

Leib Captures Consecutive Wool Championships

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — This time, Billy George Leib made a vow: to be better prepared for the show. That included learning how to lead the sheep, trimming them to "make them look nice," and helping with the herd enough to get them ready for the competition.

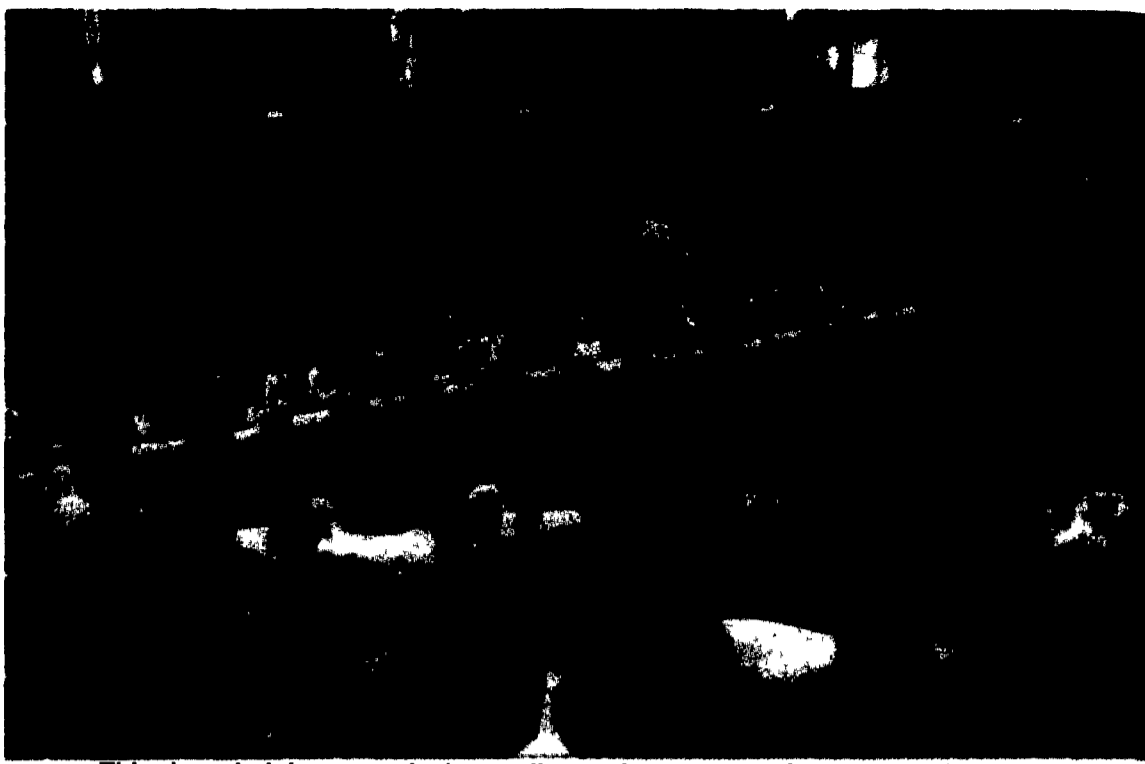
And Billy's efforts paid off handsomely Thursday night at the Farm Show wool breed competition when Billy won supreme wool champion for the second year in a row. Not only that, but Billy also swept the entire Rambouillet show, capturing champion and reserve champion ram, ewe, as

well as premier breeder and exhibitor.

The champion Rambouillet ewe (and supreme champion) was a spring ewe lamb (Oawright 5038, SSF 240) and the champion ram was a spring ram lamb (Oawright 5038, Shultz 88142).

At the same show last year, Billy, 10, a fourth grader at Monroe High School and a herdsman with his family's business (Shepherd's Crook in Mechanicsburg) picked up supreme wool breed champion. He's been showing at the Farm Show the past six years. His family has picked up numerous championships at the show since 1985.

"This time, I didn't wait until



This sheep judging scene in the small arena is representative of many of the events at the 75th Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg this week. When the dust settled yesterday afternoon at the close of the show, \$196,000 in premiums went home with the winners. This was the largest premium award total in the history of the show.

the last minute to get the sheep ready," said Billy.

According to James Elphick, Arlington, Wisconsin, who judged for the show, the ewe was "a solid individual, a ewe with a good set of feet and overall body length. The ewe is put together well, a deep-bodied, deep-set spring ewe."

Following is a list of show placings.

WOOL BREEDS

MERINO

Fall Ram Lamb 1. Robert B McCrumb III 2 Robert B McCrumb III 3 Shady Hollow Farm Spring Ram Lamb 1 Suzan E Falvey 2 Barbara J Falvey 3 Suzan E Falvey, Pair of Ram Lambs 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Barbara J Falvey 3 Shady Hollow Farm

CHAMPION RAM

Robert B McCrumb III
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

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Yearling Ewe: 1. Robert B McCrumb III 2 Robert B McCrumb III 3 Suzan E Falvey Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Robert B McCrumb III 3 Barbara J Falvey Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Barbara J Falvey 2 Suzan E Falvey 3 Suzan E Falvey Pair of Ewe Lambs 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Barbara J Falvey 3 Shady Hollow Farm

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Robert B McCrumb III

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE

Barbara J Falvey

Breeder's Young Flock 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Barbara J Falvey Pen of Lambs 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Barbara J Falvey 3 Shady Hollow Farm Get-of-Sire 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Barbara J Falvey 3 Shady Hollow Farm Flock 1 Robert B McCrumb III 2 Barbara J Falvey 3 Suzan E Falvey Premier Breeder Robert B McCrumb III Premier Exhibitor Robert B McCrumb III

RAMBOUILLET

Yearling Ram 1 Grant A Lazarus 2 Ben R Lazarus 3 Ben R Lazarus Fall Ram Lamb

1 Billy George Leib 2 Ben R Lazarus 3 Ben R Lazarus Spring Ram Lamb 1 Billy George Leib 2 Billy George Leib 3 Ken Scott Pair of Ram Lambs 1 Billy George Leib 2 Ben R Lazarus 3 Ken Scott

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CORRIEDALE

Yearling Ram: 1. Aaron Claycomb Fall Ram Lamb 1 Kelly Glaser 2 Kelly Glaser 3 Ken Scott Spring Ram Lamb: 1. Kimberly A

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With her spring ewe lamb, Kimberly A. Hopple won grand champion Corriedale ewe at the Farm Show.



This fall ram lamb captured grand champion Merino ram for Robert B. McCrumb at the Farm Show. Robert also picked up Merino premier exhibitor and breeder honors at the show.



With his spring ewe lamb champion, Billy George Leib, far right, won handsomely at the supreme wool breed competition at the Farm Show Thursday night. Billy swept the breed class, also winning champion ram and premier exhibitor and breeder. Left to right: Judge James Elphick; Neal Buss, ag department deputy secretary; Karrie Dunmire, alternate wool queen from Washington Co.; and Billy.



Kimberly A. Hopple won grand champion Corriedale ram with this spring ram lamb.