

# Judge picks top Farm Show gilts ...

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**FARM SHOW** — Breeders and on-lookers at the Bred Gilt Show in the Small Arena on Saturday were treated to some of the best looking breeding swine that came across Farm Show tanbark in several years and also to a continuing swine sermon by Judge Clyde Shaffer on the value of purebreds over crossbreds.

Probably the largest Duroc breeder in the nation, selling some 600 commercial boars a year, Shaffer again and again firmly stated his position on the use of purebred boars vs. crossbreds in commercial operations.

Some of his comments interspersed between classes during the judging:

— "The guys promoting these crossbreds are just conglomerates who are paying University people to write articles on how the

crossbred boars mean more pigs in the litters.

— "These crossbred guys wear cowboy boots and hats and smoke big fat cigars and could care less about the purebred swine industry.

— "I like to see swine that look like gilts. You have these other judges who pull their pants up over their bellies and like gilts with big ears and heads that look just like boars.

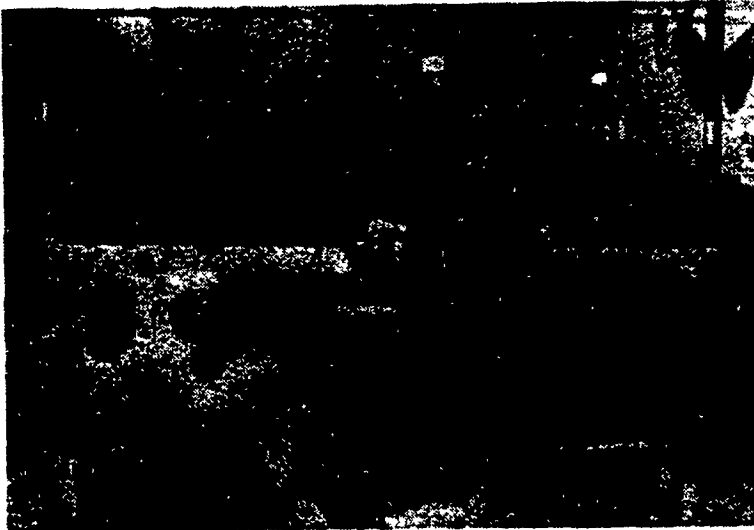
— "If any of you purebred people are raising crossbred boars, I'm ashamed of you. You're a failure as a purebred breeder.

— "And if any of you don't like my comments or my selections and you want to whup me later, we can go out in the barn and get it on after the show."

And between the comments, Shaffer picked the winners in the eight breed classes, stressing



Darren Grumbine, 7, son of Dennis Grumbine, Myerstown, with the grand champion Berkshire gilt.



Russel Kegg, R1 Bedford, with his grand champion, left, and reserve grand champion Spotted Swine.



This is a hog's eye view of the judge, center, during bred gilt competition in the Small Arena at Farm Show.



Clyde Shaffer, left, breeding swine judge from Albany, Ind., checks entrance of bred gilts into show ring as they walk across stretch of concrete. This phase of judging — mobility on concrete — was a new phase of breeding swine competition at 1983 Farm Show.



Dennis Grumbine, center, Myerstown Berkshire breeder and president of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Swine Breeders Association, receives Nittany Lion statue from Penn State Ag Dean Sam Smith for his work on behalf of the Ag Arena. At right is State Ag Sec. Penrose Hallowell.

mobility as the number one priority.

"If hogs can't get around, they're not worth anything," he said time and again.

And to better judge mobility, the Bred Gilt Show put a new wrinkle into the judging. As the gilts entered the small arena, they crossed

a cleared section of concrete and Shaffer evaluated each as it walked by.

"It's like you walking barefoot on gravel and then on soft sand," Shaffer explained.

"Any of these pigs can walk out there on the tanbark, but you must be able to see how they get around

on concrete."

And more than one of the entries was scored heavily one way or the other, depending on those first few steps into the ring across the concrete.

And here are the top winners in the various breeds:

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Tim Heagy, left, and Leon Arnold, Lebanon County, with the grand champion Yorkshire gilt.