

'Leed' Hampshire Outshines 241 Entries At Elizabethtown Fair

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — For the third year in a row, a Leed breeding sheep was named supreme champion sheep overall Wednesday at the Elizabethtown Fair.

However, two considerable differences were evident this year. Instead of the supreme being a Dorset owned by Ann Leed, it was a Hampshire owned by her sister Susan Leed.

Still, Ann had the honor of showing the homebred ewe named Jewel because her 11-year-old sister was attending Day Camp. The two sisters are the daughters of Bob and Nancy Leed of Lebanon, where they raise Deep Run Hampshires.

The Elizabethtown Sheep Show is one of the largest shows in the county, with 241 entries this year. Tim Hall, judge for the day-long event, said that Leed's Hamp could stand up against the largest sheep shows in the nation and excel.

The annual sheep show is unique compared to most shows in that both market lamb and selling lamb competitions are held in addition to breeding sheep categories. From these three categories, a supreme champion is selected.

The champions in market and selling lamb categories were shown by two Ziegler brothers, sons of Dean and Carol Ziegler of Litzitz. Thirteen-year-old Brandon showed the champion market lamb and his brother Corby showed the selling lamb.

Corby's heavyweight selling champion and Brandon's champion market lamb were purchased from Iowa. The brothers have eight crossbreds which they exercise at their Litzitz rural home.

When selecting the supreme champion, the judge pointed out four sheep that he thought worthy of the title. These included Corby's sale lamb, Jessica Stoltzfus's Dorset, and Stephanie Kauffman's homebred Southdown in addition to Leed's champion.

Jessica, whose 20 Dorsets on the family's Elizabethtown farm are mostly homebred, said that her champion Dorset was purchased from Van Bair Farms. The ewe lamb has a frustrating idiosyncrasy,

according to Jessica. "She hates her legs being touched. She won't let me set her up. But because she does pretty good at setting up herself, I just need to learn to deal with it," she said.

Stephanie's champion Southdown named Rosie is raised on her grandparents' Lorraine and George Lewis's farm in Landisville. Her mother Ellen Lewis was well known for showing Hampshires in previous years. Lewis said that he now advertises his sheep as Lewis' Hampshires and Stephanie Kauffman's Southdowns.

Seven-year-old Stephanie said that when she walks her sheep, all the neighborhood children in the development surrounding the meadows come to help her walk them.

Keith Bollinger of Ephrata showed champions in both the Cheviot and in the Suffolk divisions. The 17-year-old raises 22 Cheviots and Suffolks and his brother has an additional 10. The Cheviot aged ewe has been named breed champion for three years at E-town.

The Suffolk champion is homebred ewe lamb whose mother was a former champion. The Suffolk also was named champion of its breed at the county 4-H Roundup held last week.

The Shropshire champion was a yearling ewe shown by Amy Bollinger of Manheim. The Shropshire is from her sister Tracy's FFA chain animal, which was the champion at the E-town Fair two years ago. In a repeat of last week's 4-H roundup, Bollinger also showed the reserve champion market lamb at E-town.

In Corriedale competition, Tim Walker showed a ewe lamb named Holly. The homebred's mother named Rosie was a former champion at the show. Tim, who is 12 and has been showing for three years, is the son of Jeff and Joanne Walker of Rheems.

A Montadale yearling ewe named Jelly Bean was named champion in the other breed class, which included Columbia and Jacob's breeds. Thirteen-year-old John Schmidt said that he purchased the champion Montadale from his 4-H leaders Bill and Joan McCauley. Named Jelly Bean because she was born on Easter, the yearling was also a champion at 4-H Roundup last week.

Exhibitors competed in showmanship in four different categories. Taking the 16-year-and-over class was Regina Landis. The 16-year-old has started the Fair season out with a bang by claiming showmanship trophies in this and in last week's 4-H county roundup.

In the 13- to 15-year-old division, Jennifer Zimmerman, another frequent winner, took top honors. She pastures a flock of 14 Southdowns in Akron.

In the 10- to 12-year-old division, John Tracy from E-town placed first. It was the 11-year-old's first win in showmanship. He is the son of Gerald and Helen and the younger of three boys, who are frequent winners in sheep competitions.

In the novice division, 8-year-old Joelynn Donough, despite her age, showed her expertise on keeping her eye on the judge and her sheep in control. The daughter of Ed and LaRue Donough, her brothers Travis and Ryan raise Suffolks and Hampshires on their Manheim farm. When asked how many sheep her family raise, Joelynn replied, "Too many."

Here is a partial listing of results:

