

Junior Sheep Breeding Championship

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through feed and care, but in the end, I guess she just won because we give her a lot of love," said Melany.

Cheviot

Donna MacCauley took home several farm show awards. On Saturday it was the supreme champion meat breed sheep with her Cheviot yearling ewe, and once again she won for her Cheviot champ.

Even though there were fewer entries in this category than any other, the judge carefully considered four entrants and picked Donna's prize Cheviot because of the ewe's "meatiness and strength." She won both grand and reserve champion categories.

Donna is 19 and said she has raised sheep since she was born.

Dorset

"The champion has a lot of substance to her, at the top and overall length of body. There is more body depth and less of leg," said Judge Chappel.

Chappel refers to Jenny Zerby's Red Oak fall Dorset yearling ewe, who took grand champion. The ewe also won at Keystone and other fairs. "We just give it care and feeding — we take care of it constantly," said Jenny, 13. The ewe's mother has fostered other champions of which her family raised. Jenny has been raising sheep since she was born.

Lori Tyson, 13, took reserve champion for the ewe lamb, Princess Di. Lori has been raising sheep for 10 years, and Princess Di has won the grand championship at the Sussex Fair in New Jersey and Kutztown State Fair.

"We worked real hard," said Lori. "It takes years to get a champion like this."

Hampshire

Matthew Nickeson, 9, stands alone. Not only did he win the grand champion Hampshire yearling ewe class, but holds the reserve placing as well.

"The breed's structure and pattern, lines, thickness, and femininity are dominant," said Judge Chappel.

"We give it a lot of proper feed and care," said Matthew, who has been raising sheep for seven years. The ewe was exhibited at the Louisville, Kentucky national show and won a championship at Keystone.

Corriedale

Benjamin Bow, 12, has been raising sheep for eight years, and even though his yearling ewe won for the first time in any competition at the farm show, he was happy that "good care" got it there.

"This was a good body sheep, with good overall strength and looks," said Judge Chappel, who was impressed at the "meat body" of the sheep.

Kelly Glaser, 9, has been raising sheep since a toddler, and won reserve champion. Kelly won reserve placings in two other championships, at the Allentown and Kutztown fairs.

Montadale

"I was impressed with the graceful length of body and natural thickness of the sheep," said Judge Chappel, looking over the Montadale category.

Heather Fidler, 13, won grand champion for her yearling ewe Daisy. She has been raising sheep for only two years, and won first place at a "couple" of state fairs and placed in the championship at Louisville, Kentucky. "We bought her at the nationals, so we are happy she won."

Jeanette Fidler, 9, raised her ewe lamb, Becky, for the reserve title. This is only her first year, though Becky also won second place at the Louisville, Kentucky championship. "We just brought her up right," said Jeanette.

Merino

Suzanne Dollar, 11, won grand champion Marino with her yearling ewe, Pauley. Suzanne has been raising sheep for five years and won the championship at last year's state farm show.

"We feed Agway pellets to it and keep it out of the rain," said Suzanne. "It's a good wool breed, though, and we tend it really carefully."

The sheep showed "supreme femininity and strength," said Judge Chappel. There were no reserve champions.

Rambouillet

Billy Leib, 9, is proud to earn the Rambouillet grand champion for his yearling ewe. Billy has been raising sheep "all his life" and has exhibited his ewe at the Louisville, Kentucky championship. "We got the right parents and were careful with the stock," he said.

The body tops were "massive and well-rounded, with strong

legs," according to Judge Chappel.

Billy also won reserve champion for his ewe lamb.

The following is a list of show placings.

CHEVIOT

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Donna MacCauley, Chester.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Donna MacCauley, Chester; 2. Andrew B. Kumpf, Montgomery; 3. Michelle Snyder, Clarion.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Donna MacCauley, Chester.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Donna MacCauley, Chester.

CORRIEDALE

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Michael G. Bowman, Berks.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Benj L. Bow, Lebanon; 2. Kelly Glaser, Berks; 3. Kelly Glaser, Berks.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Benj L. Bow, Lebanon.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Kelly Glaser, Berks.

DORSET

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Jenny Zerby, Snyder; 2. Sarah McCrumb, Butler; 3. Sarah McCrumb, Butler.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Jenny Zerby, Snyder; 2. Lori Tyson, Lehigh; 3. Lori Tyson, Lehigh.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Jenny Zerby, Snyder.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Lori Tyson, Lehigh.

