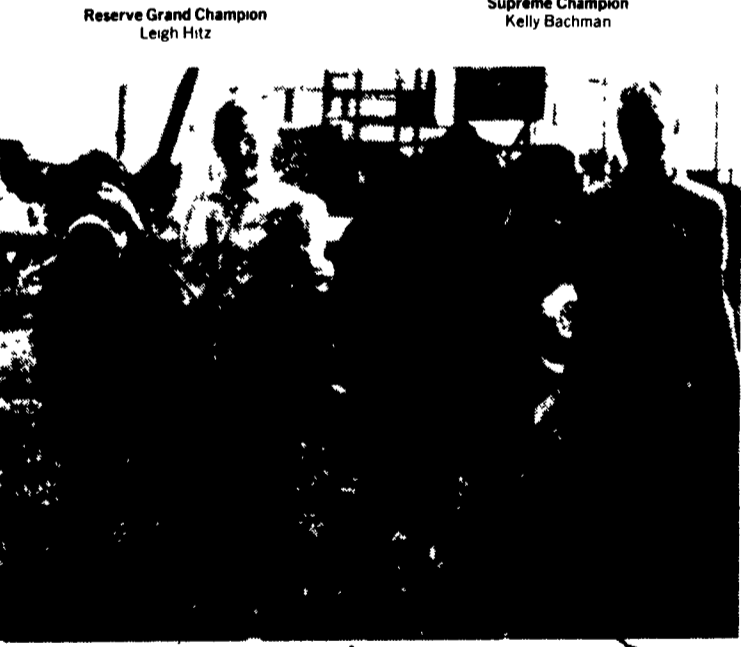


Heather Emrich, left, captured both the 4-H and FFA champion ewes in the breeding sheep contest. Here, she shows the 4-H champion while Becky Hostetter, center, handles the FFA champion. Little Dutchmen FFA advisor Lowell Morton, right, offered Heather congratulations.

Bomgardner Shows Top Market Steer

LEBANON — Beef competition at the Lebanon Area Fair was held Wednesday afternoon. Below are results from the market and open shows.

- Open Market Steer**
Lightweight
 1 Kathy Bomgardner 2 Brian Kreider 3 Matt Bushong
Mediumweight
 1 Leigh Hitz 2 Daryl Bomgardner
Heavyweight
 1 Shelby Heagy 2 Alan Auman 3 Eric Harnish
Grand Champion
 Kathy Bomgardner
Reserve Champion
 Leigh Hitz
Showmanship and Fitting
Champion
 Leigh Hitz
Reserve Champion
 Kelly Bachman
Open Polled Herefords
Open Champion
 MAP Farms
Open Reserve Champion
 MAP Farms
4-H Champion
 Yvonne Folk
Angus
Champion Bull
 Harry Bachman
Champion Angus Heifer
 Kelly Bachman
Reserve Champion Heifer
 Leigh Hitz
Other Breeds
Grand Champion
 Ken Winebark



Kathy Bomgardner, left, took grand champion market steer honors at the Lebanon Area Fair this week, while the reserve championship went to Leigh Hitz, right.

National All-Jersey Continues Progress

COLUMBUS, Ohio — National All-Jersey is continuing its efforts to obtain multiple component pricing for federal orders and higher minimum standards on fluid milk, reported Richard Clauss, Hilmar, Ca., president of NAJ, at the recent National All-Jersey Inc. annual meeting.

"We must have your support as we continue to look for new markets and educate the people on the advantages of using high protein milk," Clauss said to the membership.

Chances are good that future production will have to parallel an increasing market, not a declining market, predicted Clauss. A combination of decreased production caused by the Dairy Termination Program and increased sales caused, in part, by the National Dairy Board's milk promotion program will be responsible for this, he said.

NAJ has returned an additional \$50 million to Jersey owners in the past 28 years and over \$2.5 million to The American Jersey Cattle Club, said Executive Secretary Maurice E. Core in his report to the membership.

"We should never reduce our efforts to obtain full value for the product of our Jersey cow," Core said.

The Equity Program, launched ten years ago, has made tremendous progress, according to Calvin Covington, assistant secretary to the NAJ. Its goals have been to work towards the nationwide establishment of an equitable milk pricing system and the development of specialized markets where sellers of higher

than average protein milk can be paid for their milk in relationship to its yielding ability.

"Today there are hundreds of Equity markets in 30 states," said Covington. "As a result of Equity Pricing, Jersey dairymen received over \$20 million additional income in 1985.

"The most important progress to date in Equity Pricing took place this past March when the first hearing to consider component pricing in a Federal Order was held."

The plan is proposed for the Great Basin Marketing Order. It would price milk based on pounds of fat and protein plus the appropriate class differentials.

"We will continue to do all we can to implement component pricing in other orders," said Covington.

Increasing minimum standards for fluid milk is also a main concern of NAJ.

"All-Jersey strives to provide the consumer with the best fluid milk possible," Covington said. "The dairy industry would be much more viable today if all dairymen and plants would use this philosophy."

Under other business, Bill Barlass, Janesville, WI, was elected as an NAJ director, and Richard Riggs, Evansville, IN, was re-appointed as director-at-large. Ex-officio directors include Dr. J.J. Malnati, Newberry, SC, and Harold Wright, White River Junction, VT. David Spahr, Findlay, OH, as current president of the AJCC, will also serve on the NAJ Board of Directors.



In the breeding division of the beef show, the supreme championship went to Kelly Bachman's Angus entry.

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