

Short On Numbers But Long On Quality At Denver Fair

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Although numbers may not be the hallmark of Denver's sheep show, top-notch animals showed up to compete in the market and breeding classes.

Judged by Dr. Robert Herr of Narvon, owner of Nix Besser farm, the Denver sheep show was marked by quality in both market and breeding sheep divisions.

"We had a very strong market show tonight," said Dr. Herr.

"Some of the best of the state are here," said Herr of the breeding sheep show. "You don't have

quite the numbers but you certainly do have the quality."

In the market lamb show, grand and reserve champions came from the heavyweight division.

Champion showman of the Denver fair, Jen Zimmerman, 18, took "Sheree," a Horned Dorset, to the champion ewe spot over the other breeds. Zimmerman selected Sheree from more than 65 breeding and market sheep at her home farm in Reinholds.

"I think it's neat that two Dorsets won," Zimmerman said of the champion and reserve champion ewes.

Radell Peters, 17, Elizabethtown, comes to the Denver fair because of tradition. Peters won reserve champion ewe with his Dorset.

"I've been here for nine years," said Peters. "It's a nice show, a fun show, there's no pressure."

"It's a laugh-, have-fun, show-your-sheep fair," agreed Zimmerman.

Show grand champion ram placing went to "Dakota" and Jimmy Zimmerman, 16, also of Reinholds. Zimmerman also shows beef on the show ring circuit. Jen and Jimmy are the chil-

dren of Jay and JoAnn Zimmerman.

First-timers and experienced show ring sheep paired up to win in the class. Sarah Boyd's "Deno" took home grand champion market lamb, a winner already this year in the show ring, and Ryan Donough's "Autumn" won reserve champion in the lamb's first show ring appearance. Donough, 16, Manheim, is debating about taking Autumn, actually born in the spring, to more of the season's upcoming shows.

"I wasn't sure how she was going to do," said Donough. "I was pretty surprised."

Boyd, 19, Ephrata, is a sophomore elementary education major at Millersville University. This is her 11th show ring season. Besides winning the market lamb show, Boyd took home champion pair of market lamb honors. Andrew Gerhart took home reserve champion. Boyd also won reserve champion showman.

Many of the Denver fair's sheep show participants will be showing their animals at the upcoming Ephrata, New Holland and Manheim fairs.

A complete list of results are as follows:



The Dorset breed came to the top in the ewe classes with Jen Zimmerman's Horned Dorset taking home grand champion and Radell Peters' Dorset with reserve.

DENVER FAIR JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST RESULTS

4th year and over exhibitors: 1. Jen Zimmerman. 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. Radell Peters. 2nd and 3rd year exhibitors: 1. Sheldon Zimmerman. 2. Samantha Dissinger. 3. Erin Felak. 1st year exhibitors: 1. Jen Hughes. 2. Krsta Heinsey. 3. John Heinsey. Champion showman: Jen Zimmerman. Reserve champion showman: Sarah Boyd.

MARKET LAMBS LIGHTWEIGHT

Class 1: 1. Krsta Heinsey. 2. Joelynn Donough. 3. Samantha Dissinger. Class 2: 1. Radell Peters. 2. Samantha Dissinger. 3. Jen Zimmerman. Class 3: 1. Travis Donough. 2. Joelynn Donough. 3. Jimmy Zimmerman. Lightweight champion: Travis Donough. Lightweight reserve champion: Joelynn Donough.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Class 1: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. 2. Jen Hughes. 3. Ryan Donough. Class 2: 1. Sarah Boyd. 2. Sarah Boyd. 3. Erin Felak. Class 3: 1. Ryan Donough. 2. Andrew Gerhart. 3. Andrew Gerhart. Heavyweight champion: Sarah Boyd. Heavyweight reserve champion: Ryan Donough. Grand champion market: Sarah Boyd. Reserve champion market: Ryan Donough.

PAIR OF MARKET LAMBS

Class 1: 1. Jen Zimmerman. 2. Joelynn Donough. 3. Samantha Dissinger.

Class 2: 1. Radell Peters. 2. Erin Felak. 3. Jimmy Zimmerman. Class 3: 1. Sarah Boyd. 2. Andrew Gerhart. 3. Ryan Donough. Champion pair of market lambs: Sarah Boyd. Reserve champion pair of market lambs: Andrew Gerhart.

BREEDING SHEEP CHEVIOT

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. 2. Travis Donough. Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Amber Shellenberger. 2. Amber Shellenberger. Champion ram: Jimmy Zimmerman. Reserve champion ram: Travis Donough. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Travis Donough. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Amber Shellenberger. 2. Jimmy Zimmerman. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Amber Shellenberger. 2. Travis Donough. Champion ewe: Amber Shellenberger. Reserve champion ewe: Jimmy Zimmerman.

DORSET

Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Radell Peters. Champion ram: Radell Peters. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Radell Peters. 2. Radell Peters. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Radell Peters. 2. Sheldon Zimmerman. 3. Amy Haines. Fall ewe lamb: 1. Radell Peters. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Sheldon Zimmerman. Champion ewe: Radell Peters. Reserve champion ewe: Sheldon Zimmerman.

