

Keystone Shepherd's Symposium

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ter Stockyards, Lancaster; Dr. Thomas Drake, extension veterinarian PSU Animal Disease Laboratory, and Dirk Wise assistant shepherd at PSU.

PSWGA president James T. Sheeder, Somerset, presented the awards. Receiving recognition and a plaque in the Purebred Flock-Adult division was Mr. and Mrs. Truman Calvert from Greene County, Spraggs. The Trumans raise registered Shropshire, Cheviot, Merino and Dorset sheep. They have exhibited sheep at the Pa. Farm Show, Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Ohio State Fair, Maryland State Fair as well as many county fairs throughout Pennsylvania. The Trumans have sold sheep to the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan as well as throughout the U.S. and Canada. They have consigned rams to the Pa. Ram Test every year since 1973 where their rams frequently finish among the top. The Truman flock is synonymous with the sheep industry in western Pa. Their two sons as well as their grandchildren have carried on their parents excellence in the purebred sheep industry each having their own flock of sheep. Their son Robert is a county agent in Mercer Co. Accepting the award for his parents was the Trumans' other son Thomas, who is a member of the Soil Conservation Service in charge of Project Grass in Southwestern, Pa.

In the Commercial Flock Over 100 Ewes division, the award was presented to John and Sukey Jamison, Westmoreland County, Latrobe. The Jamison ewe flock consists of Finn Dorset Columbia Hampshire crosses. The Finn component was induced to increase the lambing percentage. The Dorset to contribute to out of season breeding. When selecting terminal sires,

muscling and rate of gain are considered most important and the Jamisons select ewes for replacements that are of multiple births. A flock health program has been set and the farm is fenced to facilitate rotational grazing. Their marketing expertise and creativity is coupled with a tenacious attitude and blinking bowtie to make the Jamison Farm a success.

The award in the Purebred Flock - Junior division was presented to Peter and Jeremy Cattau, Indiana County, Clune. The two brothers raise registered Suffolk and Southdown sheep and are members of the National Suffolk Sheep Assoc., Jr. Suffolk Sheep Assoc., American Southdown Sheep Assoc., Mid Atlantic Southdown Breeder's Assoc., Indiana County Sheep and Wool Growers Assoc., and assist at the Indiana Co. Wool Pool. In 1986 they were members of the Pa. FFA Livestock Judging Team that attended the National Contest in Kansas City, Mo. They are both enrolled at PSU working toward a degree in Agriculture Education.

Pa's Oldest Active Sheep Producer Honored

Another premier award was presented at the banquet to Pennsylvania's oldest active sheep producer. "PENNSYLVANIA SHEEP PRODUCER" magazine editor, Dottie Alackness, expressed that a statewide search was conducted for this very special sheep producer and twelve nominations were received with the producers ranging in age from sixty-eight to ninety-two. Mrs. Alackness impressed that it is obvious being a sheep producer keeps one young and in agriculture as the average "older" sheep producer is in his seventies. She also expressed that being "old" is not an insult but that these people are greatly respected and admired. "And the ones that I hold dear to me I call my Walking

Encyclopedias. They are there with their knowledge, wisdom, experience and help at our very asking."

The recipient of this unique Keystone Shepherd's Award was Christian Wilson, age 92 of 800 Davis School Rd., Washington. Christian and his wife Laura own a 225 acre farm in Washington County where he raises registered Suffolk sheep and Red Polled cattle.

The Wilsons purchased their farm in 1951 and started in the sheep business with a flock of Corriedales and in 1960 replaced the Corriedales and purchased ten registered Suffolks. Christian currently has a flock of forty purebred Suffolks. He markets his lambs almost exclusively as breeding stock. He is actively involved in his sheep operation and does have help with the farm chores and field work. Christian keeps his sheep in the barn during the winter months as he feels they are much easier to care for.

A representative from the Washington County Extension service, Joanna Shephard, accepted the award, a buffalo horn accented shepherds crook, as Mr. Wilson was unable to attend.

Symposium Educational Program Resumes

Dr. Don Bailey initiated the program on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. followed by Patricia Whitaker, V.M.D., Aspers, Pa. Dr. Whitaker's program revolved around keeping lambs healthy from birth to market stressing a good preventative health program. Dr. David Petriz, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, followed with two sessions on managing for profit in a sheep enter-

prise and the economics of pasture management. Dr. Petriz emphasized the strategies to improve pastures which included; housecleaning, "clean them up!", fertility, "strip grazing," renovation and reestablishment.

Production records and how to use them and their need was discussed by Dan Morrical, Coordinator for the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP), Iowa State University. Mr. Morrical reviewed the NSIP and it's benefits to producers. At this time the PSWGA awarded memberships to the NSIP to four Pa. sheep producers. They were: Roy Thompson, Coudersport; Robert Russo, Friedens; John Jamison, Latrobe; and Larry Breech, Danville.

Dr. Keith Inskeep, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, rounded out the symposium as he presented an update on estrus synchronization and artificial insemination of sheep.

Pa. Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest Finals

Winners of the Pa. State Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest were announced at the luncheon on Saturday by state coordinator, Cecile Midler. In the Preteen Division Jodell Rhoades, Berlin, placed first; Brigitte Dawson, Bethel Park, placed second and Gayle Clyde, Slippery Rock, placed third. In the junior Division, Jennifer Stairs, Acme, placed first, followed by Amy Jane Ross, Marion Center, second, and Gwendolyn Perry, Hamburg, third. Placing first in the Senior Division was Marie-France Reyes, Greensburg; second, Bonnie Pearce, Renfrew, and third, Jacqueline Heald, Landenberg. In the Adult Division, Shirley Dunn, Chicora, placed first; Joan Fichtner, Norristown,

second and Gloria Pearce, Renfrew, third.

Overall winners of the contest were, first place Marie-France Reyes and second place, Jennifer Stairs. These two young ladies received an all expense paid trip to the National MIYWW contest to be held at San Antonio, Texas, January 16, 1988.

Pa. Conference on Small Ruminant Medicine Conducted

Also held in conjunction with the Second Annual Keystone Shepherd's Symposium was the Pennsylvania Conference on Small Ruminant Medicine. Twenty-three veterinarians from across the state participated. Speakers included: Dr. Don Bailey, D.V.M., Patricia Whitaker, D.V.M., Wendy Freeman, V.M.D., Jon Palmer, V.M.D., University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Kennett Square, Dr. Keith Inskeep, Dr. Thomas Drake and Wendy Vaala, V.M.D. also of the University of Pa. Veterinary School.

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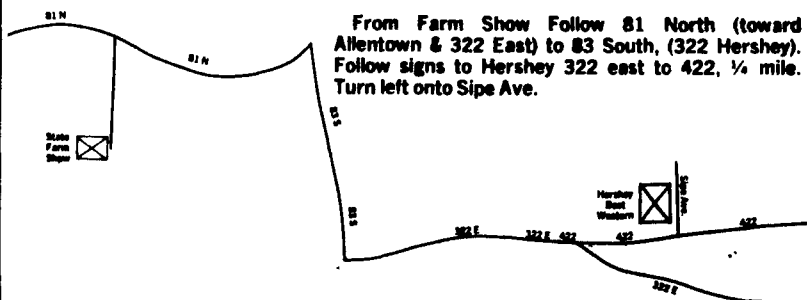
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