HAMPSHIRE

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Matthew Nickeson, Tioga; 2. Matt Trostle, York; 3. Wendall Landis, Lancaster.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Matthew Nickeson, Tioga; 2. Matt Trostle, York; 3. Matthew Nickeson, Tioga.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Matthew Nickeson, Tioga.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Matthew Nickeson, Tioga.

MERINO

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Suzanne Dollar, Bedford.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Suzanne Dollar, Bedford.

RAMBOUILLET

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Billy George Leib, Cumberland; 2. Billy George Leib, Cumberland; 3. Benjamin Lazarus, Lehigh.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Billy George Leib, Cumberland; 2. Billy George Leib, Cumberland; 3. Benjamin Lazarus, Lehigh.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Billy George Leib, Cumberland.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Billy George Leib, Cumberland.

SHROPSHIRE

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Arlisa Snavelly, Lancaster; 2. Jessica Jo McCrumb, Butler; 3. Jessica Jo McCrumb, Butler.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Arlisa Snavelly, Lancaster; 2. Jessica Jo McCrumb, Butler; 3. Jessica Jo McCrumb, Butler.

Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding

- Arlisa Snavelly, Lancaster
- SOUTHDOWN**
- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Drew A. Bankert, York; 2. Luke John Zerby, Snyder; 3. Mark Tracy, Lancaster.

Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding

1. Luke John Zerby, Snyder; 2. Luke John Zerby, Snyder; 3. Elizabeth Dollar, Bedford.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Luke John Zerby, Snyder.

Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding

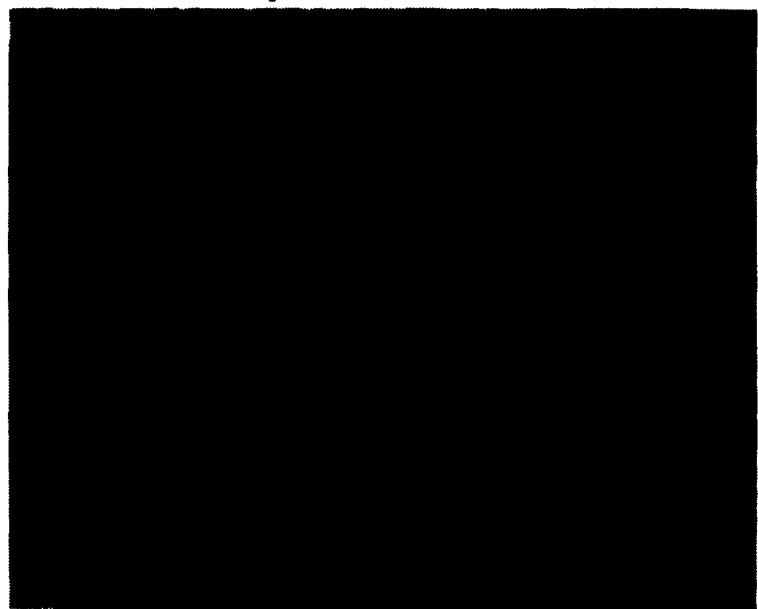
- Drew A. Bankert, York.
- SUFFOLK**
- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Donna MacCauley, Chester; 2. T.L. Brookover Jr., Greene; 3. Dana Phillips, Washington.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Melanie Snyder, Clarion; 2. Donna MacCauley, Chester; 3. Melanie Snyder, Clarion.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Donna MacCauley, Chester.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Melanie Snyder, Clarion.

MONTADALE

- Yearling Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
1. Heather Fidler, Washington; 2. Jeanette Fidler, Washington; 3. Heather Fidler, Washington.
- Ewe Lamb - Jr. Breeding**
1. Heather Fidler, Washington; 2. Heather Fidler, Washington; 3. Jeanette Fidler, Washington.
- Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Heather Fidler, Washington.
- Res. Champion Ewe - Jr. Breeding**
Jeanette Fidler, Washington.



