



Top winners in the breeding sheep competition go to Kerra Allen, right, whose Suffolk ewe lamb won the Supreme Champion title, and to Jessica Stoltzfus, whose Dorset is the Reserve Supreme Champion and the Best Bred and Owned.

Bollinger Shows Champion Market Lamb At 4-H Fair

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— Jerry Bollinger polished off his final year at the Lancaster County 4-H Fair by showing the champion market lamb.

"It was a total surprise," Bollinger said of his 97-pound medium Dorset that bested 77 other market lambs for the title.

Judge Tim Hall of Dalmatia was impressed with the Dorset's length of loin and muscling and its wide body loins. Bollinger and his two brothers raise about 30 head of Suffolk breeding stock and Dorset market lambs on their parents', Raymond and Sharon Bollinger's, Ephrata farm.

Elvin Yeagley, sheep breeder and hearing aid dealer, purchased the grand champion for \$2.05 per pound. Bollinger said that he would bank the money for his college fund. The recent graduate of Ephrata High School plans to attend Penn State-Berks Campus in January.

The 115-pound reserve champion, shown by Lisa Reiff, was purchased for \$1.90 per pound by Gerald Phillips of Keystone Farm Credit.

Lisa and her brother, Lyndon, children of Laura and Lloyd Reiff,



Elvin Yeagley paid \$2.05 per pound for the 4-H Fair grand champion market lamb raised by Jerry Bollinger.

raise Suffolks on the family farm in Strasburg. The reserve champion had been purchased from Tom Slack. Lisa said that the win was a surprise because the sheep had been sick and it has taken a while to nurse it back to health. Because Lyndon, who is usually Lisa's strongest competition, is attending school in New Zealand, Lisa

showed two sheep for him. One took the reserve champion middle-weight title.

Fifteen-year-old Lisa was also named reserve champion showman.

Mark Tracy, who has been showing since he was eight years old, took the championship show-

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Sheep showmanship honors go to Mark Tracy, grand champion, and Lisa Reiff, reserve champion.

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