

Miller Sweeps Reading Fair Sheep Show

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — For the first time in recent memory, a single exhibitor swept the breed and market lamb competition Monday afternoon and early evening at the Reading Fair here at the Kutztown Fairgrounds.

Amanda Miller swept the breed competition for her first time at the Reading Fair Sheep Show, winning both supreme champion overall ewe and champion ram with Southdowns. She also won grand champion market lamb with her 94-pound medium weight class Shropshire/Southdown crossbred.

Amanda, 13, is the daughter of Ron and Joan Miller, Womelsdorf. In the seventh grade at Tulpehocken Middle School, Amanda showed a ram lamb to champion ram and a yearling ewe to champion ewe Monday at Reading.

Amanda said the ram is homebred. The ewe was purchased from

Fruendt Ewe, Monticello, Ill. It was a combination of regular feeding programs, according to her father, Ron, and good sheep genetics that allowed her to garner a championship.

Her mother, Joan, said this was the first time Amanda won championship showman at the fair.

Reserve market lamb champion went to Amanda Gauker, 12, daughter of Barry and Jackie Gauker, Fleetwood. Amanda is in the seventh grade at Fleetwood Middle School. She showed a heavyweight 106-pound purebred Southdown named "Bob." She has won before at the Reading Fair sheep competition.

Show judge Clyde Brubaker, a Hampshire sheep and Angus cattle breeder from Robesonia, said the champion market lamb exhibited by Miller is one that is going to produce "a lot of red meat," a lamb with a "lot of balance, loin, leg of lamb, a very correct, very trim kind



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Champion ewe at the Reading Fair went to Amanda Miller, who swept the breed show, winning both champion ram and ewe. She's pictured here with the grand champion ewe, a Southdown yearling ewe. Clyde Brubaker judged the show.

of lamb," he said.

The middleweight champion was a trim, long, well-muscled kind of lamb, said Brubaker.

Amanda Gauker's reserve champion, a heavyweight lamb, is a "long-loined, heavily muscled lamb," said Brubaker.

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According to Roger Bowman, the market lamb project incorporates three phases: a skillathon which represents 40 percent of the overall score, showmanship competition (at 20 percent), and the market lamb placings, at 40 percent.

There were a total of 20 exhibitors. Following is a list of show placings.

READING FAIR SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP FITTING

Seniors: 1. William C. Willits III. 2. Travis Redmond. 3. Ashley Shollenberger.
Senior Intermediate: 1. Jill Neiman. 2. Lee



Amanda Miller won champion ram with her Southdown ram lamb Monday at the Reading Fair in Kutztown. Clyde Brubaker judged the show.

Gauker. 3. Cathy Levan.
Junior Intermediate: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Amanda Gauker. 3. Kellie Graeff.
Juniors: 1. Jason Levan. 2. Emily Hannon. 3. Todd Bennecoff.

CHAMPION

Jill Neiman

RESERVE

Amanda Miller

SHOWMANSHIP

Seniors: 1. Travis Redmond. 2. William C. Willits III. 3. Ashley Shollenberger.

Senior Intermediate: 1. Cathy Levan. 2. Jill Neiman. 3. John Hartman.

Junior Intermediate: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Amanda Gauker. 3. Kellie Graeff.

Juniors: 1. Carrie L. Hartman. 2. Jason Levan. 3. Todd Bennecoff.

CHAMPION

Amanda Miller

RESERVE

Cathy Levan

BREEDS

CHEVIOT

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Cathy Levan. 2. Cathy Levan. 3. Cathy Levan.

Champion: Cathy Levan. Reserve: Cathy Levan.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 1: 1. Cathy Levan. 2. Cathy Levan. 3. Amber Shollenberger.

Pair of Yearling Ewes: 1. Cathy Levan. 2. Amber Shollenberger.

Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Cathy Levan. 2. Amber Shollenberger.

Champion Ewe: Cathy Levan. Reserve: Cathy Levan.

CORRIEDALE

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Travis Redmond. 2. Travis Redmond.

Pair of Yearling Ewes: 1. Travis Redmond

Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Emily Hannon

2. Emily Hannon.

Pair of Lambs: 1. Emily Hannon.

Champion Ewe: Emily Hannon. Reserve: Travis Redmond.

DORSET

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Todd Bennecoff.

Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Todd Bennecoff. 2. Todd Bennecoff.

Pair of Lambs: 1. Todd Bennecoff.

Champion Ewe: Todd Bennecoff.

Reserve: Todd Bennecoff.

OXFORD

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Jill Neiman.

Champion Ram: Jill Neiman.

Ewe 1 Year and Under 2: 1. Jill Neiman 2. Ashley Shollenberger.

Pair of Yearling Ewes: 1. Ashley Shollenberger. 2. Justin Shollenberger.

Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year: 1. Jill Neiman 2. Jill Neiman.

Pair of Lambs: 1. Jill Neiman.

Champion Ewe: Jill Neiman. Reserve: Jill Neiman.

SHROPSHIRE

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Derrick Redmond. 2. Travis Redmond. 3. Travis Redmond.



Market lamb champions at Reading Fair. From left, Amanda Gauker, reserve; Clyde Brubaker, judge; and Amanda Miller, grand champion market lamb.