

At Denver Fair 99 Sheep, 22 Exhibitors Compete

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DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — Glaser, Stoltzfus, and Bollinger were names that kept popping up at the Denver Fair Sheep Show on Thursday night. These were the names that sheared top honors during the competition between 99 sheep and 22 exhibitors.

The brother and sister duo of Jason and Jessica Stoltzfus had something to celebrate. Jason's homebred Hampshire-Suffolk cross captured judge Barbara Gilbert's eye. Gilbert, the animal science professor at Delaware Valley College, bestowed the title "Mr. Loin," on the champion market lamb. "The loin is where it counts for me," she said.

It was the first market lamb championship ever for the Stoltzfus siblings who have garnered numerous awards in sheep shows around the county for years. Always before, the awards have been for their breeding sheep.

And it was a breeding sheep, that brought Jessica a trophy. Her Dorset fall ewe lamb, Penelope, won the grand champion ewe trophy among all breeds. The win was a great birthday present for Jessica who celebrated her 14th birthday on Friday.

Jessica has a flock of 15 Dorsets and Jason raises market lambs on their Elizabethtown farm. The siblings of Frank and Irene Stoltzfus said the show was full of surprises. They expected Jessica's Dorset yearling to outdo the fall ewe lamb.

"In our family's eyes, the yearling is a better sheep. But like, every show, it's a different judge and a different day," said Jessica, who was estatic with the win.

Kelly Glaser swept all the Corriedale awards and went on to win capture the grand champion ram and the reserve champion ewe title. The 13-year-old from Limekiln in Berks County is creative in naming her sheep. The champion ram Eiffle, named for Eiffel Tower, was bred from a ewe named Statue of Liberty and Eiffel has a brother Rockerfellow. The reserve champion ewe named Amanda was purchased from Kin Brothers in Ohio.

Kelly and her mom, Ruth Hartman, have a flock of 32. Kelly has been showing for six years and had the reserve champion title last year at the Fair.

Keith Bollinger swept all the Cheviot ribbons and went on to claim the reserve champion ram trophy for all breeds with his yearling. His market lambs also took both lightweight champion and supreme titles, but his twin brothers, Jeff and Jerry, were mighty contenders whose names also were in the winner's circle. Jerry took both mediumweight champion and reserve market lamb titles and ultimately the reserve market lamb trophy. Jerry also showed the champion Suffolk ewe and ram and the reserve champion ram. His twin Jeff showed the reserve champion ewe.

The Bollinger brothers raise 25 sheep on their Ephrata farm and have been consistent winners for many years in several county fairs. Both Jeff and Jerry plan on getting married within the next year, but don't count on their names disappearing from the show circuit. Jerry plans to show again, and Keith plans on buying his brothers' sheep to continue the family's winning streak.

Kenton Reiff must be doing everything right. It was the

17-year-olds sixth time to earn the champion showmanship title at the Denver Fair. A senior at Lancaster Mennonite High School, Kenton is the son of Sam and Elva Reiff of Ephrata.

The reserve champion showmanship title went to Radell Peters of Middletown. The son of Raymond and Rebecca Peters said his dad gives him pointers in handling the 10 head he raises. The amazing feat that Radell accomplished to win the reserve championship was that he was only second in his class, but when the first- and second-place contenders went into the ring for the final competition, Radell performed "outstandingly" and surpassed the first place winner in his class.

As a third-year exhibitor, Gerald Boyd placed first in the class and Jennifer Zimmerman placed first in the first-year exhibitor's class.

