

York Fair Hosts Open Breeding Sheep Show

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YORK (York Co.) — "It was a super show. There was the quality you'd expect for this show," said Dr. Robert Herr, judge of York Fair's Open Breeding Sheep Show.

"We have represented some of the best of the best. Some of the animals could compete any place in the East," he said.

"I feel that we've had a really good show," said Jose Flory, York Fair sheep superintendent. "The quality of the animals was super, and the juniors did a wonderful job."

The Cheviot ram was "the right kind," according to Herr, "a long muscular buck that will produce the kind of lambs — as far as size, scale, and balance — that the market wants."

The ram is owned by John Eaton, Windsor.

Beginning with 4-H involvement, Eaton, has now been in the sheep business for 15 years. An ag lender for a bank in York County, Eaton has 90 sheep, mostly Cheviots and Dorsets, at his home and sells breeding stock.

He exhibits his animals at Keystone, and the Farm Show and goes to Louisville, Kentucky for breed shows.

His homebred Cheviot yearling caught the eye of Dr. Herr, who gave it the nod for grand champion ram placing. The ram is sold to a producer in New Hampshire and will move at the end of the month.

"The Southdown ewe is a great pattern for the breed with a lot of muscle, breed character, and length of body," said Herr, an order buyer and Dorset breeder.

Bill Leib, Mechanicsburg, purchased his grand champion Southdown ewe at a national sale in Oklahoma in May.

"I felt the character qualities like length, size, thickness, correctness, breed character, the ewe was a total package," said Leib, who worked at the operation in Oklahoma where the ewe originated.

"I knew the genetic background, and I knew I wanted that in my flock," he said.

With 20 years of experience, Leib is no stranger to the show ring. "Mom and Dad had sheep ever since I was born," he said, adding that he not only enjoys

the competition but also meeting and making lifetime friends with other exhibitors on the show ring circuit.

Leib houses his 15 brood ewes and 20 brood does on eight acres at home. The fair season is a whirlwind of activity for Leib, who exhibits all four species of market animals at fairs in Pennsylvania.

Showing sheep at the national junior show, North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE), and other shows which takes him to Iowa, Ohio, and Indiana for other shows.

"I believe that, to have the best animals, you have to compete against the best," he said. Tough competition, he said, allows him to "see how my animals compare" to other top animals.

Leib, a culinary arts major at Johnson and Wales University, Providence, Rhode Island, currently has an internship at Hotel Hershey.

Also during the sheep show Samuel Hayes, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, helped to present two checks to the York Fair from the state fair fund. The first check, \$25,000, will be used for improvement on the physical infrastructure at the fair. A new roof on the arts and crafts building is on the fair's "to do" list.

The second check, \$49,600, will go toward operating expenses, which include premium money and the cost of running the fair.

Full results follow: YORK FAIR OPEN SHEEP BREEDING SHOW RESULTS

CHEVIOT
Ram 1 year and under 2: 1 John Eaton.
Ram, fall lamb: 1. Amy Bennecoff.
Ram, spring lamb: 1. John Eaton. 2. Melissa Trostle. 3. John Eaton.
Two ram lambs: 1. John Eaton.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Melissa Trostle. 2. John Eaton. 3. John Eaton.
Ewe, fall lamb: Amy Bennecoff.
Ewe, spring lamb: Melissa Trostle. 2. Melissa Trostle. 3. Tony Haugh.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. John Eaton. 2. Melissa Trostle. 3. Tony Haugh.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Melissa Trostle. 2. John Eaton. 3. Tony Haugh.
Pen of lambs: 1. John Eaton. 2. Tony Haugh.
Breeder's young flock: 1. John Eaton. 2. Tony Haugh.
Get of sire: 1. John Eaton. 2. Tony Haugh.
Flock: 1. Melissa Trostle. 2. John Eaton. 3. Tony Haugh.
Champion Cheviot ram/supreme champion meat breeds ram: John Eaton.
Reserve champion Cheviot ram: Champion Cheviot ewe. Melissa Trostle.
Reserve champion Cheviot ewe: Melissa Trostle.

