

Christiana Keener Promotes Lamb Products

CHAMBERSBURG — Christiana Keener of Chambersburg was crowned 1988 Franklin County Lamb and Wool Queen August 27 at the Franklin County Extension Office. Christiana, 16, is the daughter of Mark and Elisabeth Keener. Kelly Boyd, 14, was selected as Princess. She is the daughter of Gary and Donna Boyd, Chambersburg.

The four contestants had to answer several questions about the lamb and wool industry asked by emcee Scott Smith. When asked what she would call someone who thinks lamb tastes and smells terrible, Christiana replied that the offending meat was probably grass-fed Australian mutton. American lamb is grain-fed, she noted. "Our job is to teach people what American lamb tastes like," she added.

She was also asked about the advantages of buying a sweater made of real wool rather than a less expensive one made of synthetics. "A wool sweater will stay pretty," she said, "while the synthetic will fade. A wool sweater is a good investment -- it will last a lifetime."

The goals of the American Sheep Producers Council, Christiana told the audience, are to promote lamb and wool through posters, radio, and magazines, and to provide profitability for the farmers.

Christiana is a junior at Chambersburg Area Senior High School where she is enrolled in the accelerated college preparatory program. She is a member of the Franklin County 4-H Shepherds and the 4-H Nimble Spindles.

Princess Kelly Boyd is a ninth grader at J. Frank Faust Junior High School in the college preparatory program. She is a member of the Franklin County 4-H Shepherds and the Franklin County Seeing Eye Puppy Club. She recently took part in a Seeing Eye puppy demonstration at Penn State, where she won a blue ribbon.

Kelly gave the audience some suggestions on using cuts from the front of the lamb. Cubes can be used for shish kabobs, she said, ground lamb can be used to make lamb-burgers, and shoulder cuts can be roasted.

Advantages of a wool sweater over a synthetic, according to Kelly are: wool is cool in summer and warm in winter, is naturally fire resistant and water repellent, and holds dye well.

Christiana and Kelly were crowned by Heather Fusting, 1987 Franklin County Lamb and Wool Queen. During her reign, Heather attended banquets with other commodity queens, rode in a Fourth of July parade, and handed out sample of lamb at the Franklin County Fair. She also took a lamb to the Waterwheel Day Care to teach the children about lamb and wool products. At five local senior centers she made speeches and gave out samples of lamb and wool. Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fusting, St. Thomas.

The contest was open to any girl in Franklin County who has a 4-H or FFA lamb or wool project, or whose parents are involved in any manner with the lamb and wool

industry. Contestants were judged on appearance (10 points), poise and personality (20 points), knowledge of the lamb and wool industry (35 points) and speaking ability (35 points).

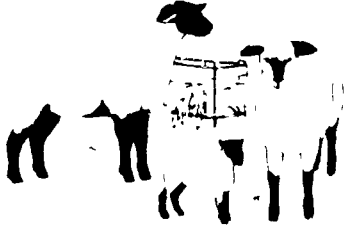
Emcee Scott Smith officiated for the third year. A retail appliance salesman, he emcees the Shippensburg Fair and the Cumberland County Dairy Princess pageant.

Judges were Charlotte Rhine, Orrstown; Mary Beth Fishel, Shippensburg; and Kathleen Cramer, Chambersburg.

Other contestants were Gretchen Schoenberg, Shippensburg, daughter of Kenneth and Rebecca Schoenberg, and Rachel Cody, Spring Run, daughter of Robert and Elisabeth Cody.



1987 Franklin County Lamb and Wool Queen Heather Fusting, Right, crowns 1988 queen, Christiana Keener.



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