

Pa. Sheep, Wool Growers Hold 50th Keystone Show, Sale

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The date of the 1999 Keystone is to be announced, though it can be expected to be held about the same time as this year's show and sale. It is to be held again at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

There were 12 breeds exhibited and sold during the 50th Keystone — Hampshire, Suffolk, Southdown, Finnsheep, Polypay, Oxford, Shropshire, Tunis, Cheviot, Horned Dorset, Polled Dorset, and Wether Sheep.

Exhibitors and buyers came from Canada and a number of states, including Maryland, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Vermont, Virginia, and Michigan.

The Keystone show is designed so that a champion ewe and ram are selected from each breed and then a supreme champion ewe and ram are selected from those.

The supreme champion ram of the show was an all-black crossbred spring ram lamb Wether sire exhibited by Lyn Lee Farms, owned by Dr. Gerald and Sue Clair of State College.

According to Steve Taylor, manager of Lyn Lee, the farming operation includes 900 acres of cropland, with about 350 Suffolk and crossbred Wether sheep, 100 Saler beef cattle brood cows, and they have about 50 sows to produce crossbred market swine for club pigs.

Taylor said he has been coming to the Keystone for about seven years, three as manager of Lyn Lee. The supreme ram championship is the second supreme title won by an entry from Lyn Lee, Taylor said. In 1996 they showed the supreme champion ewe, a Suffolk.

The supreme champion ram was purchased for \$575 by Donald Bullock of Harrington, Delaware.

The supreme champion ewe of the show was a Suffolk yearling ewe exhibited by ECM Suffolks, owned by Eddie and Lisa Miller of Waynesboro, Virginia.

The Millers farm about 350 acres raising hay, wheat, corn, and the rest in pasture. They keep about 135 brood Suffolk ewes, and raise about 50 steers on grass for feedlots.

Eddie said he has been showing and selling at the Keystone from 1986 to 1994, and returned this year after a three-year hiatus. In past years, they showed at least a half dozen sheep.

John Tracey of Elizabethtown purchased the supreme champion ewe for \$400.

Suffolk

In the Suffolk breed competition, the reserve champion ewe was the top-selling Suffolk. A late spring ewe lamb, it was exhibited by Hilltop Haven Farm of Woodbine, Maryland, and sold for \$575 to Lyn Lee Farm.

The champion Suffolk ram was a late spring lamb consigned by Ln Lee Farm and was purchased for \$400 by Steve Walmer of Reinholds.

The reserve champion Suffolk ram was a yearling exhibited by ECM Suffolks that sold for \$175 to Jeff Hunter of Cambridge Springs, Pa.

Tunis

In the Tunis breed, the champion and reserve champion ewes were both exhibited by Royal and Susan Unzicker.

The champion ewe was a yearling that sold for \$175 to Gary Wolcott of Brooklyn, Michigan. The reserve champion ewe was an early spring lamb that sold for \$175 to Karen Carter of Dillsburg.

Shropshire

In the Shropshire breed, the champion ram was a yearling exhibited by Lane's End Farm in Jersey Shore. It was purchased for \$100 by Carlin Catchcart of Dry Run.

The champion Shropshire ewe was an early spring lamb exhibited by Wey Farms of Womelsdorf, that wasn't offered for sale.

Polypay

In the Polypay breed, Lane's End showed the three champions — two ewes and a ram.

The champion ram was a yearling that was purchased by Phillip Kidney of Gainesville, Pa.

James Swigart of McVeytown, Pa., purchased both ewe champions, both yearling animals.

Oxford

In the Oxford breed, Everett Oxfords of Upper Black Eddy, Pa., exhibited the champion and reserve ewes, both purchased by David Harpster.

Hampshire

In the Hampshire breed, the champion ram was a late spring lamb exhibited by Wilson Hampshires of Rural Retreat, Virginia. It was purchased for \$325 by William Stoner of Mifflintown, Pa.

The reserve champion Hampshire ram was an early spring lamb exhibited by John and Judy Moore, of Eagle, Michigan. It was purchased by Gary Wolcott.

