

West End Fair Junior Livestock Sale Announces Results

LAURELTON (Union Co.) — The 23rd annual Union County West End Fair Junior Livestock Sale was conducted in Laurelton recently. Fifty-nine different members of several Union County 4-H Clubs and the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter sold animals at the sale.

A total of 118 lots containing eight rabbit meat pens, 10 steers, 39 market hogs, and 61 market lambs were sold.

Forty-eight buyers supported the youth by purchasing animals at the 76th annual Union County West End Fair. This year's sale grossed more than \$43,100 which broke the previous record. Bryan

Imes of Port Royal served as the auctioneer at the sale.

The grand champion market steer was purchased by Robert Hamm for the Country Cupboard Restaurant, Lewisburg. A bid of \$2 per pound was accepted for the 1,285-pound Angus steer, owned by Rhonda Hook. Rhonda is the daughter of Steven and Wanda Hook and is a member of the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter.

The 1,315-pound reserve champion market steer was purchased by Sue Iddings for The Carriage Corner Restaurant and Idding's Quarry for \$1.35 per pound. Adam Wolfe was the owner and is a member of the

Kelly-ite 4-H Club. The Lewisburg native is the son of Dennis and Anna Wolfe.

Other steers were sold at an average price of \$.99 per pound.

The champion market Hog was sold for \$7 per pound and was purchased by Ken Fetteroth for Keystone Show Pigs. The 253-pound crossbred hog was owned by Trista Smith of Millmont. The FFA member will be a senior at the Mifflinburg Area High School this fall and is the daughter of Terry Smith.

Courtney Benner was the owner of the 244-pound Hampshire Duroc crossbred reserve champion. It was purchased by Dennis Keeger for the West Milton State Bank at \$6 per pound.

The average sale price for the other 37 hogs was \$1.70 per pound.

The grand champion market lamb was purchased by the Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Company for \$7 a pound. The 126-pound lamb was owned by Tristan Roupp of Mifflinburg. Tristan is a member of the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter and is the son of Richard and Cindy Roupp.

A 118-pound lamb owned by Shauna Wolfe of Mifflinburg was named the reserve champion. It was sold to the West Milton State Bank for \$2 a pound. The Mifflinburg FFA graduate is the daughter of William and Jean Wolfe.

The average sale price for the nonchampion lambs was \$1.35.



Champion lamb owner Tristan Roupp of Mifflinburg and buyer Cliff Valentine of the Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Company.



Champion steer buyer Robert Hamm of Country Cupboard in Lewisburg and Owner Rhonda Hook. Auctioneer Bryan Imes in the background.



Champion hog buyer Keystone Show Pigs, represented by Michael and Justin Wiand and Ken Fetteroth, and Owner Trista Smith of Millmont.

Cornell Marketing Program Aims For Selling Goats Per Pound

ITHACA, N.Y. — The Northeast Sheep and Goat Marketing Program at Cornell University has approached many of the major meat goat associations in the east to join in support for an effort to encourage major livestock sales organizations to begin marketing meat goats by the pound rather than by the head.

A suggested resolution to that effect was forwarded to these associations and they were encouraged to communicate on this issue with their membership.

Associations contacted include: Empire State Meat Goat Association; Lower Shore Goat Producers Association (Maryland); Virginia Meat Goat Association; Tennessee Valley Goat Association; Georgia Meat Goat Association; and South Carolina Meat Goat Association.

Half of the meat goats slaughtered in the country under Federal Inspection are slaughtered in northeast slaughter facilities and many of these pass through livestock markets in the region.

Most of these markets sell

goats by the head to processors and retailers who must then sell their product by the pound.

Additionally, market reports from the sale barns do not present prices in a method which will allow for comparison.

As a result, a move to pricing by the pound will allow processors and retailers to more easily estimate their costs. It will provide market reporters with prices that are comparable and give producers a clearer understanding of what their livestock are worth, where the premium markets might be and what type, size or condition sells best.

This is an issue that will require all producers to join together and express strongly their concern. It also is an opportunity for producers to express their economic power by supporting those institutions which do make the change to a fairer more understandable method of pricing our product. And finally, it is an issue which can help to organize an industry that is in its infancy, but growing rapidly and with a strong consumer base.

If you are not a member of a goat organization, give consideration to seeking one out. If none exist in your area, this is a time to seek out like minded producers and organize one. The groups listed above all have Websites and are accessible through the Maryland Small Ruminant Page (www.sheepandgoat.com) or at www.sheepgoat-marketing.org.

The Northeast Sheep and Goat Marketing Program was established to improve the ability of farmers to market their sheep and goats.

The program is funded through a grant from the USDA.

The grant funds were made available as a result of a petition filed by the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) et al. to slow the flow of cheap imported lamb into the U.S. and are intended to improve the competitive position of the domestic industry.

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