

Fought's Hampshire Is Farm Show Meat Breeds Grand Champ



The state Farm Show champion Southdown ewe is owned by Jamie Fought.



The state Farm Show champion Hampshire ram is shown by Stacy Suffel.



From the left, state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr., presents the honors for champion ram of the Farm Show sheep meat breeds to Jacob Garges, who holds his Oxford ram, while show judge Bud Martin joins them.

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A Hampshire ewe exhibited by Jamie Fought of Carlisle was named grand champion overall of the seven meat breeds of sheep shown at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The meat breeds competition selects the top ram and ewe of each of the seven meat breeds, and then, the top ewe out of those seven breeds, and the top ram.

The grand champion overall of the meat breeds is selected from the overall champion ewe and ram.

Jacob Garges of Telford showed the overall grand champion ram, an Oxford ram that show judge Bud Martin said was an excellent example of the traditional type of the breed.

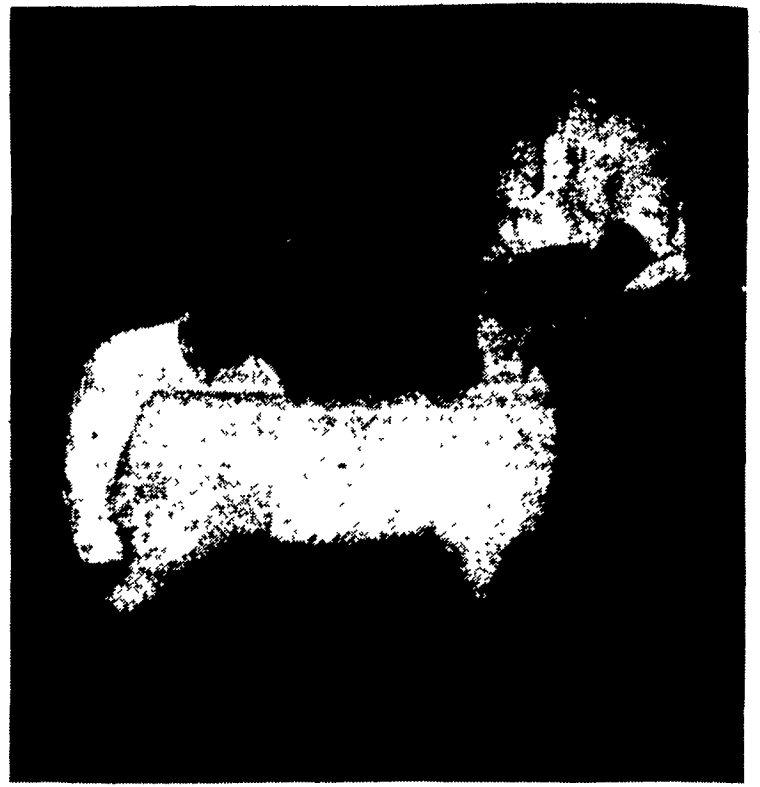
In other Hampshire recognitions, Kyle Fleener of Robesonia showed the reserve champion Hampshire ewe. Stacy Suffel, Fought's cousin, showed the champion Hampshire ram, while Josette Fought showed the reserve champion ram and also won the breed's premier breeder and exhibitor awards.

In the rest of the Oxford show, the reserve champion ram was shown by Erin Harpster of Boalsburg. The champion ewe was shown by Mike Koehler of Schnecksville, while Jeffrey Everett of Upper Black Eddy showed the reserve champion ewe.

In the Cheviot breed, the champion ram was exhibited by Erdenheim Farm of LaFayette Hill. Erdenheim also showed the champion ewe.

The reserve champion Cheviot ram was exhibited by Ron Yochum of Townville. The reserve champion ewe was exhibited by John Eaton of Windsor.

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The state Farm Show champion Oxford ewe is shown by Mike Koehler.



Erdenheim Farm shows the champion Cheviot ewe.



From the left, Jamie Fought stands with state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. who holds the banner for the state Farm Show overall sheep meat breeds grand champion, while Stacy Suffel, Jamie's cousin, holds the Hampshire ewe, and is joined by show judge Bud Martin.