

# Clearville Woman Raises Texel Sheep



Inci Willard thinks she is the first Pennsylvanian to raise Texel sheep, which, according to Inci, you can shut them in a pen, feed them anything, and they will still develop only muscle. They are extremely docile and lamb easily, but expensive.

By LINDA WILLIAMS  
CLEARVILLE (Bedford Co.) - Inci Willard is a long ways from her native country of Turkey.

But, she's as happy as a flea on a coon dog contentedly raising sheep on a small farm near Everett.

Inci was working as a broadcaster for BBC when she spent a weekend in the country, learned how to grow flowers, and knew that the city was no longer for her.

She has a flock of 32 sheep including Cheviot and North Country Cheviots, Scots Half-breed, Border Leicester and Texel. "I think I am the first person in Pennsylvania to have Texel sheep," Inci says.

Pointing out the beefy 7-month-old animal in a pen at the recent Bedford County Sheep and Wool Field Day, Inci explains that Texels will weigh between 250 and 350 pounds at maturity.

"I read about them for a long time before getting one for myself," Inci explains. "They are great sheep. You can shut them in a pen, feed them anything, and

they will still develop only muscle. They are extremely docile and they lamb easily."

Texels were originally imported from Holland but were in quarantine until 1992 due to foot rot and sore mouth disease. However, they are now free of disease.

"The main drawback at this time is the price. "Last year a ram sold in Missouri for \$5,000," she said. Inci plans to attend a large Texel sale in Missouri in August.

"I talked with the man who is having the auction," she said. "And, he was affected by the flood

waters they have been having there. I told him not to worry. Just pack up your sheep and bring the auction here. I do seriously hope to be able to have my own auction here some day."

In addition to her sheep, Inci has two Border collies to help with herding.

"I also grow flowers," she says beaming. "Lots and lots of flowers. I love living in the country."

Inci's husband, John is a real estate developer and raises Christmas trees on their Clearville farm.

## Bedford County Announces Winners

BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — First four place winners in the various contests of Bedford County's Sheep and Wool Day held on July 17, at the Bedford Fairgrounds were as follows:

**JACKPOT LAMB SHOW RESULTS**  
**CLASS ONE:** Jodie Chapman, Callie Chapman, Julie Kern, and Margaret Shaffer.  
**CLASS TWO:** Doug Koontz, Amy Fisher, Dennis Clay, and Amy Clair.  
**CLASS THREE:** Jodie Chapman, Josh Cowell, Shannen Lafferty, and Bree Taggart.  
**CLASS FOUR:** Alisha Fisher, Emmett McMullen, Jeremy Dobbin, and Josh Brant.  
**CLASS FIVE:** Debbie Anderson, Heather Shaffer, Jessica Lori, and Jeremy Dobbin.  
**CLASS SIX:** Kevin Campbell (first and second), Julie Kern, and Lewis Martin.  
**CLASS SEVEN:** Bree Taggart, Amy Clair, Kenny McCoy, and Kim Sarver.  
**CLASS EIGHT:** Amy Clair, Krista Myers, Josh Cowell, and Ashley Cowell.  
**Showmanship Senior:** Debbie Anderson, Bedford; Josh Cowell, Waynesburg; Alisha Fisher, Bedford, and Scott Myers, Bedford.

**Showmanship Intermediate:** Jodie Chapman, Jennifer Cowell, Amy Fisher, and Julie Kern.

**Showmanship Junior:** Shawn Bowser, Bedford, Thomas Bowser, Bedford; Kevin Campbell, Sycamore, and Callie Chapman, Washington.

In the Judging Contest first four place winners were as follows:

**Juniors:** Kate Sawyer, Aien Lassinger, Kim Sarver, and Jenette Strittmatter.

**Intermediate:** Shawn Miller, Julie Kern, Doug Koontz, Susanne Dollar.

**Senior:** Shannen Lafferty, Dominich Puleo, Debbie Anderson, and Steve Bero.

Grand Champion was Shawn Miller.

The Master Shepherd Contest results were: Junior Division, Jenette Strittmatter, Heidi Shoemaker, and Luke Svonavec. Intermediate, Shawn Miller, Lori Strittmatter, and Naomi Farabaugh. Senior: Julie Kern, Steve Bero, and Dom Puleo.

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