

# Socializing, Learning, Watching

## Farm Show Provides All Three For Sheep Exhibitor

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RAWLINSVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — With "Cotton," Jaymi McMichael had a double winner.

Not only did Jaymi win the Corriedale three years ago in a contest conducted by the Pennsylvania Corriedale Association, but the animal came in a with big win at the 2002 Farm Show, taking home the champion Corriedale ewe placing in the junior show.

Now Jaymi, 13, in eighth grade in Penn Manor School District, is following that win by taking another two Corriedales, just purchased this year, to the show ring.

She purchased "Peaches" and "Savannah" in August and October and began walking them, readying them for the Farm Show, during Christmas break — practices that she will do more frequently as the event quickly approaches.

The sheep will head to Harrisburg on Wednesday, and Jaymi will show them on Thursday and Friday. The points that she may

earn in the show ring will be totaled with her Skillathon and showmanship scores to compete for the shepherd's contest.

She is, in fact, anticipating spending a lot of time in Harrisburg during this year's Farm Show.

The event is not only a place of competition but also of learning, she said. Watching the different breeds of sheep and cattle and talking to industry people — such as the people she bought her sheep from — has proven to be a big help with her show ring career.

However the time spent at the show is not all work. The social life — connecting with her 4-H and FFA friends — is also a great part of the show, admits Jaymi. She combined fun with work last year, for instance, when she and a friend did their homework on the roof of the trailer.

Other work may include helping out at the Pennsylvania Fruit and Vegetable Growers stand, since her parents, Steve and Julie, are members of the organization.

Besides bags of groceries already sitting in the house or tucked away in the freezer, a new toaster oven awaits a trip to the Farm Show, according to Julie. Jaymi plans on staying overnight at the complex.

Back home on the farm, the McMichaels have seven sheep which are bred for the show ring. Breeds include a Suffolk cross-bred, Hampshires, and Corriedales. "Cotton," "Candy," "Lollipop," and "Peaches" are a part of the sweet-sounding flock.

Jaymi's own sheep showing career began six years ago as she followed in the footsteps of her brother, Dan, 20. Before that she had exhibited cattle but wanted to try her hand at exhibiting sheep, which she began three years ago.

Winning "Cotton" by writing an essay for the Pennsylvania Corriedale Association's contest helped to launch Jaymi into the sheep ring in a big way. Although Corriedales, as a wool breed, are "more work" than readying a

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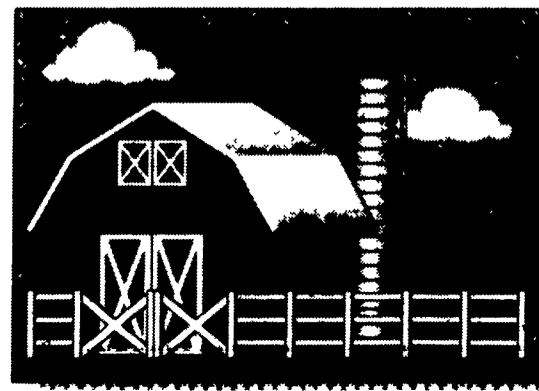
"Peaches" and "Savannah" will compete Friday and Saturday at the Farm Show.

**Pennsylvania Farm Show 2003**  
January 11-18, 2003

10:00 - 10:45	Hooper Inc. Lift and Turn Angle Hitch with 20 Great Plains Grain Drill and 8-Row Case IH Corn Planter	Hooper Inc. Lift and Turn Angle Hitch with 20 Great Plains Grain Drill and 8-Row Case IH Corn Planter
11:00 - 11:45	Binkley & Hurst Bros. Gehl 730 Telehandler with Bale "Push-Off" Gehl Tracked Mini Loader with Material Bucket Gehl 7800 Skid Steer Loader with Attached Silage Mill	Binkley & Hurst Bros. Gehl 730 Telehandler with Bale "Push-Off" Gehl Tracked Mini Loader with Material Bucket Gehl 7800 Skid Steer Loader with Attached Silage Mill
12:00 - 12:45	Case IH New Case IH 1200 12 Row Pivoting Planter	Case IH New Case IH 1200 12 Row Pivoting Planter
1:00 - 1:45	AgCo Fendt Tractors	AgCo Fendt Tractors
2:00 - 2:45	John Deere John Deere s NEW Infinitely Variable Speed Transmission	John Deere John Deere s NEW Infinitely Variable Speed Transmission

10:00 - 10:45	New Holland High Moisture Balage - How To Make Properly Storage Use Benefits to Operation	New Holland High Moisture Balage - How To Make Properly Storage Use Benefits to Operation	New Holland High Moisture Balage - How To Make Properly Storage Use Benefits to Operation
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1:00 - 1:45	John Deere Tomorrow's Technology Has Arrived Today - Hear about the technology that is available to help your productivity and profitability New IVT Transmissions GPS applications Catch a glimpse of the Operatorless Tractor!	John Deere Tomorrow's Technology Has Arrived Today - Hear about the technology that is available to help your productivity and profitability New IVT Transmissions GPS applications Catch a glimpse of the Operatorless Tractor!	John Deere Tomorrow's Technology Has Arrived Today - Hear about the technology that is available to help your productivity and profitability New IVT Transmissions GPS applications Catch a glimpse of the Operatorless Tractor!
2:00 - 2:45	Hooper Inc. New Case IH AFX - Axial Flow Combines for 2003/2004	Hooper Inc. New Case IH AFX - Axial Flow Combines for 2003/2004	Hooper Inc. New Case IH AFX - Axial Flow Combines for 2003/2004

10:00 - 10:45	Blue Seal Feeds Rabbit - Dairy Goat - Sheep Nutrition	Blue Seal Feeds Rabbit - Dairy Goat - Sheep Nutrition	Blue Seal Feeds Rabbit - Dairy Goat - Sheep Nutrition
11:00 - 11:45	Sollenberger Silo New Innovations in Feed Storage & Handling Tower silo with elevated floors so feed mixer can drive through & be quickly loaded	Sollenberger Silo New Innovations in Feed Storage & Handling Tower silo with elevated floors so feed mixer can drive through & be quickly loaded	Sollenberger Silo New Innovations in Feed Storage & Handling Tower silo with elevated floors so feed mixer can drive through & be quickly loaded
1:00 - 1:45	NSIA, Inc. Using computers on your farm for field mapping record keeping financial management and communication	NSIA, Inc. Using computers on your farm for field mapping record keeping financial management and communication	NSIA, Inc. Using computers on your farm for field mapping record keeping financial management and communication
2:00 - 2:45	Iron Solutions Determining used farm equipment values by using industry official guides using the internet to gather trade-in pricing and locate equipment at local and North American dealerships	Iron Solutions Determining used farm equipment values by using industry official guides using the internet to gather trade-in pricing and locate equipment at local and North American dealerships	Iron Solutions Determining used farm equipment values by using industry official guides using the internet to gather trade-in pricing and locate equipment at local and North American dealerships



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