

Kids Korner

A Peek At Farm Show Exhibiting

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) —

Samantha Adams, daughter of Kathy and Sam Adams of U.S. Route 220, Bedford, was one of the more than 20 Bedford County Farm Show participants.

For Samantha, it was a first time experience, and one she had been looking forward to all year.

Lucky enough to live near 4-H leader Ada Myers, and drawing on the experience of the whole sheep and goat raising Myers family, has sparked Samantha's interest from the start of her animal showing experiences.

With three goats and two lambs of her own, Samantha has participated in the Bedford Fair as well as Jackpot shows at Somerset, Indiana, and Bedford counties.

In 2001, Samantha took first place in showmanship and fitting with her goat and first place in showmanship with her lamb at the Bedford Fair.

She also showed the reserve champion goat that year.

This year she planned to show both her goat, Vanilla, and her lamb, Hercules, at the Farm Show. However, one week before the Farm Show, Vanilla lost all of his milk teeth which disqualified it.

Hercules came home with a third place. Samantha showed goats for Scott Myers at the Farm Show and brought him two fifth places.

The third place with the sheep also gave her a showmanship trophy.

"I had fun," said Samantha. "I was happy with what I did, and can't wait to go back next year."

Samantha and her brother Derrick are both 4-H members with the Farming Around Club.

A fifth grader at Bedford Elementary, Samantha does all of the evening feedings of her animals and takes over both feedings on weekends. She spends several hours every week practicing showmanship. During summer seasons, she devotes even more hours to her farm and animal chores.

When she is not raising animals, Samantha likes to sew, play soccer, and ski. She is a participant in the Odyssey of the Mind and a member of the Burning Bush United Methodist Church.



Hercules, Samantha Adams's lamb, came home from the Pennsylvania Farm Show with a third-place win.



Jaclyn Upperman, 13, Chambersburg, reads show heifer "Babydoll" for the open show. Jaclyn, with six years of Farm Show experience, is from Up-Hill Acres, operated by her parents, Steve and Jane Upperman.



Above, Sarah Tinney, 13, of Tioga County, holds her napping Oberhasli doe during the dairy goat exhibition last week at the Farm Show.



Nicole Bodell fits market steer Peek-A-Boo for the ring. Nicole has been showing cattle for 10 years.



Bill Cuculis gets son William Jr., one year old, off to an early start in learning the art of fitting cattle for the show ring. Sons Luke, 13, and Mitch, 11, also showed purebred Angus during the Farm Show. The Cuculis family operates Family First Farm, Seven Valleys.

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These snuggling kids were a favorite with Farm Show visitors.