- Pair of Market Lambs**
 Supreme Champion: Susan Leed.
 Class 1: 1. Kathy Lynn Musser; 2. Kirsten Kauffman; 3. John Tracy.
 Class 2: 1. Ryan Tracy; 2. Radell Peters; 3. Travis Donough.
 Class 3: 1. Benjamin Bow; 2. Michael Musser; 3. Ryan Donough.
 Class 4: 1. Brandon Ziegler; 2. Amy Bollinger; 3. Regina Landis.
 Champion: Ben Bow. Reserve Champion: Brandon Ziegler.
- Market Lamb (Lightweight)**
 Class 1: 1. Adam Zurin; 2. John Tracy; 3. Katye Allen.
 Class 2: 1. Kathy Lynn Musser; 2. Brandon Ziegler; 3. Kathy Lynn Musser.
 Class 3: 1. Laura Newcomer; 2. Stephanie Kauffman; 3. Ryan Donough.
 Class 4: 1. Radell Peters; 2. Gerald M. Boyd; 3. Radell Peters.
 Champion: Laura Newcomer. Reserve Champion: Kathy Musser.
- Mediumweight**
 Class 1: 1. Corby Ziegler; 2. Heather Ziegler; 3. Ryan Donough.
 Class 2: 1. Sarah Boyd; 2. Tracy Bollinger; 3. Tracy Bollinger.
 Class 3: 1. Benjamin Bow; 2. Amy Bollinger; 3. Ryan Donough.
 Champion: Ben Bow. Reserve Champion: Corby Ziegler.
- Heavyweight**
 Class 1: 1. Benjamin Bow; 2. Michael Musser; 3. Gerald M. Boyd.
 Class 2: 1. Brandon Ziegler; 2. Amy Bollinger; 3. Joelynn Donough.
 Champion: Brandon Ziegler. Reserve Champion: Amy Bollinger.
 Grand Champion Market: Brandon Ziegler. Reserve Grand Champion Market: Amy Bollinger.
- Selling Market Lamb**
 Lightweight



In selling lamb competition, Brandon Ziegler shows the grand champion. Fair Queen Rebecca Vogt is at left.

- Class 1: Travis Aldinger; 2. Amy Hoffines; 3. Laura Newcomer.
- Class 2: 1. Benjamin Bow; 2. Matthew Musser; 3. Rachel Musser.
 Champion: Ben Bow. Reserve Champion: Matthew Musser.
- Mediumweight**
 Class 1: 1. Casey S. Seibert; 2. Jonathan Kauffman; 3. Sarah Zurin.
 Class 2: 1. Alyssa Aldinger; 2. Kathy Lynn Musser; 3. Amy Brandt.
 Class 3: 1. Ryan Tracy; 2. Travis Donough; 3. Joelynn Donough.
 Champion: Ryan Tracy. Reserve Champion: Travis Donough.
- Heavyweight**
 Class 1: 1. Regina Landis; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus; 3. Brandon Ziegler.
 Class 2: 1. Corby Ziegler; 2. Sarah Boyd; 3. Gerald M. Boyd.
 Class 3: 1. Ryan Donough; 2. Amy Bollinger; 3. Tracy Bollinger.
 Champion: Corby Ziegler. Reserve Champion: Regina Landis. Grand Champion: Corby Ziegler. Reserve Grand Champion: Ben Bow.
- Showmanship**
 Exhibitors Ages 16 & Over: 1. Regina Landis; 2. Tracy Bollinger; 3. Benjamin Bow.
 Exhibitors Ages 13-15: 1. Jennifer Zimmerman; 2. Kathy Lynn Musser; 3. Radell Peters.
 Exhibitors Ages 10-12: 1. John Tracy; 2. Ryan Donough; 3. Derrick Bollinger.
 Exhibitors Ages 9 & Under: 1. Joelynn Donough; 2. Adam Zurin; 3. Amber Gemberling.
- Cheviot**
 Ram & Under 1 Year: 1. Katye Allen.
 Ewe 2 Years & Over: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Katye Allen.
 Ewe 1 Year & Under 2: 1. Katye Allen; 2. Katye Allen.
 Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Keith Bollinger; 2. Katye Allen.
 Champion: Keith Bollinger. Reserve Champion: Keith Bollinger.
- Pair of Lambs: 1. Katye Allen. Flock: 1. Katye Allen.**
- Corriedale**
 Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Timothy Walker.
 Breed Champion: Tim Walker.
- Dorset**
 Ram and Under 1 Year: 1. Jessica L. Schmidt; 2. Sara Strickler; 3. Radell Peters.
 Ram 1 Year and Over: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jennifer Wenger.
 Ewe 2 Years and Over: 1. Tracy Bollinger; 2. Jennifer Wenger; 3. Jessica Stoltzfus.
 Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Ann Leed; 3. Jennifer Wenger.
 Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jessica Stoltzfus; 3. Jennifer Wenger.
 Pair of Lambs: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jennifer Wenger; 3. Jessica L. Schmidt.
 Breed Champion: Jessica Stoltzfus. Reserve Champion: Jessica Stoltzfus.
 Flock: 1. Jessica Stoltzfus; 2. Jessica L. Schmidt; 3. Radell Peters.
- Hampshire**
 Ram & Under 1 Year: 1. Regina Landis; 2. Regina Landis.
 Ram 1 Year & Over: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman.
 Ewe 1 Year & Under 2: 1. Regina Landis; 2. Susan Leed; 3. Erin Willard.
 Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Susan Leed; 2. Regina Landis; 3. Regina Landis.
 Pair of Lambs, Any Age, Either Sex: 1. Regina Landis; 2. Jimmy Zimmerman.
 Breed Champion: Susan Leed. Reserve Champion: Regina Landis.
- Shropshire**
 Ewe 2 Years & Over: 1. Amy Bollinger.
 Ewe 1 Year & Under 2: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Amy Bollinger.
 Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Amy Bollinger; 2. Amy Bollinger.
 Pair of Lambs: 1. Amy Bollinger.
 Champion: Amy Bollinger. Yearling Ewe.

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Judge Tim Hall selects Corby Ziegler's lamb as the champion market lamb at E-town and Amy Bollinger's as the reserve champion market lamb. Fair Queen Rebecca Vogt holds the trophy.



Showmanship honors go to John Tracy in the 10 to 12-year-old division, and from left, Jennifer Zimmerman, 13 to 15-year-old division; Regina Landis, 16 year and over; and Joelynn Donough, novice division.