

## Bred gilt sale wrap-up

HARRISBURG — Swine gilt sales at the 64th Pennsylvania State Farm Show concluded on January 9 after two days of sales.

Wednesday's sales included the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, and Yorkshire breeds. A total of 144 bred gilts were sold.

The grand champion Duroc gilt, "Super M Record Miss," consigned by Clyde McConaughy of Smicksburg, Indiana County was sold to Bruce and Charles Smith of Washington, Washington County, for \$1500.

According to Harry Bachman, the auctioneer for all the sales, this price tag matched last year's record \$1500 price.

The reserve champion Duroc gilt, "Prospectors MS Smoke 18-3," consigned by Denise McConaughy, was

sold to Kenneth Fetterolf of Centre Hall for \$700.

Terry Bennecoff's grand champion Hampshire, "Mis Tex 1-7," was sold to Whyte Acres Inc. of Windham, Connecticut, for \$475.

The reserve champion Hampshire topped the champion's buying price by \$35. "Tabitha," consigned by Charles Bomgardner of Annville, Lebanon County, also was sold to Whyte Acres Inc. of Windham, Connecticut for \$510.

A total of 19 Hampshires were sold. The sale average was \$280.50.

Donald Lake of Big Cove Tannery exhibited the champion Landrace gilt on Monday. It farrowed on January 8 and was not sold.

The reserve champion Landrace gilt, "HVF Miss," consigned by Bryan Blatt of Annville, Lebanon County,

sold to William A. Brown of Brodbeck's, York County, for \$525.

Thirty-six Landrace gilts were sold at the average price of \$230.14.

The grand champion Yorkshire, "Arnolds Anna," consigned by Thomas M. Arnold of Lebanon was sold to David Glass of Birdsboro, Berks County, for \$600.

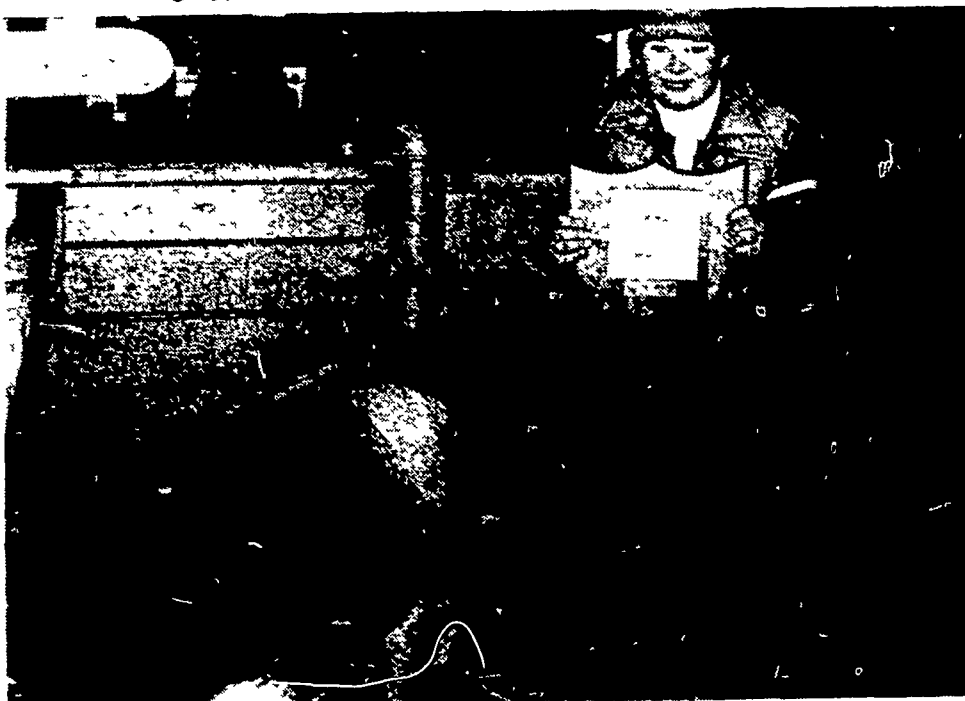
David O. Thayer's reserve champion Yorkshire, "Maplegien Molly," was sold to Norman Gundrum of Northampton, Northampton County, for \$575.

The Yorkshire sale average was \$285.60 for the 44 head sold at the sale.

During the two day sale, 233 gilts were sold with a total volume of \$64,785. The average price per animal was \$277.88. This average is considerably lower than last year's show.



The grand champion Duroc gilt, "Super M Record Miss", consigned by Clyde McConaughy, right, of Smithsburg, Indiana County, was sold to Bruce and Charles Smith of Washington, Washington County. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hollowell congratulates Charles Smith, second from right, while Bruce displays the first place plaque. The \$1,500 paid by the Smiths tied the record which was set last year.



Todd Bennecoff displays the plaque the Bennecoff's earned as the exhibitors of the grand champion bred gilt. Whyte Acres Inc. of Windham, Connecticut, purchased the champion for \$475.



Charles Bomgardner of Annville exhibited the reserve champion Hampshire. This bred gilt was the top selling Hampshire, selling at \$510. The Bomgardner family has been taking home championship ribbons since 1976.

## Growers provide a variety of apples

HARRISBURG — The 64th Pennsylvania Farm Show is providing a forum for apple lovers who have discovered that variety is the spice of life. Pennsylvania apples have such diversity that choosing the right apple for the intended use can provide a better finished product and could also save energy and money, according to Raymond W. Reiter, marketing specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Marshall Ritter, Penn State Extension pomologist, demonstrating fruit selection and use at the Farm

Show, told his Monday morning audience that it's a waste of money to buy large apples for kids — they rarely finish them. Small sweet apples are a better choice. Older adults prefer the large, tart apples.

Learning about the different varieties of apples will help use them appropriately.

The Red Delicious is the most popular eating apple in the nation, while McIntosh apples are excellent eating apples and good for cooking. Rome apples are excellent for baking. Golden Delicious and Cortland apples are slow

oxidizers. That means they stay white longer when sliced, making them ideal for salads and cooking.

When it is important for the apples to keep their shape through the cooking process, choose Jonathans or York Imperials. All-purpose apples, excellent fresh and in all culinary uses are Staymans, Jonathans and Cortlands.

All of these apple varieties are grown in Pennsylvania.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland predicts a \$40 billion agricultural export market in 1980.

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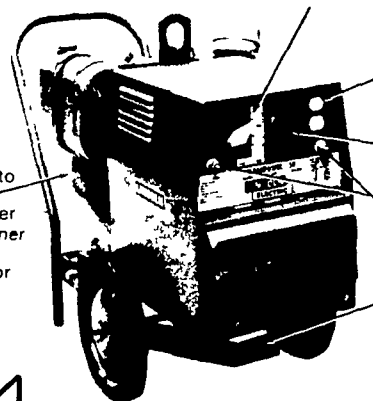
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