

# Champion Breeding Sheep Honors Go To Twin Brothers, Market Sheep Championship To Donough At Ephrata Fair

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**EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.)** — The Ephrata Fair Sheep Show reached a climax on Wednesday night when twin brothers stood in the showring and vied for the grand champion breeding sheep trophy.

In the end, Jeff Bollinger took the trophy with his Suffolk ewe and his brother Jerry's Suffolk ram settled for the reserve rosette. Earlier, Jerry had smoothly wielded his sheep in competition to become the grand champion showman.

The two 19-year-old brothers have waged friendly competition in the show ring for years. The sons of Ray and Sharon Bollinger have a flock of Suffolks and their younger brother Ryan has a flock of Cheviots on the family's Ephrata farm.

Judge John Eaton Jr., Dorset breeder from York County, said the decision to choose the grand champion breeding sheep was a difficult one because the ram has tremendous meat and muscle in the leg and groin and stands correct on its legs, while the ewe is a great example of correctness that will continue to do well on the show road.

The Bollingers weren't the only ones in the spotlight. Ryan Donough of Manheim showed the champion market lamb. The 11-year-old is a consistent winner since he entered competition three years ago. His homebred Suffolk-cross lamb Ginger was previously named grand champion non-selling lamb at the E-town Fair. It was the same story last year when Ryan showed Ginger's sister and won the reserve champion market lamb at Ephrata and E-town.

Ryan, the son of Ed and LaRue have 20 ewes on their farm. Of their homebred sheep that always seem to be in the winning circle, the family said, "It's genetics. She

won't be sold but be put in the family's breeding program."

Judge Eaton said the champion lamb is extremely heavy muscled and firm with a bit more expression in leg muscling than the competition.

Ryan said that Ginger is walked about 1/4-mile and put through hurdles every day for conditioning.

Ryan also was named reserve champion intermediate showman; Gerald Boyd was named champion in that class.

Amy Bollinger took the reserve market lamb title with her champion lightweight Corey. The 15-year-old said the 134-pound lamb was also received the championship in the open show at E-town. The 15-year-old student at Manheim Central student will show and sell the 134-pound Corey at the Manheim Farm Show.

Kendall Reiff's 110-pound lamb was selected as the first place carcass lamb from 11 entries. He also had the reserve champion middleweight in the market lamb division where Jason Stoltzfus claimed the middleweight championship. Stoltzfus also was named reserve champion senior showman.

In competition for first year of showmanship, brothers Jay and Jimmy Zimmerman took the champion and reserve respectively.

Reserve champion ram of the show went to Radell Peters for his Dorset ram. Jennifer Zimmerman took the reserve champion ewe title with her Southdown ewe lamb.

Partial show results follow for the 57 market, 11 carcass, and 26 breeding sheep entered in competition.

**JUNIOR MARKET LAMB**

**Carcass Class 1.** Kendall Reiff; 2. Sarah Boyd; 3. Gerald Boyd  
**Market Lambs - Lightweights**  
**Class 1.** Jimmy Zimmerman; 2. Jenny Hoover, Holly Hoover.



Twin brothers Jerry and Jeff Bollinger swept the breeding sheep trophies with Jeff's Suffolk ewe, right, prevailing as champion and Jerry's Suffolk ram as reserve.

**Class 2:** 1. Jay Zimmerman; 2. Ryan Donough; 3. Keith Bollinger.  
**Class 3:** 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Gerald Boyd; 3. Keith Bollinger.  
**Class 4:** 1. Travis Donough; 2. Jason Stoltzfus; 3. Kendall Reiff.  
**Champion Lightweight** Amy Bollinger.  
**Reserve Champion Lightweight** Travis Donough.

**Middleweights**

**Class 5:** 1. Travis Donough; 2. Joleen Herbert; 3. Sarah Boyd.  
**Class 6:** 1. Tracy Bollinger; 2. Travis Donough; 3. Gerald Boyd.  
**Class 7:** 1. Jason Stoltzfus; 2. Kendall Reiff; 3. Renee Hoover.  
**Champion Middleweight** Jason Stoltzfus; **Reserve Champion Middleweight** Kendall Reiff.

**Heavyweight**

**Class 8:** 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Joleen Herbert.  
**Class 9:** 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Derrick Bollinger.  
**Class 10:** 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Derrick Bollinger; 3. Jason Stoltzfus.  
**Champion Heavyweight** Ryan Donough; **Reserve Champion Heavyweight** Amy Bollinger. **Grand Champion Market Lamb** Ryan Donough;

**Reserve Champion Market Lamb** Amy Bollinger.

**Pair of Market Lambs**

**Class 1:** 1. Travis Donough; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Sarah Boyd.  
**Class 2:** 1. Jolene Herbert; 2. Derrick Bollinger; 3. Keith Bollinger.  
**Class 3:** 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Tracy Bollinger; 3. Gerald Boyd.  
**Class 4:** 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Kendall Reiff; 3. Jerry Bollinger.

**Showmanship**

**Senior 1.** Jerry Bollinger; 2. Jason Stoltzfus; 3. Kendall Reiff.  
**Champion Senior Showman** Jerry Bollinger; **Reserve Champion Senior** Jason Stoltzfus.

**Intermediate Showmanship 1.** Gerald Boyd; 2. Ryan Donough; 3. Radell Peters.  
**Champion Intermediate Showman** Gerald Boyd; **Reserve Champion Intermediate** Ryan Donough.

**Beginning 1.** Jay Zimmerman; 2. Jimmy Zimmerman; 3. Jennifer Zimmerman.  
**Champion First Year Showman** Jay Zimmerman; **Reserve Champion First Year Showman** Jimmy Zimmerman.

**Grand Champion Showman** Jerry Bollinger.

**Grand Champion Ram** Jerry Bollinger; **Reserve Champion Ram** Radell Peters  
**All Breed Champion Ewes - Grand Champion Ewe** Jeff Bollinger; **Reserve Champion Ewe** Jennifer Zimmerman.  
**Grand Champion Breeding Sheep** Jerry Bollinger; **Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep** Jerry Bollinger.

**Cheviot**

**Ram Lamb 1.** Keith Bollinger; **Yearling Ram 1.** Keith Bollinger.  
**Champion Cheviot Ram** Keith Bollinger. **Champion Cheviot Ewe** Keith Bollinger. 1,2,3 Keith Bollinger.

**Dorset**

**Ram Lamb 1.** Radell Peters; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus.  
**Champion Dorset Ram** Radell Peters  
**Ewe Lamb 1.** Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Radell Peters.

**Yearling ewe 1.** Jessica Stoltzfus, 2. Radell Peters.  
**Aged Ewe 1.** Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Radell Peters  
**Champion Dorset Ewe** Jessica Stoltzfus  
**Dorset Pair 1.** Jessica Stoltzfus, 2. Radell

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Champion showmanship honors goes to Jerry Bollinger, left, and Gerald Boyd receives the reserve champion showman title. Both exhibitors are Ephrata natives.

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