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(L-R: Jessie Ross; Catrina Bollinger, 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Princess; Ashley Shaw, 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen; Kaitlyn Jones; Chelsea Bilyeu)

The 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen Contest was held on Saturday, October 22nd at the Samuel E. Hayes Jr. PA Livestock Evaluation Center, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA. There were five contestants from across the state vying for the title. Contestants were evaluated by a panel of judges on a written essay, personal interview, and their public speaking skills.

Ashley Shaw was chosen as the 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Queen. Ashley is the 20 year old daughter of Matthew and Angela Shaw of Harrisburg, PA. She is a junior in college with a dual enrollment at Harrisburg Area Community College and Delaware Valley College, studying Agribusiness. Having six Leicester Longwool sheep, her true passion is in the fiber industry. While Ashley enjoys showing her sheep, spinning their wool, knitting, and weaving; she has accomplished it all through 4-H. She is a member of PhiThetaKappa and volunteers for 4-H, Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association, Dance Assistant for the Children's Wheelchair Dance Program, and with the PA Rabbit Breeders Association.

Catrina Bollinger was selected as the 2013 PA Lamb & Wool Princess. Catrina is the 17 year old daughter of Craig and Crystal Bollinger of Mifflinburg, PA. She attends Mifflinburg Area Senior High School where she serves as a Student Advisor in the Mifflinburg FFA Chapter. Catrina has a Miniature Babydoll Southdown and is President of both the Cowan Ag 4-H Club and Valley Riders 4-H Club. She is active in Key Club, Church Youth Group, donates to Walk on Foundation, collects eye glasses for reuse, Mifflinburg Boro recycling, AQHA member, and APHA member.

Jessie Ross, Kaitlyn Jones, and Chelsea Bilyeu also competed for the title. Jessie Ross is the 21 year old daughter of John and Tammy Ross of Connellsville, PA. Kaitlyn Jones is the 18 year old daughter of Kenneth and Kimberly Jones of Wind Ridge, PA. Chelsea Bilyeu is the 16 year old daughter of Brad and Amy Bilyeu of State College, PA. The panel of judges had said, "We were very impressed with the passion that all the young ladies had for the sheep industry. They were all highly qualified contestants."

The PA Lamb & Wool Queen program is sponsored by the PA Sheep & Wool Growers Association. The PA Lamb & Wool Royal Court will be asked to attend several industry related

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events throughout their reign. If you are interested in having royalty attend an event, please contact Laurie Hubbard at 814-932-9000 to schedule.