

Youth Show 176 Breeding Sheep To Compete For State Wins

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— At the Pennsylvania Farm Show, most of the 176 breeding sheep are long term projects for the youth exhibitors. Years of selective breeding have perfected the bloodlines.

Many of the exhibitors are consistent winners but every year a few new names pop up. This year was no exception.

Cheviot

Champion and reserve Cheviot were shown by Tony Haugh. This was the second year in a row that Tony won in this breed. The

champion was purchased from John Eaton, and the reserve was home bred. Tony and his dad Denny have 19 head on their Red Lion farm.

Corriedale

Champion and reserve were shown by Morgan Schrock. The 15-year-old raises 10 homebred ewes on her grandpa's farm in Bloomsburg, Columbia County. The daughter of Roger and Janice reported that she won in her first year of competition at the state event.

Dorset

Champion was shown by Meredith Ruzowicz of Delaware Coun-

ty and the reserve by Bethany Tuhacek, Harleysville. The 17-year-old Meredith said that she had purchased the champion to add to the 25 head of Dorsets she raises. This was Meredith's first win as the grand champion but her brother Ben has won numerous times.

Hampshire

Jaimi Fought showed the champion and reserve in this large-frame breed and in the Southdown breed.

Jaimi is carrying on her family's tradition of winning at the Farm Show. Her dad John (Speedy) Fought is well known in sheep circles. The family raises 80 head on their Sulfur Run Farm in Carlisle.

Merino

Darren Crouse, 13, showed the champion and reserve Merinos. He and his brother Travis, 12, have won this distinction every year for the last four. The brothers and their parents, Lew and Debbie, have 120-head on their Sycamore farm in Green County.

Rambouillet

Billy Leib showed the champion and Christina Gardner the reserve. Leib with his parents Bob and Suzie raise many champion ewes under the name Shepherd's Crook in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County.

Shropshire

Amanda Lynn Miller, Bernville, Berks County, showed the grand champion. The reserve was shown by Jessica McMurtrie of Pleasant Gap, Centre County.

Southdown

Jaime Fought, who also showed the grand champion and reserve in the Hampshire breed, showed the champion and reserve Southdown. Jaime is from Carlise, Cumberland County.

Suffolk

Katrina Frey showed the champion Suffolk. The Suffolk ewe is the same one that clinched the Suffolk championship last year as a lamb. In fact, it is the first lamb Katrina was given to start her flock. In the past, Katrina's mother, Nancy, and grandparents have been well known winners with their breeding flock from Breezeview Farm.

The judge said the Suffolk champion was the most put together. The same ewe had won the Lancaster County 4-H supreme champion.

"I'm going to take her home to have more lambs," Katrina said. Shane Conaway showed the reserve Suffolk.

Montadale

In his last year of showing, Paul Kitzmiller did it again. He showed the champion and reserve in the Montadale breed. Paul with the help of his mother Thelma raise 20 head of Montadale and Dorsets on their York County farm.

Columbia

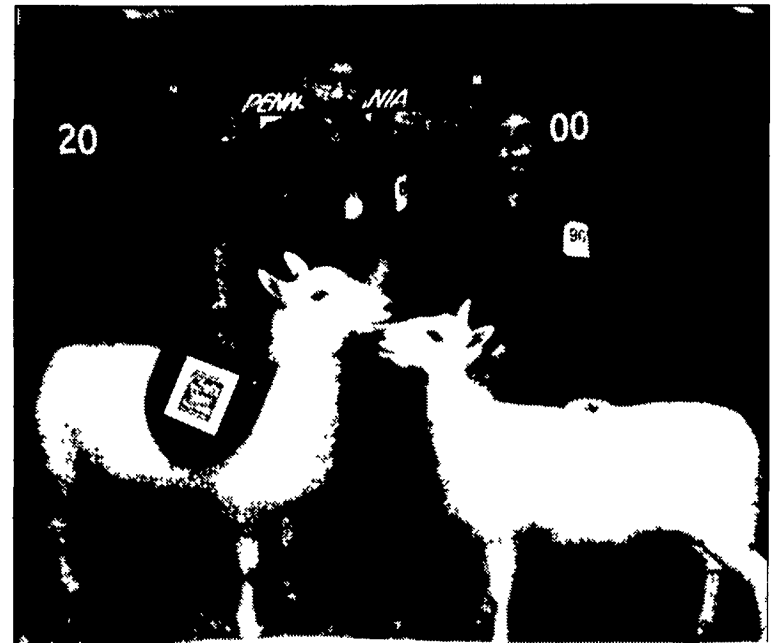
Travis Crouse showed champion and reserve. His brother Darren had won the Merino breed champion trophies. The brothers and their parents, Lew and Debbie, have 120-head on their Sycamore farm in Green County.

