

Lancaster 4-H Competition Kicks Off County Fairs

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Almost 200 4-H'ers entered projects in the Lancaster County 4-H Fair, which kicked off the fair season in Lancaster County last week.

The 3-day show included livestock, general projects, exhibits, and numerous entertainment activities for visitors, 4-H members, and their families.

In the livestock barns, breeding sheep included entries in the Cheviot, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Texel, and Natural Colored breeds.

Kelsey Binkley's Dorset ewe captured grand champion honors overall breeds. Katrina Frey, Quarryville, showed the grand champion Suffolk and claimed the best bred and owned champion.

Katrina, 11, said the champion was bred from a ewe that has been twice named Suffolk champion in the junior show at the state farm show. Named Valentine, the ram lamb is part of Katrina's grandmother's show string for Breezeview Farm, Atglen.

In market lamb competition, Tiffany Dean, Strasburg, and her lamb Sweet Pea captured the top spot. Making it even a sweeter victory was the fact that Sweet Pea was bred and owned and was the half brother of the champion market lamb at last year's Lampeter Fair.

Tiffany said she races Sweet Pea daily to condition her. This was the third time Tiffany claimed a championship at the Lancaster County 4-H Fair.

Running a close second to Sweet Pea and attaining reserve champion market lamb status was Stealth, a Suffolk-cross shown by Ryan Donough, Manheim. The Donoughs have about 25 market lambs and compete in about seven shows annually.

John Eaton, judge for the event, said length and muscle were the determining factor for his choice.

"You start with good genetics but you must work with it," Eaton said of attaining a trim, firm champion.

Here is a partial listing of sheep results:

LIGHT WEIGHT MARKET LAMBS

Class 101 1. Sarah Henry. 2. Krsta Heinsey 3 Lauren Wissler.
 Class 102: 1. Loren Hershey. 2. Katrina Frey. 3 Ian Funk
 Class 103 1 Joelynn Donough. 2 Sarah Daniels 3 Chad Newcomer.
 Champion lightweight lamb: Joelynn Donough

Reserve champion lightweight lamb Sarah Daniels

MEDIUM MARKET LAMBS

Class 104. 1 Krstofer Bucher 2 Marie Collins 3 Enk Michael Nussbaum
 Class 105: 1. Adam Zunn 2 Allison Hughes 3 Laura Newcomer
 Class 106: 1 Ryan Donough. 2 Kenton Bucher 3 Eliza Funk.
 Champion mediumweight lamb Adam Zunn
 Reserve champion mediumweight lamb Ryan Donough.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT MARKET LAMBS

Class 107 1 Doug Musser 2 Doug Musser 3 Jessica Schmidt
 Class 108 1 Tiffany Dean 2 Rebecca Gordon 3 Jimmy Zimmerman
 Class 109. 1 Ryan Donough 2 Neal Lefever 3 Adam Zunn
 Champion light heavyweight lamb Tiffany Dean



For the second year in a row, Katrina Frey shows the best bred and owned champion breeding sheep.

Reserve champion light heavyweight lamb Ryan Donough

HEAVYWEIGHT MARKET LAMBS

Class 110 1 John Tracy 2 Joelynn Donough 3 Neal Lefever
 Class 111 1 Kelsey Binkley 2 Allison Hughes 3 Richard Musser.
 Class 112: 1 Tiffany Dean. 2 Derck Bollinger 3 Derck Bollinger.
 Champion heavyweight lamb Kelsey Binkley
 Reserve champion heavyweight lamb Tiffany Dean
 Grand champion market lambs Tiffany Dean
 Reserve grand champion market lambs Ryan Donough
 Bred and owned market lamb Tiffany Dean

BREEDING SHEEP

Cheviot ewe lambs 1 Jimmy Zimmerman
 Champion Cheviot Jimmy Zimmerman
 Corriedale yearling ewes: 1. Sarah Daniels.

Champion Corriedale: Sarah Daniels.

Dorset ewe lambs — Class 127: 1. Kelsey Binkley 2. Kelsey Binkley. 3. Radell Peters

Dorset yearling ewes — Class 128: 1. Kelsey Binkley. 2. Radell Peters.

Dorset ram lambs — Class 129. 1. Kelsey Binkley. 2. Radell Peters 3. Johanna Rohrer

Champion Dorset: Kelsey Binkley.

Reserve champion Dorset. Kelsey Binkley

Hampshire ewe lambs. 1 Jaymi McMichael

Champion Hampshire Jaymi McMichael
 Natural colored ewe lambs. 1. Ryan Donough

Natural colored yearling ewes 1 Ryan Donough

Champion natural color: Ryan Donough.
 Reserve champion natural color. Ryan Donough

Oxford ewe lambs: 1 Joelynn Donough.

