

Breeding Sheep, Goat Shows



Benj Bow shows his top quality Suffolk ewe.

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A lone entry in the Shropshire, a spring ewe, by Ben Lovett, was named champion.

In the Suffolk breed, no rams were entered, and Benj Bow cleaned house with his entries.

In the small-statured Montadale breed, Tony Ebling's young ram was named champion, while Tisha Ebling's ewes took champion and reserve champion.

Goat competitions were also somewhat limited, though interest in goats in Lebanon County has been historically new.

The three breed show saw Sarah Goss win champion and reserve, as the lone competitor in the Nubian breed; Jennifer Ungemach took grand champion with her yearling Saanen and Deana Brightbill took reserve champion, with the two entries of the show.

The Toggenburg show saw more competition with Karalyn Stoner's kid capturing champion rating and Michael Stoner's kid taking reserve champion.

LEBANON AREA FAIR 4-H RESULTS Breeding Sheep

CORREIDALE
RAM, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1.Darrell Martin
CHAMPION RAM: Darrell Martin
SPRING EWE, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1.Laura Matin
FALL EWE, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1.Benj Bow
EWE 1 YEAR, UNDER 2: 1.Benj Bow
2.Jamie Irwin
CHAMPION EWE: Benj Bow
RESERVE CHAMPION: Ben Bow

DORSET
RAM: 1.Jenny Wenger
CHAMPION RAM: Jenny Wenger
SPRING LAMB, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1.Jenny Wenger 2.Becky Kleinfelter
FALL LAMB, UNDER ONE YEAR: 1.Darren Grumbine 2.Becky Kleinfelter
EWE 1 YEAR, UNDER 2: 1.Darren Grumbine 2. Jenny Wenger 3.Leah Bomberger
EWE 2 YEARS, OLDER: 1.Jamie Bomberger 2.Jenny Wenger 3.Becky Kleinfelter
CHAMPION: Darren Grumbine
RESERVE CHAMPION: Jamie Bomberger

SHROPSHIRE
SPRING EWE, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1 Ben Lovett
CHAMPION: Ben Lovett

SUFFOLK
SPRING EWE, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1.Alice Smith 2.Amy Smith
EWE 1 YEAR, UNDER 2 YEARS: 1.Benj Bow 2.Amy Smith 3.Alice Smith
EWE 2 YEARS, OLDER: 1.Benj Bow 2.Amy Smith 3.Alice Smith

MONTADALE
RAM UNDER 1 YEAR: Tony Ebling
CHAMPION RAM: Tony Ebling
SPRING EWE, UNDER 1 YEAR: 1.Tisha Ebling 2.Tony Ebling
EWE OLDER THAN 2 YEARS: 1.Tisha Ebling
CHAMPION: Tisha Ebling 2.Tisha Ebling

GOATS

NUBIAN
KID UP TO 6 MONTHS: 1. Sarah Goss
YRLING 6-24 MONTHS: 1.Sarah Goss
MILKING DOE: Sarah Goss

SAANEN
KID UP TO 6 MONTHS: 1.Deana Brightbill
YRLING 6-24 MONTHS: 1 Jennifer Ungemach
CHAMPION: Jennifer Ungemach
RESERVE CHAMPION: Deana Brightbill

TOGGENBERG
KID UP TO 6 MONTHS: 1.Karalyn Stoner
2.Michael Stoner 3.Ryan Landis
YRLING 6-24 MONTHS: 1 Michelle Ungemach
CHAMPION: Karalyn Stoner
RESERVE CHAMPION: Michael Stoner

SHOWMANSHIP
8-13 YEAR OLDS: 1. Karalyn Stoner 2 Deana Brightbill 3 Michael Stoner
14, OLDER: 1.Jennifer Ungemach 2 Sarah Goss 3 Michelle Ungemach
CHAMPION SHOWMAN: Jennifer Ungemach
RESERVE SHOWMAN: Sarah Goss

FITTING
8-13 YEAR OLDS: 1.Ryan Landis 2 Kim Landis 3 Michael Stoner
14 AND OLDER: 1.Sarah Goss 2.Jennifer Ungemach 3.Michelle Ungemach
CHAMPION FITTER: Ryan Landis
RESERVE FITTER: Kim Landis

Farmland Trust Praises Legislation

TAYLOR'S BRIDGE, Del. — The American Farmland Trust (AFT) praised the passage of legislation designed to protect valuable agricultural lands by making the state eligible for federal cost-sharing funds.

The legislation was recently signed into law by Delaware Gov. Michael N. Castle.

American Farmland Trust President, Ralph Grossi who attended the ceremony to commemorate the passage of House Bill 200, called it "historic." He said the legislation will allow Delaware to receive financial assistance under the federal Farms for the Future Act, in the form of low-interest loan guarantees for farmland protection.

"Delaware farmers -- particularly young farmers -- will be thankful for the program as land prices rise," Grossi said.

"The Delaware Legislature and Gov. Castle have taken action that is historic and far reaching for farmland protection in Delaware. If fully utilized, the Farms for the Future Act could provide Delaware with millions of dollars to ease the financial burden of transferring farmland from one generation to the next."

Authorized by Congress in the 1990 Farm Bill, the Farms for the Future Act provides federal financial assistance to state farmland protection programs. As much as \$10 million in low-interest loan guarantees are to be provided annually to qualifying state programs to match funds that states are devoting to farmland protection.

"If states like Delaware provide sufficient matching funds to receive the maximum benefits under the federal act, as much as \$50 million could be available to them in low-interest loans in the next five years," said Robert Wagner, AFT's Northeastern office director who advised Delaware officials as they developed legislation to establish the Foundation.

Under the terms of the federal program, two dollars of federally guaranteed loan funds would be made available for every one dollar of state, local or private funds.

"The Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation gives Delaware another important tool to protect its natural resources," Wagner said. "The program is a voluntary way for landowners to protect their farms without losing equity. And because it qualifies the state for the Farms for the Future Act, Delaware now has extra help in reversing the trend of farmland decline."

