

# Day Clinches Market Lamb Title At New Holland

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — "Miles," a heavyweight Suffolk crossbred, clinched championship titles at both Denver and Ephrata Fairs recently. But the big question was throughout the season: could Miles capture the champion market lamb title in the hometown of owner Rachel Day?

On Wednesday evening, Miles proved that his 132-pound powerfully muscled frame could outclass the best at the New Holland Fair Sheep and Lamb Show.

"I'm surprised. I knew there were a lot of other good ones in the ring," 15-year-old Rachel said as she clutched the trophy.

In order to keep Miles from adding too much weight to his frame, Rachel fed him oats and exercised him.

The daughter of Cliff and Anna Day, Rachel is a sophomore at Garden Spot High School. Not only did she clinch the champion market lamb title but she also placed first in showmanship for first-year competitors.

Another first-year competitor, Heather Ziegler, 9, showed the reserve champion market lamb, another heavyweight.

Heather's Suffolk-Dorset crossbred is one of nine head purchased from a western breeder. Nicknamed Jake, the reserve champion weighed 124 pounds. Heather said the sheep are walked about half a mile daily. The daughter of Dean and Carole Ziegler of Lititz, Heather is a fourth grader at Manheim Christian Day School.

She admitted that she owes much to the assistance of her older brothers' Corby and Brandon, who consistently win market lamb titles at New Holland, Manheim, and Elizabethtown. In fact, later Wednesday evening, her brother Corby showed both champion and reserve champion in the non-sale

lamb division. It was the first year New Holland Fair offered a non-sale division.

Corby showed similar lambs, Bucky and Chewy, to his sister's market lamb champions. The non-sale lambs will be entered at Manheim Farm Show next week.

Out of the 115 head competing at New Holland, Travis Werley, judge, named the 90-pound market lamb lightweight champion, and Holly Hoover's 100-pound lamb, reserve.

Mediumweight champion and reserve were homebred twins shown by Ryan Donough of Manheim.

In breeding sheep competition, Jen Zimmerman, Ephrata, showed a Southdown ewe to take the grand champion breeding sheep title over

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At the New Holland Fair Sheep Show, Travis Werley selects Rachel Day's heavyweight, right, as the champion market lamb and Heather Ziegler's as the reserve champion.

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Corby Ziegler shows the champion non-sale market lamb. It was the first year, New Holland Fair opened the non-sale category to exhibitors.