

# Hog price a record at Ephrata Fair

EPHRATA - John "Ron" Zimmerman, 19, earned \$680.40 last Thursday evening for his champion Duroc market hog at the Ephrata Fair. That's \$680.40 that he plans to funnel back into a new Nebraska-type swine finishing house that he and his father, John R. Zimmerman, are building on their 115-acre farm near

Ephrata R1. The buyer of the champion hog was a local firm - Chet Long Real Estate, 120 Lake Street, Ephrata, Pa., paying \$3.15 per pound. That price is the best ever recorded at the Ephrata Fair, and 65 cents above last years high price. Two days previous to the market hog sale, Zimmerman showed his 216

pound homebred Duroc to the champion over 11 classes of junior market hogs which totaled 53 entries. Zimmerman, who earlier this year was named the FFA state swine proficiency winner and later went on to attain the status of second in the Eastern Region in that same area, is a graduate of Ephrata High School and is now in partnership with his father. He owns 14 sows, the majority of which are Duroc.

Although he's received considerable recognition for his developing abilities with swine, this win was his first grand championship title. He did show the champion lightweight animal of the junior market hog show at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show however.

Richard Strauss, Ephrata R1, showed the reserve grand champion of the Ephrata show - a graduation present from his employers, Dutch Valley Farms, Manheim.

Strauss, who is in partnership with his brothers Steve and Bob, received \$2.20 per pound for his 218 pound Duroc-Hampshire cross bred by Dutch Valley Farms. Hatfield Packing Company, Hatfield, Pa., was the buyer, paying \$479.60 to the brothers for one animal.

The Strauss's however, had the lightweight and heavyweight champions, as well. They received \$1.05 per pound for their lightweight champion and .81 per pound for their heavyweight.



Ron Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, right, received \$3.15 per pound for his champion market hog of the Ephrata Fair. Chet Long, left, bought the animal for a total of \$680 on Thursday evening.

The brothers, who are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strauss, Ephrata R1 plan to reinvest their proceeds in breeding stock.

Avid showmen, they have animals set aside for the Keystone Livestock Exposition, the Manheim Farm Show, and the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Mike Pfautz, Stevens R1, who had the lightweight reserve champion received .95 per pound for his animal, while Judy Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, commanded .82 per pound for her reserve champion heavyweight.

The sale average without the champions was \$55.50 per hundredweight. Randall Kline, Stevens R1, was the auctioneer for the 55 head.

The two pig chase animals were also sold. The 65

pounder caught by Todd Howell went for \$45 and was purchased by Richard Bollinger. Robert Martin, Ephrata R1, caught the 110 pound pig which was sold Thursday evening for \$65 to Allen Ackley, Lititz R1.

Other buyers for the sale were H. D. Matz, Brownstown Bank, Penn Packing, New Holland Sales Stables, Walter M. Dunlap and Sons,

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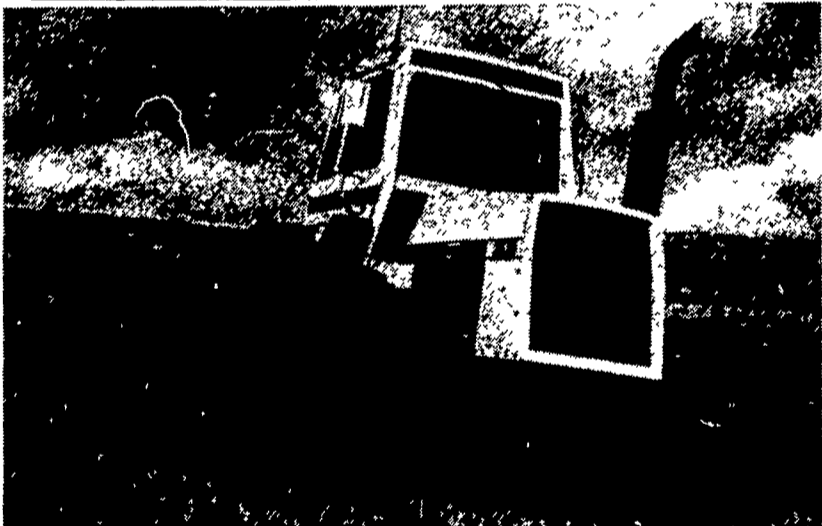
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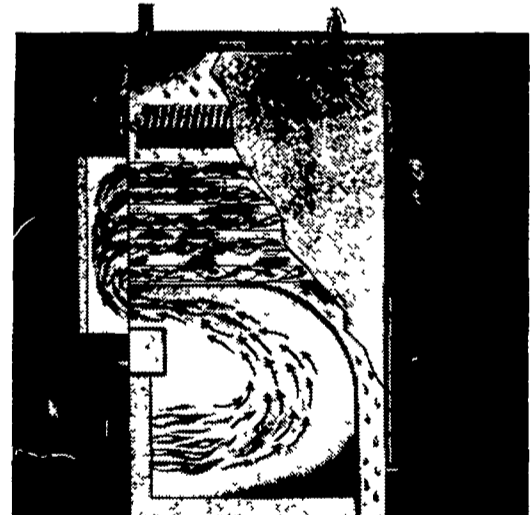
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