DORSET

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Katie Powers.
Ram, fall lamb: 1. Barry and Bruce Snyder. 2. Katie Powers.
Ram, spring lamb: 1. Matthew Bankert. 2. John Eaton. 3. John Eaton.
Two ram lambs: 1. John Eaton.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: John Eaton. 2. John Eaton. 3. Andrew Bankert.
Ewe, fall lamb: 1. Barry and Bruce Snyder. 2. Mark Brown. 3. John Eaton.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. John Eaton. 2. John Eaton. 3. Matthew Bankert.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. John Eaton. 2. Katie Powers.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. John Eaton. 2. Katie Powers.
Pen of lambs: 1. John Eaton.
Breeder's young flock: 1. John Eaton.
Get of sire: 1. John Eaton. 2. Katie Powers.
Flock: 1. John Eaton. 2. Katie Powers.
Champion Dorset ram: Katie Powers.
Reserve champion Dorset ram: Matthew Bankert.
Champion Dorset ewe: John Eaton.
Reserve champion Dorset ewe: Barry and Bruce Snyder.

HAMPSHIRE

Ram, spring lamb: 1. RJR Hampshires. 2. Matt Trostle. 3. RJR Hampshires.
Two ram lambs: 1. Matt Trostle. 2. RJR Hampshires.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1 RJR Hampshires. 2. RJR Hampshires.
Ewe, fall lamb: RJR Hampshires.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. RJR Hampshires. 2. RJR Hampshires. 3. Matt Trostle.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. RJR Hampshires. 2. Matt Trostle.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. RJR Hampshires. 2. Matt Trostle. 3. Katie Powers.
Pen of lambs: 1 RJR Hampshires. 2. Matt Trostle.
Breeder's young flock: 1. Matt Trostle.
Get of sire: 1. Matt Trostle.
Flock: 1 RJR Hampshires. 2. Matt Trostle.
Champion Hampshire ram RJR Hampshires.
Reserve champion Hampshire ram: Matt Trostle.
Champion Hampshire ewe RJR Hampshires.
Reserve champion Hampshire ewe RJR Hampshires.

MONTADALE

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1 Rachel Chillias.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Tony Haugh.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Tony Haugh.
GRAND CHAMPION MONTADALE RAM
Rachel Chillias
GRAND CHAMPION MONTADALE EWE
Tony Haugh
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MONTADALE EWE
Tony Haugh
SHROPSHIRE
Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Tim Stem.
Ram, fall lamb: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Amanda Miller.
Ram, spring lamb: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Wendy Whitman.
Two ram lambs: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Wendy Whitman.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Wendy Whitman.
Ewe, fall lamb: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Amanda Miller.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Amanda Miller. 2. Michele Whitman. 3. Amanda Miller.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. Amanda Miller.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Amanda Miller.
Pen of lambs: 1. Amanda Miller.
Breeder's young flock: 1. Amanda Miller.
Get of sire: 1. Amanda Miller.
Flock: 1. Amanda Miller.
GRAND CHAMPION SHROPSHIRE RAM
Amanda Miller
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHROPSHIRE RAM
Amanda Miller
GRAND CHAMPION SHROPSHIRE EWE
Amanda Miller
RESERVE CHAMPION SHROPSHIRE EWE
Amanda Miller

SOUTHDOWN

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Bill Leib.
Ram, fall lamb: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bill Leib. 3. Amanda Miller.
Ram, spring lamb: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bill Leib. 3. Matt Trostle.
Two ram lambs: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Bruce Snyder.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Matt Trostle. 3. Bruce Snyder.
Champion Southdown ram: Bruce Snyder.
Ewe, fall lamb: 1. Matt Trostle. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Bill Leib.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Amanda Miller.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Amanda Miller. 3. Matt Trostle.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Amanda Miller.
Pen of lambs: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Matt Trostle.
Breeder's young flock: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bill Leib. 3. Matt Trostle.
Get of sire: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Matt Trostle.
Flock: 1 Bill Leib 2 Bruce Snyder 3. Amanda Miller.
Reserve champion Southdown ram. Bruce Snyder
Champion Southdown ewe/supreme champion meat breeds ewe Bill Leib.
Reserve champion Southdown ewe. Matt Trostle

SUFFOLK

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1 Travis Flory
Ram, spring lamb: 1. Travis Flory.
Two ram lambs: 1. Travis Flory. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Rebecca Butt.
Ewe, fall lamb: 1. Denny Haugh.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Travis Flory. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Travis Flory.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. Denny Haugh. 2. Travis Flory.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Travis Flory. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Rebecca Butt.
Pen of lambs: 1 Travis Flory. 2. Rebecca Butt.
Breeder's young flock: 1. Travis Flory. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Rebecca Butt.
Get of sire: 1. Travis Flory. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Rebecca Butt.
Flock: 1. Travis Flory. 2. Denny Haugh.
Champion Suffolk ram: Travis Flory.
Reserve champion Suffolk ram: Travis Flory.

