

# Performance tested boar sale Aug. 23

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 19, 1978-19

UNIVERSITY PARK - Pennsylvania's first Performance Tested Boar Sale will be held on August 23 at the Pa. Meat Animal Evaluation Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

The top gaining boar over all breeds is owned by Kenneth C. Ketterer, Newville R2. He had an average daily gain of 2.59 pounds per day.

In the Yorkshire breed, the top gaining boar is owned by Brooks End Farm, Beavertown. He had an average daily gain of 2.52 pounds per day. He also had a feed conversion of 2.55 pounds of feed to produce a

pound of gain which is tops over all breeds.

The top gaining Landrace boar is owned by Donald L. Lake, Lake's Landrace Farm Big Cove Tannery R2. He had an average daily gain of 2.08 pounds per day.

The testing program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in cooperation with Penn State and the Pennsylvania Fork Producers Council.

The date, August 23, is also the first day of Ag Progress Days which is being held at Penn State's Rock Springs Agricultural Research Center located nine miles

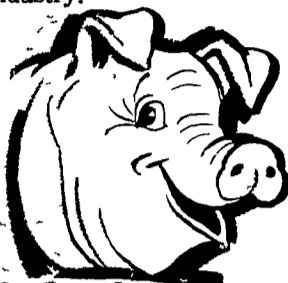
west of State College on Route 45.

Performance testing is the most important tool available to the swine industry to measure the genetic merit (or breeding value) of potential breeding animals, says Dwight E. Younkin, Extension animal scientist, Penn State University.

Average daily gain, feed efficiency, and fat thickness are performance traits that are important to buyers of breeding stock for two reasons. First, these are the major economic traits measured on pigs in most performance testing programs. Secondly, these

traits also respond most rapidly to selection.

According to Younkin, the "genetic flow" of animals that have bred in superiority for the economically important traits starts with the seedstock producer. A few influential breeders, by identifying the genetically superior animals, will make a large impact on the progress made in the swine industry.



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