

# Junior Sheep Breeders Exhibit Their Finest At Farm Show

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**HARRISBURG** — More than 50 young sheep breeders from around the state exhibited their finest ewe lambs and yearlings at the Farm Show's Junior Breeding Sheep competition. The difficult task of choosing champions and reserve champions fell to Monty Chappel from Lexington, Ky. He selected them from the Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, and Suffolk breeds as well as a champion and reserve in the Other Breeds category.

### Cheviot

In her nine years of showing Cheviots at Farm Show, Donna MacCauley of Atglen in Chester County has had a champion or a reserve champion in almost every

year. This year was no exception as the 18-year-old daughter of William and Joan MacCauley captured both top honors with her sheep.

Chappel selected her homebred yearling ewe as champion, thereby adding to its titles, which include a second-place finish in the junior show at the North American International Livestock Exhibition. The ewe's sire is a Shoop ram and her dam is an Erdheim granddaughter.

### Dorset

Fourteen-year-old Stacey Suffel of Carlisle expected her ewe lamb to do well as it has been named champion of other shows. Chappel didn't let her down as the lamb was named champion of the Dorset division. Suffel's yearling took

home the reserve champion title.

Suffel, the daughter of John and Shirley Suffel, has been exhibiting at Farm Show for four years, and these were her first champions.

### Hampshire

Lancaster Countian Wendall Landis will have good memories of his first Farm Show competition, particularly as he received both purple rosettes for his Hampshires. The 13-year-old son of Abe and Dottie Landis of Manheim, Landis is a fourth-year 4-H'er. Both of his champions were ewe lambs. Brittany, the champion, was reserve champion at the 1988 Lancaster County 4-H Woolies Roundup, while the reserve champion, Morgan, was champion at the 1988 Elizabethtown Fair.

### Shropshire

Everyone has their own image of the perfect breeding sheep and these images differ. Such was the case at the open and junior breeding sheep shows. Chappel selected Geoff Powell's yearling ewe as champion, while the open show judge named her reserve champion. Powell also had the champion in this year's open Shropshire show, but that animal didn't place in the junior championship drive.

Powell, the 11-year-old son of Doris Powell of Rome, also had the 1987 Farm Show champion Shropshire in the open and junior contests. He is a third-year 4-H'er.

Jessica McCrumb of Mars in Butler County took home the reserve champion title. Chappel was impressed with her ewe lamb, which he named first in its class.

### Southdown

Ewe lambs dominated the championship drive in the Southdown competition. Drew Bankert of Red Lion received the purple rosette for the first time at Farm Show for his first-place ewe lamb, Snowwhite. Slipping into the reserve champion slot was Elizabeth Dollar of Bedford with Dollar 69.

Bankert, the 10-year-old son of Michael and Joyce Bankert, is a second-year 4-H'er and has been showing at Farm Show for only two years.

### Suffolk

Only hours after winning the Cheviot division, Donna MacCauley was accepting another championship ribbon, this time for her Suffolk ewe lamb. Her champion, Breezeview 588, also was named champion of the open show. Breezeview's dam was champion of last year's Farm Show open and junior shows, while her sire was champion of both 1988 and 1989 Farm Show open competitions.

Chappel tapped the yearling ewe shown by T.L. Brookover Jr. as reserve champion.

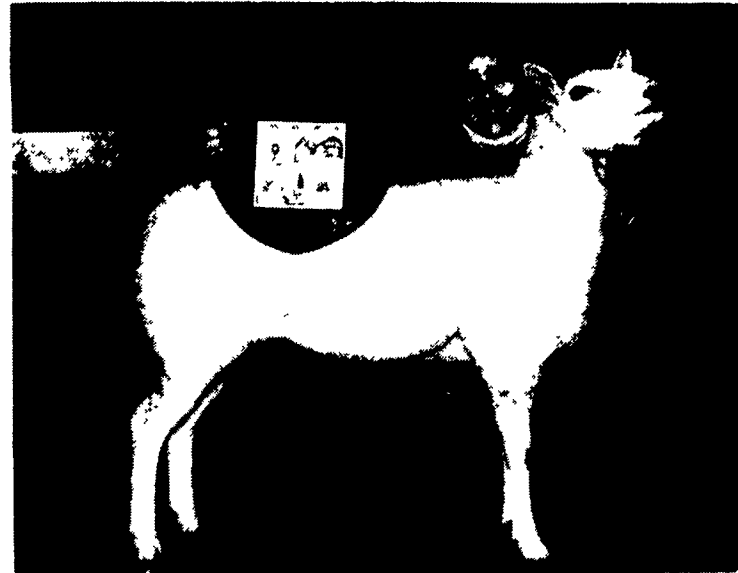
### Other Breeds

Competition was stiff among the wool breeds that comprised this division. Rich Powell's yearling Rambouillet ewe was first in its class and champion of the division. Powell, the 14-year-old son of Doris Powell of Rome, is a five-year Farm Show veteran who has had reserve champions before. He had a feeling his yearling would do well as she was selected as supreme champion ewe of the Troy Fair and champion at the New York State Fair.

Chappel selected the ewe lamb shown by Kimberly Hopple as the reserve champion. Hopple's lamb was a Corriedale.

A partial listing of the placings follows.

- JR. LIVESTOCK  
JR. BREEDING SHEEP**  
Cheviot  
Yearling Ewe  
1. Donna MacCauley, Chester Co., 2.



Donna MacCauley of Atglen exhibited yet another champion at Farm Show. In her nine years of showing Cheviots, she has had a champion or reserve in almost all of them.



The Pennsylvania Dorset Breeders, represented by Lee Wagner, center, presented the Youth of the Year award to Lori Tyson of Lehigh County. Offering his congratulations was judge Monty Chappel. The annual award is given to the individual who has contributed to 4-H or the Dorset industry.



First-time competitor, Wendall Landis, left, swept the Hampshire competition with his ewe lambs to have both champion and reserve champion. Lending him a helping hand is his father, Abe Landis of Manheim.



Eleven-year-old Geoff Powell, right, of Rome exhibited the champion Shropshire ewe. The ewe was reserve champion of the open show. His brother, Rich, left, added another championship title to the family's coffer when his Rambouillet was judged champion of the Other Breeds competition.

- Jodie Frantz, Lehigh Co., 3 Jodie Frantz.  
Ewe Lamb  
1. Donna MacCauley, 2. John S. Eaton, Jr., York Co., 3 Jodie Frantz  
Champion Ewe  
Donna MacCauley  
Reserve Champion Ewe  
Donna MacCauley

- Dorset  
Yearling Ewe**  
1. Stacy Suffel, Cumberland Co., 2. Alicia Strausbaugh, York Co., 3. Alicia Strausbaugh.  
Ewe Lamb  
1. Stacy Suffel, 2. Lori Tyson, Lehigh Co.,  
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York Countian Drew Bankert showed his first champion Southdown this year, his second year of competition at Farm Show. A second-year 4-H'er, 10-year-old Bankert's champion is a ewe lamb.



The ewe lamb exhibited by Donna MacCauley was judged champion of both the open and junior Suffolk shows.



Both champion and reserve champion titles went to the Dorsets shown by Stacey Suffel, right, of Carlisle. These were Suffel's first champions in the four years that she has been exhibiting at Farm Show.