

Sheiss Tops Junior Barrow Show

Beam Crossbred Barrow Is KILE Grand Champion

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HARRISBURG — The ladder to success has plenty of hard-won rungs if you happen to be a competitor in the Keystone International's on-foot barrow show. First your hog wins his weight class, then he competes for the breed championship, and third, he has to defeat all other breeds for

the open show title. He's not finished yet, though.

KILE also has a junior barrow show, and, in the final round, the junior and open show champions square off for the grand championship of the overall show.

Nelson Beam was one happy hog driver on Monday after running the competition gauntlet and

finding himself at the top of the ladder. "I was really surprised," said the owner of the grand champion, a Hampshire-sired crossbred barrow that weighed in at 227 pounds. This was only the second year of KILE competition for Beam, who owns the Elverson-based Cedar Meadows Swine in partnership with his father, Omar Beam.

The show's top barrow was sired by the boar that sired the reserve champion Farm Show barrow two years ago. "He's done real well for us," said Beam.

For reserve grand champion honors, judge Wayne Yake of Purdue's Indiana Swine Test Station, stayed with a theme and went with the crossbred barrow that topped the junior show on Sunday. The winning junior barrow was shown by Eric Sheiss, 14, son of Daryl and Penny Sheiss of Chambersburg.

Bred at the family's farrow-to-finish operation, the top junior barrow was a Hampshire-Yorkshire cross that weighed 221 pounds.

Unlike Nelson Beam, Sheiss is no newcomer to the KILE winners circle, having won three junior barrow championships and three reserve overall titles.

Right behind Sheiss in the junior barrow show was Monica Feeser, daughter of Frank and Julie Feeser of Taneytown Maryland. The 10-year-old 4-H'er had plenty of momentum going into the KILE show, after showing the champion barrow at the Eastern National Livestock Show in Maryland only last week.

Feeser's reserve champion junior barrow was a homebred York-Hamp cross bred at the family's 200-sow seedstock operation.

At reserve in the open barrow show was a barrow shown by Penn State University. Following are the placings in the junior and open shows.

- Junior Barrows**
 Lightweight 200 215 lbs
 1 Kristen Hazlett 2 Gus Parlett 3 Scott Hazlett
 Mediumweight 216 230 lbs
 1 Eric Sheiss 2 Monica Feeser 3 Don Sheiss
 Heavyweight 231 245 lbs
 1 Matt Horchler 2 Dale Bowers 3 Jennifer Arnold
- Champion Junior Barrow**
 Eric Sheiss
Reserve Champion
 Monica Feeser
- Duroc Barrows**
 Lightweight 200 215 lbs
 1 Penn State University 2 Parlett 3 Hess Durocs
 Mediumweight 216 230 lbs
 1 Penn State 2 Hess Durocs 3 Lawrence Arnold
 Heavyweight
 1 LaVern Weller 2 David Holloway 3 David Holloway
- Champion Duroc Barrow**
 LaVern Weller
Reserve Champion
 David Holloway
- Spotted Barrows**
 Lightweight
 Mediumweight
 1 Bourbon Springs 2 James Parlett 3 Bourbon Springs
 Heavyweight
 1 Penn State University 2 Penn State 3 Weller Brothers
- Hampshire Barrows**
 Lightweight
 1 Frank Feeser 21 Carl Rabenold 3 Marilyn Weller
 Mediumweight
 1 Frank Feeser 2 Carl Rabenold 3 Frank Feeser
 Heavyweight
 1 Carolyn Thomas 2 Frank Feeser 3 Frank Feeser
- Champion Hampshire Barrow**
 Frank Feeser
Reserve Champion
 Carl Rabenold
- Chester White Barrows**
 Lightweight
 1 Hedgerow Farms
 Mediumweight
 1 James Parlett 2 Rodger Bankert
 Heavyweight
 1 Hedgerow Farms 2 Parkinson & Rodbaugh 3 James Parlett
- Champion Chester White**
 Hedgerow Farms
Reserve Champion
 Hedgerow Farms
- Spotted Barrows**
 Lightweight
 1 James Parlett 2 Bourbon Springs Farm 3 Lazarus Bros
 Mediumweight
 1 Bourbon Springs 2 James Parlett 3 Bourbon Springs
 Heavyweight
 1 Keith Bard
Champion Spotted Barrow
 Bourbon Springs Farm



Another crossbred entry, this one shown by Eric Sheiss, won the junior barrow show and took reserve overall honors.



Nelson Beam went all the way in barrow-on-foot competition, winning the open show with his crossbred pig, then going on to take the overall title.



