

Pa. pigs in spotlight at KILE

HARRISBURG — The champion and reserve champion pen of feeder pigs at last week's Keystone International Exposition Feeder Pig Show went to entries from Indiana County and Lebanon County respectively.

Ken Wetzel of R1 Rossiter captured the championship trophy with his pen of Chester White x Duroc crossbreds. His pigs were the first place entry in the heavyweight division, 56-70 pounds. They sold to Thomas Beam, Elverson for \$42 a piece.

Wetzel got some help on the way to the top from his two children, Renee who is 12 years old and Kenny who is 10. Both children are members of their local 4-H club.

Back home in Indiana County, Wetzels have both a commercial and purebred hog operation. They keep about 60 purebred Chester White sows along with 60 sows in their farrow to finish setup.

Wetzel explained his champion pen of pigs was all from one litter. Altogether, there were 14 pigs in the litter. The pigs that were entered in the KILE competition were the remaining littermates — the others had previously taken the champion and reserve champion pen honors at the Ohio State Fair, said Wetzel. The litter was sired by a Chester White boar, Ultrawave.

The reserve champion pen of feeder pigs at KILE was shown by Christian S. Seaman, Grantville. The Yorkshire x Duroc crossbreds placed first in their lightweight class, 35-45 pounds. They, too, were from the same litter — the sow had farrowed a total of 11 pigs. The pen sold to Abe Diffenbach, New Holland for \$27 each.



The reserve champion pen of feeder pigs was exhibited by Christian Seaman, Grantville, Lebanon. Pictured with the pen is Daniel Seaman, 17.

This was Seaman's first championship at KILE. At home in Lebanon County, Seaman has a total confinement farrowing house where he keeps about 90 sows.

The first place medium weight pen was exhibited by Kim Brackbill, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County. They also sold to Diffenbach for \$36 a head.

The high selling feeder pig was consigned by Rodger Bankert, R3 Hanover. This Duroc pig, sired by HP Red Horse, sold for \$110 to Kenneth Yearick, Mill Hall.

The First Annual Feeder

Pig Show and Sale was judged by Henry A. W. Gruber, Allentown.

Show results are as follows:

Lightweight 35-45 lbs.
1 Christian S Seaman, R1 Grantville, 2 Robert McClure, R2 Eighty Four, 3 Doug Hancock, R1 Honey Grove 4 Clair Hartman, Gratz, 5 Lawrence W Mullen, Jr., R1 Bainbridge

Mediumweight, 46-55 lbs
1 Kim Brackbill, R2 Mechanicsburg, 2 Daryl Sheiss, Chambersburg, 3 Rodger Bankert R3, Hanover 4 Robert Pearce R1 Rossiter, 5 Rocky Acres Farm, R2, New Tripoli

Heavyweight 56-70 lbs
1 & 5 Ken Wetzel & Family, R1 Rossiter; 2 Robert McClure, 3 Christian S Seaman, 4 Clair Hartman
Champion Pen
Ken Wetzel & Family
Reserve Champion Pen
1 Christian S Seaman



The high selling pen of feeder pigs was the mediumweight pen of Durocs consigned by Rodger Bankert, Hanover. They sold for \$110 a head.



Ken Wetzel of Rossiter, Indiana County, exhibited the champion pen of feeder pigs at last Friday's show during KILE. Helping their father were son Kenny, 10, and daughter Renee, 12.

Ten-year-old Hazlett has grand champ barrow

HARRISBURG — Ten-year-old Scott Hazlett exhibited a barrow for the first time at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. By the end of the competition Monday afternoon, Scott and his heavyweight Duroc barrow had defeated close to 100 other exhibitors and their

entries and received the title of grand champion.

The young hog showman hails from State College, Centre County. He was coached and supported on his way to exhibiting the grand champion barrow at KILE by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hazlett. Scott's father is currently

the swine herdsman at Penn State.

Not only was Scott's barrow the overall grand champion of the Barrow On-Foot competition, it was also the champion in the Junior Division Barrow Show, defeating 29 other entries for the top award.

The reserve grand

champion barrow at KILE was the champion crossbred and the champion of the Open Show. The 208 pound Yorkshire x Duroc crossbred was exhibited by Lavern and Marilyn Weller, Dwight, Illinois.

Pennsylvania swine producers swept most of the championships in the Open Barrow On-Foot competition.

Penn State took both the champion and reserve champion trophies in the Duroc division. Their champion was tagged the reserve champion of the Open Show.

In the Berkshire classes, the lightweight barrow shown by Gregory Innerst of R2 Red Lion was tagged champion by Judge Henry Gruber. The reserve Berkshire champion was the second place lightweight barrow exhibited by Dennis Grumbine, Myerstown.

Rocky Acres Farm of R2 New Tripoli took both the champion and reserve champion honors in the Poland China competition.

Calvin Lazarus of White Hall had the champion Spotted Swine, while Keith Bard of Lewistown showed the reserve champion Spotted.

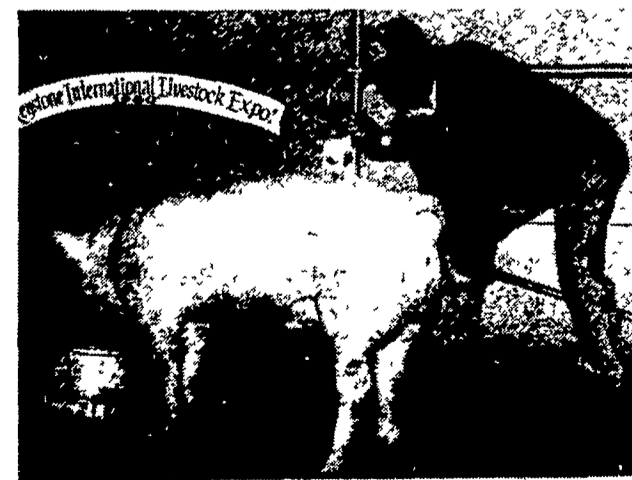
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Ten-year-old Scott Hazlett showed his heavyweight Duroc barrow to the grand championship in the Barrow-On-Foot Division during the 24th Keystone International Livestock Exposition. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chet Heim was on hand for the award presentation.



Greg Innerst, R3 Red Lion, exhibited the champion Berkshire barrow at KILE.



John Strawbridge, Stewartstown, exhibited the champion Hampshire barrow.