NATURAL COLOR SHEEP

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1 Greta Dise. 2. Enc Bankert.
Ram, spring lamb: 1. Randy Irwin. 2. Enc Bankert. 3. Greta Dise.
Two ram lambs: 1. Enc Bankert. 2. Shane Butt. 3. Greta Dise.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Randy Irwin. 2. Greta Dise. 3. Greta Dise.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Bill Leib. 2. Greta Dise. 3. Ryan Wilson
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. Greta Dise. 2. Emily Butt. 3. Shane Butt
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Greta Dise. 2. Enc Bankert. 3. Emily Butt.
Pen of lambs: 1 Enc Bankert. 2. Greta Dise.
Breeder's young flock: 1. Greta Dise. 2. Enc Bankert
Get of sire: 1. Enc Bankert
Flock: 1. Greta Dise. 2. Shane Butt. 3. Emily Butt
Champion Natural Color ram/supreme champion Wool. Randy Irwin
Reserve champion Natural Color ram Greta Dise
Champion Natural Color ewe Bill Leib
Reserve champion Natural Color ewe Randy Irwin

COLUMBIA

Ram, spring lamb: 1 Butch Carpenter. 2 Butch Carpenter.
Two ram lambs: 1 Butch Carpenter.
Ewe, fall lamb: 1. Butch Carpenter.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Butch Carpenter
Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Butch Carpenter
Pen of lambs 1 Butch Carpenter
Breeder's young flock: 1. Butch Carpenter.
Get of sire: 1 Butch Carpenter
Champion Columbia ram: Butch Carpenter.
Reserve champion Columbia ram: Butch Carpenter.
Champion Columbia ewe. Butch Carpenter.
Reserve champion Columbia ewe: Butch Carpenter.

CORRIEDALE

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Enc Bankert.
Ram, spring lamb: 1. Megan Heath. 2. Megan Heath. 3. Enc Bankert.
Two ram lambs: 1. Megan Heath. 2. Eric Bankert.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Megan Heath.
Ewe, spring lamb: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Enc Bankert.
Pair of yearling: 1 Bruce Snyder. 2. Eric Bankert.
Champion Corriedale ram: Megan Heath
Reserve champion Corriedale ram: Megan Heath.
Champion Corriedale ewe. Bruce Snyder.
Reserve champion Corriedale ewe: Bruce Snyder.

RAMBOUILLET

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1. Brian and Doris Snyder.
Ram, spring lamb 1. Brian and Dons Snyder. 2. Brian and Dons Snyder

Two ram lambs. 1. Brian and Dons Snyder.

Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Brian and Dons Snyder. 2. Brian and Dons Snyder
Ewe, spring lamb: 1 Brian and Dons Snyder. 2. Brian and Dons Snyder.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. Brian and Dons Snyder.

Pair of ewe lambs: 1. Brian and Dons Snyder.
Pen of lambs: 1. Brian and Dons Snyder.
Breeder's young flock: 1. Brian and Dons Snyder.

Get of sire: 1. Brian and Doris Snyder
Flock: 1. Brian and Dons Snyder.
Champion Rambouillet ram: Brian and Dons Snyder.

Reserve champion Rambouillet ram Brian and Dons Snyder.
Champion Rambouillet ewe/supreme champion Wool Breeds ewe: Brian and Dons Snyder
Reserve champion Rambouillet ewe. Brian and Dons Snyder.

OTHER WOOL BREEDS

Ram 1 year and under 2: 1 Denny Haugh. 2. Mary Zeigler. 3. Mary Zeigler.
Ram, spring lamb: 1 Rebecca Butt. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Emily Butt.
Two ram lambs: 1 Rebecca Butt. 2. Denny Haugh.
Ewe, 1 year and under 2: 1. Randy Irwin. 2. Megan Heath. 3. Randy Irwin
Ewe, fall lamb: 1. Brian Snyder
Ewe, spring lamb: 1 Rebecca Butt. 2. Emily Butt. 3. Denny Haugh.
Pair of yearling ewes: 1. Randy Irwin. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Rebecca Butt.
Pair of ewe lambs: 1 Rebecca Butt. 2. Denny Haugh. 3. Emily Butt
Pen of lambs 1 Rebecca butt 2 Denny Haugh

