



**Area CDEs**  
 Recently the Berks, Lebanon, and Schuylkill county FFA chapters conducted area career development event (CDE) contests, a prelude to the regional CDE to be conducted April 20 at Mill Creek. Following is a list of results.

**Prepared Public Speaking:** 1. Erin Dymond, Twin Valley. 2. Jason Balebaugh, Cedar Crest. 3. Michael Livingston, Conrad Weiser.  
**Junior Prepared Speaking:** 1. Matt Boyer, Conrad Weiser. 2. Morgen Schlegel, Conrad Weiser. 3. Kris Keller, Cedar Crest.  
**Creed Speaking:** 1. Kristen Althouse, Conrad Weiser. 2. Joel Krall, Cedar Crest. 3. Danaan Stoltzue, Twin Valley.

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** 1. Michelle McMichael, Tulpehocken. 2. Jill Neiman, Oley Valley. 3. Ben Wanyo, Northern Lebanon.  
**Conservation Speaking:** 1. Jenn Merroth, Twin Valley. 2. Erin Templin, Cedar Crest. 3. Amanda Yeager, Conrad Weiser.  
**Parliamentary Procedure:** 1. Northern Lebanon. 2. Cedar Crest.

## Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival To Feature Rare Leicester Long Wool Sheep

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More than 1,000 entries are expected for the centerpiece sheep show. Morris Culver will judge the long wool sheep, while Dave Clouser chooses the best in the medium and fine wool classes. Cotswold breeders will hold their national show at Maryland this year, while Lincoln Breeders gather for their Eastern regional event.

A blade shearer will demonstrate the old fashioned by-hand method of wool removal. More than 250 vendors will offer wares from woolen apparel to spinning and knitting supplies to jewelry and paintings. Other activities include the fleece show, a sheep-to-shawl event, skein and garment competition, shearing contest,

Shepherd's Lead and sheep dog demonstrations.

The Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival takes place at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 1 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2.

Visitors must leave pets at home; they will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. Questions should be directed to Leslie Bauer at the Festival Office, P.O. Box 99, Glenwood, MD 21738, (410) 531-3647 or visit the Festival web site at [www.SheepandWoolFestival.org](http://www.SheepandWoolFestival.org).

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Colonial Williamsburg recreates 18th century living, including livestock representative of George Washington's time. Elaine Shirley, livestock husbander for Colonial Williamsburg and board of directors member for the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, will discuss how the Leicester Longwool sheep was selected for the restoration.

"After teetering on extinction in North America in the 1980s, the breed currently numbers over 100 animals, established in 12 flocks across the region. Handspinners love its long, lustrous wool," Shirley said.

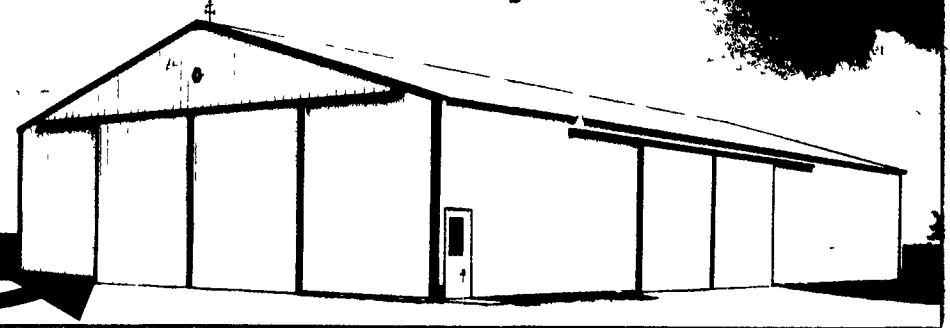
Leicester Longwools from Colonial Williamsburg's flock will be on hand in the Festival's breed display barn and participate in the "Parade of Breeds."

Shirley's talk will also touch on her experience with other heritage livestock breeds including Milking Devon cattle and American Cream horses.

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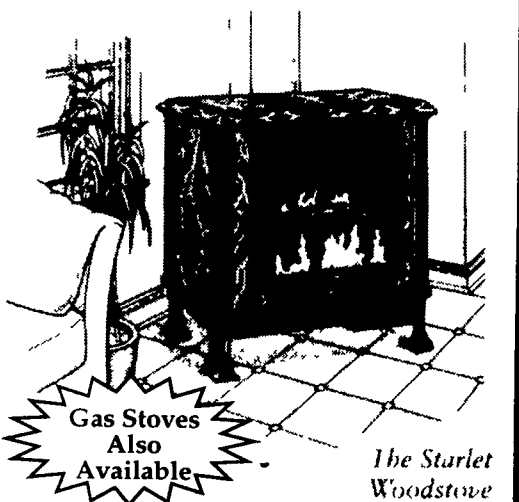
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