A partial listing of show results follows:

Showmanship Contest
4th Year & Over Exhibitors: 1. Kendall Reiff, 2. Jason Stoltzfus; 3. Kelly Glaser

2nd & 3rd year Exhibitors: 1. Gerald Boyd; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Renee Hoover

1st Year Exhibitors: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 2. Jay Zimmerman; 3. Anjuli Calhoun

Champion Showman: Kenton Reiff
Reserve Champion Showman: Radell Peters

Market Lambs—Lightweight

Class 1: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman, 2. Renee Hoover; 3. Holly Hoover

Class 2: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Keith Bollinger; 3. Jay Zimmerman

Class 3: 1. Gerald Boyd; 2. Ann Getz; 3. Kendall Reiff

Lightweight Champion: Keith Bollinger

Reserve Champion Lightweight: Keith Bollinger

Market Lambs—Mediumweight

Class 4: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Anjuli Calhoun; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus

Class 5: 1. Jerry Bollinger; 2. Sarah Zurin; 3. Sarah Boyd

Class 6: 1. Jerry Bollinger; 2. Ann Getz; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus

Market Lambs—Heavyweight

Class 7: 1. Jason stoltzfus; 2. Kendall Reiff; 3. Joleen Herbert

Class 8: 1. Joleen herbert; 2. Gerald Boyd; 3. Sarah Boyd

Class 9: 1. Jason stoltzfus; 2. Holly Hoover; 3. Jeff Bollinger

Heavyweight Champion: Jason Stoltzfus

Heavyweight Reserve Champion: Joleen Herbert

Grand Champion: Market Lamb: Jason Stoltzfus

Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Jeff Bollinger

Pair of Market Lambs

Class 1: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Jay Zimmerman; 3. Renee Hoover

Class 2: 1. Sarah Zurin; 2. Jenny Hoover; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus

Class 3: 1. Jerry Bollinger; 2. Kendall Reiff; 3. Gerald Boyd

Class 4: 1. Joleen Herbert; 2. Jason Stoltzfus; 3. Jeff Bollinger

Grand Pair of Market Lambs: Jerry Bollinger

Champion Pair of Market Lambs: Keith Bollinger

Breeding Sheep

Cheviot

Class 1: Ram, 1 Year and Under 2

1. Keith Bollinger

Class 2: Ram Lamb Under 1 Year

1. Keith Bollinger

Class 3: Champion Ram; Keith Bollinger

Class 4: Reserve Champion Ram; Keith Bollinger

Class 5: Ewe, 2 Years and over

1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Keith Bollinger

Class 6: Ewe, 1 Year and Under 2

1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Keith Bollinger

Class 8: Spring Ewe Lamb

1. Keith Bollinger

Champion Ewe: Keith Bollinger

Reserve Champion Ewe: Keith Bollinger

Class 13, Breeders' Flock:: 1. Keith Bollinger

Corriedale

Class 1: Ram, 1 Year and Under 2:

1. Kelly Glaser

Class 2: Ram Lamb Under 1 Year:

1. Kelly Glaser; 2. Kelly Glaser

Class 3: Champion Ram: Kelly Glaser

Class 4 Reserve Champion Ram: Kelly Glaser

Class 5: Ewe, 2 Years and Over: 1. Kelly Glaser

Class 6: Ewe, 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Kelly Glaser

Class 8: Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Kelly Glaser; 2. Kelly Glaser

Class 9: Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Kelly Glaser

Class 10: Champion Ewe: Kelly Glaser

Class 11: Reserve Champion Ewe: Kelly Glaser

Class 13: Breeder's Flock: 1. Kelly Glaser

Dorset

Class 2: Ram, Under 1 Year

1. Radell Peters; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus

Champion Ram Radell Peters

Reserve Champion Ram: Jessica Stoltzfus

Class 5: Ewe, 2 Years and Over: 1. Sarah Zurin; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus

Class 6: Ewe, 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Sarah Zurin

Class 7: Fall Ewe Lamb: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus

Class 8: Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Radell Peters

Class 9: Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus

Champion Ewe: Jessica Stoltzfus

Reserve Champion Ewe: Jessica Stoltzfus

Class 13: Breeder's Flock: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Radell Peters

Romney

Class 2: Ram Lamb Under 1 Year:

