

Supreme Yearling Ewes February 2011

Placing: 3-2-1-4

Cuts: 3-5-7

To adequately give justice to the four ewes that we have out here for our supreme drive, I feel it necessary to describe each of these as individuals, then go out and select your champion.

The Southdown champion is a ewe that you really appreciate for her sheer body, practicality and just brood ewe look. You really like her when you study her in terms of the turn to her rib and the width of her chest. As well, with the Southdown breed traditionally known for skeletal moderation, she surprisingly has a tremendous amount of growth as well as extension. I certainly would like to see her with even more muscle shape, I'd like to toe her straighter up front, give her a more attractive set to her rear leg, and she could be a notch trimmer. But overall, I just read her as being a really good bodied, practical female that could go out and make a really nice brood ewe.

The Hampshire champion is one of the two ewes out here in the drive that has the added quality to be deemed a supreme champion ewe. There is no question that she is super nice balanced, level made, good bodied, muscular, and good legged. She could be more extended up front, and she could have a touch more substance of bone, but she is one that you really like from a quality and balance standpoint.

The Dorset champion is the other ewe out here that has the edge in terms of quality. She is an ultra attractive, really cool made, good fronted, cocky headed ewe that is so cylindrical in the shape of her rib and good up through her chest floor. Now, she could set down a notch squarer from hock to ground, but that's being extremely critical on an awfully nice ewe. She's the type that not only would I be excited about on the show circuit, but just as importantly, she's a female that could go out and make an impact in any reputable Dorset breeding program across the country.

And finally, the Suffolk champion is a female that you really appreciate for her added growth and extension. Plus she is long and extended up through her front end. She's a ewe, however, that could use some modifications in terms of her structure and balance. Not only is she a big fronted, steep hipped ewe that could use more body, but she is also too straight fronted, she toes out up front, she turns in at her hock, and she stands up under herself. She simply falls out in terms of quality, balance, practicality, and structural correctness.

With this said, I'm going to use your Dorset Champion as your Supreme Ewe, the Hampshire Champion as your Reserve Supreme ewe, the Southdown Champion as your third overall, and the Suffolk Champion as the your fourth overall.

Thank You,

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