

Junior Exhibitors Take York Fair Open Market Lamb Honors

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YORK (York Co.) — Junior exhibitors' entries have traditionally competed well in the York Fair's open class market lamb show. This year proved to be a continuation of that trend of the last several years.

Champion title of the competitive open class market lamb show went to 17-year-old 4-Her Julie Kern, York. The champion is a 118-pound homebred Suffolk and topped its light heavyweight class earlier in the show.

"It's really great that it was a homebred," said Julie about her first time to win the York Fair's open class championship. The

purple-ribbon lamb was one of six that the York junior shepherd raised for showing competition this season.

Reserve champion honors were won by Adam Sellers, Thomasville, with a crossbred entry that he plans to exhibit in January as his Farm Show lamb. At 16, Adam is a veteran shepherd who notes that a lamb when it is just a few weeks old already displays the characteristics that help make it a winner in the showing.

Genetics, along with regular working with the lambs, is what Adam attributes in large part of showing a champion animal. Adam also took reserve honors in the junior show, but with a diffe-

rent lamb.

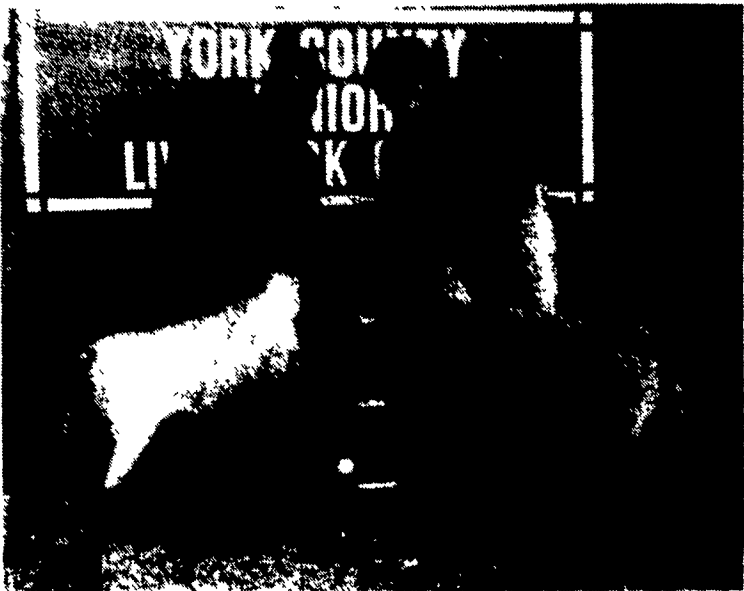
Market lamb pairs honors went to Julie Kern, York who exhibited her well-matched, homebred Suffolks to the champion title. Julie sums up her winning formula for market lambs as "just plenty of TLC — tender loving care."

Other weight division champions in the open market lamb show included Lindsay Jones, lightweight, Lisa Moyer, light medium-weight, Matt Sellers, medium-weight, and Shanna Daugherty, heavyweight.

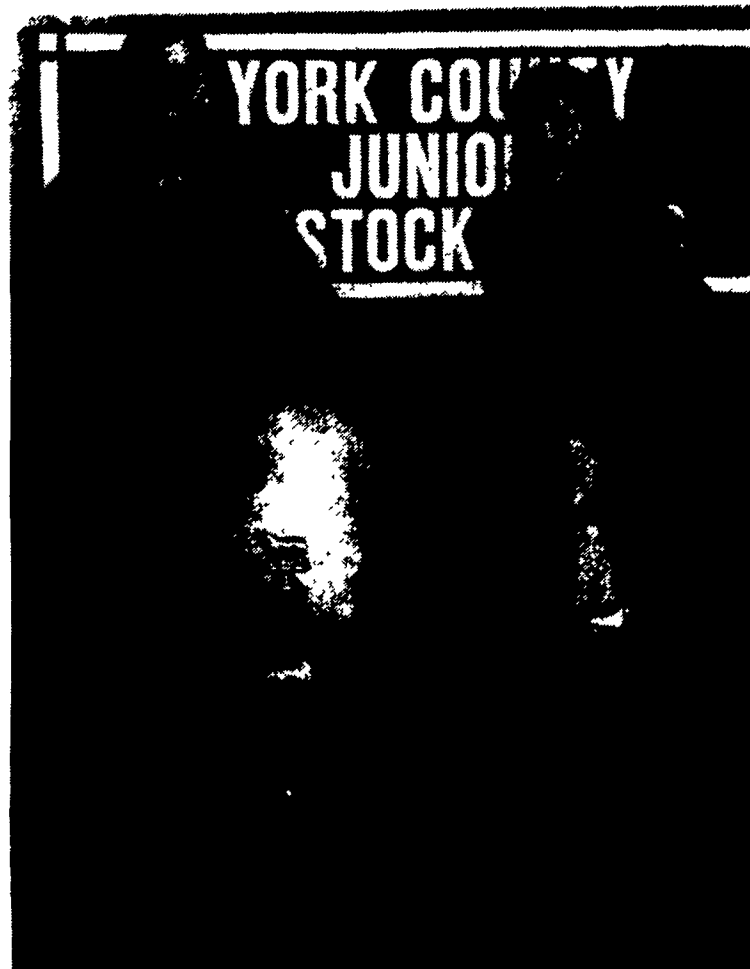
A partial list of open class market lamb winners follows:

YORK FAIR OPEN CLASS MARKET

- LAMBS**
- Lightweight Division
 Class 1 - 1. Drew Bankert; 2. Rick Jones; 3. Emily Bankert
 Class 2 - 1. Rick Jones; 2. Gina Shelton; 3. Brandy Bankert
 Class 3 - 1. Lindsay Jones; 2. Jennifer Flinchbaugh; 3. Heather Bankert
 Lightweight Champion, Lindsay Jones; Reserve Champion, Jennifer Flinchbaugh
 Light Mediumweight Division
 Class 6 - 1. Melissa Trostle; 2. Kelly Jo Bankert; 3. Heather Moyer
 Class 7 - 1. Tasha Flory; 2. Heathre Bankert; 3. Gina Shelton
 Class 8 - 1. Lisa Moyer; 2. Cody Ault; 3. Mark Albright
 Light Mediumweight Champion, Lisa Moyer; Reserve Champion, Tasha Flory
 Mediumweight Division
 Class 11 - 1. Melissa Trostle; 2. Emily Grayball; 3. Matt Trostle
 Class 12 - 1. Tabitha Ebersole; 2. Melissa Trostle; 3. Janet Eaton
 Class 13 - 1. Matt Sellers; 2. Michael Burrell; 3. Kensley McKecher
 Mediumweight Champion, Matt Sellers; Reserve Champion, Tabitha Ebersole
 Light Heavyweight Division
 Class 16 - 1. Adam Sellers; 2. Julie Kern; 3. Matt Sellers
 Class 17 - 1. Jacob Ebersole; 2. Matt Sellers; 3. Michael Burrell
 Class 18 - 1. Julie Kern; 2. Lindsay Jones; 3. Jacob Ebersole



Julie Kern's winning Suffolks took champion pair honors in the market lamb show at the York Fair. Assisting Julie in handling the lamb at right is Tabitha Ebersole.



Junior sheep show fitting honors at the York Fair were shared by Shanna Daugherty, left, champion, and reserve champion Heather Bankert.

- Light Heavyweight Champion, Julie Kern; Reserve Champion, Adam Sellers
 Heavyweight Division
 Class 21 - 1. Adam Sellers; 2. Shanna Daugherty; 3. Michael Burrell
 Class 22 - 1. Shanna Daugherty; 2. Travis Flory; 3. Tabitha Ebersole
 Class 23 - 1. Adam Sellers; 2. Travis Flory; 3. Jacob Ebersole
 Heavyweight Champion, Shanna Daugherty; Reserve Champion, Adam Sellers
 Open Class Market Lamb Grand Champion, Julie Kern; Reserve Grand Champion, Adam Sellers

Course To Teach Fire, Rescue Personnel

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they were doing opening the main doors to a fire. An explosion throws the fire team, injuring several, and knocks the camera out of the photographer's hands.

• Silo gas dangers. This showed the students how deadly silo gas exposure can be and what signs to look for.

Years ago, the Irishtown Fire Company responded to a tractor rollover accident in which several children were involved, with one fatality.

But farm accidents don't always involve fatalities. In many cases, accidents happen that simply aren't reported.

Farmers "don't really see the need to do it," said Jean. "They can get themselves out, so there's no need to tell anybody, I guess."

"The only time you hear of a farm accident is when it's a fatality or almost a fatality," said Larry.

What concerns the Feesers and other rescue personnel is that many times the farmer is alone, in the back 40, often at night, working, isolated from those that could help them in danger. So it is important that farmers work together, keep in touch, and beware and ready to help each other if an accident occurs, according to the Feesers.

National Farm Safety and Health Week runs from Sept. 17-23, the same week as the Irishtown course. According to the National Safety Council, agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in the United States, with a death rate of 26 per 100,000 worker population in 1994. It has a work-related death rate almost five times the average of all industries combined.

In Pennsylvania, last year, 35 people lost their lives in accidents related to farming, according to



The Irishtown Fire Company and the county farm bureau are working to develop three-day courses to overview what Larry Feeser covered at the FARMEDIC course in New York. The course will run Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Thursday, Sept. 21 from 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Irishtown Fire Hall. A special hands-on "equipment" day is scheduled for next Saturday, Sept. 23, at the fire hall.

statistics compiled by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Tractors played a role in 16 fatal accidents in the state in 1994. Eleven were killed in tractor over-

turns, which could have been prevented by a ROPS.

Dr. Dennis Murphy, professor of ag engineering, believes that it's "tragic when you consider that 35



Larry Feeser stands next to the 250-gallon, 12-row spray rig to be used in farm rescue demonstrations.

people died from incidents that were, for the most part, preventable."

This year's theme for National Farm Safety and Health Week is "Sowing the Seeds of Health: Practice Safety." Feeser, who raises hogs, believes that the \$65 course will benefit those involved in farm accidents by making farmers and rescue people more aware of what is involved.

The entirely volunteer Irishtown Fire Department has 225 members, of which 45-50 are active in the department. About 35-40 are farmers.

Feeser believes that the feedback from the experience could benefit farmers and rescue people alike. After two years, recertification involves about 10-12 hours of coursework.

"I could talk to 200 farmers and all 200 farmers could give me a farm-related accident," said Feeser. "Fire fighters are no different. They've seen things, they have done things in the past, and they can insert at any time in a situation to handle it."

For more information about the course, call Feeser at (717) 624-9452.

DPC Sets Conference

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Dairy Practices Council (formerly the Northeast Dairy Practices Council) has announced its 26th annual conference to be held Nov. 8-10 at the Holiday Inn Carrier Circle in East Syracuse.

The objectives of the council are to develop and disseminate

educational guidelines directed to proper and improved sanitation practices and to facilitate the adoption of sound, uniform and improved procedures related to the production, processing, and distribution of high quality milk and dairy products.