

Pennsylvania Lamb And Wool Queen Clinches Market Lamb Championship At Farm Show

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Betty Lou and David Svonavec who raise about 50 head of sheep in Rockwood, Somerset County.

The Svonavecs attribute their success to "lots of hard work and maybe more luck than anything."

Excitement didn't end with the market lamb trophy. Heidi went into the showmanship competition where she placed second in the senior division.

"I was pretty nervous," Heidi said of the event.

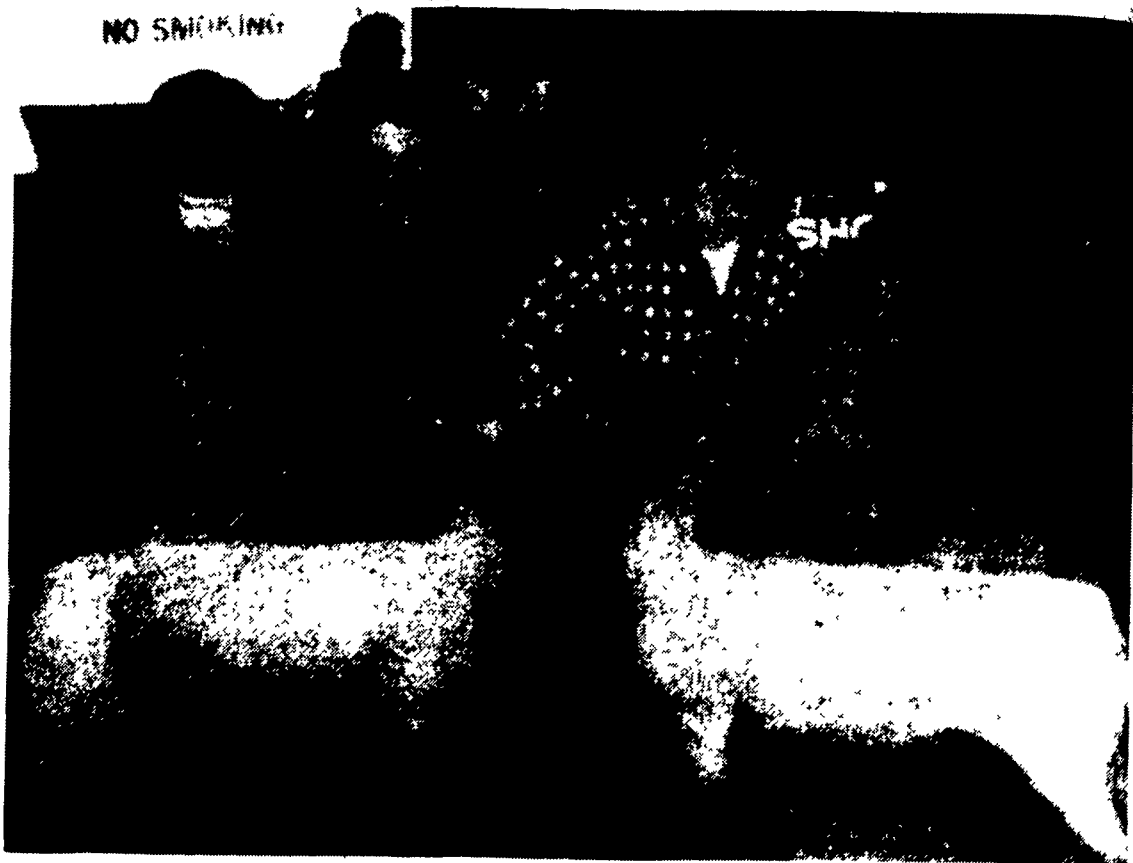
Generally the lamb and wool queen hands out ribbons during the competition, but Heidi was so busy showing that she was unable to do

so in the youth shows. However she did hand out ribbons in the open sheep shows earlier in the week.

In keeping with Farm Show rules, part of the money from the sale of the champion lambs is

returned to the Farm Show scholarship foundation. The remainder will be put in savings by the siblings for their own college education.

Entries were about 20 less than last year's registration for market lamb competition, but according to Ron Miller, Farm Show director, lamb quality was better at the shows than in other years."



Wednesday at the Farm Show bubbled over with excitement for the Svonavec family. Heidi, who is also the Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen, shows the champion market lamb. Her brother shows the reserve champion market lamb. Heidi also placed second in showmanship in the junior show.

