

# Dorset Is Supreme Champion Out Of 300 Entries At E-Town Fair

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**ELIZABETHTOWN** (Lancaster Co.) — A non-Lancaster Countian swept the coveted overall champion breed and the supreme champion sheep awards at the Elizabethtown Fair on Wednesday.

Twelve-year-old Ann Leed from Myerstown, Lebanon County, showed a Dorset ewe lamb that judge Dyrk Wise said was outstanding in all areas.

But Ann Leed admitted that she does not like the Dorset champion very much.

"She's annoying. As soon as I set her up, she moves," said Ann who said that the Dorset's champion title might influence her to like her a bit better.

The daughter of Bob and Nancy Leed raises 25 sheep. The champion was purchased at the National Dorset Show because, Ann said, she needed size in her flock for lambing.

Of the 205 entries, Ryan Donough gave the most competition for the supreme title with his champion market lamb.

"I knew she was good," Ryan said of the heavyweight champion ewe Ginger, which was homebred. The son of Ed and LaRue Donough, helps on the family's farm where they raise 20 ewes plus offspring. The family puts the sheep through hurdles and leads them around for exercise.

Ryan took the reserve champion market lamb title last year with Ginger's full sister.

The title for Champion Sale Lamb overall went to Brandon Zeigler, who unfortunately could not do the showing because he broke his leg playing soccer last week. Lisa Reiff showed Brandon's lamb. The heavyweight Suffolk cross was purchased through the Reiffs who consistently have showed champion market lambs throughout the county for several years. After winning the 4-H County Roundup title, Lisa is taking a break in county fair competition until Farm Show, she said.

Twelve-year-old Brandon is the son of Dean and Carole Zeigler of Lititz. His brother Corby, 9, also showed sheep.

Reserve champion sale lamb was shown by Radell Peters of Middletown. The 11-year-old son of Raymond and Rebecca said that this was his first major win but he

had that feeling #90, as he calls her, would do it.

Showmanship competition was divided into four categories. In the 16 and over division, Kyle Harnish won; in the 13-15-year-old division, Jessica Stoltzfus won. In the 10-12-year-old division, Jessica Schmidt took top honors, and the nine and under competition was won by Holly Hoover.

Senior Showman Kyle Harnish is a 17-year-old senior at Penn Manor High School. The son of Larry and Paula Harnish of Washington Boro has five Suffolk market lambs. This was Harnish's first showmanship title.

Thirteen-year-old Jessica Stoltzfus is no novice in showing. The daughter of Frank and Irene Stoltzfus of Elizabethtown, Jessica has 20 Dorsets and also took the reserve champion Dorset title that day.

Twelve-year-old Jessica Schmidt showed Mattea, a homebred sheep, for her showmanship win. Jessica, the daughter of Laurie and Peter Schmidt of Drumore, credits Mattea with enabling her to win.

Nine-year-old Holly Hoover won her first showmanship title in her second year of showing. The daughter of J. Martin and Lois Hoover of Schooneck raises about 30 Hampshires and crosses with her siblings, Jenny, 13; Renee, 11; and Joshua, 8. A fourth grader at Ephrata Mennonite School, Holly said that she goes to about five county fair competitions.

In addition to Ann Leed being named champion and Jessica Stoltzfus, reserve, in Dorset breeds, the following were named winners in breeding competition.

Cheviot championship and reserve went to Keith Bollinger of Ephrata. Keith, and his twin brothers Jeff and Jerry, raise about 30 sheep on their Ephrata farm. Keith is a sophomore at Ephrata High School. His twin brothers graduated last year. The brothers are the sons of Ray and Sharon Bollinger.

Suffolk and champion and reserve honors went to Jerry Bollinger of Ephrata. Zeus gained attention at the fair for his large size. Originally from Kansas, the champion Suffolk was purchased in Virginia. The judge said that ordinarily when Suffolks get that large they don't have any bone to



Champions in each breed compete for the grand champion breeding sheep title. From left, Jerry Bollinger with his Suffolk, Regina Landis with her Hampshire, Ann Leed with her Dorset, Tracy Bollinger with her Shropshire, Stephanie Kauffman with her Southdown, Erin Grosh with her Tunis, Keith Bollinger with his Cheviot, and John Schmidt with his Montadale.



Showmanship champions, from left, are Jessica Stoltzfus in the 13-15-year-old division; Kyle Harnish, 16-and-over; Jessica Schmidt, 10-12, and Holly Hoover, 9-and-under.

stand on, but Zeus was outstanding in that he had volume and correctness.

Hampshire championship and reserve titles went to siblings Regina and Wendall Landis. Regina, 14, chose Mystic to show from the 50 bred ewes on her parents', Abe's and Dottie's Manheim farm.

Shropshire championship was won by Tracy Bollinger and reserve by Jack Tracy. Tracy, a senior at Manheim Central, brought her young flock to the competition. She raises 20 market and breeding Shropshires on her parents' Gene and Carol Bollinger's Manheim farm.

Southdown champion was Stephanie Kauffman and reserve Stephen Stoltzfus. Stephanie is only 5 years old, but the feisty kindergartner doesn't let her small size interfere with showing and knowing all about sheep. She raises sheep on her grandparents' George and Lorraine Lewis' farm in Landisville. The champion Southdown Isabel was homebred.

"Her mother was all black," Stephanie said of the all-white lamb. Stephanie's mother Ellen Lewis was a former sheep showman.

Tunis champion honors went to Erin Grosh and Montadale championships to John Schmidt for his homebred Montadale Michele.

A partial listing of show results follows:

**SHEEP**

Class #1 Pair of Market Lambs- 1. Joelynn Donough, 2. Jerry Bollinger, 3. Kendall Rieff.  
 Class #2 Pair of Market Lambs- 1. Wen-

dell M. Landis, 2. Kyle Harnish, 3. Keith Bollinger.  
 Class #3 Pair of Market Lambs- 1. Ryan Tracy, 2. Brandon Ziegler, 3. Tracy Bollinger.  
 Class #4 Pair of Market Lambs- 1. Radell Peters, 2. Jeff Bollinger, 3. Jason Stoltzfus.  
 Champion Pair- Ryan Tracy.  
 R. Champion Pair- Wendall Landis.  
 Class #1 Individual Market Lamb (Light-

weight)- 1. Keith Bollinger, 2. Kerra Allen, 3. Kendall Rieff.  
 Class #2 Individual Market Lamb (Lightweight)- 1. John Tracy, 2. Joelynn Donough, 3. Joelynn Donough.  
 Class #3 Individual Market Lamb (Lightweight)- 1. Jerry Bollinger, 2. Kendall Rieff, 3. Travis Donough.  
 Champion Lightweight- Jerry Bollinger.  
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Ten-year-old Ryan Donough holds his homebred ewe Ginger, who took the champion market lamb title.



Elvin Yeagley holds the Supreme Champion Sheep Trophy for Ann Leed whose Dorset lamb took top honors.