

Durocs powerful in barrow futurity show

TIMONIUM, Md. - Two barrows sired by Duroc boars captured the championship and reserve championship in the Eastern National Livestock Show Barrow Futurity. The champion barrow was bred by Merle Hess, of Smithsburg, Md. The pig was sired by Hess' Performer Boar which was bred by Isler Ducor of Prospect, Mo., and out of a Duroc red gilt. The Hess barrow went on the 197-day feed test at 69 pounds and came off at 335 pounds for a gain of 266 pounds or 2.27 pounds of gain

per day. The barrow was 34.2 inches long and had a 7.24 square inch loin eye. Another Hess barrow sired by the same boar was grand champion in the 1978 Eastern National Production Tested Barrow Show. His statistics were highlighted by a 7.7 square inch loin eye, a carcass length of 33.2 inches and a 1.97 average daily gain. The reserve champion barrow of the Barrow Futurity was another tremendous Duroc shown by Daryl Sheiss, of Chambersburg. The Sheiss barrow was sired by Zeal, a

boar which he purchased from Fred Smith and Sons, of Wabash, Ind. Daryl's barrow gained 2.55 pounds in 117 days for a daily gain of 2.17 pounds per day. The barrow was 34.7 inches long with a 6.28 square inch loin eye. John Wildesen, manager of the Eastern National Livestock, reported that these two barrows were "far superior" to the other barrows on test. The Hess barrow's final index was 138.64 and the Sheiss barrow was 137.30 with the next closest barrow at 126.54. The Eastern National Production Tested Barrow Show for 1979 will start in June and barrows born after April 1, 1979, will be eligible for the feed test and carcass evaluation program. To obtain entry rules and regulations, contact John Wildesen, manager, Eastern National Livestock Show, State Fair Grounds, Timonium, Md. 21093.



Merle Hess (left) of Smithsburg, Md., showed the champion barrow at the Eastern National Livestock Show Barrow Futurity. Looking on are Kitty Devilbiss, Maryland Pork Queen, and Denny Shoup, of Michangtown, Ind., the show judge.

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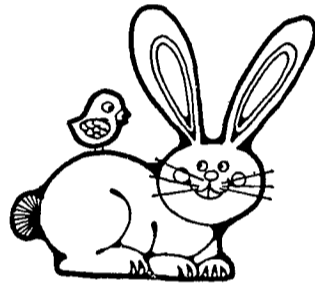
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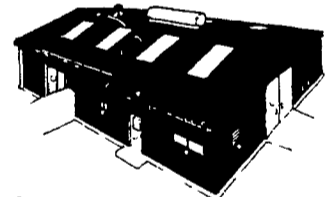
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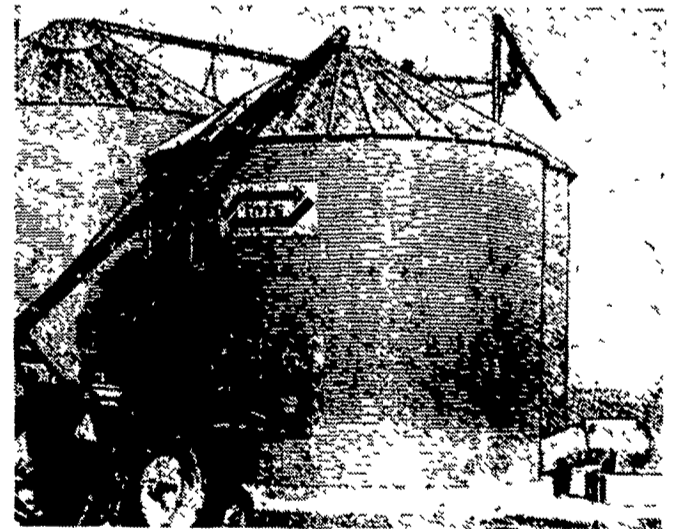
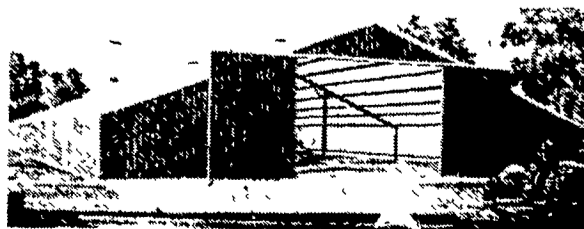
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