

# Rookie And Veteran Top York 4-H Market Lamb Show

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**YORK** — Although only nine years old, 4-H'er Jeff Strausbaugh can easily hold his own in the competition of the sheep showing. With but one year's experience under his belt, the York youngster bested veteran exhibitors to take the 4-H market lamb championship last week at the York Fair.

His winning entry was a purebred Suffolk wether, purchased from Pine Haven Farms, and one of three market lambs raised this season by the young 4-H'er.

Finishing in the reserve champion placing was Melissa Trostle, Red Lion, R2, who wrapped up her 4-H career by repeating her reserve market lamb win of 1985. She then returned to the ring with a well-matched set of lambs to snag the championship of the pairs class. Melissa, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle.

A pair of purebred Hamps took the reserve pairs trophy for Alicia Strausbaugh, 13. She and her brother Jeff, who won the market lamb class, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Strausbaugh.

Weight division winners in the 4-H market lamb class were:

Lightweight, John Eaton, champion; Mike Sigler, reserve; Mediumweight, Melissa Trostle, champion, Alicia Strausbaugh, reserve; Heavyweight, Jeff Strausbaugh, champion, and Melissa Trostle, reserve.

Pairs weight champions were: Lightweight, Joseph Caudill, champion, Wade Byers, reserve; Mediumweight, Melissa Trostle, champion, Mike Sigler, reserve; Light Heavyweight, Jeff Strausbaugh, champion; Travis Renfro, reserve; Heavyweight, Melissa Trostle, champion; Alicia Strausbaugh, reserve.

### 4-H Breeding Sheep

York Fair's breeding sheep competition opened the 4-H shepherd activities on September 5, with winners chosen in five separate breed categories.

A sister-brother duo wrapped up all the top ribbons in the Dorset classes. Alicia Strausbaugh exhibited both the champion ram and champion ewe, finishing over her brother, Jeff, who claimed both reserve ram and ewe placings.

Hampshire honors was a trade-off between Byron Waggoner and Melissa Trostle. Waggoner triumphed with a championship in the ram classes, and a reserve ewe win, while Trostle took the ewe

championship and the ram class reserve placing.

There was no contest for the top spots in Southdown runoffs, with Melissa Trostle snagging champion and reserve for both the ewe and ram placings.

Suffolk competition was spread among four top finishers. Champion ram was exhibited by Sonja Shearer, with Holly Crisamore in the reserve ram placing. John Eaton's ewe entry got the judge's nod for champion, over reserve winner Michelle Leicht.

Natural colored sheep honors split between Jennifer Jefferis, who took the ram champion and reserve rosettes, and Joseph Caudill, exhibiting the top two ewe winners.

### Special Sheep Events

While conformation and weight help determine the class placings of animals entered in the York Fair's 4-H sheep categories, it is the exhibitors themselves who shine in several special showing competitions.

Wrapping up an illustrious 4-H career, Red Lion 4-H'er Melissa Trostle was named grand champion of the Shepherd Class, won top showmanship and reserve fitting honors and capped off the day with a first place win in the senior division of the Lead Line.

Champion of the fitting competition was John Eaton, Windsor. Reserve champion of the Shepherd Class was Jessiah Dietz, and reserve showmanship winner was Joseph Caudill.

Alicia Strausbaugh was chosen winner of the blocking and



Champion of the 4-H market lamb show was this Suffolk wether shown by Jeff Strausbaugh.

grooming competition, over reserve winner Joseph Caudill.

In the Lead Line competition, entrants must dress in at least one garment of wool and parade a groomed and trained sheep. Senior division winner Melissa Trostle topped Jennifer Hoke in second place, and Holly Chrisamore, third. Alicia Strausbaugh was intermediate division winner, over Amy Dutrey, second, and Michelle Leicht, third. In the junior division, Carly Kelly was named first place

winner, with Amy Shaffer, second, and Jessiah Dietz, third.

