

Pennsylvania's Outstanding Sheep Compete At Show

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HARRISBURG — With stately airs, hundreds of sheep paraded around the Farm Show arena on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Judge Gale Cole from Illinois remarked, "It was a much bigger show than I expected and very competitive."

Competition included the following breeds: Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, and Suffolk.

Hampshire

In Hampshire competition, Musselman astounded competition with his ram Master Blaster.

"It's a big as a horse," admirers exclaimed.

The handsome sheep almost did not make it to competition. Musselman reported that he tried to sell the ram in the spring. When bidding only reached \$300 on the auction block, Musselman changed his mind.

He's thrilled he did. The champion ram turned out to be so impressive that a breeder recently offered Musselman \$8,000 for Master Blaster.

"I'm not selling," Musselman retorted. He's going to do all my breeding for me."

Musselman with his children and sister Diane, has been raising Hampshires for four year. Since the beginning, his flock has earned consistent placings in competition.

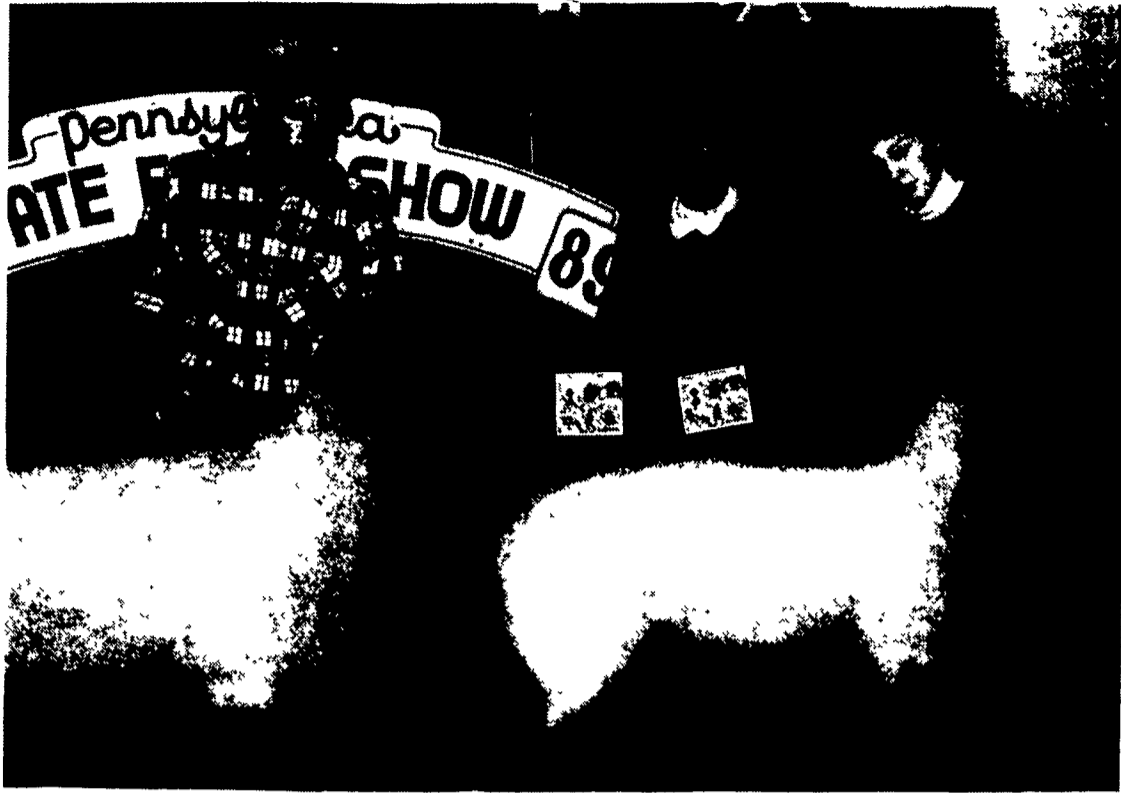
This year Musselman, who has a flock of 35, concentrated on showing his rams because he wants to expose them to the public. They were bred from his past grand champions and show the dimension and correctness of his flock.

"It was a very strong show," Musselman said. "Because Hampshires go for market lambs, it's a more competitive breed.

Competition to Musselman came in the name of Blu-Acre Farm from Robesonia. The farm is run by two families who share chores but own their sheep individually.

One family is Tim and Sarah Fleener who won the premier breeder and the champion ewe awards.

Their partners, Clyde Brubakers had the reserve champion ewe and



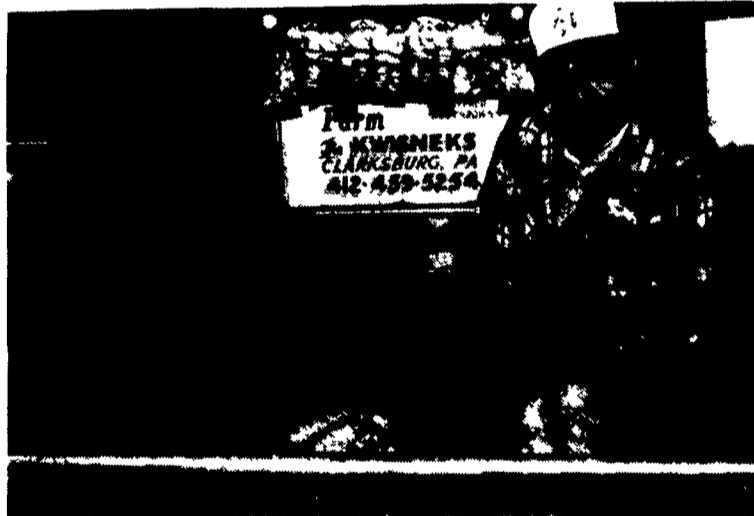
Donna MacCauley (right) of Atglen showed the Suffolk champion ewe and ram. Donna's brother, Bill, holds the ram, her mother Joan holds the plaques.



Pine Haven Farms showed the Suffolk reserve champion ewe and lamb. John and Dianne Conaway, above, were also named premier exhibitor for the Suffolk division.



The Glenn Musselman family from Lancaster dominated the Hampshire division. From left: Diane, Glenn, Lisa, Emily and Sara.



Kwisneks of Clarksburg swept the Southdown awards. Steve Kwisnek's impressive showing earned him both the premier breeder and the premier exhibitor awards.



For the past 15 years the Herr family of Narvon has claimed title to the champion Dorset ram and ewe in farm show competition. From left: Steve Taylor, daughter Barbara Bamberg, granddaughter Jamie Bamber and Dr. Robert Herr. The Herrs also received the champion carcass lamb award.

placed first in pair and pen of lambs.

Dorset

It was no surprise that Dr. Robert and Mrs. Herr of Narvon captured the champion ram and ewe honors; they've been doing it

for about 15 years.

The Herr family owns a group of 40 Dorset; six came for Farm Show competition. Dr. Herr said last year's champion ram sired all the lambs for the fall.

"We're be back next year with lambs sired from this year's

champion," promised Herr.

The Kenneth Staver family from Palmyra was named premier breeder for the Dorset breed.

Veteran winner Alicia Straubach from York claimed the premier exhibitor award.

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Blu-Acre Farm with its purebred Hampshires showed the champion and reserve champion ewes. The Robesonia farm is operated by two families who work together but owned their sheep individually. Shown from left: Mrs. Clyde Brubaker, Kyle and Sarah Fleener.