

Lampeter Selects Two Champion Market Lambs

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— Lampeter Fair chose two grand champion market lambs. One in the 4-H division and the other in the FFA division of the sheep show.

Vince Metzler, recuperating from a concussion suffered while preparing his sheep, took the grand champion title with his 119-pound Hampshire Dorset cross named Sassy.

It's the first year that Vince has shown lambs, which he raised for a FFA project. He is a sophomore and FFA student at Penn Manor High School.

On Sunday, a freak accident happened while Vince was washing his lamb in preparation for the show. A head injury resulted in him being hospitalized for a concussion. Although not fully recuperated, Vince wanted to show his sheep and was glad he did after claiming the top trophy in the FFA division.

The son of Dan and Ethel Metzler, Vince helps on the family's Mt. Nebo farm, where they raise cattle and crops, and a few pigs and sheep for fair competition.

In 4-H competition, Tiffany Dean showed the winning market lamb, a champion heavyweight named Stormy. The sheep was purchased from Tim Fleener, a breeder in Lebanon County.

Last week, 9-year-old Tiffany also won the champion market lamb title at Solanco Fair. She is the daughter of Joan and Gary Dean of Strasburg.

Junior showmanship was won by 17-year-old Joy Young, who went on to win showmanship honors over all. It was the first showmanship win of Joy who credits her market lamb Tristan for cooperating. Joy helps on the family's 300-acre Peach Bottom farm where they have a 300-head dairy and some horses.

The senior showmanship trophy went to 17-year-old Tina Henry, daughter of John and Bonnie Henry of Pequea. She is a senior FFA student at Penn Manor High School.

Senior fitting went to Jessica Schmidt, daughter of Pete and Laurie Schmidt of Drumore. Junior fitting recognition went to

Allison Hughes, daughter of Chet and Marie Hughes of Lancaster.

Here is a partial listing of show results.

FFA Market Lambs

Lightweight: Class A: 1. Andy Burkholder; 2. Nathan Walter; 3. Jeremy Railing; **Class B:** 1. Melissa McCardell; 2. Tina Henry; 3. Grant Hossler.

Mediumweight: 1. Vince Metzler; 2. Kevin Boyer; 3. Matt Herr.

Lightweight Heavy: 1. Vince Metzler; 2. Kevin Boyer; 3. Matt Herr.

Heavyweight: 1. Jessica Neff; 2. Matt Herr; 3. Kevin Boyer.

4-H Market Lambs

Lightweight: 1. Loren Hershey; 2. Jay Young; 3. Allison Hughes.

Mediumweight: 1. Tiffany Dean; 2. April Leaman; 3. Brad Leaman.

Heavyweight: 1. Tiffany Dean; 2. Allison Hughes.

Pairs: 1. Tina Henry; 2. Loren Hershey; 3. Kevin Boyer.

Senior Fitting: 1. Jessica Schmidt; 2. Jessica Neff; 3. April Leaman.

Senior Showmanship: 1. Tina Henry; 2. Jessica Schmidt; 3. Melissa McCardell.

Junior Fitting: Class 1: 1. Allison Hughes; 2. Brad Leaman; 3. Sara Strickler; **Class 2:** 1. Matt Herr; 2. Garret Neff; 3. Kevin Boyer; **Champion Fitter:** Allison Hughes.

Junior Showmanship: Class 1: Nate Walter; 2. Matt Herr; 3. Kevin Boyer; **Class 2:** 1. Joy Young; 2. Matt Herr; 3. Kevin Boyer; **Champion Showmanship:** Joy Young.

Breeding: Dorset: Ram Lamb: Jessica Schmidt.

Ewe Under 2: Jessica Schmidt; Sara Strickler; **Champion:** Jessica Schmidt-Ram Lamb.

Ewe Lamb: 1. Jessica Schmidt; 2. Sara Strickler; 3. Jessica Strickler.



Judge Henry Gruber stands with champion market lambs at Lampeter Fair. On left, Tiffany Dean shows Stormy, the 4-H champion, and Vince Metzler holds Sassy, the FFA champion.

Champion Ewe: Jessica Schmidt; **Reserve Champion Ewe:** Jessica Schmidt; **Pair:** Jessica Schmidt; Sara Strickler; **Flock:** Jessica Schmidt.



Showmanship champion Joy Young, right, with Allison Hughes, sheep fitting champion, at the Lampeter Sheep Show.

Tremendous Swine Show Says Judge Gruber

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— "It was my day," Klinton Frey summed up the Lampeter FFA Swine Show on Wednesday.

Klinton not only took the champion market hog trophy but also the showmanship trophy in his division and the middleweight and light heavyweigh champion titles.

Judge Henry Gruber of Lehigh County said that the champion market hog was more muscular in the ham area, had a strong ham loin, and its connection tells its a high quality loin.

"This is a tremendous show. It's a good quality hogs and good quality kids working with them," Gruber said of the hog show that included separate 4-H and FFA competition.

It was the second year that 15-year-old Klinton showed hogs but the first time for a champion trophy.

"I knew it was a good hog and I guess this was a pay off for working on the farm all my life," Klinton said. He helps his parents, Norma and Dave Frey, on their

Washington Boro farm where they raise 600 head of feeder hogs, some beef, and grow tobacco.

Showing the grand champion 4-H hog was Allison Hughes, daughter of Chet and Marie Hughes of Lancaster.

"It has extreme length, tremendous ham and muscle," Gruber said of the champion 4-H hog.

Allison said the 248-pound hog came from her uncle Keith Bard's farm in Cambria County. Of Yorkshire-Hamp cross named Moonbeam, Allison said, "He was my buddy. I really liked him."

Allison is accumulating a roomful of trophies in her success in showing both hogs and sheep. She said, "My dad is going to make a trophy room."

Senior showmanship went to Jay Hess, last year's winner.

"This is my last year in FFA, so I'm happy to end my year this way," the 20-year-old said. A graduate of Penn Manor High School, Jay works on his parent's (Abe's and Janie's) 250-sow farrow to finish hog farm called Bacon Acres.

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Dorset breeding sheep honors went to Jessica Schmidt, center, holding the champion called Mantea. April Leaman, left, holds the reserve and Sara Strickler holds the champion ram — all belonging to Jessica.



Allison Hughes shows the 4-H champion market hog that judge Henry Gruber calls extreme in length with tremendous ham.