

# Shepherds And Sheep Compete At State Farm Show

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— Almost 200 head of the most stylish sheep representing 12 breeds filled the small arena in the Farm Show Complex Wednesday afternoon. Two shows ran simultaneously from which champions were selected from each breed.

Following the breed competitions, 46 showmen competed in the youth showmanship classes divided into four classes according to age groups. Judge Heath Gelman, a Suffolk breeder from Westminster, Md., said that the high quality youth sheep show had lots of good showman and many more with good potential.

The showmanship champions from each age group were Matt Trostle, senior division; Jodie Champman, intermediate; Ann Leed, junior division; and Kyle Fleener, primary.

"The secret is to stay calm," said 18-year-old Trostle who has clinched the title several times at state competitions.

His calmness no doubt also

resulted in being named champion showman in hog competition held earlier at the Farm Show Complex. He is the son of Ronald and Yvonne Trostle.

Sixteen-year-old Jodie won showmanship at the state level two years ago. She is the daughter of Jeff and Joan Chapman of Washington. The family raises about 60 head of Montadales.

Ann Leed demonstrated that when it comes to sheep, she knows her stuff. Not only did she win her age division in showmanship but also was named Champion Shepherd in the junior division. To achieve that distinction, Ann competed with about 20 other youth in a 2½ hour test. Each participant needed to fit a sheep from the stockyard, identify seeds and equipment, and was required to judge a class of wool and a class of sheep. Contestants also took a test on sheep management.

Ann is the daughter of Bob and Nancy Leed of Lebanon, where they operate Deep Run Sheep Farm.

Ironically the Champion She-



Judge Heath Gelman of Westminster, Md., center, stands with junior sheep showmanship champions. With Gelman, from left, are Ann Leed, Jodie Chapman, Kyle Fleener, and Matt Trostle.

pherd in the senior division was also from Lebanon. Ben Bow is well known in sheep show circles.

After showing the reserve champion Southdown, Kyle went on to clinch the showmanship title

in his age division. Kyle, the son of Tim and Sarah Fleener of Robesonia had achieved the same success in showmanship two years ago at Farm Show.

**Cheviot**  
In Cheviot competition 16-year-old Michele Snyder from Clarion County show a yearling ewe that took the championship for its

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This yearling ewe took the grand champion Montadale title for Tisha Ebling of Newmanstown.



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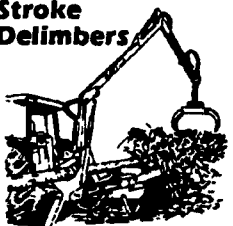
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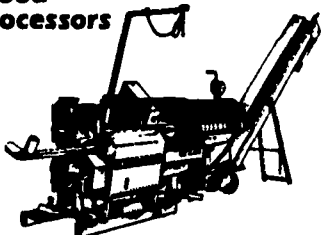
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