

MacCauley Wins Suffolk, Cheviot Junior Sheep Breeding Championship

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 — Junior sheep breeders at the 1990 State Farm Show may have had longer to wait for their prizes this year, because the judging took three and a half hours longer than anticipated, but the rewards of patience paid off.

Junior sheep breeders, ranging in ages from 9 to 19, showed their finest ewe lamb and yearling ewes. Judge Monty Chappel from Lexington, Kentucky admitted having

an "awfully tough time" choosing the champions because of the enormous amount of entries and the high quality of the breeds. Of the 10 separate breeds, more than 65 exhibitors vied for the grand and reserve champions.

"What we were looking for this year were attributes of substance, strength, femininity, and balance," said Chappel. "I was impressed, particularly with the Suffolk breeders, especially the grand champion ewe, for her massiveness, strength, and muscle. It

was the best class I'd seen all day."

Chappel emphasized the better structure, body length, and substance of the winners. Feeding and caring were paramount concerns for the young breeders and contributed greatly to their awards. Many of the select ewes were bred from champion stock, and will influence breeds for years to come.

Shropshire

Arlisa Snively, 16, attributes her champion ewe lamb to the ewe's mother, a champion herself. "Belinda has good breeding lines, and her mom was big — that helped a lot," Arlisa said, who has been raising sheep for eight years. "We've been exhibiting Belinda at local fairs, and she took First Champion at the Elizabethtown Fair."

The champion ewe "was impressive in strength, length, and overall physical balance," said Judge Chappel. "A good breeding stock overall."

Jessica McCrumb, 11, took reserve champion for her yearling ewe, Slice. The reserve champion garnered the same award last year at the farm show and has been exhibited in 13 fairs throughout the state all summer long. "We just feed her right and hopes she wins," said Jessica, who has been raising sheep for eight years.

The reserve champion was big in "overall pattern" and was an excellent contender.

Southdown

What did Luke Zerby, 10, did to ensure his ewe lamb Fluffy would win the grand champion?

"Just lucky breeding, I guess," Luke said. "He was bred from Snowwhite, his mom, so I guess that was good enough."

Luke has been breeding sheep for about four years and has exhibited Fluffy at numerous state fairs. Fluffy won the championship at Beaver Fair.

"Good breeding, development, and overall length were impressive," said Judge Chappel.

The reserve champion when to Drew Bankert, 11, who has been raising sheep for three and a half years. His yearling ewe, Rhonda, won the Keystone championship and was champion of last year's state farm show.

"Even though the champion had overall better structure, the reserve had good build and development," said Judge Chappel.

Suffolk

Donna MacCauley, 19, who won this year's supreme champion meat breed sheep with her Cheviot yearling ewe, also took grand champion with her yearling ewe Suffolk named Monkey.

"Monkey's mom was of really good stock, and had many offspring, so it was easy to find her," said Donna. She has been breeding sheep "all her life" and has exhibited and won in other statewide fairs. She won champion Suffolk at last year's state farm show.

"I was impressed with how massive, strong, and well bred this class was," said Chappel. "This is the best class I've seen today. There was good muscle here, and the height was fine."

It was a long, tough choice, but in the end Melanie Snyder, 12, took reserve champion with her ewe lamb, Pauli. "Pauli just grew



Jenny Zerby, 13, right, shows off her grand champion Red Oak fall Dorset yearling ewe. She and her family take care of it "constantly." Lori Tyson, 13, left, is proud of Princess Di, and worked "real hard" to get the reserve champion.



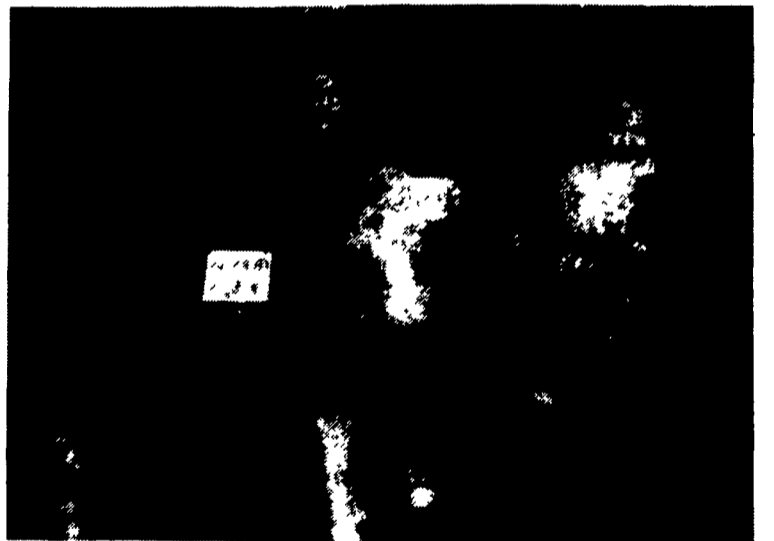
Having the "massive" grand champion Suffolk, Donna MacCauley, 19, also won for supreme champion meat breed sheep for her Cheviot yearling ewe and grand champion Cheviot in the breeding category.



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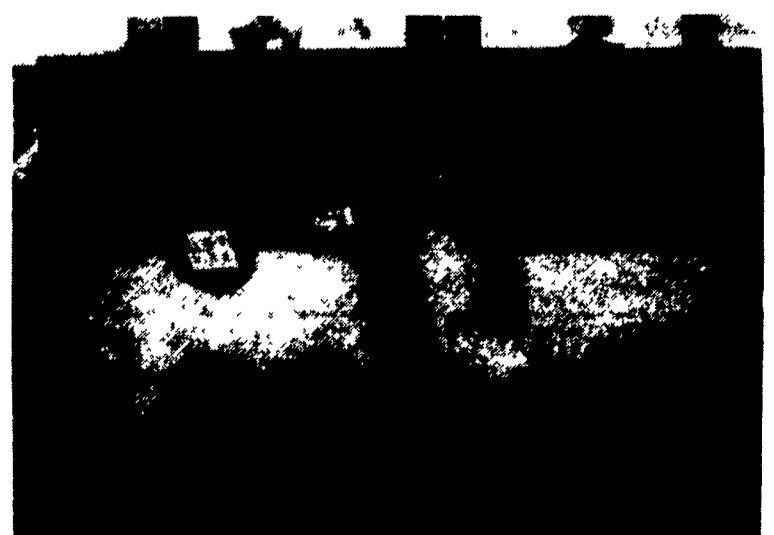
Donna MacCauley displays her grand champion Cheviot yearling ewe.



Benjamin Bow, 12, won the grand champion Corriedale. The reserve champion ewe was won by Kelly Glaser, 9.



Heather Fidler, 13, right, won Montadale grand champion for her yearling ewe Daisy. She has been raising sheep for two years. Her sister Jeanette, 9, left, captured the reserve champion Montadale.



Matthew Nickeson, 9, displays his grand champion Hampshire yearling. "We give it a lot of proper feed and care," he said.