Breeder's young flock 1 Denny Haugh
Get of sire 1 Denny Haugh
Flock 1 Denny Haugh 2 Rebecca Butt
Champion Other Wool Breeds ram Rebecca Butt
Reserve champion Other Wool Breeds ram Denny Haugh
Champion Other Wool Breeds ewe Brian Snyder
Reserve champion Other Wool Breeds ewe. Randy Irwin

YORK FAIR

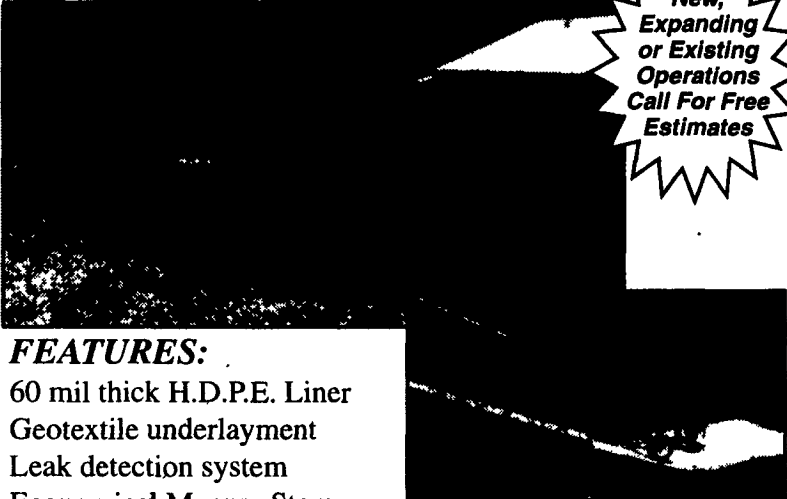
OPEN WOOL RESULTS

Fine wool — ram 1 Sharon Kelly 2 Wayne Beare. 3. Sheepberry Farm
Fine wool — ewe. 1 Sharon Kelly 2 Briana Kelly 3 Sharon Kelly
Medium wool — ram: 1 Wayne Beare 2 Thelma Middleton. 3. T Flanagan
Medium wool — ewe. 1 Sheepberry Farm. 2. Enc Bankert. 3. RJR Hampshires
Coarse (long) wool — ram: 1 Rebecca Butt. 2. Sheepberry Farm. 3 T Flanagan
Coarse (long) wool — ewe 1. Randy Irwin. 2. Wayne Beare. 3. Sheepberry Farm
Champion fleece: Sharon Kelly
Reserve champion fleece: Sharon Kelly
Natural Colored fine wool — ram: 1 Briana Kelly.
Natural Colored fine wool — ewe 1 Briana Kelly. 2. Sharon Kelly. 3. Sheepberry Farm.
Natural Colored medium wool — ram. 1 Sheepberry Farm
Natural Colored medium wool — ewe 1 Sheepberry Farm. 2. Wayne Beare
Natural Colored coarse (long) wool — ram. 1. T Flanagan. 2. Sheepberry Farm.
Natural Colored coarse (long) wool — ewe: 1. Shane Butt. 2. Randy Irwin 3 Emily Butt.
Champion Natural Colored fleece Shane Butt.
Reserve champion Natural Colored fleece: Briana Kelly.
GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE
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Sec. Hayes Meets Wilkes-Barre Seniors, Growers At Wilkes-Barre

WILKES-BARRE (Luzerne Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes recently met with Pennsylvania seniors and produce growers last week at the Wilkes-Barre Farmers Market to encourage participation in the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

"The program is a 'win-win' situation for both produce growers and nutritionally at-risk older Pennsylvanians," Secretary Hayes said. "Thanks to the participation of hundreds of produce growers across the state, we are getting Pennsylvania-grown fruits and vegetables from the fields to the tables of people who need them the most."

The program provides \$20 in coupons to nutritionally at-risk seniors to purchase produce from participating farmers markets. It receives nearly \$2 million in state funding each year.

Older Pennsylvanians should contact their local Area Agency on Aging to determine their eligibility. Wilkes-Barre is one of 11 areas added this year to the program, expanding the total number of pilot areas to 19.

More than 450 produce growers participate in the Seniors and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Programs.

To find a local farmers market, the "Consumer's Guide to Pennsylvania Farm Markets" is available through the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Market Development. For a copy of the guide, call (717) 787-4210 or visit www.state.pa.us or directly at www.pda.state.pa.us.

Farmers interested in participating in either of the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs should call the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Distribution at 1-800-468-2433.