Youth Enter 160 Breeding Sheep In Junior Show

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— Only a few newcomers managed to join the familiar names that dominated the championship list at the youth breeding sheep show. About 160 sheep made up the breeding sheep classes held in the small arena on Wednesday.

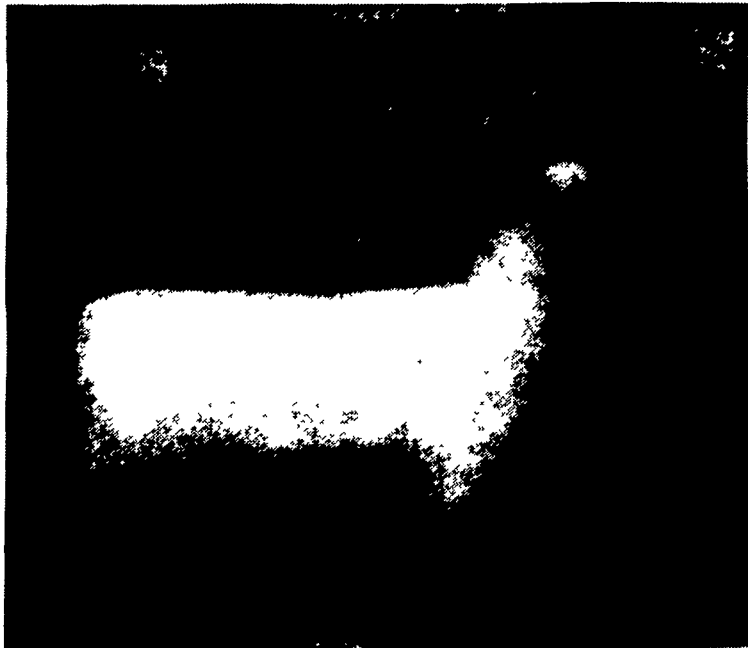
Dallassa Bowman from the Buck in Lancaster County was one of the newcomers. The 16-year-old showed a registered Columbia named Esther to take the breed championship.

Although Dallassa has three brothers and a sister who also show sheep at the local level, she was the only one of the family spying out the land in state competition this week. She's going home with a favorable report and plans to be back next year. The Bowmans raise sheep on their Country Blessing Farm.

Showing the Columbia reserve champion was Travis Crouse, 10. He and his brother Darren, 11, are the sons of Lew and Debbie of Crouse Brothers Farm in Sycamore, Greene County.

"The homebred has won every fair on the show circuit," Lew said.

In the Cheviot breed, Tony Haugh, 10, showed the champion.



Jacob Gargas shows the champion Oxford. The 16-year-old also showed the reserve champion Oxford and the champion and reserve champion Merino.

It was Tony's first year in breeding sheep competition. His dad Denny Haugh of Red Lion has been showing Suffolk sheep for years, but Tony finds the smaller Cheviot breed easier to handle. He purchased the Cheviot from John Eaton, and took it to Keystone International Livestock Expo and the York Fair where it was selected

both times as grand champion of the junior show.

Michelle Snyder showed the reserve champion Cheviot, and the champion and reserve in the Suffolk breed. It was the first time Michelle had the champion in the Suffolk breed. Her sister Melanie had showed the champion Suffolk last year, but is now a full-time college student and can no longer care for her flock. Michelle previously excelled in the Cheviot breed. With her parents, Jack and Debbie Snyder, Michelle raises 120 sheep and milking Holsteins at their Snyder Valley Farm.

The Corriedale breed was wrapped up by Kelly Glaser, who again showed the champion and reserve. The champion Freckles is a homebred ewe raised by Kelly, who with her grandmother Ruth Hartman operate Limekiln Farms in Berks County.

Dorset grand champion was shown by Billy George Leib. The yearling ewe was added to his flock of Rambouillets this year. It was the first year of showing Dorsets for Billy, who is a 9-year veteran in Farm Show competition in the Rambouillet division.

Showing the reserve champion Dorset was Eric Cowden of Cowden's Polled Dorsets in Prosperity. Eric, 16, said that this was the first



A newcomer to Farm Show competition, Dallassa Bowman from the Buck in Lancaster County shows a registered Columbia named Esther to take the breed championship.



Michelle Snyder shows the grand champion Suffolk. She also showed the reserve champion in the Suffolk and in the Cheviot breeds.



In the Shropshire division, Tim Miller's homebred ewe Star shines the brightest.

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