The champion Hampshire ewe was a late spring lamb exhibited by the Moores, and it was purchased for \$300 by Jamie Fought of Carlisle.

The reserve champion Hampshire ewe also was shown by Wilson Hampshires. The fall lamb was purchased for \$325 by Peter Heath of Columbia, Pa.

The highest selling Hampshire was a yearling ewe exhibited by Wilson Hampshires that sold for \$375 to Wolcott.

Cheviot

In the Cheviot breed, the champion ram was an early spring lamb exhibited by John and Judy Moore, and that sold for \$400 to Jack Snyder of Parker, Pa.

The reserve champion Cheviot ram was a late spring lamb exhibited by Triple J Acres of Windsor, Pa., that sold for \$175 to John and Judy Moore.

The champion ewe was a late spring lamb exhibited by the Wilerton family of Danvers Illinois, that was purchased for \$450 by Jack Snyder of Parker, Pa. It was the highest selling Cheviot.

The reserve champion Cheviot ewe was a yearling exhibited by Erdenheim Farm of Lafayette, Pa., that sold for \$425 to Betty Koehler of Allentown.

The highest-selling Cheviot was a late spring ram lamb consigned by Erdenheim Farms that sold for \$550 to Circle K Farms in Bedford.

Southdown

In the Southdown breed, the champion ram was a yearling exhibited by Bruce Snyder of Kutztown, that was purchased for \$125 by Joy Shreck of Bunker Hill, West Virginia.

The reserve champion Southdown ram was a late spring lamb exhibited by Jennifer Flinchbaugh of York. It was not sold.

The champion ewe was a late spring lamb exhibited by Flinchbaugh that sold for \$200 to C.W. Bass of Stony Creek, Virginia.

The reserve champion South-

down ewe was exhibited by Scenic View Farm of Clarksburg, Virginia. It was purchased for \$200 by Larry Welsh of Sarnia, Canada.

The top-selling Southdown was exhibited by Matt Trostle and sold for \$325 to SR Farm in Arlington, Virginia.

Dorset

In the Polled Dorset breed, the champion ram was an early fall lamb exhibited by Wagner Dorsets of Easton, Pa., that sold for \$525 to Sunrise Dorset Farm in Harrisburg.

The reserve champion Polled Dorset ram was a late fall lamb exhibited by Treaty Line Farm of Prospect, Ohio, that sold for \$450 to Sunrise Dorset Farm.

The champion ewe was an early fall lamb exhibited by Penn State University that sold for \$525 to Sunrise Dorset Farm.

The reserve champion ewe was an early spring lamb exhibited by Spring Creek Farm in Mertztown,

that sold for \$600 to Matthew Bankert of Hanover, Pa.

Horned Dorset

In the Horned Dorset show, the champion ram was an early fall lamb exhibited by Cassell Horned Dorsets of Wytheville, Virginia.

Cassell also exhibited the champion ewe, an early fall lamb, and the reserve champion ewe, a yearling.

Wether Sheep

A new addition to the Keystone this year was Wether Sheep, mostly exhibited by Lyn Lee Farm.

The champion ram, of course, was the supreme champion, while the reserve champion sire was a Suffolk spring lamb.

The champion ewe was a Suffolk yearling, while the reserve ewe was a crossbred yearling.

The champion ewe was purchased for \$350 by Mac Magee of Shippensburg, Pa.

In addition to the supreme and



From the left, Steve Taylor, manager of Lyn Lee Farms, the exhibitor of this supreme champion ram of the 50th Keystone Stud Ram and Ewe Show, kneels down, and is joined by children of buyer Donald Bullock — from the left, Rachel, Cara and Amber Bullock — while Stacy Suffel, an employee of Lyn Lee Farms, shows the crossbred Wether sheep ram.



Eddie C. Miller of ECM Suffolks, Waynesboro, Virginia, shows his supreme champion ewe of the 50th Keystone Stud Ram and Ewe Show.

breed championships, the Pa. Sheep and Wool Growers present a special award in recognition of the quality of animal offered by an exhibitor for sale. Called the Townsend Best Consignment Award, it was presented to Lyn Lee Farm, of State College.

