

Quality Prevails At E-town Sheep Show



In her first year of showing at E-town and only her second year of showing sheep, Cassandra Schaeffer clinched the supreme championship title for the non-selling market lamb. Judge Don DeWitt said that the supreme is an eye appealing lamb that will hang up well on the rail.



Reserve championship market lamb honors go to Travis Donough for his homebred Suffolk-cross.



Stephanie Kauffman leads Pixle, a homebred Southdown to capture first place in showmanship for ages 10 and under at the E-town Fair.

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his dad traveled to the Mid-West Elite Club Lamb Show and Sale held in Indiana. They drove straight through. While his dad slept in the truck, Corby scoured the hundreds of lambs offered for sale and selected what he thought had show potential for he and his sister Heather.

"He has a good eye," Corby's dad said of his 13-year-old son.

"I don't care what you feed your sheep, genetics is the key."

Giving Corby the most competition for the supreme market lamb title was a home bred Suffolk-crossbred raised by Travis Donough, 18.

The grand champion reserve win was doubly sweet for Travis since the market lamb was from the family flock of 54 head. He is the son of Ed and LaRue Donough of Manheim.

According to Witt, a lot of folks think the West has better sheep, but this show proves that people in the East know how to breed sheep too.

Witt said of the market lamb classes, "They're a good combination package that is pleasing to judge and will hang up on the rail."

Breeding sheep competition was also stiff. This year, a supreme breeding sheep was selected to compete against other species for the supreme champion over all at the Fair.

"Oh my goodness—this is one of my own," said Jessica Stoltzfus when Witt selected her homebred Dorset ewe as the supreme champion breeding sheep. "I was hoping but I didn't know if she could actually pull it off," Jessica said of the ewe that was first selected as champion ewe over all breeds and then had to compete against Jessica Schmidt's champion Montadale ram for the supreme breeding sheep title. Jessica raises about 20 head of Dorsets and 5 Montadales at the family's Drumore farmette. Although, Schmidt had shown previous champion rams, it was the first time her sheep was selected as supreme champion ram of a show.

The Dorset had taken supreme breeding sheep honors at the county 4-H roundup a few weeks ago, but competition is much more intense at the Elizabethtown Fair.

Showmanship was achieved by the following: Ann Leed, age 16-and over division; Corby Zeigler, age 13-15 years; Adam Zurin, 10-12 years; and Stephanie Kauffman, under 10 years.

Ann and her sister raise about 25 Dorsets on their Deep Run Sheep farm in Lebanon. In addition to showmanship, Ann also showed the reserve champion non-sale market lamb during a later event held the same day.

Adam, 11, won his division last year not only at E-town but also at Roundup, New Holland, and Manheim shows. From the 15 head of Suffolk and crossbreds that Adam raises on his parents' Mt. Joy farm, he selects a ewe that he uses for showmanship at every competition throughout the season.

Novice champion Stephanie raises Southdowns and has a flock of nine ewes, three rams, and four ewe lambs at her grandfather's George Lewis' place in Landisville.

A partial listing of sheep show results follows:

SHOWMANSHIP
 Showmanship 16 & over: 1 Ann Leed, 2 Jennifer Zimmerman, 3 Jessica Stoltzfus
 Showmanship, 13-15: 1 Corby Zeigler, 2 Radell Peters, 3 Laura Newcomer

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Neighbors and friends Ann Leed, left, and Cassandra Schaeffer share the spotlight during the non sale market lamb competition at E-town. Cassandra shows the supreme champion non-selling market lamb and Ann, whose has shared many helpful tips with her friend and has won previous championships, showed the reserve.



The supreme champion breeding sheep at the E-town Fair is a homebred Dorset ewe shown by Jessica Stoltzfus of E-town. Fair Queen Kim Wolgemuth holds the commera-tive plate at right.



In addition to showing the supreme champion market lamb, Corby Zeigler took championship showmanship honors in the 13-15-year-old division.