

Chester White breeder adds feather to cap

By JOANNE SPAHR

HARRISBURG — For four out of the past five years James T. Parlett, Airville R2, has shown the grand champion Chester White gilt at the State Farm Show, and this year he added another feather to his cap. Not only did this York County breeder take the grand champion animal, but he showed the reserve champion Chester White, as well, in Monday's breeding stock show.

With first place entries in the January, February, and March gilt classes, there was little doubt that Parlett would do anything but sweep the show. However, it was his second placed January gilt that actually took the reserve champion spot for him.

Parlett's grand champion gilt was sired by Super Boy, one of his top boars. According to the Chester White breeder, Super Boy sired the champion boar of the 1976 Chester White Summer Spotlight Show held in Sioux Falls, S.D., as well as the reserve champion gilt at that show. The Super Boy boar also bred the first, second, and third place boars of the Southeastern Spotlight Show held in Goldsboro, N.C.

An accomplished showman, Parlett prefers to restrict his entries to the Farm Show, the Maryland State Fair, the Keystone Livestock Exposition, and the various Chester White spotlight shows held throughout the year. At Keystone this year he showed the grand and reserve grand champion



Repeating past years' performances, James Parlett took both the grand and reserve grand champion Chester Whites at the Farm Show.

Chester White barrows as well as the grand champion crossbred. At the Maryland State Fair he has had the champion gilt for the last four or five years in a row.

The next show coming up for Parlett is the 1978 Southeastern Spotlight show to be held in Georgia. He will be heading there on Saturday.

According to Parlett, the key to success in the swine breeding business is reading, listening, and staying one step ahead on the incoming trends in the business.

"You've got to have a good boar," he states, "and I more or less lucked out when we got Super Boy. He's done a real good job."

When asked to outline the four most important aspects to look for when breeding swine, he replied, "You

breed for size, scale, length, and body. They are the four most important things."

Parlett's champion gilt was bred to Masterpiece, the sire to the champion barrows of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

Complete results on the show follow:

Chester White Division - January Gilt

1. James T. Parlett, Airville R2; 2. James T. Parlett, 3. Boyd Brothers,

Brogue R1; 4. Boyd Brothers, 5. Junior S. Hower, Catawissa R1.

February Gilt

1. James T. Parlett, 2. Boyd Brothers, 3. Arlan Reynolds, New Oxford R2; 4. Boyd Brothers, 5. Rodger Bankert, Hanover R3.

March Gilt

1. James T. Parlett, 2. James T. Parlett, 3. Boyd Brothers, 4. James T. Parlett, 5. Junior S. Hower.

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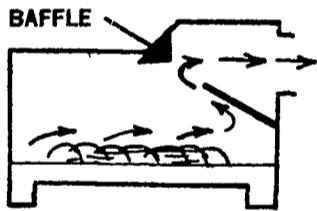
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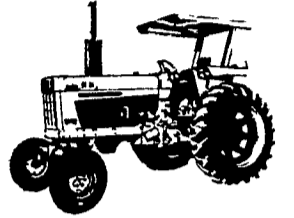
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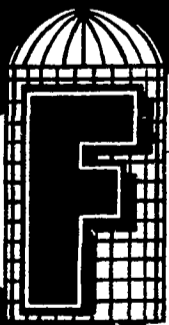
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