Oxford

Jacob Garges, Montgomery County, showed the champion and Billy Leib, Cumberland County, the reserve.

Here is a partial listing of junior breeding sheep results

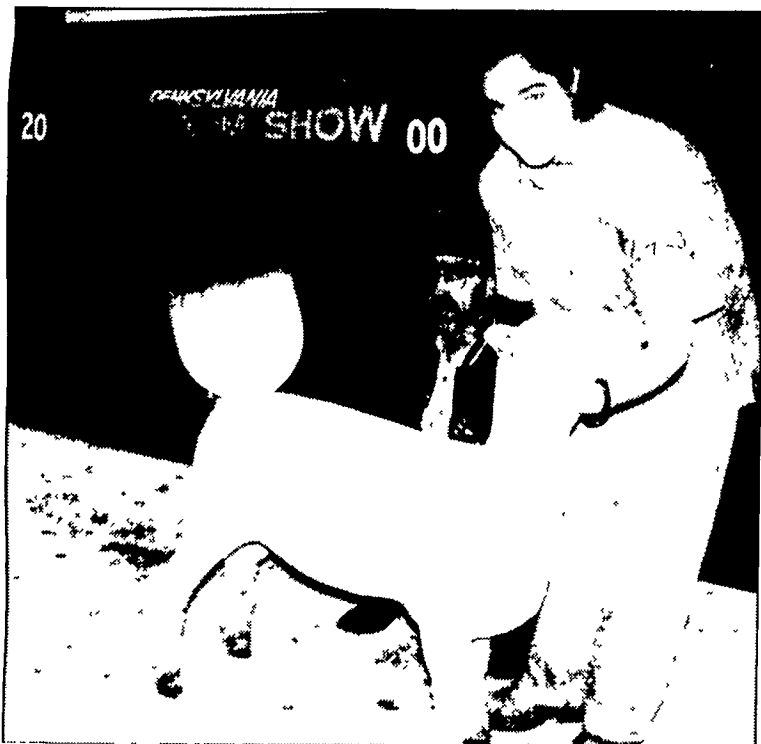
JR. SHEEP BREEDING DIVISION
Cheviot Yearling Ewe 1,2 Tony Haugh, 3 Gesila Allegretti
Cheviot Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Tony Haugh 2 Kenneth Terry, 3 Tony Haugh
Cheviot Champion Ewe 1 Tony Haugh
Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Tony Haugh
Corriedale Yearling Ewe 1 Morgan Schrock 2 3 Aaron Claycomb
Corriedale Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Morgan Schrock



The Cheviot grand champion and reserve are shown by Tony Haught, right. Helping him is Matthew Bankett holding the reserve.



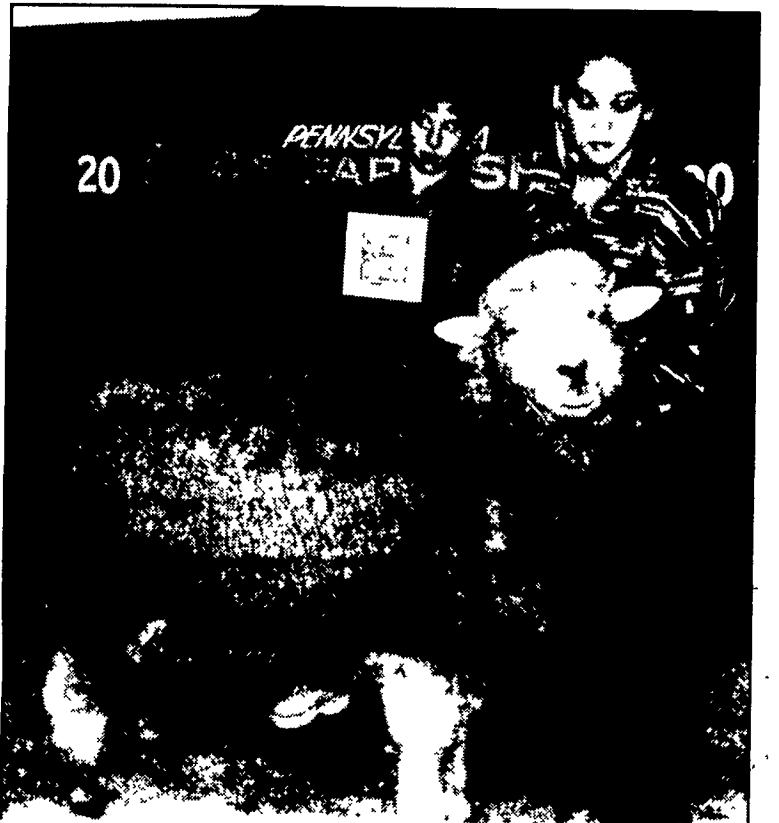
Meredith Ruzowicz from Delaware County shows the champion Dorset.