Monica Feeser showed reserve champion barrow in junior show.

- Reserve Champion**
 James Parlett
- Berkshire Barrows**
 Mediumweight
 1 Brian Eisenhour 2 Clayton Winebark
 Heavyweight
 1 Brian Eisenhour 2 Daryl Grumbine 3 Ken Winebark
- Champion Berkshire Barrow**
 Brian Eisenhour
Reserve Champion
 Brian Eisenhour
- Yorkshire Barrows**
 Lightweight
 1 Penn State University 2 Franklin Feeser 3 Franklin Feeser
 Mediumweight
 1 Penn State University 2 Penn State 3 Weller Brothers
 Heavyweight
 1 Frank Feeser 2 Weller Bros 3 Calvin Lazarus & Sons
- Champion Yorkshire Barrow**
 Penn State University
Reserve Champion
 Penn State University
Champion Open Barrow
 Nelson Beam
Reserve Champion Open Barrow
 Penn State University
Grand Champion Barrow
 Nelson Beam
Reserve Grand Champion
 Eric Sheiss

KILE Swine



Fall Swine Sale Held

BEAVERTOWN — Brooks End and Par Kay Farms held their annual fall sale on Sept. 26, selling 158 head for a total of \$59,400. The sale's 97 head of purebred boars and gilts averaged \$484.

The top selling animal was a Yorkshire boar purchased by Sam Lane of Dover, North Carolina for \$1,000.

The top selling York bred gilt went to Charles Wallace of Tyrone for \$635. Samuel Raup of Wat-

sontown spent \$900 for the top Landrace bred gilt. The sale's top Landrace boar went for \$950 to Harold Gerig of Hicksville, Ohio.

Sale averages were as follows:
 •Yorkshire bred gilts...\$419
 •Yorkshire boars.....\$529
 •Landrace bred gilts...\$554
 •Landrace boars.....\$545
 •Commercial open gilts.\$204

Sale auctioneer Harry Bachman sold consignments into eight states. A winter sale is scheduled for January 16, 1987.

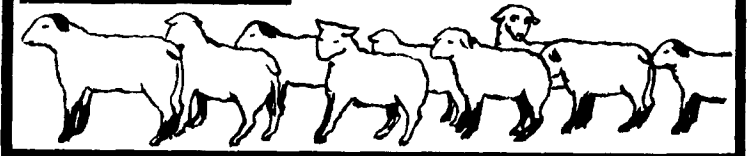
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Flock Forum

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Keystone Shepherds' Symposium

How can I increase my lambing percentage? When do I need a veterinarian? What kind of grasses and forages should I be producing? What are the best sheep fences and handling facilities for a working sheep operation?

A team of experienced sheep husbandrymen from the nationally recognized Pipestone Sheep Project, Pipestone, Minnesota, will be answering these questions and more at the Keystone Shepherds' Symposium on Dec. 19 and 20, at the Ramada Inn, Somerset.

Mike Caskey, project coordinator, will start off the Friday session on management, breeding and selection principles for increasing pounds of lamb marketed per ewe.

Should you feel a bit rusty in the area of lambing—and particularly how to proceed when confronted with a difficult parturition—plan to hear Dr. G.F. Kennedy discuss some basic techniques for assisting a lambing ewe.

Livestock producers looking at sheep production as an alternative enterprise will be interested in information presented through computer programs designed to compare present production levels to projected production levels of lamb and wool.

What factors can be revealed that make one sheep operation more successful than another? Answers to this important question will be addressed by two very successful sheep producers:

Jonathan May of Timberville, Virginia, and Ian Cunningham of Pipestone, Minnesota. Both producers own and manage large commercial sheep operations.

Dr. Kennedy will also be discussing flock health, touching on control and treatment measures for some of the more prevalent health problems such as mastitis, abortions, foot rot and internal parasites.

The featured speaker for Friday evening will be Ron Guenther, superintendent of Ohio State University's sheep program. He will discuss where the industry should be headed in purebred sheep production. A symposium program and registration details are available from your county extension office.

SID Announces Revisions
 The Sheep Industry Development Program of the American Sheep Producers Council has recently revised the Marketing, Management and Nutrition chapters of the Sheepman's Production Handbook. The revised chapters themselves are available for \$4.50. They are automatically included when the handbook is ordered at a cost of \$22.50.

Also available is a comprehensive report on farm flock budgets typically used by producers, bankers and others when projecting profit opportunities for sheep operations. Cost of the report is 25 cents. For information on these publications write SID, 200 Clayton St., Denver, CO, 80206. Telephone: 303-399-8130.