

# Pennsylvania Names Junior Breeding Sheep Champions

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 — Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Stephanie Bowman discarded her crown and banner to show her Dorset yearling in the Junior Breeding Sheep competition at the Farm Show Wednesday. The yearling was named champion of the Dorset breed. It was the first time that Stephanie claimed a championship at the state level although she's a frequent winner in local fairs.

The daughter of Roger and Nancy Bowman of Lenhartsville raises sheep on the family farm and is a strong spokesperson for the sheep industry both in meat and in wool promotion.

"If you deal with professionals and pay attention, you can learn a



In Junior Breeding Sheep, Richard Kerper Jr., right, took the championship of all purebreds with an Oxford. With Kerper are Jacob Gargas and Nicole Knepp.



Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Stephanie Bowman shows the champion Dorset in the Junior Breeding Sheep competition.



Champion and reserve Corriedale is shown by Benjamin Bow, right. Kelly Glaser, holds the reserve.



Champion and reserve champion Cheviots are owned by Michele Snyder, right. Her sister Melody holds the reserve.



Billy George Leib shows both the champion and reserve champion rambouillet that also won the championship for the combined wool breeds in the junior breeding sheep division.

lot of secrets," said Richard Kerper, Jr. The 19 year-old showed the champion of all purebreds during the Jr. Breeding Show with an Oxford purchased from Joyce Heffner.

It was his first major win in his second year of showing sheep at the state level although he did show locally through school.

Now graduated, Richard works at a feed store and sale barn.

Champion and reserve Hampshires were shown by Josie Fought, 13. With her dad, John Fought, and sister Jamie, 10, Josie raises about 50 head of Hamp and Dorsets on the family's Carlisle farm named Sulfur Run Farms.

It was the second year at the state level for Jamie to achieve the title. This year's was a homebred from the ewe that was a former champion.

Jamie is an eighth grader at Cumberland Valley High School where she is active in chorus and 4-H.

The champion Merino was shown by Jacob Gargas of Telford. It was the first time he showed a champion in his three years of showing. The son of Paul and Eileen Gargas, the 13 year-old raises about 80-100 head of several sheep breeds on the family's farm.

A champion Suffolk named Speckles was shown by Shelly Paton. Shelly, the daughter of Rick and Janice Paton of Waynesburg, has about 20 head at the family's Long Woods Farm.

She also raises market steers.

For the third year, champion and reserve Corriedales were shown by Benjamin Bow, 17. The son of Benjamin and Mary Bow of Annville, he has about 150 head of Corriedales and Suffolks on the family farm.

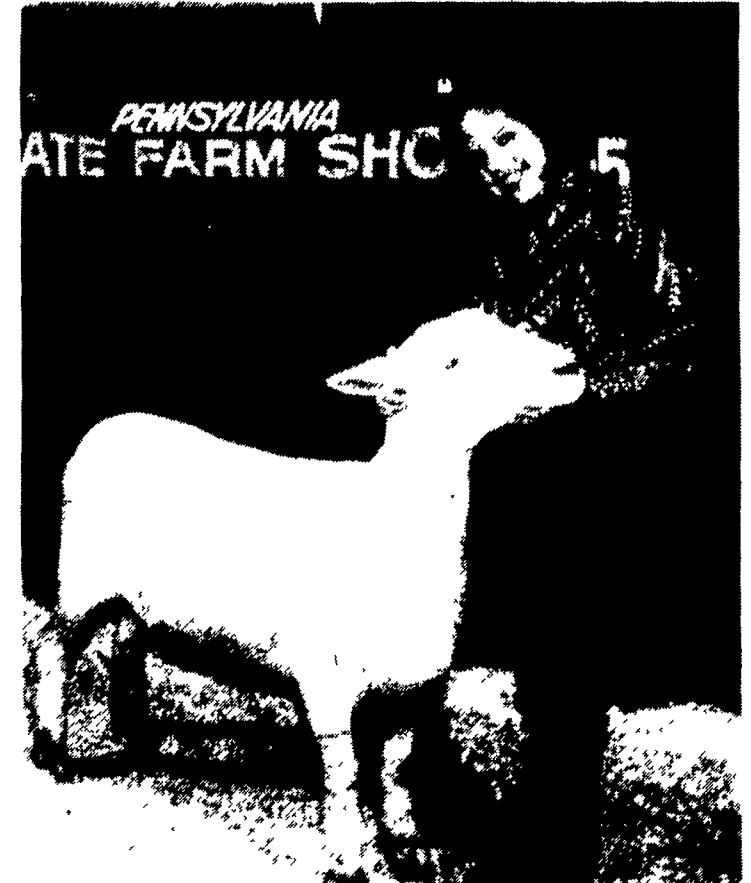
Move over Melody Snyder, your sister is taking over. Michele, who is 14, showed the champion and reserve in the junior breeding sheep. Melody has about 100 head of Suffolks while Michele raises 40 Cheviots on the family's Snyder Valley Farm. The sisters are the daughters of Jack and Donna Snyder.

Montadale Champion and reserve titles go to Tisha Ebling, 16 year-old daughter of Jane and Warren. The Montadales are homebred raised on the family farm at Newmanstown.

A partial listing of placings for the junior breeding sheep and the wool breeds follow.

- JR. SHEEP BREEDING DIVISION**  
**CHEVIOT YEARLING EWE** 1. 2. Michelle Snyder; 3. Keith D. Bollinger.  
**CHEVIOT FALL EWE LAMB** 1. Michelle Snyder.  
**CHEVIOT SPRING EWE LAMB** 1. Michelle Snyder; 2. Keith D. Bollinger; 3.

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Amanda Lynn Miller, 9, shows the champion Southdown ewe in the Junior Breeding Sheep competition.



Montadale champion and reserve champion goes to Tisha Ebling and her homebred ewes. In the center is dad Warren Ebling and Darren Fidler, right.