

Junior Market Lamb Champions Decided By Heavyweights

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— Heavyweight junior lambs finished as grand market lamb champions Wednesday night at the farm show.

"The breed overall was nicely balanced, with strength and muscle," said judge Monty Chappel.

Scott Kuzemchak, 19, has been raising sheep for 11 years. His entry, a Suffolk breed, won the junior lamb marketing grand championship.

"It was a lot of walking, to tone the muscles and keep the lamb in shape," said Scott. Scott won the reserve champion last year.

Erick Hayes, 14, has been raising sheep for eight years. His Suffolk, Oreo, won the grand champ-

ion at Keystone. "Exercise and special feeding got us to the championship," said Erick.

Lightweight

Joe Kuzemchak, 14, has been raising sheep for six years, and won the grand championship in 1988. Joe and his brother have been exhibiting sheep for various state fairs, although his breed, a Southdown, won for the first time on Wednesday night.

"We exercise it a lot and feed it right," said Joe.

"The muscle in the leg remains good, and will produce some high-priced cuts," said Chappel.

Mark Tracy, 14, has been raising sheep for six years. Although he didn't exhibit his reserve champion lightweight Southdown anywhere else, he was "delight-

ed" to win the reserve champion.

Middleweight

Elizabeth Stone, 10, raised Ben, a Hampshire, to win grand champion middleweight at this year's lamb marketing championship. Elizabeth has been raising sheep only one year, and she felt lucky to be the grand champ.

"There is a lot of muscle on the grand champ, and it is easily the strongest in its class," said Chappel. "The length of its top is most impressive."

Laura Folker, 18, has been raising sheep for four years. Her reserve champion Hampshire, nicknamed Skinhead, won at Swinkey, Iowa. The champ also won at the Manheim and New Holland fairs.

"We use good breeding stock and general care," said Laura.

Heavyweight

Scott Kuzemchak, 19, picked up the grand champion heavyweight award with his Suffolk breed. Scott has been raising sheep for 11 years.

"This is a strong, strong breed shown here," said Chappel. "I was impressed with the strength and balance."

Scott attributes the award to "a lot of walking to tone the muscles."

Erick Hayes, 14, has been rais-

ing sheep for eight years. Oreo won the grand champion award at Keystone. Erick says his award

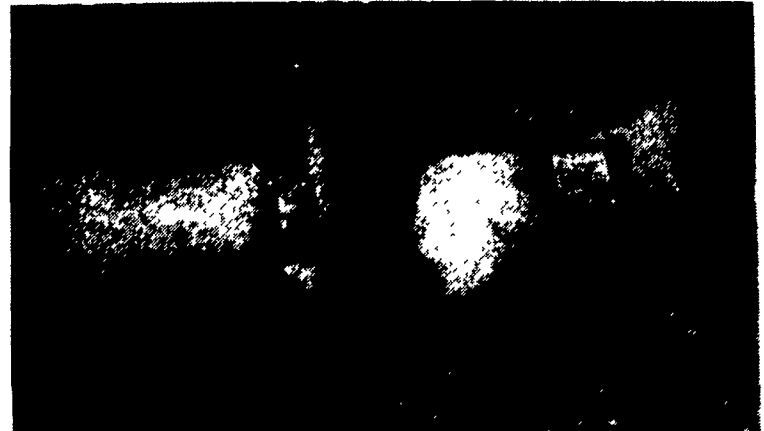
came by "extreme care and special feeding — it has to be, to win this kind of award," Erick said.



Elizabeth Stone, 10, left, won the middleweight lamb marketing championship with her Hampshire breed. Laura Folker, 18, right, won the reserve championship.



Scott Kuzemchak, 19, won the heavyweight and grand lamb marketing championship with his Suffolk breed. Erick Hayes, 14, picked up the heavyweight reserve and grand reserve championship.



Joe Kuzemchak, 14, right, won the grand champion for the lamb marketing lightweight division with his Southdown breed. Mark Tracy, left, was awarded the reserve champion.

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