

Best Friends Take Champion Sheep Honors At Solanco Fair

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — With 55 entries shown by 33 exhibitors, the Solanco Fair Sheep Show on Wednesday started right on par with other years. Two best friends shared the limelight for the champion market lamb. Ten-year-old Allison Hughes took the grand champion trophy for a crossbred purchased from Lloyd Reiff of Strasburg. Her classmate Tiffany Dean took the reserve champion trophy with a crossbred purchased from Tim Fleener of Robesonia. Judge John Eaton said that the two lambs had style, balance, and

muscle. He said that Allison's lamb perhaps had a slight edge in being well-balanced although Tiffany's was a bit longer. Allison, daughter of Chet and Marie Hughes of Lampeter, has shown her 4-H project sheep for three years. She called the champion Spot because of a dark spot on his back. "I walked him a lot because he was a jumper. He behaved better if he could walk beside his sister," Allison said. Tiffany had shown the champion market lamb last year at Solanco and this year at the county 4-H Roundup. The 10-year-old daughter of Joan and Gary Dean of Strasburg, called her ewe Dominoes

because of his black and white coloring. The Solanco Fair has only market lamb and showmanship competition, but no breeding sheep. The showmanship competition was divided into four classes, from which the top two places from each class competed for the grand champion title. Tyler Swansen, a 10th grade Penn Manor FFA'er, impressed the judge with his complete, smooth movements with his lamb and the eye contact he maintained with the judge. "You can tell he spends time with his lamb," Judge Eaton said. Tyler's lamb Kendra is one of three that Tyler raises for FFA projects. Tyler is the son of John and Debra Swanson of Conestoga. Taking the reserve champion showman title was Jessica Schmidt, a previous first-place champion at the fair. She showed her lamb Maverick, which she raises at her parents', Peter and Laurie Schmidt's farm in Drumore. Here is a partial listing of winners.



Showing the grand champion and reserve market lambs at Solanco Fair are best friends Allison Hughes, right, and Tiffany Dean, respectively.



Penn Manor FFA'er Tyler Swanson is top showman at Solanco Fair and Jessica Schmidt is the reserve.

- LIGHTWEIGHT MARKET LAMBS**
1. John Schmidt; 2. Arron Hoyt; 3. John Schmidt.
- CLASS 2**
1. Jessica Schmidt; 2. Debra Young; 3. Kevin Boyer.
- Lightweight Ch. Market Lamb, Jessica Schmidt; Lightweight Res. Market Lamb, John Schmidt.
- MIDDLEWEIGHT MARKET LAMBS**
CLASS 1 1. Tyler Swanson; 2. Lydia Kiser; 3. Ryan Nelson.
CLASS 2 1. Brent Landis; 2. Allison Hughes; 3. Debra Young.
CLASS 3 1. Tiffany Dean; 2. Loren Hershey; 3. Jeremy Wolk.

- Middleweight Ch. Market Lamb, Tiffany Dean; Middleweight Res. Market Lamb, Brent Landis.
- LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
CLASS 1: 1. Adam Byrne; 2. Jessica Schmidt; 3. Adam Byrne.
CLASS 2: 1, 2. Becky Byrne; 3. Loren Hershey.
CLASS 3: 1. Allison Hughes; 2. April Leaman.
- Light Heavyweight Ch. Market Lamb, Allison Hughes; Light Heavyweight Res. Market Lamb, April Leaman.
- HEAVYWEIGHT**
CLASS 1: 1. Tiffany Dean; 2. April Leaman; 3. Joy Young.
CLASS 2: 1, 2. Brad Leaman; 3. Hope Long.
CLASS 3: 1, 2. Ashley Funk; 3. Joy Young.
- Heavyweight Ch. Market Lamb, Brad Leaman; Heavyweight Res. Market Lamb, Tiffany Dean.
- PAIR OF MARKET LAMBS**
Lightweight Pairs 1. John Schmidt; 2. Debra Young; 3. Aaron Hoyt.
Middleweight Pairs 1. Loren Hershey; 2. Jessica Schmidt; 3. Lydia Kiser.
Light Heavyweight Pairs 1. Tiffany Dean; 2. Allison Hughes; 3. Becky Byrne.
Heavyweight Pairs 1. Brad Leaman; 2. April Leaman; 3. Ashley Funk.
Champion Pair, Brad Leaman; Reserve Champion Pair Tiffany Dean.
- CLASS 1 SHOWMANSHIP:** 1. Sara Strickler; 2. Kevin Boyer; 3. Arron Hoyt.
CLASS 2: 1. Tyler Swanson; 2. Jessica Schmidt; 3. Jessica Pearson.
CLASS 3: 1. Brad Leaman; 2. April Leaman; 3. John Schmidt.
CLASS 4: 1. Hope Long; 2. Loren Hershey; 3. Tiffany Dean.
Grand Champion Showman, Tyler Swansen; Reserve Champion Showman, Jessica Schmidt.

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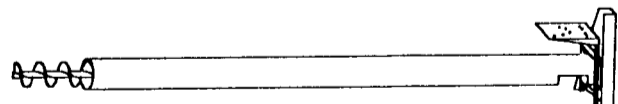


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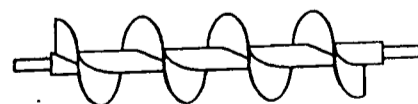
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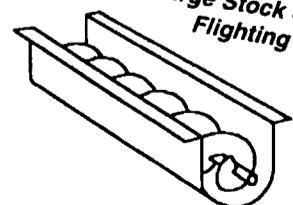


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