

# Lazarus Takes Market Show, Miller Wins Breeds At Kutztown

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**KUTZTOWN** (Berks Co.) — A variety of breeds turned out for exhibition during this week's Kutztown Fair's sheep show.

Eight rams and 12 ewes competed for supreme champion

honors in the breed show. Amanda Miller's animals earned the top prize for both ewe and ram classes.

In the ring during champion ram selection, judge Lee Wagner, Easton, noted the quality of the eight rams that topped their respective breed classes. Three of

the rams, said Wagner, were in "serious contention," for supreme champion honors.

"When I select a supreme champion I look for the animal that is closest to the ideal for each breed," said Wagner. Amanda's winning ram combined soundness, style, and balance, according to the judge.

Twelve ewes won their classes to move on to compete for the grand champion honor. Miller's Shropshire ewe won the supreme champion ewe title.

The daughter of Ronald and Joan Miller, Bernville, Amanda has been around sheep all of her life at the family's 50-sheep farm.

A 4-H and FFA participant, she has nine years of experience in the show ring. This fall Amanda will be a sophomore at Tulpehocken High School.

Also during Kutztown Fair Miller earned grand champion fitter and grand champion showmanship honors, besides a second place in her class in the blocking and grooming competition. Additionally she exhibited the champion lightweight market sheep.

Cathy Levan, new Berks County Sheep and Wool Queen, earned the reserve champion showman placing. Levan, Hamburg, was crowned at the recent Reading Fair.

Lorissa Lazarus, Breinigsville, took home grand champion mar-

ket lamb placing. The lamb was first named champion middleweight. "This is an honest kind of lamb that combines balance and thickness," said Wagner.

Also during the fair, in the swine show Lorissa gathered the supreme champion gilt placing with her Yorkshire February gilt.

Meat, muscle condition, and extension marked the reserve champion market sheep exhibited by Shelby Rarick, 9, Fleetwood.

She also exhibited the grand champion pair of market lambs.

Although she has exhibited animals since she was three years old, this year is Shelby's first year of 4-H.

Her experience paid off in the showmanship classes, where she earned a first place. She was also first in her class in the sheep fitting competition and reserve champion fitter.

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# Miller Reviews Beef Show At Plainfield Farmers' Fair

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**BANGOR** (Northampton Co.) — Judge Ron Miller, Bernville, Fair Fund Administrator for Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) recently reviewed the entries of the open steer show at the Plainfield Farmers' Fair.

Miller selected the medium weight class winner named Sprocket exhibited by Gwen Wagner as the champion market

steer of the show. Reserve champion market steer honors went to Jennifer Hower with "Sunrise Sunny," the second place winner of the medium weight class.

In the Angus breeding beef competition Miller selected the early junior yearling entry of Hower as the champion Angus heifer. Hower's entry is JEA Special Agent Roxy a Feb. 2000 heifer.

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Winners of each breed classes were, left to right: (top row) Lorissa Lazarus, Breinigsville; John Strawbridge, Whitehall; Andrew Reinert, New Tripoli; Mallory Ketterer, Bernville; Carrie Hartman, Bernville; Kellie Graeff, Robesonia; Jill Neiman, Fleetwood; Emily Hannon, Limekiln; (bottom row) Amanda Miller, Bernville, and Cathy Levan, Hamburg.



Champion steer in the open steer show at Plainfield Farmers' Fair was Sprocket owner by Gwen Wagner. Shown are, from left, Ron Miller judge; Blair Hoover and Gwen Wagner.

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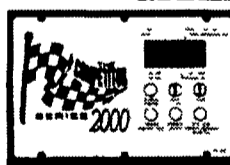


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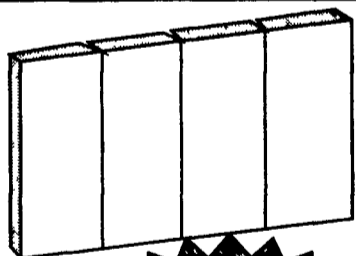
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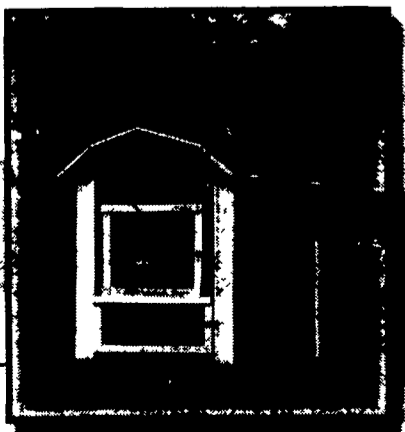


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