

Goat Blazes Path As First-Ever Supreme Over All Species At E-town Fair



Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker and Dorothy Mentzler present a trophy to Amanda Grube who shows the supreme breeding champion over all breeds at the Elizabethtown Fair.



Grand champion market lamb shown by Joelynn Donough sells to Ted Bowers of First Union Bank for \$325. With them is Elizabethtown Fair Queen Monica George.



Sarah Zurin sells her supreme champion steer, a shorthorn named Chessie, to David Yeisley, Hoss's Steak & Seahouse. With them is Elizabethtown Fair Queen Monica George.

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ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Amanda Grube and her LaMancha dairy goat Samantha blazed a path for the species when judges selected it as supreme over all breeding champions at the Elizabethtown Fair.

"I'm glad to represent the first dairy goat to receive this honor," the 15-year-old Amanda said.

"It's an honor that is long overdue," said Lori Little, judge for the event and livestock extension agent. The supreme generally goes to larger animals such as a cow, beef, sheep, or swine.

The five-year-old homebred LaMancha has been winning shows every year in many places for its outstanding dairy characteristics.

Amanda has been a veteran winner since she was three years old and started showing for the family's Ziegenfeld Farm (German for goat and pasture). Daughter of Tim and Roxanne Grube, Amanda helps with the herd of 60 goats. She also is the president of the county 4-H goat club.

The champion species was selected prior to the livestock sale on Aug. 24. Others contending for the title included a South-down aged ewe shown by Stephanie Kauffman, Mount Joy; a 3-year-old Holstein shown by Blake Brubaker, Manheim; a Simmental steer shown by Courtney Wolfgang, Dauphin Co.; and a New Zealand White rabbit shown by Benjamin Mower, Mount Joy.

In addition to selecting the supreme animal over all breeding species, judges also selected a supreme market animal over all breeds. Lynn Brandt, Middletown, swept that competition with her 262-pound hog, a cross-bred of Yorkshire, Hampshire, and Duroc.



Bill Arnold, Manheim Auto Auction pays the highest price ever for a goat at Elizabethtown Fair. The grand champion meat goat, shown by Brian Geib, Manheim, sold for \$1,400. With them is Elizabethtown Fair Queen Monica George.

Although Lynn lives on a hog and dairy farm, she said it was the first time she entered a hog at Elizabethtown.

Other species contending for the supreme market title included a homebred market lamb shown by Joelynn Donough, Manheim; a Shorthorn steer shown by Sarah Zurin, Mount Joy; a Boer-crossbred goat shown by Brian Geib, Manheim; and pen of California rabbits shown by Tina Myers, Manheim.

After selecting the supreme

breeding and market champions, the 4-H and FFA market animals were auctioned by Harry Bachman.

Brian Geib was the happy recipient of the highest price ever paid for a goat in the history of the Elizabethtown Fair. Manheim Auto Auction paid \$1,400 for the 75-pound champion. Incidentally Brian's been claiming the champion market goat for the past four years.

The Manheim Auto Auction also purchased the reserve market goat shown by Carolyn Kensing, Manheim.

Joelynn Donough's grand champion lamb sold to First Union for \$325. John Tracy's reserve champion market lamb sold to Lebanon Valley Bank for \$270.

The grand champion pen of rabbits sold to Farmers' First Bank for \$300. Ken Myer, fair president, paid \$160 for the reserve champion rabbit pen.

Hoss's Steak and Seahouse (Turn to Page B14)



Virginia Groff of Groff's Meats presents a trophy to Lynn Brandt for showing the supreme champion hog over all market species.



Blizzard, John Tracy's reserve champion market lamb, sells to Mike Firestine of Lebanon Valley and Fulton Bank. With them is Elizabethtown Fair Queen Monica George.