

3rd Lamb Skillathon A 'Ewe'th Event

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— About 46 exhibitors took the reins of 38 lambs Wednesday morning at the start of the third annual Ag Progress Days Lamb Skillathon and Live Lamb Show under the big tent.

The show included three areas — a Skillathon, which judges 4-H members on their knowledge of the overall lamb industry; a lamb type show, much like a fair judging event; and a showmanship contest.

According to Keith Bryan, Penn State instructor in animal science and coach of the livestock judging team, the Skillathon included five different areas: quality assessment and health, feeds and nutrition, meats identification, equipment identification and use, and overall management.

Bryan judged the type portion of the contest.

Judge for the showmanship portion of the event was Mike Burrell, York, former 4-H member and one-time individ-

ual high scorer at the national 4-H meats judging contest.

Handing out championship awards at the contest was Chris Herr, Pennsylvania deputy secretary of agriculture.

Handing out ribbons was Deidra Smith, Somerset County Lamb and Wool Queen. Deidra, 16, is the daughter of Dwight and Gail Smith, Berlin, and a junior at Berlin Brothersvalley High School and member of White Oak 4-H.

All champions were presented
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Fred Rudy, left, and Charles Itle weigh in lambs before the start of the Lamb Skillathon and Live Lamb Show Wednesday at Ag Progress Days.



Grand champions display ribbons at the third annual Lamb Skillathon and Live Lamb Show at Ag Progress. Reserve champions, in front, are Jayson Harpster, Ashley Kniseley, Kendra Kniseley, and Deidra Smith. Back, grand champions stand with Chris Herr, Pennsylvania deputy secretary of agriculture, center. They are, from left, Tanner Waltemire, Kim Langhans, Carl Rudy, and Denise Hardisky. Photo by Andy Andrews

Red Hogs

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early age can't be observed. It is easier to determine the likelihood of a champion when the pig reaches 75-80 pounds.

At the newly opened fair-ground, the hog show included 26 animals and 11 exhibitors.

Following is a list of show placings.

READING FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS SHOWMANSHIP

Seniors (15 Years and Over): 1. Matt Manbeck. 2. Jared Treichler. 3. Cathy Levan.

Intermediate (12-14 Years Old): 1. Gwen Powers. 2. Kim Angstadt. 3. Amber Shollenberger.

Juniors (8-11 Years Old): 1. Jeff Angstadt. 2. Jason Levan.

Grand Champion: Gwen Powers. Reserve: Matt Manbeck.

FITTING

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Intermediate (12-14 Years Old): 1. Amber Shollenberger. 2. Lucinda Bray. 3. Gwen Powers.

Juniors (8-11 Years Old): 1. Jeff Angstadt. 2. Jason Levan.

MARKET HOGS

Lightweight (64-111 lbs.): 1. Jason Levan. 2. Cathy Levan. 3. Cathy Levan.

Medium Lightweight (164-166 lbs.): 1. Amber Shollenberger. 2. Ashley Shollenberger. 3. Amber Shollenberger.

Heavy Lightweight (172-183 lbs.): 1. Jared Treichler. 2. Jared Treichler. 3. Ashley Shollenberger.

Champion: Jared Treichler. Reserve: Jared Treichler.

Medium Middleweight (186-194 lbs.): 1. Anita Manbeck. 2. Anita Manbeck. 3. Matt Manbeck.

Heavy Middleweight (203-214 lbs.): 1. Lucinda Bray. 2. Anita Manbeck. 3. Kim Angstadt.

Champion: Lucinda Bray. Reserve: Anita Manbeck.

Light Heavyweight (216-217 lbs.): 1. Gwen Powers. 2. Matt Manbeck. 3. Kim Angstadt.

Medium Heavyweight (222-228 lbs.): 1. Jared Treichler. 2. Lucinda Bray. 3. Matt Manbeck.

Heavy Heavyweight (238-244 lbs.): 1. Gwen Powers. 2. Lucinda Bray. 3. Jeff Angstadt.

Champion: Jared Treichler. Reserve: Lucinda Bray.

SUPREME CHAMPION

Jared Treichler

RESERVE

Lucinda Bray

PAIRS

Light Lightweight: 1. Cathy Levan. 2. Jason Levan.

Heavy Lightweight: 1. Ashley Shollenberger. 2. Amber Shollenberger.

Champion: Ashley Shollenberger.

Light Middleweight: 1. Jared Treichler. 2. Anita Manbeck.

Heavy Middleweight: 1. Lucinda Bray. 2. Kim Angstadt.

Champion: Lucinda Bray.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Matt Manbeck. 2. Jeff Angstadt.

Heavy Heavyweight: 1. Gwen Powers.

Champion: Matt Manbeck.

CHAMPION PAIR

Matt Manbeck

RESERVE

Lucinda Bray

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