Champion Oxford Joelynn Donough.
 Shropshire ewe lambs — Class 151 1 Bobbi Bentzel 2 Timothy Seibert. 3. Casey Seibert

Champion Shropshire Bobbi Bentzel
 Reserve champion Shropshire: Timothy Seibert

Southdown ewe lambs — Class 154: 1 Stephanie Kauffman. 2. Stephanie Kauffman 3. Stephanie Kauffman

Southdown yearling ewes — Class 155: 1 Samantha Dissinger 2. Stephanie Kauffman 3 Stephanie Kauffman.

Champion Southdown Stephanie Kauffman

Reserve champion Southdown Samantha Dissinger

Suffolk ewe lambs — Class 157 1 Katrina Frey 2 Andrew Gerhart 3 Katrina Frey

Suffolk ram lambs 1 Andrew Gerhart
 Champion Suffolk Katrina Frey

Reserve champion Suffolk Katrina Frey

Texel ewe lambs 1 Benjamin Huber
 Champion Texel Benjamin Huber

Grand champion breeding sheep Kelsey Binkley

Bred and owned breeding sheep. Kelsey Binkley

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Class 1 Jimmy Zimmerman 2 Ryan Donough 3 Jessica Schmidt

Class 2 1 Loren Hershey 2 Tiffany Dean 3 Kenton Bucher

Class 3 1 Joelynn Donough 2 Adam Zunn 3 Lance Nissley

Class 4 1 Stephanie Kauffman 2 Kristopher Bucher 3. Andrew Gordon

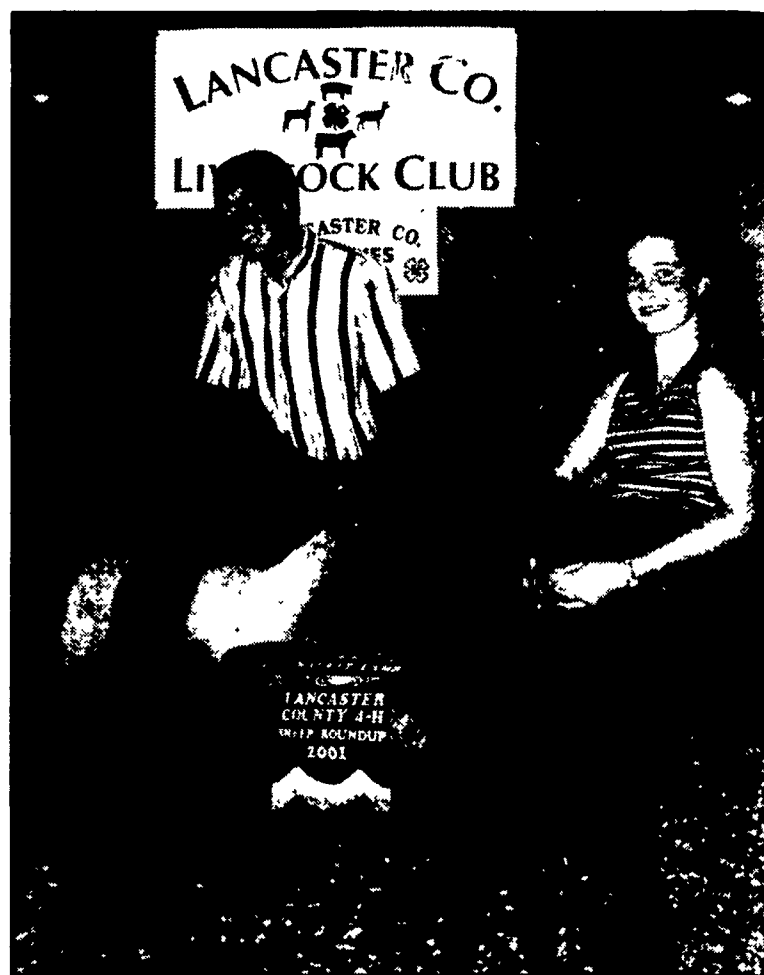
Class 5 1 Kelsey Binkley 2 Sarah Daniels 3 Chad Newcomer.

Class 6 (Novice) 1 Timothy Seibert 2. Hanna Slack 3 Luke Hershey

Champion Novice Timothy Seibert.
 Champion sheep showmanship. Jimmy Zimmerman

Reserve champion sheep showmanship: Loren Hershey

At right is Bill Fuller, who attended the 4-H Fair. As a former 4-H'er, Fuller said the money he made selling champions enabled him as a 16-year-old to buy an acre of land. Now a Quarryville dairy farmer, Fuller takes a special interest in helping young members get a start by buying a sale animal and donating it back to a 4-H'er. Fuller said, "Somebody has to help. Kids today can't do it (buy a farm) on their own."



Tiffany Dean's Sweet Pea captures champion market lamb at the Lancaster County 4-H Fair and Ryan Donough's Stealth was selected reserve champion market lamb by John Eaton, judge, center.



In the sheep leadline competition, Roanna Martin, left, placed first in the senior division, and Sarah Daniels placed first in the junior division. John Eaton judged the sheep.



Kelsey Binkley shows the supreme champion breeding ewe.