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Buy American Lamb, Says Pa. Lamb And Wool Queen

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GOUGLERSVILLE (Berks Co.) — When driving down Main Street in Gouglersville, visitors are often surprised to see a corn crib smack in the middle of town. After closer inspection, even more surprising is to find that a farm stretches for 175 acres behind the row of homes.

It's home for the Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Amysue Eshelman, who said, "All but one of our neighbors think it is really neat to have a farm in a town — and that's because she's afraid of the two wild turkeys who came here and just stayed."

Amysue's parents, Susan and Larry, crop corn, wheat, oats, and hay. In addition to the wild turkeys, the only livestock on the crop farm are Amy's 4-H projects: two steers and 25 breeding ewes and their lambs.

As Lamb and Wool Queen, Amysue speaks out for all breeds of sheep, she is most adamant in her praise for the Oxford breed.

"It's not a common breed, but I just love the coloration on their faces," she said.

Oxford face coloring ranges from dark brown to gray black. According to Amysue, the breed organization has not determined what the exact coloring should be. The Oxford breed is prolific with good maternal instincts. Primarily used for meat, Oxfords also produce a medium grade wool suitable for spinning.

Amysue got her first two sheep when she was eight years old. Now, as an 18-year-old about to enter college, Amysue has built up a flock that she isn't willing to let dwindle.

"I'm very happy that my parents agreed to take care of my sheep while I study dairy and animal sci-

ence at Penn State's main campus," Amysue said. "I have my favorites — they all have different personalities — friendly and ornery ones."

This past year, Amysue's flock produced 25 lambs. "I only name the ones I keep. I never repeat a name," she said.

She chooses names by watching the antics of the lambs such as Stretch, who earned her name because she stretches endlessly upon awakening. Or, she names the lambs after her friends.

"I always post the names of my sheep at fairs and shows. My friends come to brag to others, 'Oh look, that one was named after me.'"

Amysue spends much of her time with her sheep since she competes in 11 shows. Of the many awards she has earned, the most valued is the plaque for placing

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Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Amysue Eshelman raises Oxfords on her Berks County Farm while encouraging consumers to use American wool and lamb. "You can taste the difference," she said.

Animal Housing Expo Offers Latest Info

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Hundreds of area livestock producers and others interested in production attended the first of what officials hope to be an annual Animal Housing Expo at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition to commercial exhibits which filled the new fairgrounds building and displayed the latest in equipment to ensure animal productivity and ease of quality care, the exposition featured a full day of expert speakers who talked about a variety of topics related to livestock production and housing.

Also featured, Farmer-Boy Ag,

of Myerstown, constructed a multi-use demonstration building on the fairgrounds site for the exposition that drew hundreds of visitors. The building is to be open to the public during the Lebanon Area Fair, which is scheduled for July 25 through July 31.

The building is then to be sold at public auction 11 a.m. August 1.

Co-sponsored by the exhibitors and Penn State University Extension, the exposition was formed to help better serve producers in Pennsylvania, especially those considering expansion or increased efficiency.

The Lebanon location was chosen because it is easily accessible to the state's strongest concentra-

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Penn State Dairy Science Club members who participated at the annual meeting of the student affiliate division of the American Dairy Science Association held in Columbus, Ohio, recently included, left to right, Beth Cooley, Club Advisor Lawrence Muller, Annie Piepenhagen, Terri Packard, Tom McCauley, Karen Fessler, Dwight Stoltzfus, Tom Smallback, Dave Lentz, and Miriam Kelly. (Lynette Goodling is absent from photo.)

Dairy Science Club Soars In Competition

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Penn State's Dairy Science Club placed second in the chapter competition at the annual meeting of the student affiliate division of the American Dairy Science Association held in Columbus, Ohio, recently.

The club has placed third or higher each of the last 11 years in the outstanding chapter contest and is three-time national champion in that same time period. Chapters are judged on club activities, yearbook design and content, and meeting display and participation.

The club's yearbook, *The Dairyman*, placed third in the yearbook competition.

Agricultural science major Jean Kummer of Butler County and dairy and animal science major

Dwight Stoltzfus of Berks County were editors of this year's award winning annual.

In the paper competition, Miriam Kelly, a sophomore from Tyrone majoring in Dairy and Animal Science, brought home second in the Production division with her paper, "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy."

Annie Piepenhagen's paper, "Effects of Light Exposure on the Nutrition and Flavor of Milk Quality," placed third. Annie is a junior in food science from Mercer.

Dairy and animal science senior Dave Lentz, of Lebanon, was elected officer-at-large. Ten members represented the Dairy Science Club at the meeting: Beth Cooley, Allenwood; Karen Fessler, Robersonia; Lynette Goodling, Selinsgrove; Miriam Kelly, Dave Lentz,

Tom McCauley, Elizabethtown; Terri Packard, Troy; Annie Piepenhagen, Tom Smallback, Cherry Creek, N.Y.; and Dwight Stoltzfus, Morgantown.

Fair Season Begins!

The Kimberton Fair, Chester County, begins on Monday and lasts through Saturday.

Many other fairs open within the next several weeks, including the Lebanon Fair, which begins next Saturday. For a look at some of the highlights of last year's Lebanon Fair, turn to page D2.

And for a look at fairs to come, turn to the farm calendar on page A10.



Here's looking at you, Accent . . . Don Ganske, Dupont R&D field representative, snaps some shots of an Accent postemergence trial on corn varieties at the Weed Field Day in Landisville Monday. More about the tour on page A30.