1. Andy Brenner

Champion Ram: Andy Brenner

Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Andy Brenner; 2. Andy Brenner

Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Andy Brenner

Champion Ewe: Andy Brenner

Reserve Champion Ewe: Andy Brenner

Southdown

Class 8: Spring Ewe Ram:

1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 2. Jennifer Zimmerman

Class 9: Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman

Champion Ewe: Jennifer Zimmerman

Reserve Champion Ewe: Jennifer Zimmerman

Suffolk

Class 1: Ram, 1 Year and Under 2

1. Jerry Bollinger

Class 2: Ram Lamb Under 1 Year

1. Jerry Bollinger

Champion Ram: Jerry Bollinger

Reserve Champion Ram: Jerry Bollinger

Class 5: Ewe, 2 Years and Over: 1. Jeff Bollinger; 2. Jeff Bollinger; 3. Jerry Bollinger

Class 6: Ewe, 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jeff Bollinger; 2. Jerry Bollinger

Class 8: Spring Ewe Lamb: 1. Jeff Bollinger

Class 9: Two Ewe Lambs: 1. Jeff Bollinger

Champion Ewe: Jerry Bollinger

Reserve Champion Ewe: Jeff Bollinger

Breeder's Young Flock: 1. Jeff Bollinger

Breeder's Flock: 1. Jerry Bollinger; 2. Jeff Bollinger

Grand Champion Ram: Kelly Glaser

Reserve Champion Ram: Keith Bollinger

Grand Champion Ewe: Jessica Stoltzfus

Reserve Champion Ewe: Kelly Glaser



Jessica Stoltzfus, left, holds Penelope, the Dorset fall ewe lamb, chosen as best of the show in breeding ewes. At right, is Kelly Glaser with the reserve champion ewe.



Best of the show breeding ram trophy went to Kelly Glaser's Corriedale, left. The reserve trophy went to Keith Bollinger's yearling Cheviot.



Shown are Market Lamb Champion "Mr. Loin" with Jason Stoltzfus, right, and the reserve champion with no name with Jerry Bollinger.

MMI Distributes \$1.9 Million Patronage Earnings

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio—Milk Marketing Inc. (MMI) returned more than \$1.9 million in patronage earnings to its 5,700 dairy farm families, announced Don Schriver, executive vice president and CEO and Herman Brubaker, chair and president of MMI's board of directors.

Checks were mailed to MMI members on Sept. 1.

"The 100-percent cash distribution represents 5 cents per hundredweight of the actual milk pounds that producers marketed through MMI during the period of July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994," Schriver explained. "The

distribution represents members' share of earnings made in fiscal year 1994 by MMI's manufacturing arm, Farmers Dairy Foods, Inc. (FDF)."

As a member-owner of MMI, members share in its profits, said Schriver. Throughout the year approximately 60 percent of the milk in MMI's eight-state region is actually marketed to Class I fluid use. Farmers Dairy Foods, also owned by MMI members, turns much of the balance of the milk into butter, cheese, soft serve mix, nonfat dry milk powder and other storable products. These products are then sold into

the food service industry.

"We were able to distribute these earnings because MMI's FDF operations had a good year, plus, MMI is financially strong and healthy," said Schriver. In fiscal year 1994, MMI marketed and processed more than 4.75 billion pounds or 533 million gallons of milk and generated revenues of \$725 million.

Brubaker, a dairy producer from West Alexandria, Ohio, reported that MMI's board of directors approved the \$1.9 million cash distribution.

"It was especially good timing because of the tough economic

times some milk producers are experiencing," said Brubaker. "This is a special check. Only those producers who marketed their milk cooperatively through MMI last year received this payment. It's definitely a benefit of MMI membership."

MMI is the region's largest dairy producer-owned cooperative and the 73rd largest U.S. food company. Headquartered in Strongsville, OH, MMI is owned by 5,700 dairy farm families in an eight-state area including Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, and West Virginia.