Mike Sigler was chosen winner of the Funniest category in the popular Decorator classes, in which entrants costume themselves and their sheep. Jodi Dutrey was second, and Sonja Shearer was third. Most Unusual award went to Jessiah Dietz, over Michelle Leicht, second, and Angie Shaffer, third. Carley Keely was first, and Amy Shaffer, second, in the Most Attractive division.



Ed Keeney (left) wrapped up his FFA show career by sweeping market lamb and breeding classes with his homebred Hampshires. Handling Keeney's reserve market champ is John Eaton.



Other 4-H breeding sheep winners included Jeff Strausbaugh and Melissa Trostle.



Breed winners in 4-H classes included Alicia Strausbaugh, Dorset; and John Eaton, Suffolk.

## Dorset 'Family' Sweeps Supreme Sheep Competition

BY JACK HUBLEY

**YORK** — Mike Koehler was one pleased shepherd when his Dorset ram, "Jackpot," lived up to his name by defeating 12 other breeds for supreme champion honors in the York Fair's open breeding sheep show on Monday. Likewise, Jackpot should have been proud when his daughter, a late February lamb owned by Lee and Louise Wagner, took the supreme champion ewe title.

Koehler, a television repairman from Schnecksville, raises sheep

as a sideline, and does it well it enough to come away with some impressive honors. "It keeps me out of trouble," Koehler quipped following Monday night's event.

Jackpot, himself, has had no problem staying out of trouble during the two years that Koehler has owned him. Earlier this year the stylish Dorset ram was named champion at the Ohio State Fair against a field of more than 70 purebred rams. The ram was bred by Morehead Dorsets of Illinois.

Show judge Don Kniffen,

Rutgers University's extension livestock specialist, proved that good looks often run in the family by selecting Jackpot's daughter for supreme ewe honors. "I didn't realize he was the sire at the time," Kniffen said, adding that the Wagner entry was a "very correct and stylish ewe."

Although the ewe only placed third in her class last week at the Allentown Fair, Lee Wagner was confident that she was a winner. "I thought she had it in her all along," Wagner said. "She was just right for this one. She was well rested."

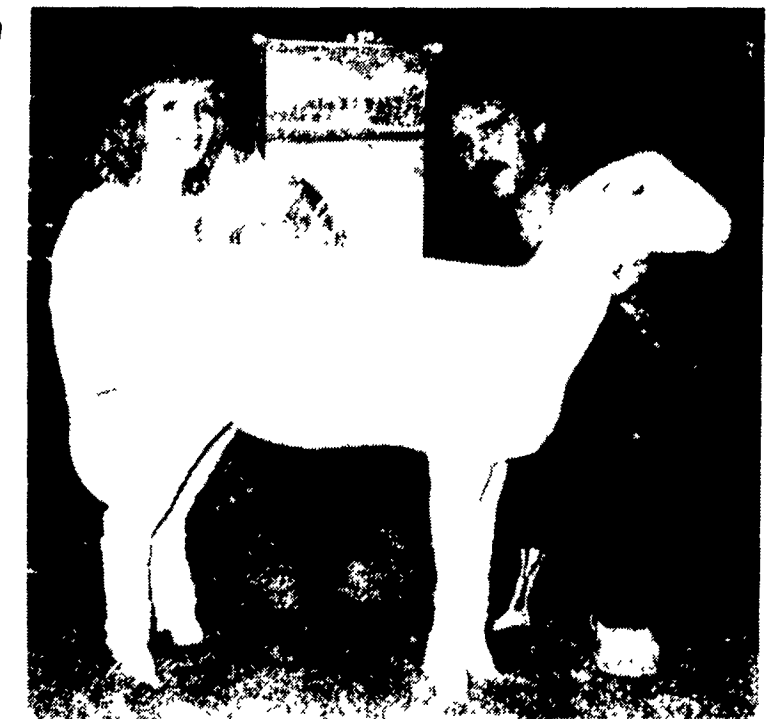
The ewe was "just right" enough, in fact, to defeat her mother in the York event. This latter ewe was sired by the York Fair's 1985 supreme champion ram and placed first in the yearling ewe class on Monday.

