Spencerville show

comes up 'Roses'

Rosayre Lenore II, belonging to Don and Ken Rose, brought home the title of Grand Champion in the Ayrshire division of this year's Spencerville Fair.

The Rose's Woodlea Superior Peggy captured the title of Reserve Champion.



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Rose cow tops World Expo

MADISON, WI - An eightyear-old Canadian Ayrshire owned by Don and Ken Rose of Mountain and exhibited by Shirley Rose was selected as Grand Champion of the Central National Ayrshire Show at the 25th World Dairy Expo.

Dabru Jessica is an Excellent (with 95 points) and was also named grand champion at the Royal Winter Fair and was All Canadian Aged Cow in 1989. Her production record at eight years, one month, for 305 days is 21,150 pounds of milk, 741 pounds of fat and 740 pounds of

The Roses were also selected Premier Exhibitor, placing in the top three spots with all seven head shown.



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- Local sheep producers are working to promote their product and improve efficiency, says a provincial director for the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency.

Fred Baker, a Mountain Township sheep farmer and representative for the agency's District 10, says the Dundas County Sheep Club and the Kemptville District Sheep Club (he's a member of both) have come up with a few ways to help in the sometimes difficult direct marketing system currently used to sell lamb.

The clubs set up booths at places like the Ottawa Winter Fair and a few urban malls where they are able to sell consumers on their product. They distribute literature and recipes on different ways to prepare the meat, says

Baker.
The Dundas Sheep Club has about 15 to 20 members and sees about eight to 10 regularly.

Although, at present, there are about 320 registered sheep producers in District 10 (which includes Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Grenville counties and the Ottawa- Carleton Region), Baker says he doesn't feel there is much room for the the industry to ex-

pand in this area. As well, meat lamb market prices haven't improved much over the past few years, while the wool market has currently collapsed. A producer can't even get enough money for the wool to pay for the shearing, added



Baker, who also works parttime for Statistics Canada, says he currently has about 85 families in Ottawa that he sup-

Fred Baker keeps approximately 150 head of commercial and purebred sheep and 20 head of Angus-cross beef cattle on his Mountain-area farm.

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champion yearling doe.

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with her first place winning and reserve