



Chester County 4-H

Livestock Awards Banquet



Flock Forum

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Q: What is the purpose of a checkoff program?

A: As producers the sheep and lamb checkoff will provide needed funds to educate consumers, support applied research programs and promote Pennsylvania lamb in the market place. Because lamb remains to be a minor item in the red meat chain, an extra producer commitment can help assure consumers that we produce a wholesome product that can fit in their diet and is worthy of their trust.

Q: Who will administer and control the checkoff program once enacted?

A: The program will be administered in accordance with the requirements of thine member commodity marketing board consisting of Pennsylvania sheep producers will be appointed by the Sure. Board nominations will be solicited from each voting producer. Primary duties of the board will be to adopt, approve and administer producer and consumer information, research and lamb and wool promotion programs throughout Pennsylvania. The program will be run by producers as producers want it to function and shall be controlled by a producer board.

Q: How will the checkoff help the small sheep producer?

A: A healthy market helps everyone. Whether we sell 5 or 1,000 head, we are all better off if the market is strong and consumers are kept informed about the positive values of lamb in their diet. That is the purpose of the ge shall be twenty-five cents (\$.25) per head on all sheep and lambs produced ll sheep producers who produce and market sheep and lambs for sale. Any Id, order buyer, dealer or any individual who purchases sheep and lamb must deduct \$.25 per head from the sale receipts of the seller.

Q: How will the checkoff funds be collected?

A: The "Collecting person" or purchaser shall make remittance and accounting of the proper charge to the Secretary or his designated fiscal agent by the 15th day of the calendar month following the month collections were made.

Q: How much money will the checkoff raise?

A: Sheep and lamb sale numbers have been estimated at 90,000 head of lambs slaughtered and some 10,000 head of breeding sheep sold annually in Pennsylvania. Approximately \$25,000 will become available for conducting statewide, regional and local educational, research and promotional programs.

Q: Why do we need so much money to support the program?

A: Comparative values can help one to better evaluate an adequate annual program budget. Our red meat competitors in Pennsylvania

alone are spending annually some \$450,000 for beef and veal and \$63,000 for pork education, research and promotion programs. The poultry industry spends approximately \$1.6 million a year in advertising their products in Pennsylvania .

Q: How will the cheeme inacted?

A: Following a series of public meetings throughout the state informing producers about the checkoff program the Secretary shall conduct a referendum among the Pennsylvania sheep producers. Approval of the program will be determined by not less than a majority by number of those voting indicating their support of the program.

Q: Can the checkoff program be terminated once enacted?

A: Every five years the Secretary of Agriculture shall call a referendum to determine whether or not two-thirds of the sheep producers voting still desire a check-off program.

Q: How will the voting be conducted?

A: Ballots will be mailed to all Pennsylvania sheep producers having records of receiving past wool incentive payments through their county ASCS office. All ballots and suggested board nominations will be returned for tally to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Q: Will there be a public hearing on the Marketing Act?

A: Following the scheduled educational meetings on the Marketing Act and prior to voting a public hearing will be announced and conducted by the Secretary of Agriculture

Q: What is the scheduled voting period?

A: Voting is scheduled to take place June 1 through June 15, 1988.

Q: When shall the checkoff program take effect?

A: Following will appoint member Commodity Marketing Board for administering the program from the list of nominees. The checkoff program is scheduled to take effect on August 1, 1988.

Q: How may I better inform myself about the Pennsylvania Sheep and Lamb Marketing Act?

A: 1) Attend one of the scheduled county &/or regional educational meetings. Information e.g. date, time and place of these meetings is available by calling your county Extension office 2) Draft copies of the Marketing Act may be requested by writing to or calling the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, 2301 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa 17120 Attn. Mr L.J. Hubert. Ph. (717) 783-9948.

Meeting Schedule	
Location	
February 12	Indiana Co.
February 18	Carbon Co.

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GLENMOORE — "Let's make 4-H a household word!" Pat Taws urged Chester County 4-H'ers last week. Taws, chairman of the county's 4-H center committee, announced the third annual beef raffle beginning in mid-March to benefit the proposed new center in Springton Manor Park.