The Wagners farm about 1500 acres and raise 30 Dorset ewes on their farm near Easton.

Exhibitors of champions and reserves in the breeding sheep show are listed below.

### Open Breeding Sheep

- Cheviot**
  - Champion Ram Ration Maker Cheviots
  - Reserve Michael Koehler
  - Champion Ewe Michael Koehler
  - Reserve Michael Koehler
- Corriedale**
  - Champion Ram Sarah Ruppert
  - Reserve Sarah Ruppert
  - Champion Ewe Sarah Ruppert
  - Reserve Sarah Ruppert
- Dorset**
  - Champion Ram Michael Koehler
  - Reserve Lee & Louise Wagner
  - Champion Ewe Lee & Louise Wagner
  - Reserve K&S Sheep Construction Co

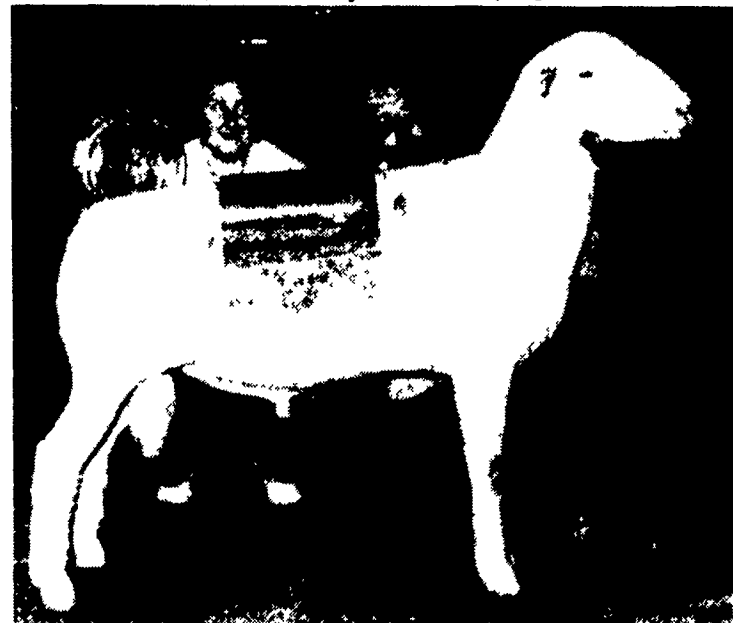


Louise and Lee Wagner with their York Fair supreme champion ewe.

- Hampshire**
  - Champion Ram Richard Field
  - Reserve Tim & Sarah Fleener
  - Champion Ewe Richard Field
  - Reserve Tim & Sarah Fleener
- Oxford**
  - Champion Ram Glenn Heffner
  - Reserve Glenn Heffner
  - Champion Ewe Glenn Heffner
  - Reserve Glenn Heffner
- Southdown**
  - Champion Ram W G Carpenter
  - Reserve W G Carpenter
  - Champion Ewe W G Carpenter
  - Reserve W G Carpenter
- Shropshire**
  - Champion Ram Wey Farms
  - Reserve Peter D'Amra

- Champion Ewe Peter D Amra
- Reserve Peter D Amra
- Romney**
  - Champion Ram Jean & John Woodward
  - Reserve Woodward
  - Champion Ewe Jean & John Woodward
  - Reserve Woodward
- Merino**
  - Champion Ram Morehouse Farm
  - Reserve Morehouse
  - Champion Ewe Morehouse Farm
  - Reserve Morehouse
- Natural Colored**
  - Champion Ram Sarah Ruppert
  - Reserve Ruppert
  - Champion Ewe Sarah Ruppert
  - Reserve Ruppert

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Diane Conway admires Mike Koehler's York supreme champion ram, "Jackpot".