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On The Cover

Featured on the cover of this month's issue of The Banner is Emma Leiss's Grand Champion Ewe at the 2020 National Southdown Show, A&M 9-223 "Luna". Emma is the 13-year-old daughter of Jeff & Christine Leiss of Plant City, Fla. This team has racked up a pretty impressive record, starting at the 2019 NAILE Jr Show, where she placed first in the January ewe lamb class. "Luna" and Emma went on to receive Supreme Champion Ewe honors at the 2020 Florida State Fair and most recently Champion Southdown Ewe, and Supreme Champion Ewe at the 2020 Youth Sheep Expo in Greenfield, Ind. Emma selected this ewe in the 2019 A&M Ranch "Pick of the Litter" Sale.

A&M Ranch is owned by Amy and Mark Johnson and is located in Sandwich, Ill. Southdowns bred by A&M Ranch have been cutting a pretty wide swath of success the last several years.



Supreme Champion Ewe 2020 North East Youth Show

Champion Southdown Ewe
– Owned by Helena Kagan,
Arrow M Show Lambs, Clin-
ton Corners, N.Y.

Bred by A&M Ranch and
purchased in the 2019 A&M
Ranch Futurity Nominated
Ewe Lamb Sale, Sired by
A&M Remedy.

Supreme Champion Ram 2019 MWJPS

Grand Champion Ram 2019
National Southdown Junior
Show - AAJS

Reserve National Campion
Ram 2019 NAILE
Owned and shown by Alivia
Porter, Ashkum, IL, Bred by
A&M Ranch

2018 Grand Champion Ohio
State Fair, Res Jr CH Ram
2018 NAILE National South-
down Show



FP Livestock and Bowman Southdowns purchased "Remedy" privately in the fall of 2018 and he has gone on to have a tremendous show career and proven to be a truly prepotent sire. In addition to siring the ewe pictured above, he sired FP Livestock's Reserve Campion Ram at the 2019 National Sale and class winners at the 2020 Youth Expo.

A visit to A&M Ranch in Sandwich, IL will allow you to quickly share in their passion for good Southdown sheep. Southdowns are a family affair with the Johnsons. Their daughter also grew up raising and showing Southdowns. Emily (Johnson) Howard and her husband Brandon Howard are prominent Southdown breeders located in Mulhall, OK. They are both third generation Southdown breeders that grew up competing at these same Southdown shows. Brandon and Emily recently welcomed the fourth generation into their Southdown family with birth of their daughter Faye in July 2020.

Thanks to all of the folks that have chosen to add A&M Ranch genetics to your program. That confidence means a lot. The Johnsons welcome the opportunity to work with folks to help them achieve their goals in showing and producing top Southdown Sheep.

Look for more information on A&M Ranch Southdowns on their Facebook page or website at www.aandmranch.com.

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