The presentation of awards at the 4-H banquet in Devereaux Foundation's Soleil Farm dining hall concluded a successful year for Chester County's 4-H Livestock Clubs. Besides reviewing 1987 activities, the 4-H'ers expressed appreciation to leaders, buyers, sponsors and contributors.

In addition to trophies and awards handed out by Bill MacCauley, 4-H Sheep Club Alumnus, prizes were given by Gerry Williams, who represented the John Rock Memorial Fund, and W. Richard Good, representing Blue Ball National Bank.

Outstanding Club Work awards were presented to five members leaving 4-H club work who have given unusual service to their clubs: Anita Howe, Rick Hicks, Robert Rohrer, Mike Stoltzfus and Leader J. Wilmer Stoltzfus.

Swine Club members honored were: Brian Beam, champion market hog and farm credit achievement Award; Dave Renkert, reserve champion market hog and reserve champion trio; Bill Beam, champion trio. Also, Mike Stoltzfus, champion senior showman; Bob Bell, reserve champion senior showman; Matt Howe, champion junior showman; Matt Stoltzfus, reserve champion junior showman; and Eric Marsh, average daily gain award.

Sheep Club awards went to Donna MacCauley, champion market lamb, reserve champion senior showman, reserve grand champion showman, champion senior blocker, grand champion blocker, champion Cheviot ewe, champion Suffolk ewe, reserve champion Suffolk ewe and farm credit senior division achievement award. At the 1988 Farm Show, Donna placed second in the junior division state blocking contest and showed champion and reserve champion Cheviot ewes in the Open and Junior Shows.

Awards also went to Shannon Templin, champion junior showman, champion junior blocker, champion Dorset ewe, reserve champion Dorset ewe and John Rock Memorial Junior Award; and Ricky Hicks, champion senior showman, grand champion showman, reserve champion senior blocker, reserve grand champion blocker and champion Hampshire ewe.

Other awards were given to Katie Wensel, reserve champion market lamb and reserve champion Hampshire ewe; John Hollinger, champion first year showman; and Jessee Holmes, reserve champion first year showman. Mindy Anderman, reserve champion junior showman and reserve champion Cheviot ewe and Ellen Herr,



Swine Club award winners at the 1988 Chester County Livestock Banquet are (left to right), front row: Matt Stoltzfus, Eric Olsen Marsh, Matthew Howe; back row: Dave Renkert, Brian Beam, Mike Stoltzfus.



Sheep Club award winners at Chester County's 4-H Livestock Banquet are (left to right), front row: Kendra Stoltzfus, David Hicks, John Hollinger, Mindy Anderman, Ellen Herr; back row: Shannon Templin, Donna MacCauley, Katie Wensel, Ricky Hicks, Curt Barrett.



Chester County Beef Club award winners are (left to right), front row: David Howe, Matt McAllister, Jonathan Howe, Chris Jordan, Matthew McClellan; back row: Pennsylvania Angus Queen Tiffany Rohrer, Robert Rohrer, Richard Cabot, Matthew Howe.



champion crossbred ewe, reserve champion crossbred ewe, champion Shropshire ewe and reserve champion Shropshire ewe; and Chris Young, reserve champion junior blocker. David Hicks, champion Southdown ewe and reserve champion Southdown ewe; Kendra Stoltzfus, junior division farm credit achievement award; and Curt Barrett, John Rock Memorial Senior Award.

Beef Club Awards were given to David Howe, champion steer; John Crossan, reserve champion steer; Chris Jordan, champion Angus heifer and junior achievement award; and Matthew McClellan, reserve champion Angus heifer.

Awards went to Tiffany Rohrer, Pennsylvania Angus Queen for 1988, champion senior showman, and senior division farm credit achievement award; and Rob Rohrer, senior achievement award, teen leader award and out-going president award. Matt Howe, champion junior showman; Richard Cabot, champion first year showman and first year achievement Award; Matt McAllister, average daily gain award; and Jonathan Howe, feed efficiency award.

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March 8	Centre Co.
March 10	Tioga Co
March 15	Northumberland Co
March 15	Mercer Co
March 16	Washington Co
March 19	Bradford Co.
March 22	Berks Co.
March 25	York Co.