93 Sheep Flock To Denver Fair

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DENVER (Lancaster Co.) -"This is a super group, but one has popped out as champion all day," said Annette Lovell, who judged the Denver Fair sheep show last week.



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Lovell selected Ryan Donough's impressive bred-andowned ewe for grand champion market honors for style, uniformity, and finish.

Donough, 19, a student at Lancaster's Harrisburg Area Community College, was pleased that his sister Joelynn, 16, showed the reserve grand champion market lamb.

Although the brother-and-sister team help each other care for

Grand champion ram honors in breeding sheep to Kellie Graef, showing a Romney, and reserve went to Jimmy Zimmerman with a Southdown.

their flock of 20 ewes on the family's Manheim farm, they keep their individual ewes separated but use the same ram.

Joelynn's lamb named Pixel was the grand champion non-sale lamb at Elizabethtown Fair several weeks ago. But Joelynn knew she couldn't coast on that success throughout remaining competitions.

"I knew he (my brother) would beat me out. His lamb is aweshe said. "But I love some," mine. I will never sell her."

In breeding sheep competition, Denver Fair selects the best ewe and ram over all breeds. Grand champion ram of the show was a Romney shown by Kellie Graef, 16. It was Kellie's first grand Lancaster Farming, Saturday, September 20, 2003-B7

champion overall in her eight years of showing sheep at area fairs near her family's Robesonia home. She and her sister raise 24 head of Romneys and Hampshires.

Grand champion ewe was a Suffolk shown by Andrew Ger-

hart. The Reinholds youth has exhibited champions at several area fairs.

Jimmy Zimmerman show-

> Championships in other breeds included Hampshire with Jen Hughes showing both grand champion ewe and ram. Jen Zimmerman showed grand champion ewe and ram in the Horned Dorset breed. Natural colored grand champion ram and ewe was shown by Ryan Donough. Oxford grand champion ram and ewe were bred and owned by Joelyn Donough.

Judge Annette Lovell, center, selects

brother and sister duo for grand champion

market lamb honors at Denver Fair. From

left are Joelynn holding the reserve, and

Ryan with the grand champion, homebred

on their Manheim farm.

Kellie Graeff's Romney ram and ewe won the breed championship with the ram named best of the show.

> A partial listing of show results follows: **DENVER SHEEP** SHOW RESULTS SHOWMANSHIP

Fourth year and over exhibitors 1 Jen Zimmerman 2 Joelynn Donough 3 Ryan Donouah Second and third year exhibitors 1 Shelby Ranck 2 Mela-nie Graeff 3 Krista Heinsey

First year exhibitors 1 James Weitzel 1 Cherie Zeiset **CHAMPION SHOWMAN**

Zimmerman RESERVE CHAMPION SHOWMAN

Joelynn Donough MARKET LAMBS

Lightweight class 1 1 Sa-mantha Dissinger 2 Jen Zimmerman 3 Samantha Dissing-

Lightweight class 2 1 Joelynn Donough. 2 Jimmy Zim-merman 3 Megan Ackley Lightweight Champion Joe-

lynn Donough Lightweight Reserve Champi-

Jimmy Zimmerman Mediumweight class 3 1 Ryan Donough 2 Jimmy Zim-

merman 3 Jen Zimmerman Mediumweight class 4 Rvan Donough 2 Shelby Rar-

ck. 3. Andrew Gerhart Mediumweight Champion

Ryan Donough Mediumweight reserve champion. Shelby Rarick Heavyweight class 5. 1 Joe-lynn Donough. 2 Ryan Dohough 3. Andrew Gerhart. Heavyweight class 6 1 Shel-

by Ranck 2. Joelynn Donough Jen Zimmerman

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