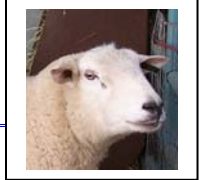




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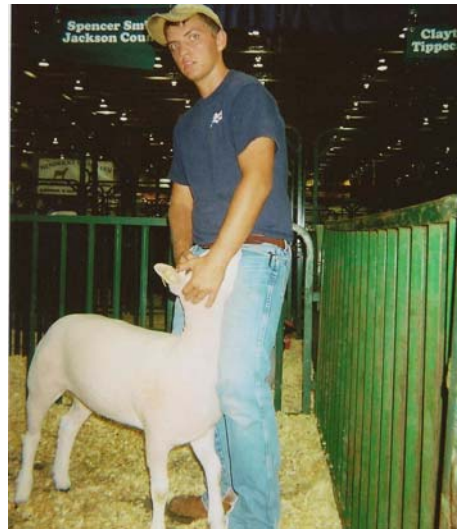
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Texel Lamb 1st at Indiana State Fair



Spencer with his winning lamb.

Spencer Smith, Seymour, IN., showed the number 1 carcass market lamb over all breeds at the 2009 Indiana State Fair. There were over 800 4H market lambs in the show and they were sifted down to 15 head, and those were taken to Purdue University to be killed and for the carcass evaluation. The lamb placed 7th in the overall on foot market lamb show. Spencer is a 7 year 4H member and has shown Texels for 4 years. He has showed the Champion Texel 4H ewe at the Indiana State Fair twice including this year. The lamb was bred by and purchased from Adams Texels, Morristown, IN.

Kyle Culp, of the Purdue Extension Office, compiled the statistics for the carcass results. The winning Texel had a live weight of 102 pounds, and a dressed weight of 60 pounds for a dressing percentage of 58.8%. Rib eye area was 3.10, and leg conformation was 14. Very good numbers for a 102 pound lamb. Blake Stowers, a student at Purdue, scored the lambs.

Indiana does not have a carcass contest as such. Instead they take the top lamb from each breed, and categories like white faced commercial, and compile the carcass scores for each of them at Purdue University. The Texel lamb came out on top of the 15 lambs scored.

Fonda Fair Winners New York Regional Fair



Victoria with Spud and Sarah with Sparkle

My daughters are in 4-H ,and have shown Texels for 3 years. We absolutely love the breed. Beside the obvious beautiful carcass quality and wonderful mothering skills (we had 200% lamb crop last winter) the real selling point was the Texel's disposition. In my youth I raised and exhibited Suffolks, Hampshires, Cheviots, Romneys, Southdowns, and Shropshires - at one time we had close to 500 sheep. The Texels that my daughters raise are so much easier to handle and work with.

Victoria Subik is showing the ram lamb from the Fishers. He was born 02/09/09, and his registered name is Fisher C118 QR. We purchased the ram lamb at the Midwest Stud Sale in June. The girls call him Spud, as he hails from Idaho, and is a solidly built ram. He took Grand Champion Ram at The Fonda Fair - Montgomery/Fulton County, on 09/02/2009.

Sarah Subik is showing a ewe lamb from Bret Taylor. She was born 01/22/09. Her registered name is Taylor 999, but the girls call her Sparkle. We also purchased the ewe lamb at the Midwest Stud Sale in June. She took Grand Champion Ewe and Best of Show at The Fonda Fair - Montgomery/Fulton County on 09/02/2009.

From Carl Subik

Editors Note:

Thanks to all of you who submitted articles, pictures, etc. during the past year. Your help keeps the *Texel Times* interesting.

Electronic Texel Times

Our webmaster has been getting the *Texel Times* on the web site before most of you will receive it in the mail. See www.usatexels.org for an example. We would like to be able to send the link by email and save some money on postage. Unfortunately, we do not have an email address for many of you. If you would like to save the Texel Sheep Breeders Society some money, and receive the *Times* electronically, please send your email address to walt@shawneelink.net

Most of you have probably seen the advertisements that we have been running in the *Sheep* and *Shepherd* magazines. The money that we save on postage and printing costs could be used for more advertising.