

Youth Show 176



The grand champion and reserve Merino are shown by the Crouse brothers, Travis, 12, and Darren, 13, from Green County.

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Rambouillet Fall Ewe Lamb 1,2 John Strawbridge
 Rambouillet Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Chrstina Gardner, 2 John Strawbridge
 Rambouillet Champion Ewe 1 Bill George Leib
 Rambouillet Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Chrstina Gardner
 Shropshire Yearling Ewe 1 Taryn McCaffrey, 2,3 Jessica McMurtne
 Shropshire Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Amanda Lynn Miller, 2,3 Jessica McMurtne
 Shropshire Champion Ewe 1 Amanda Lynn Miller
 Shropshire Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Jessica McMurtne
 Southdown Yearling Ewe 1 Jaime Fought, 2 Bill George Leib, 3 Stephanie Kauffman
 Southdown Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Jennifer Zimmerman
 Southdown Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Jaime Fought, 2 Jennifer Finchbaugh, 3 Shannon Holtzinger
 Southdown Champion Ewe 1 Jaime Fought
 Southdown Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Jaime Fought
 Suffolk Yearling Ewe 1 Katrina Frey, 2

Shane Conaway, 3 Andrew Gerhart
 Suffolk Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Sharon Ankrom, 2 Dana Hardisky
 Suffolk Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Shane Conaway, 2 Katrina Frey, 3 Shane Conaway
 Suffolk Champion Ewe 1 Katrina Frey
 Suffolk Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Shane Conaway
 Montadale Yearling Ewe 1 Jessica Schmidt
 Montadale Fall Ewe Lamb 1 Jessica Schmidt
 Montadale Spring Ewe Lamb 1,2 Paul Kitzmiller
 Montadale Champion Ewe 1 Paul Kitzmiller
 Montadale Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Paul Kitzmiller
 Columbia Yearling Ewe 1 Travis Crouse
 Columbia Spring Ewe Lamb 1 Travis Crouse
 Columbia Champion Ewe 1 Travis Crouse
 Columbia Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Travis Crouse
 Oxford Yearling Ewe 1 Bill George Leib
 Oxford Spring Ewe Lamb 1,2 Jacob Garges, 3 Benjamin Sollenberger
 Oxford Champion Ewe 1 Jacob Garges
 Oxford Reserve Champion Ewe 1 Bill George Leib



Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. holds the grand champion market lamb banner for Lucas Svonavec. From left are Lamb and Wool Industry royalty, Alternate Amanda Darr of Somerset County, Princess Amanda Wilson of Cambria County, and Queen Laurie Bero of Bedford County.

Svonavec And Burrell Capture Market Lamb Honors At Farm Show

LOU ANN GOOD
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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)
 — For the third year in a row, a Svonavec captured the grand champion market lamb competition.

Only this year Lucas clinched the title instead of his sister Heidi. For the past two years, Lucas had to settle for reserve champion market lamb at the state Farm Show. Although that in itself is a

remarkable feat because of the top quality lambs that compete, Lucas was delighted that his crossbred lamb "Yo Yo" earned the judge's admiration for tying everything together with its wide base, pretty neck, pretty shoulders, and tight top.

The Svonavec family raise about 60 breeding ewes on their 150-acre Somerset County farm. The ewes are crossbred to produce market lambs that are sold at the

family's annual spring sale.

"We exercise them everyday, but it's mostly genetics," Lucas said of the market lambs impressive conditioning.

Lucas, 18, is a high school senior. Heidi is in college and a younger brother Gabe also show sheep. Parents are David and Betty Lou Svonavec.

Michael Burrell broke the Svonavec's two-year monopoly of clinching both champion and reserve titles, although it was a toss-up according to the judge


of selecting Burrell's or another Svonavec lamb for the reserve.

"Both are similiar in hip structure and handle well," the judge said after prolonged inner debating. He selected Burrell's Suffolk Cross.


It was the first time Burrell won at a Farm Show. He raises about 10 breeding sheep on the family's MBC Acres. The acronym MBC stands for Michael, and parents Bill and Carolyn. The 18-year-old is a Messiah College pre-med student.

Of the show, Robert Kimm, judge and Iowa breeder, said the lambs were good and practical for the industry.

A partial listing of market lamb results will appear in next week's issue of *Lancaster Farming*.



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Included in the discussion will be variety selection, fertility, grazing, harvesting grass silage, and incorporating high feed value grass into the ration.

DAN CRAMER FARM TRIAL

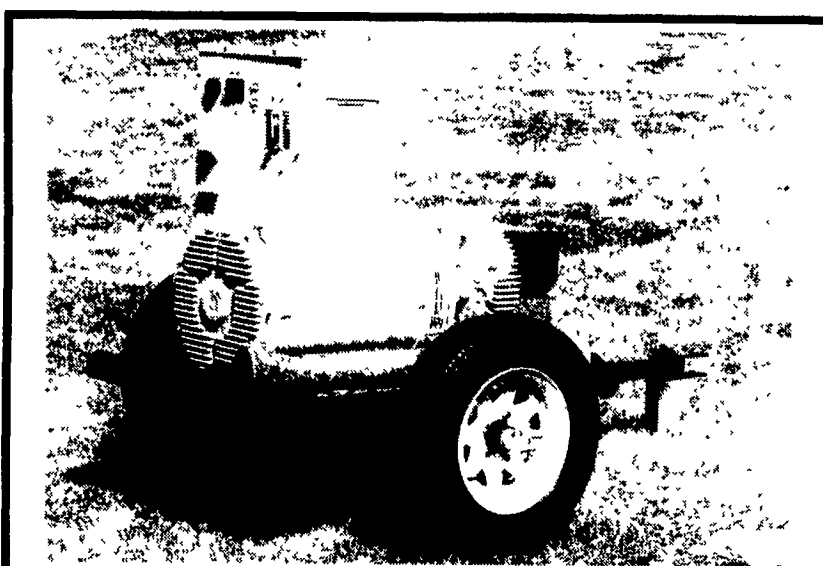
DAN CRAMER, a dairy grazer in Wisc. agreed to renovate 20 acres of his traditional pastures to BG-34 perennial ryegrass in the fall of 98. In the spring of 99 he split his dairy herd in half with the one herd grazing BG-34 and the other herd grazing traditional grass (bluegrass, Quackgrass, fescue, etc.) The milk was weighed at each milking and the BG-34 pastures yielded more the **TWICE AS MUCH MILK PER ACRE!**

ROMAN STOLTZFOOS, a leading Lancaster Co. organic grazer will give tips on how to make more profit with grazing and explain why we think most everybody should do at least some grazing. Will touch on reseeding, irrigation, and some of the best Profit per cow figures to be found anywhere.

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