

Hampshire Ewe Is Elizabethtown Fair Supreme Champion

BY SUZANNE KEENE

ELIZABETHTOWN — Michelle Mylin's Hampshire ewe caught the eye of the judge more than once during the Elizabethtown Fair youth sheep show Wednesday. Show judge Lee Wagner selected Mylin's entry champion Hampshire and at show's end went back to it for his supreme champion.

The supreme champion was selected from seven breed champions, and the market and sale lamb champions.

The yearling Hampshire ewe's momentum continued into Thursday evening when she was named supreme champion of the fair. The Elizabethtown event is unusual in that the fair assembles its top dairy, beef, sheep and swine champions and crowns a supreme champion over all species.

"I really didn't think she had a chance," said Michelle after taking the show's highest livestock honor. "She didn't have any

problems, but I didn't think she was big enough."

The supreme champion is chosen by four judges who compare each animal to the ideal of its respective species and select the animal that comes closest to those standards. Serving as judges for this year's contest were state FFA executive secretary Bill Erikson, retired Lancaster County agent Max Smith, state representative Sam Hayes and Galen Martin of Animal Medic, Inc.

Michelle, the 17-year-old daughter of Jay and Carol Mylin, and her siblings Scott and Andrea, raise a flock of 40 lambs at their home in Manheim. The Mylins brought 14 of their animals to exhibit at the fair and went home with numerous ribbons for their efforts.

A member of the Lancaster 4-H Woolies Club, Michelle said her champion was bred by Mike Andrews of Maine.

The reserve supreme champion trophy went to contender Mark Tracy and his homebred Southdown ewe. The 10-year-old son of Gerald and Helen Tracy, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Mark has a flock of Suffolks, Southdowns and market lambs.

In addition to his reserve champion, Mark showed the champion and reserve champion Southdown ewes and the champion sale market lamb. He also topped the heavyweight class in both the market and sale lamb competitions and had the champion middleweight market lamb.

Seventeen-year-old Tricia Musser edged out competitor Tim Engle to claim the market lamb championship. The daughter of Harold and Judy Musser, Greentree Road, Elizabethtown, Tricia said her 106-pound Hampshire wether was bred by Tim and Sarah Fleener of Lancaster.

The reserve champion market lamb went to Tim Engle. The reserve champion sale lamb was exhibited by Ellen Lewis.

In the Cheviot division, John Doug Martin exhibited the only entries. He purchased his champion ewe from John Otto last fall.

Doug is the 12-year-old son of John and Marilyn Martin of R2 East Earl.

Competition was a bit stiffer in the Dorset division with Darryl Coble edging out Jenny Taylor for the championship. Darryl is the 11-year-old son of Dave and Sylvia Coble of R1 Hershey.

In the Shropshire division, Connie Kline captured both the champion and reserve champion honors with two ewes she received through the sheep chain. Connie is

(Turn to Page A41)



Tricia Musser claimed the champion market lamb trophy with her Hampshire wether.



Mark Tracy, right, showed the reserve supreme champion at the Elizabethtown Fair, Wednesday. Here, younger brother Ryan gives him a hand with the trophy.



Heidi Fisher, left, had the champion Columbia and Darryl Coble, right, had the champion Dorset.

Foreman Brothers Take Beef Show Honors

BY JACK HUBLEY

ELIZABETHTOWN — Tim and Mark Foreman turned out to be double trouble at the Elizabethtown Fair's beef show on Wednesday evening, taking the grand champion trophy with what judge Ken Winebark termed "a real stylish, nicely balanced calf," and winning reserve honors with—of all things—a purebred Simmental heifer.

The sons of James and Marie Foreman, the brothers raise their blue ribbon beef on their Hershey-area farm where the family finishes steers and breeds a few club calves each year.

Older brother Tim, 17, has taken top honors at Elizabethtown on numerous occasions during his 10-year career as a member of the Lower Dauphin 4-H Beef Club. This year's champion was a homebred Chianina-Angus weighing 1,050 pounds. The champ was out of a

three-quarter Chianina bull and a purebred Angus cow, both owned by the Foremans.

A decade of practice and guidance from his father has helped Tim become a consistent winner. When picking his show prospects he looks for a clean-fronted calf with a square rump. "We try to pay attention to correctness in the legs, too," he adds.

Fielding the only entry in the breeding beef show, Mark Foreman had to look elsewhere for competition. Winebark seemed to have little trouble comparing apples and oranges, and turned the show's only female entry as his reserve champion. "She came closer to my picture of the ideal Simmental heifer than the others did to the ideal steer," the Lebanon County extension livestock agent

said in defense of his choice.

The 13-year-old Foreman bought his reserve champion at last year's Pennsylvania Simmental Association Sale. She is a March, '85 daughter of CSV Super Star.

Following are the results of the evening's beef and beef showmanship events.

- Beef Results**
Division 1
Lightweight
 1 Michelle Nissley 2 Chris Miller 3 Jason Wolgemuth
Mediumweight
 1 Tim Foreman 2 Debbie Wolgemuth 3 Derek Nissley
Heavyweight
 1 Corey Dehney 2 Joe Garber 3 Marsha Dehney
Division 2
(Steers to be sold)
 1 Leon Heisey 2 Eric Lowe 3 Scott Clouser
Grand Champion
 Tim Foreman
Reserve Champion
 Mark Foreman
Showmanship
Age 15 & Up
 1 Joe Garber 2 Doug Musser 3 Tim Foreman
14 & Under
 1 Debbie Wolgemuth 2 Michelle Nissley 3 Mark Foreman



Winning is a family affair for the Foreman brothers. Tim (left) took grand champion honors in the Elizabethtown Fair's beef show, while Mark came in at reserve with his Simmental heifer.



Breed champions from left included Michelle Mylin, Hampshire; Carey Donches, Suffolk; Mark Tracy, Southdown; and John Doug Martin, Cheviot.