50TH KEYSTONE Stud Ram & Ewe Show Results

(As listed in the sale catalog.)

HAMPSHIRE

YEARLING RAM: 1.Wilson
EARLY SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Wilson; 2.Lyle; 3.Moore.
LATE SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Fought.
CHAMPION RAM: Wilson.
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM: Moore.
YEARLING EWE: 1.Wilson.
EARLY PSRING EWE LAMB: 1.Wilson; 2.Lyle; 3.Everett.
CHAMPION EWE: Moore.
RESERVE CHAMPION: Wilson.

SUFFOLK

LATE SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.ECM.
EARLY SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Lyn Lee; 2.Windy Acres.
YEARLING RAM: 1.ECM; 2.Circle K; 3.Howard.
CHAMPION RAM: 1.Lynn Lee.
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM: ECM.
LATE SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Windy Acres; 2.Lyn Lee; 3.ECM.
EARLY SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Lyn Lee.
YEARLING EWE: 1.ECM; 2.Lyn Lee; 3.Windy Acres.
CHAMPION EWE: ECM.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Hilltop Haven.

SOUTHDOWN

LATE SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Scenic View; 2.Debold; 3.Scenic View.
FALL RAM LAMB: 1.Choma.
YEARLING RAM: Flinchbaugh.
CHAMPION RAM: Snyder.
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM: Flinchbaugh.
LATE SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Choma; 2.Flinchbaugh; 3.Debold.
EARLY SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Choma; 2.Snyder; 3.Trostle.
FALL EWE LAMB: Choma.
YEARLING EWE: 1.Scenic View; 2.Trostle; 3.Snyder.
CHAMPION EWE: Flinchbaugh.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Scenic View.

FINNSHEEP

CHAMPION RAM: Circle W Farm.

POLYPAY

CHAMPION RAM: Lane's End.
CHAMPION EWE: Lane's End.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Lane's End.

OXFORD

CHAMPION EWE: Everett.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Everett.

SHROPSHIRE

CHAMPION RAM: Lane's End.
CHAMPION EWE: Wey.

TUNIS

CHAMPION EWE: Unzicker.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Unzicker.

CHEVIOT

LATE SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Willerton; 2.Erdenheim.
EARLY SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Moore
YEARLING RAM: 1.Moore; 2.Circle K; 3.Erdenheim.
CHAMPION RAM: Moore.
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM: Triple J.
LATE SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Moore; 2.Moore; 3.Erdenheim.
YEARLING EWE: 1.Moore; 2.Willerton; 3.Circle K.
CHAMPION EWE: Willerton.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Erdenheim.

HORNED DORSET

CHAMPION RAM: Cassell Horned Dorsets
CHAMPION EWE: Cassell.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Erdenheim

POLLED DORSET

LATE SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Nix Besser
EARLY SPRING RAM LAMB: 1.Van Bar; 2.Riccioni; 3.Fought.
EARLY FALL RAM LAMB: 1.Penn State; 2.Treaty Line; 3.Penn State.
YEARLING RAM: 1.Rising Sun; 2.Penn State; 3.Penn State.
CHAMPION RAM: Wagner.
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM: Treaty Line
LATE SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Nix Besser; 2.Nutty Acres; 3.Hollystone.
EARLY SPRING EWE LAMB: 1.Riccioni; 2.Nutty Acres; 3.Penn State.
LATE FALL EWE LAMB: 1.Treaty Line; 2.Treaty Line.
EARLY FALL EWE LAMB: 1.Nix Besser; 2.Penn State; 3.Treaty Line.
YEARLING EWE: 1.Penn State; 2.Rising Sun; 3.Rising Sun.
CHAMPION EWE: Penn State.
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE: Spring Creek.

WETHER SHEEP

POLLED DORSET WETHER SIRE: Voortman.
CHAMPION SIRE: Lyn Lee (crossbred spring ram lamb).
RESERVE CHAMPION SIRE: Lyn Lee (Suffolk spring ram lamb)
CHAMPION WETHER DAM: Lyn Lee (Suffolk yearling ewe)
RESERVE CHAMPION DAM: Lyn Lee (crossbred yearling ewe)