Performance tested boars sell in Delaware's 6th Sale

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HARRINGTON, Del. -Delaware's 6th Performance Tested Boar Sale, held Tuesday at the Delaware State Fairgrounds, was characterized by generally weak prices, according to Delaware Extension Livestock Specialist, Ken Kephart. The sale, sponsored by the Delaware Pork Producers Association in cooperation with the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service is designed to provide pork producers with sires of known

performance capabilities for their breeding programs.

Buyers, faced with an uncertain hog market and increased grain prices imminent, repressed prices on the performance tested boars. Kephart reported a sale total of \$6065, with a sale average of \$357 for the 17 boars sold.

All boars sold were performance tested on the same criteria. All the boars were fed for rapid growth under test conditions. The boars were five to seven months of age.

Requirements of the sale of 1 to 3, with 3 being ideal.

stipulated that all boars sold must have an index of 90 or more points, a soundness score of 2 or more, and an underline score of 2 or more.

The average boar of this group was indexed at 100 points. (If a boar is indexed at 120, it is considered to be 20 percent better than the average boar tested.)

Scoring was done by a committee of six, as boars came off test, according to the National Swine Improvement Federation recommendations, using a range

Since coming off test, boars were fed 4-6 pounds of feed on the floor daily and allowed to run on a runway beside other boars, to increase their aggressiveness, sexual maturity, hardiness, soundness, and desire to breed.

Listed in the accompanying table are the more critical values of the top 10 selling boars in the sale. Buyers were given additional data for each of the boars, including, starting weight, number of litter mates, gain raio, fat ratio, loin eye and lean cut percentage.

The top selling boar in the sale was a 250 pound Yorkshire consigned by Edwards and Edwards, Rich Square, N.C. The boar, with an index of 105 and a gain ratio of iib, sold for \$535 to Ronald Harrison, Littlestown, Pa.

The top selling pen of boars was consigned by Frankiin Feeser, of Taneytown, Md. The four Hampshire boars, sired by Mountain Boy, brought a total of \$1575, and average of \$394.

Top Ten Selling Boars	B									Designates % above or below average and 100 is average	
Breeder	Sale Price (\$)	Breed	Sire	Final Wt.	Daily Gain	Days to 230	Feed Eff. Ratio	* Fat Ratio	Soundness	Underline	Boar Index
Edwards&Edwards	535	Yorkshire	HOE 1 Target 9 3	250	2 51	135 〜	95	88	2	2	105
Franklin Feeser	475	Hampshire	Mountain Boy	269	2 46	147	107	113	2	2	136
Franklin Feeser	475	Hampshire	Mountain Boy	240	211	160	107	113	2	3	115
Edwards&Edwards	375	Duroc	JD Bart 25-6	238	201	148	97	100	2	2	85
Joel R Stern	375	Yorkshire	BL2 Lobo 16 10	246	2 38	136	100	88	3	3	105
Ken Ketter	375	Duroc	BSF Archie LLAD LeAnn	242	2 44	151	103	125	2	2 -	135
Joel R. Stern	360	Yorkshire	Kick 68-2	242	2 21	138	100	88	2	2	95
George Staats	350	Hampshire	FF Camper 13-4	234	2 30	121	102	113	2	1	
Franklin Feeser	350	Hampshire	Mountain - Boy	218	2 01	155	107	113	2	3	109
Leon Arnold	350	Yorkshire	LLAD LeAnn Kick 68 2	250	2 30	153	95	125	2	2	113

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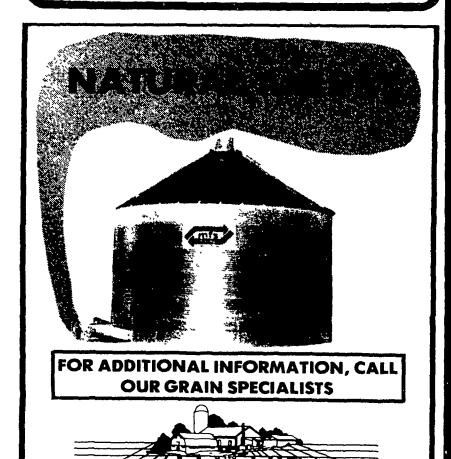
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