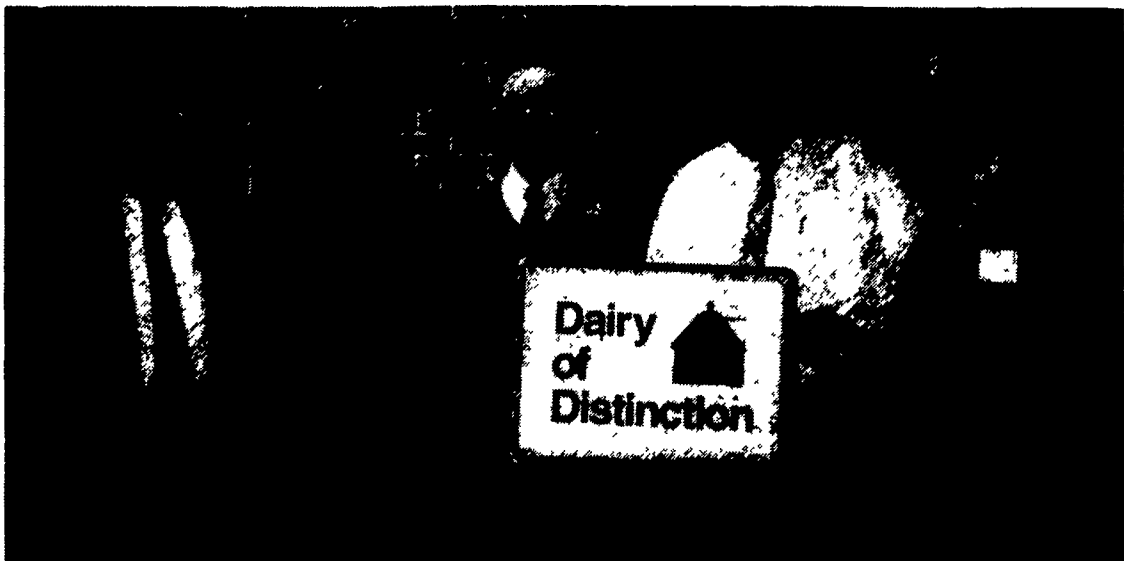
Billy Leib, 9, won the Rambouillet grand champion for his yearling ewe, which went on to win the wool breed supreme champion.



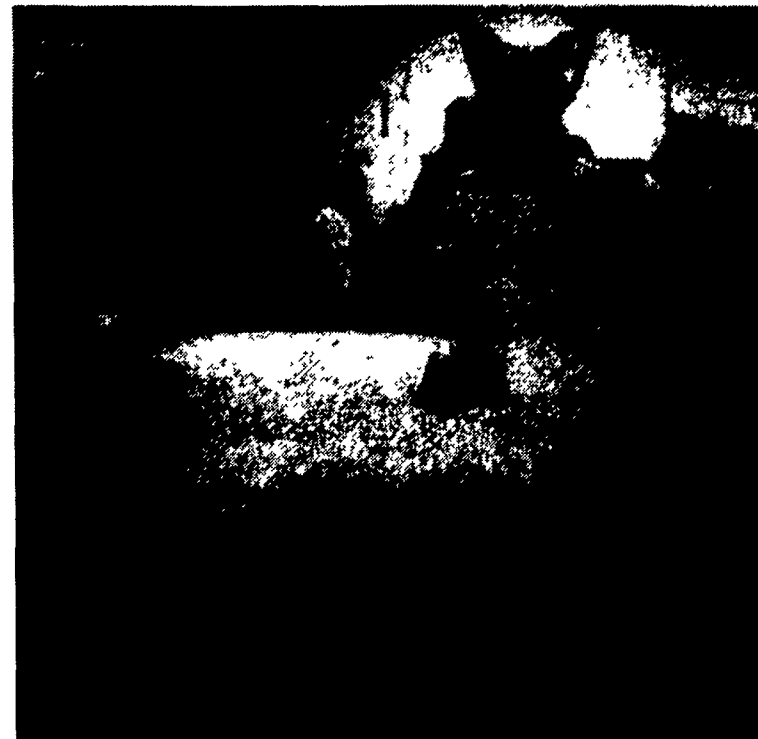
Suzanne Dollar, 11, won grand champion Marino with Pauley, her yearling ewe.



The champion and reserve Southdown were noted for good breeding, development, and overall length. Grand champ Luke Zerby, 10, left, says it was "lucky breeding and the ewe's mom, Snowwhite." Reserve champ Drew Bankert, 11, has raised sheep for more than three years and won the Keystone championship.



The newly elected officers of the Dairy of Distinction program are (l to r): Steve Spencer, advisor; Donna Gearhart, treasurer; Russ Rooks, vice president; Dan Baker, president and Paul Nichols, secretary. Everett Newswanger, who was president since the program came into Pennsylvania four year ago, retired but remains on the board of directors.



Melanie Snyder's ewe lamb Paul won Suffolk reserve champion. Melanie said Paul grew through feed, care, and a "lot of love."