

31st Annual KILE Breeds Sheep Winners

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HARRISBURG—Breeders went home Monday night from the 31st Keystone International Livestock Exposition counting their winnings as well as their sheep. Competition was stiff as participants from 13 states showed the cream of their flock in 250 classes. Montadale sheep were presented for the first time at KILE this year, with 12 exhibitors showing 56 beautifully fitted, stylish sheep.



Shepherd Marlyn Stroh and his wife, Alice, showed the champion Cheviot ram and ewe at the KILE show. The farm, owned by F. Eugene Dixon of Lafayette Hills, Pa., has been breeding Cheviots for 50 years.



This spring Hampshire ram, exhibited by Verna Gengler, Honey Hill Hampshires, Pittstown, N.J., and handler Buster Wilson, was judged champion of its breed. Its full brother was the reserve champion.



Rebecca Hope's history of showing champions continued as she exhibited the top Hampshire ewe. Her mother, Betty, handled the Knoxville, Md. girl's spring lamb.

Cheviot

Erdenheim Farm, Lafayette Hill, Pa., swept the Cheviot division, placing first in each division. Owner F. Eugene Dixon, who has been breeding Cheviots for 50 years, also won the premier exhibitor award.

Circle K Cheviot, Bedford, Pa., did well taking second in the spring ram lamb class, pair of ram lambs class, pair of yearling ewes class, and exhibitor's flock classes

well as having the reserve champion ram and third place in the pen of three ewe lambs class.

Columbia

Bob and Suzie Leib of Shepherd's Crook Farm in Mechanicsburg showed the two top rams at the show; a fall lamb, undefeated this year, took the champion honors and a yearling ram was judged the reserve champion. The two sheep also placed first in the pair of ram lambs class. Other Leib entries were runners-up in the pen of three ewe lambs and pair of yearling ewes classes. The Leibs also walked away with second in the exhibitor's flock class.

The champion ewe was exhibited by Richard & Mary Ann Johnson, who had the champion ram last year and champion ram and ewe in 1985. The Johnsons also took first in the pen of three ewe lambs, spring ewe lamb, and exhibitor's flock, and second in spring ewe lamb and yearling ram.

Corriedale

Dennis Kendall, Jr., from Hydes, Md., just got into Corriedales last spring and is might glad he did: the fall ram lamb he showed was judged champion. Pennsylvanian Emil Mellott from Needmore did well with second in the pair of ram lambs and pen of three ewe lambs as did Kimberly A. Hopple from Mechanicsburg who took first in the yearling ram class and third in the pair of yearling ewes and exhibitor's flock classes.

Dorset

Despite stiff competition, M.M. Downsborough of Windswept Farm in State College took the champion ram and reserve champion ewe honors as well as the premiere exhibitor's award. Windswept also placed first and second in the yearling ewe class, first in pen of three ewe lambs, second in fall ewe lamb and first in spring ewe lamb.

Pennsylvania breeder, Alicia Strausbaugh of York showed the champion ewe as well as placing second in the spring and fall ram classes, first in the pair of ram lambs, first in the fall ewe lamb class, and second in the pen of three ewe lambs.

The reserve champion Dorset ram lamb was the first place fall buck shown by Herr Family Dorsets in Narvon.

Hampshire

Honey Hill Farm of Pittstown, N.J., showed two full sibling rams, a spring lamb and a yearling, which were judged champion and reserve champion ram respectively. The farm, owned by Verna Gengler, also was named second in the exhibitor's flock class.

The champion ewe was a spring lamb shown by Rebecca Hope of Knoxville, Md., while Price Stock Farm of Westminster, Md., claimed the reserve champion ewe honors. Hope had the top exhibitor's flock and won the premier exhibitor award.

Montadale

The first KILE champion Montadale ram and ewe were shown by Alfred and Katherine Tyler of Glen Arm, Md. The champion ram, a long-bodied, stretchy kind of lamb won its spring class, while the ewe took her yearling class. The Tylers also placed first in the spring ewe and pen of three ewe lambs and their spring ewe was named reserve champion.

Rambouillet

Of the stylish sheep shown by Billy George Leib of Mechanicsburg, his yearling ram was judged reserve champion and his first-



In his 20 years of breeding Shropshires, Peter D'Ambra, Jefferson, Md. has produced two more winners. His champion ewe was handled by Bruce Stewart, middle, and his champion ram was shown by Mike Carpenter, right.



Greg Strausbaugh of York showed his daughter Alicia's champion Dorset ewe at KILE.



A stylish, well-balanced Dorset buck displayed by Buster Wilson for Mr. and Mrs. Downsborough of State College, was judged champion ram of its breed.

place spring ewe took reserve championship honors. Leib's sheep also placed second in the pen of three ewe lambs class.

Romney

Springfield Farms of Rock Hall, Md., had a strong showing in this class capturing the champion ewe title as well as reserve champion ram and first in the exhibitor's flock class. The farm placed first in the spring ram and spring ewe classes, pair of ram lambs and pen of three ewe lambs. In addition, they won the premier exhibitor award.

Shropshire

Peter D'Ambra of Jefferson, Md., dominated the Shropshire competition, showing the champ-

ion ram and ewe plus the reserve championship ewe. His wins included first and second in the spring ram lamb, spring ewe lamb, fall ewe lamb, and yearling ewe classes; first in the pair of ram lambs class, sale ewe lamb, and pen of three ewe lambs. D'Ambra also won the premier exhibitor award.

Southdown

The ribbons for champion ram and champion and reserve ewes were claimed by W.G. Carpenter of Jefferson, Md. Carpenter also went home with the exhibitor's flock and premier exhibitor awards.