## Performance tested boars sell in Delaware's 6th Sale

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Delaware's 6th Performance Tested Boar Sale, held Tuesday a the Delaware State Fargrounds, 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
periormance capabiltues for their breeding programs.
Buyers, faced with an uncertain hot market and increased gram prices imminent, repressed prices on the performance tested boars Kephart reported a sale tutal 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.

Hequrements of the sale
slipulated that all boars sold inust have an index of 90 or more points, underine score of 2 or more. The average bour 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 Lested. $)$
Scoring was done by a committee of six, as boars came off test, according to the National Swine Improvement Federation recommendations, using a range of 1 to 3 , with 3 being ideal.

Suce coming off test, boars were fed 4-h pounds of feed on the floor dally and allowed to run on a uncrease beside other boars, to ncrease heir aggressiveness exual maturity, hardiness undess, and desire 10 breed. table are the more critceal values a the 10 p 10 selling boars in the sule. Buyers were yiven addtional data for each of gen additiona cluding, startios weurht number of litter mates, gain raio, fat ratuo
loin eye and lean cut percentage. The top seling boar in the sale was a 250 pound Yorkshire consigned by Edwards and Edwards Kuch Square, N.C. The boar, with an medex of 105 and a gam ratio of 110 , suld for $\$ 535$ to Ronald Harrison, Littlestown, Pa.
The top selling pen of boars was consigned by Frankin Feeser, of Taneytown, Md. The four Hampshare boars, sired by Mountaln Boy, brought a tolal of $\$ 1575$, and average of \$\$44.

| Top TenSelling Boars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - Designates \% above or below average and 100 is average |  |  |
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| Breeder | Sale Price ( $\$$ | Breod | Sire | Final Wt. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Daly } \\ & \text { Garn } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Days to } \\ 230 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Feed EH. Ratro | * Fat Ratro | Soundness | Underline | Boar Index |
| Edwards\&Edwards | 535 | Yorkshire | $\begin{gathered} \text { HOE I } \\ \text { Target } 93 \end{gathered}$ | 250 | 251 | 135 - | 95 | 88 | 2 | 2 | 105 |
| Franklin Feeser | 475 | Hampshire | Mountain Boy | 269 | 246 | 147 | 107 | 113 | 2 | 2 | 136 |
| Franklin Feeser | 475 | Hampshire | Mountain Boy | 240 | 211 | 160 | 107 | 113 | 2 | 3 | 115 |
| Edwards\&Edwards | 375 | Duroc | $\begin{gathered} \text { JO Bart } \\ 25.6 \end{gathered}$ | 238 | 201 | 148 | 97 | 100 | 2 | 2 | 85 |
| Joel R Stern | 375 | Yorkshire | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BL2 Lobo } \\ & 1610 \end{aligned}$ | 246 | 238 | 136 | 100 | 88 | 3 | 3 | 105 |
| Ken Ketter | 375 | Duroc | BSF Archie LLAD LeAnn | 242 | 244 | 151 | 103 | 125 | 2 | 2 | 135 |
| Joel R. Stern | 360 | Yorkshure | Kick 68.2 FF Camper | 242 | 221 | 138 | 100 | 88 | 2 | 2 | 95 |
| George Staats | 350 | Hampshire | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FF Camper } \\ & 13.4 \end{aligned}$ | 234 | 230 | 121 | 102 | 113 | 2 | 2 | 119 |
| Franklın Feeser | 350 | Hampshire | Mountain Boy | 218 | 201 | 155 | 107 | 113 | 2 | 3 | 109 |
| Leon Arnold | 350 | Yorkshire | LLAD LeAnn Kick 682 | 250 | 230 | 153 | 95 | 125 | 2 | 2 | 113 |

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