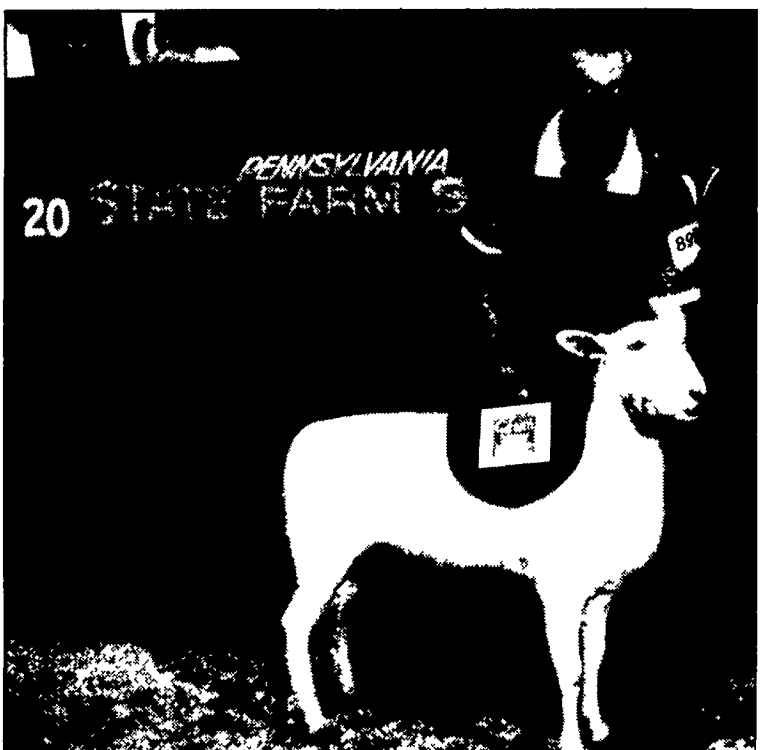
Jaime Fought, 15, shows the grand champion Southdown. She also showed the reserve champion Southdown and the grand champion and reserve Hampshire.



Ten-year-old Katrina Frey shows the Suffolk grand champion.



Morgan Schrock, 15, shows her homebred champion Corriedale. Holding the plaque is Sara Stackhouse.



Paul Kitzmiller, 19, shows the grand champion Montadale. Kitzmiller homebred Montadales also took the reserve title.

Corriedale Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Morgan Schrock, 2 Bill George Leib, 3 Morgan Schrock
Corriedale Champion Ewe 1 Morgan Schrock
Corriedale Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Morgan Schrock
Dorset Yearling Ewe 1 Bethany Tuhacek, 2 Meredith Ruzowicz, 3 Melana Lovell
Dorset Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Ann Leed, 2 Jennifer Zimmerman, 3 Kelsey Faith Binkley
Dorset Spring Ewe Lamb 1,2 Meredith Ruzowicz, 3 Jessica Schmidt
Dorset Champion Ewe 1 Meredith Ruzowicz
Dorset Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Bethany Tuhacek
Hampshire Yearling Ewe 1 Jaime Fought 2 Margeaux Firestone, 3 Ern Willard

Hampshire Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Dana Hardisky
Hampshire Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Jaime Fought, 2 Kurt Fleener, 3 Morgan Firestone
Hampshire Champion Ewe 1 Jaime Fought
Hampshire Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Jaime Fought
Merino Yearling Ewe 1 Darren Crouse
Merino Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Megan Gutekunst
Merino Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Darren Crouse, 2 Travis Crouse
Merino Champion Ewe 1 Darren Crouse
Merino Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Darren Crouse
Rambouillet Yearling Ewe 1 Bill George Leib 2 Darren Crouse

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