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HORNED DORSET
Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Jen Zimmerman. Champion ram: Jen Zimmerman. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Jen Zimmerman. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Jen Zimmerman. 2. Jen Zimmerman. Two ewe lambs: 1. Jen Zimmerman. Champion ewe: Jen Zimmerman. Reserve champion ewe: Jen Zimmerman.

JACOBS

Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Amy Haines. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Amy Haines. Champion ewe: Amy Haines. Reserve champion ewe: Amy Haines.
NATURAL COLORED
Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Ryan Donough. Champion ram: Ryan Donough. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Ryan Donough. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Ryan Donough. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Ryan Donough. Champion ewe: Ryan Donough. Reserve champion ewe: Ryan Donough. Breeder's flock: 1. Ryan Donough.

OXFORD

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Joelynn Donough. Champion ram: Joelynn Donough. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Joelynn Donough. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Joelynn Donough. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Joelynn Donough. 2. Joelynn Donough. Two ewe lambs: 1. Joelynn Donough. Champion ewe: Joelynn Donough. Reserve champion ewe: Joelynn Donough. Breeder's flock: 1. Joelynn Donough.
ROMNEY
Ram lamb and under 1 year: 1. Mark Brennen. 2. Mark Brennen. 3. Stacy Haines.



Jimmy Zimmerman, 16, Reinholds, took his Southdown, "Dakota," to a grand champion placing at the recent Denver fair. Mary Burke, 17, Denver, fair queen runner-up, and fair queen Jessica Anderson, 17, Denver, gave out ribbons during the sheep show. At right, Joelynn Donough, 13, Manheim, took her Oxford to the reserve champion ram spot.

Champion ram: Mark Brennen. Reserve champion ram: Mark Brennen. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Mark Brennen. 2. Stacy Haines. 3. Mark Brennen. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Mark Brennen. 2. Stacy Haines. 3. Stacy Haines. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Mark Brennen. 2. Mark Brennen. 3. Stacy Haines. Two ewe lambs: 1. Mark Brennen. Champion ewe: Mark Brennen.

Reserve champion ewe: Stacy Haines. Breeder's young flock: 1. Mark Brennen. 2. Stacy Haines.

SOUTHDOWN

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. Champion ram: Jimmy Zimmerman. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Jen Zimmerman. 2. Samantha Dissinger. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Jen Zimmerman. 2. Jimmy Zimmerman. 3. Jimmy Zimmerman. Fall ewe lamb: 1. Jen Zimmerman. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Jimmy Zimmerman. 2. Samantha Dissinger. Champion ewe: Jen Zimmerman. Reserve champion ewe: Jen Zimmerman.

SUFFOLK

Ram lamb under 1 year: 1. Andrew Gerhart. 2. Andrew Gerhart. Champion ram: Andrew Gerhart. Reserve champion ram: Andrew Gerhart. Ewe 2 years and over: 1. Andrew Gerhart. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Andrew Gerhart. 2. Andrew Gerhart. Fall ewe lamb: 1. Andrew Gerhart. Spring ewe lamb: 1. Andrew Gerhart. 2. Andrew Gerhart. Two ewe lambs: 1. Andrew Gerhart. Champion ewe: Andrew Gerhart. Reserve champion ewe: Andrew Gerhart. Breeder's young flock: 1. Andrew Gerhart. Breeder's flock: 1. Andrew Gerhart. Grand champion ram: Jimmy Zimmerman. Reserve champion ram: Joelynn Donough. Grand champion ewe: Jen Zimmerman. Reserve champion ewe: Radell Peters.



Grand champions of the market lamb classes include Sarah Boyd, Ephrata, with "Deno," which won grand champion honors and Ryan Donough, Manheim, and "Autumn" going home with reserve champion placing.

KILE To Conduct Shepherd's Lead Line

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Who looks better, the sheep or the shepherd?

Judges will tell at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Shepherd's lead line competition Saturday, Oct. 7 at noon at the Farm Show Complex.

The objectives of this class are to present a class of yearling ewes in a most attractive manner and give spectators an opportunity to see the best of the sheep industry.

The normal procedure at a livestock show is for the animal to be all primed and lovely, but in the lead line competition, the leadman is also in the limelight. Both are to be dressed fashionably in their best wool outfit (at least 80 percent wool).

Not just another pretty face can steal the show. The herdsman must not only look great, but the sheep must also show their modeling talents. The contestants and the sheep must be able to work together in the

ring. Spokespersons point out the virtues of wool at ringside. It is a product that has been around forever and in recent years is making a well-deserved comeback.

KILE is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Products Show Commission.

Saturday Is Family Day

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) has chosen Saturday, Oct. 7 as Family Day at the Farm Show Complex.

Lebanon Valley Farmers/Fulton Bank is sponsoring the "Agri-Kid Olympics" at noon. The Olympics is a fun time for kids as they compete in such farm-related events as sack races, wheelbarrow races, laughing contest, horseshoe pitch, and hog-calling contest.

The Kiddie Pedal Power Tractor Pull, sponsored by Evergreen Tractor Sales at Myers-town, is a special event very similar to the big tractor pulls seen at many county fairs. Children must preregister previous to the event, which will be at 3 p.m. The event is limited to 80 participants.

Kessler's "Barnyard" is open all week long providing a unique experience for the children to actually touch farm animals such as calves, sheep, and pigs.