

'Best Ever' 4-H Lamb Sale Reported At Reading Fair

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READING — The annual Berks County 4-H Sheep Sale held at the Reading Fair climaxed with the sale of the grand champion market lamb selected by Judge Mike Fournier, Bucks County extension agent, at the Reading Fair's sheep show on September 22. The sale, held on Saturday, Sept. 27, under the show tent at the Reading Fair, featured a wide range of bidders who brought the top sale price up to \$5 per pound for the 106-pound grand champion.

"Buster," the grand champion and first place heavy middleweight, owned by Joyce Heffner, Fleetwood, featured a "big leg," and "long loin" according to the judge. The Hampshire lamb was purchased by Peters Brothers Meat Market for \$5 per pound,

tying with last year's grand champion for high price.

"You just look for what you want when they grow up," Joyce Heffner revealed about her selection of "Buster" as a project this year. She also stated that her late brother, James Heffner, helped her pick out this lamb and taught her to select lambs that were small and narrow in the front with not too much waste. Sad to see "Buster" sold, this veteran sheep showperson concluded, "he's the tamest one I had."

Commanding the second high bid of the sale was the reserve grand champion owned by Cory McLaughlin, R1, Bernville. Also first place heavy lightweight, McLaughlin's lamb sold for \$4 per pound to Boscov's Department Store, Reading.

The grand champion fair

brought the third high price of \$1.52 per pound from Lebanon Valley National Bank, Agriculture Department. The pair was exhibited by Glenn and Joyce Heffner, R2, Fleetwood, brother and sister.

Almost three-fourths of the sale animals brought bids in excess of \$1 per pound and the sale was stated to be one of the best in the history of the Berks County 4-H Sheep Club. The 42 sheep sold averaged \$1.31 per pound with the champion's price included, and \$1.14 per pound not including the top price.

Bidders were invited to barbecues before the sale and 4-H Sheep Club members thanked them for their participation. Buyers included the following: Peters Bros. Meat Market, Boscov's Department stores, Lebanon Valley Bank, Yellow House Hotel, Reading Bone Fertilizer, Leesport Auction, Walter M. Dunlap, Inc., Shillington IGA, Kuzan's True Value Hardware Store, On Line Computer Services, Hamilton Bank, Meridian Bank,

Mast Mowers & Service, Farm and Loan of Pottstown, Bernville Bureau, Harvey George General Bank, Disel Service, Inc., Bernville Contractor, First Federal Savings, Bernville Quality Fuels.



Joyce Heffner's Reading Fair market lamb champion was purchased by Peters Brothers Meat Market for \$5 a pound.

Reading Fair Names Market Swine Champions

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READING — Greg Stricker, R1, Bernville, honored as the Reading Fair's Outstanding 4-H Boy for 1986, showed his skill in the market swine show at the Reading Fair by capturing the grand champion market swine ribbons with his extra entry. The "long bodied, lean-made pig" exhibited an adequate amount of muscle according to the judge of the show. Stricker, a veteran showman with his swine, was pleased with his success this past week. Stricker also exhibited the grand champion pair of market swine.

Other placings are as follows:

Reading Market Swine
Lightweight Div 110 214 lbs
Class 1 Tracy Gelsinger
Class 2 Paula Hunter
Class 3 Kenianne Rarick
Mediumweight Div 215 234 lbs
Class 1 Todd Rabenold
Class 2 Val Hunter
Class 3 Greg Stricker
Heavyweight Div 235 265 lbs
Class 1 Steve Rhorbach
Class 2 Jason Balthaser
Class 3 Greg Stricker
Champion Lightweight Ken anne Rarick

Reserve Lightweight Gina Leatherman
Champion Middleweight Greg Stricker
Reserve Middleweight Todd Rabenold
Champion Heavyweight Greg Stricker
Reserve Heavyweight Leslie Seidel
Grand Champion Market Swine Greg Stricker
Reserve Grand Champion Leslie Seidel
Pair of Market Swine
Lightweight 335 436 lbs
Class 1 Gina Leatherman
Class 2 Brian Gougler
Mediumweight 437 454 lbs
Class 1 Chris Hunter
Class 2 Jenny Rabenold
Heavyweight 465 483 lbs
Class 1 Greg Stricker
Class 2 Leslie Seidel
Champion Lightweight Pair Brian Gougler
Reserve Gina Leatherman
Champion Middleweight Pair Jenny Rabenold
Reserve Todd Rabenold
Champion Heavyweight Pair Greg Stricker
Reserve Jenny Rabenold
Grand Champion Pair Greg Stricker
Reserve Grand Champion Jenny Rabenold
Sow with Litter Greg Stricker
Showmanship
Age 8 9 Jenny Rabenold
Age 10 11 Leslie Seidel
Age 12 13 Randy Balthaser
Age 14 15 Gina Leatherman
Age 16 Kenianne Rarick
Champion Showman Leslie Seidel
Reserve Showman Kenianne Rarick
Fitting
Age 8 9 Troy Gelsinger
Age 10 11 Jeremy Manwiller
Age 12 13 Val Hunter
Age 14 15 Gina Leatherman
Age 16 Steve Rhorbach
Champion Fitter Val Hunter
Reserve Fitter Jeremy Manwiller

'Breeder Destiny' Roundtable Set for NAILE

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The first Saddle and Sirloin Roundtable discussion titled "Breeder Destiny" will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, in conjunction with the 1986 North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

The event, scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, is being held in honor of Dr. Frank Baker of Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, Morrilton, Ark.

This half-day Roundtable centers on the opportunities and challenges facing the stock breeder in the 20th Century and on into the 21st. A clear concept of direction and the means by which the stock breeder can make directional genetic change are significant in the design and conduct of creative breeding programs.

Dr. Larry Cundiff, U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Neb., will discuss probable beef demands and producer responses.

Ideas concerning the use by breeders of across breed predictions of genetic value will be presented by Dr. Larry Benyshek, University of Georgia, Athens, and predictor of genetic values for the American Angus, American Hereford, North American Limousin and International Brangus Breeders Associations.

Ideas concerning the use of the potential use of genetic manipulations will be presented by Dr. Roy Ax, University of Wisconsin, Platteville, and active participant in the new genetics research.

Dr. Bob Long, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, and long time friend of stock breeders, will discuss who is most likely to own the bull.

The high point of the Roundtable will be the banquet Sunday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the hall of the Saddle and Sirloin Club on the fairgrounds.

The portrait of Dr. Frank Baker will be hung at this time and he will be honored and recognized for his vital leadership role in livestock agriculture over the past 30 years.

The registration fee for this Roundtable discussion is \$50 which includes the proceedings and a banquet ticket. Additional banquet tickets are available for \$25.

For more information and to register, write Dr. R. L. Willham, Animal Science Department, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011. Make your check out to Frank Baker Fund (ISU Achievement Foundation).

Those wishing to contribute to the cost of the portrait for Dr. Frank Baker may do so by increasing the dollar amount of your check.



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