



Donald L. Lake, Big Cove Tannery, took home the plaque for Grand Champion gilt in the Landrace show. The gilt presented him with a litter of seven pigs before she made it to auction.

Top Show Landrace shows depth, soundness

HARRISBURG — Donald L. Lake, Star Route 2 Big Cove Tannery, took top honors in the Farm Show Landrace competition. The Fulton County farmer showed LDL-Kingbee, a home bred gilt, to the blue ribbon. She was out of a Canadian gilt and bred to Dunderbo, a boar purchased in Columbus, Ohio by Lake. If any of the hogs at this year's Farm Show came under an ultra-critical inspection they had to be the animals competing in the Landrace Show. Show Judge Gale Bressner himself had the Grand Champion Landrace gilt at this past year's Illinois State

Fair, proof enough that he has a eye for top breeding quality in swine. He also might be apt to check Landrace a bit closer than other breeds. Bressner had nothing but good words for Lake's entry. The judge said the gilt was "an extra-good individual who represents just what we like to see in a quality Landrace." He said the top hog had a lot of depth, was free moving, showed a good underline, and in general was a good, sound animal. Lake said he was quite pleased with LDL-Kingbee's showing. "I have a good many more

nice ones at home, but none just like this one," he said. With Lake's current farrowing average it's little wonder that he has a good number of hogs at home. While he keeps 250 hogs on his farm and 50 gilts, he figures his sows are averaging between 12 and 13 pigs per litter. His weaning average is a respectable 10.5, he said. This includes a number of young gilts with 10 pigs per litter. Lake said he was a bit concerned about the Grand Champion hog which was due to farrow right about the time she was going to be auctioned.

"I hope she has 14 pigs," he said. She was full looking in the show ring. And a 14 pig litter would be the crowning touch for the best Landrace at Farm Show. The reserve grand champion Landrace was exhibited by Bryan Blatt, R 2 Annville, Lebanon County.

- January Gilt
- 1 Donald L. Lake Big Cove Tannery
 - 2 Bryan Blatt R2 Annville 3 & 4 & 5
 - Gerald L. Culter McConnellsburg
- February Gilt
- 1 Rocky Acres Farm R2 New Tripoli
 - 2 Rocky Acres Farm R2 New Tripoli
 - 3 Tunnel Hill Farm Seven Valleys
 - 4 Kathy Blatt R2 Annville 5 Kathy Blatt R2 Annville
- March Gilt
- 1 Tim Blatt R2 Annville 2 Tim A Wessner R2 New Tripoli 3 Cheryl A Wessner R2 New Tripoli

Brown Swiss breeders hold meeting

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Brown Swiss breeders from across the country recently wrapped up the 99th annual meeting of the National Association. Activities climaxed with a record breaking sale. Earlier in the week, three of the breed's outstanding young dairymen from top producing herds made up the program. With the aid of slides, they spoke on their total operation set-up and what they did to get the highest production from their cows. Speakers were Roger Nierman, Long Lane Farm, Brownstown, Indiana; Jay Fledderjohann, Johann Acres, St. Marys, Ohio and Jack Heller, Lakeshore Farm, Cecil, Wisconsin. The three herds all average over 16,000 pounds milk and 700 pounds fat on 80 head or more. A highlight for many was to hear Earl Butz, former Secretary of Agriculture who was the Annual Meeting Luncheon Speaker. The crowd enjoyed Butz's talk, especially when he referred to Brown Swiss as the "Super Cow". The 99th Annual Meeting began with a farewell message from retiring

President Bernard Monson, Gowrie, Iowa. Secretary-Treasurer Evans Wright reported an increase in registration transfers and IE work over the previous year. Participation in official testing and classification also increased. The Brown Swiss Bulletin averaged 8.7% larger in 1979 than in the 1978 fiscal year. An all-time record was set with 152 New National Members in 1979. During the business meeting the base dates for 1980 shows were discussed. In a two to one decision by attending members and proxies, it was established that the membership supported the Board of Directors in their decision to use September 1 and March 1 for 1980 Brown Swiss shows. At the close of the meeting the Board of Directors presented Bernard Monson with a token of appreciation for his years of serving as president. It was a beautiful painting of Schulte's Sunwise Pat, five times all American who was owned by Bernard Monson. The painting was done by Tena Moeder, Braman, Oklahoma. Reverend Joe Wick and Sheriff John Gunter, both

Indiana natives, were on the program for the Annual Meeting Banquet. Both humorists thoroughly entertained the crowd. The next morning's program opened with a talk on calf raising by Indiana Extension Dairyman, Norb Moeller. The convention crowd then toured Indiana Brown Swiss farms by means of a slide presentation. Sixteen farms were featured with slides on their dairy setups. A tour of the Indianapolis Speedway and downtown Indianapolis finished the afternoon. That night the fourth Annual National Heifer Sale was held at the fairgrounds. At this sale consignors donate 25 percent of the first \$1000 and 15 percent of the remaining selling price to the National Youth Programs. The 21 bred and open heifers sold averaged \$1515. The Indiana 500 National Sale concluded the week's activities with a flourish when 50 head sold for an average of \$5470 - a new breed record. Two bred heifers sold for \$14,000 and \$13,500 for a new breed record in the price of bred heifers sold at public auction.

Vine Valley Paul Luetze 643628 is the new record seller at \$14,000. Consigned by the Luetze Syndicate of Bucaramanga, Colombia, South America, she was purchased by Wayne Sliker and Wesley Lambert, St. Paris, Ohio; Warren Schroer, New Bremen, Ohio and Melody Heaton, Hopewell, New Jersey. Second high bred heifer of the breed is Spicey King Lily 656549 who sold for \$13,500. Consigned by the Spicey Syndicate, she was purchased by Earnest St. John, Glendale, Arizona. Top bull of this sale was H Brigeen Elegant Lou 175783. Selling for \$12,800 "Lou" went to a syndicate of 7 breeders. He was consigned by Hanover Hill Holsteins and Brigeen Farms, Inc., Turner, Maine. The two other bulls selling sold for \$10,500 and \$10,000. Another bred heifer and the two top cows sold for \$9700, \$9200 and \$9000, respectively. Of the 50 head sold, 47 topped \$3000. Wayne Sliker of Modern Associates, St. Paris, Ohio managed the sale which had top consignments from 16 states with buyers from 15 states and one foreign country.

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