

York champion gilt benefits Ag Arena



Chester White champion gilt with Jim Parlett, of Airville. Parlett family also showed the reserve champion Chester White.



Duroc champion gilt with Rick Pfautz, of Stevens.



Berkshire champion gilt with Daryl Grumbine, of Dennis Grumbine and Sons, of Myerstown.



Yorkshire champion gilt with Kris Miller, of Miller's Yorkshire Farms, of Spring Grove. Miller family also had the reserve champion Yorkshire.

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FARM SHOW — Swine competition at the 1984 Farm Show was highlighted by the naming of the Champion and Reserve Champion Yorkshire bred gilts. This pair of powerful gilts were shown by Miller's Yorkshires, of Spring Grove, York County.

The sale of the York Champion Gilt on Monday resulted in a "first" for the Farm Show. The Proceeds of her sale were donated to Penn State's Ag Arena Fund by Richard Miller, owner, in memory of his father, Robert "Bob" Miller.

Bob Miller, who had exhibited at the Farm Show for several years, died six weeks ago. His son, Richard, made the difficult decision to continue with plans to exhibit primarily because his father enjoyed showing and took great pride in winning any award.

Therefore, the results of this year's competition seemed appropriate as the Miller firm took both Champion and Reserve Champion honors in Yorkshire bred gilt competition.

The Miller family had decided to honor Bob's love for showing hogs by donating the proceeds of this sale to a cause that will serve the agricultural community for years to come. The Ag Arena at Penn State will benefit not only college students but all of Pennsylvania agriculture, the family thought.

The Millers plan to continue in the swine industry with son, Richard, managing the farm. They currently raise approximately 600 head of hogs and are building a new farrowing house in preparation for future expansion.

Thus, Bob Miller has left a legacy that will continue on, not only through the Ag Arena, but also through the "family farm" which is an important part of Pennsylvania agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Another York county breeder claimed Champion and Reserve Champion honors in Hampshire competition. John Strawbridge, of Stewartstown, swept this breed's honors with a January gilt sired by CB 11-5. The Reserve Champion was a March gilt sired by Trigger 1-8.

The Chester White show saw Jim and Gus Parlett of Airville, York County, sweeping the top awards. The Parlett family continued the winning streak they have had this fall. The Champion was a January gilt sired by Troubadour, the Reserve Premier Sire at the Eastern National Spotlight in November. Reserve Champion was a March gilt sired by TM Paunch.

Duroc competition was topped by Rick Pfautz of Stevens with a March gilt sired by LA Red Copy 59-2. This gilt had previously won Reserve Champion honors at KILE.

The Reserve Champion Duroc was shown by Smith Hog Farm, of Washington. This deep-bodied January gilt was sired by GD Tub Full 11-1.

The Berkshire breed had a strong set of hogs for judge Clyde Shaffer of Albany, Ind. to evaluate. Dennis Grumbine and Sons, of Myerstown, Lebanon County won this show with a repeat performance of last year's Farm Show. This flat-topped February daughter of F.V. Stud 18-5 is due in February to Firewater 14-5.

Beth and Greg Innerst, of Red Lion, claimed Reserve Champion honors with a February gilt sired by Pacer 3-3.

Keith McConnell, of Volant, claimed Champion honors in Poland China competition, as he has for several years. A February gilt, this fancy pig was sired by SE 42S ESP Top Lad. The Reserve Champion Poland was shown by Harlan Wessner, of New Tripoli.

In the Spotted Swine show, Leslie Lazarus, of Germansville, came out on top with his February gilt winning the Championship award.

The Reserve Champion Spotted gilt was shown by Gus and Jim Parlett. This March gilt was sired by FSF Homer.

John and Barbara Mummert, of Tunnel Hill Farm, Seven Valleys, won Champion Landrace honors with their January gilt. This family has also exhibited previous Champions in Landrace competition at the Farm Show.

The Reserve Champion Landrace gilt was shown by Tom Arnold, of Lebanon. This March gilt was sired by DV2 Kosar 5-1.

Saturday's nice weather also brought an additional benefit to Pennsylvania swine exhibitors.

It was a pleasant sight for breeders to see spectators surround the small arena and fill sections of bleachers. Since this part of Farm Show competition was changed to Saturday a few years ago, there has been little public response to the show. Swine exhibitors were thankful that

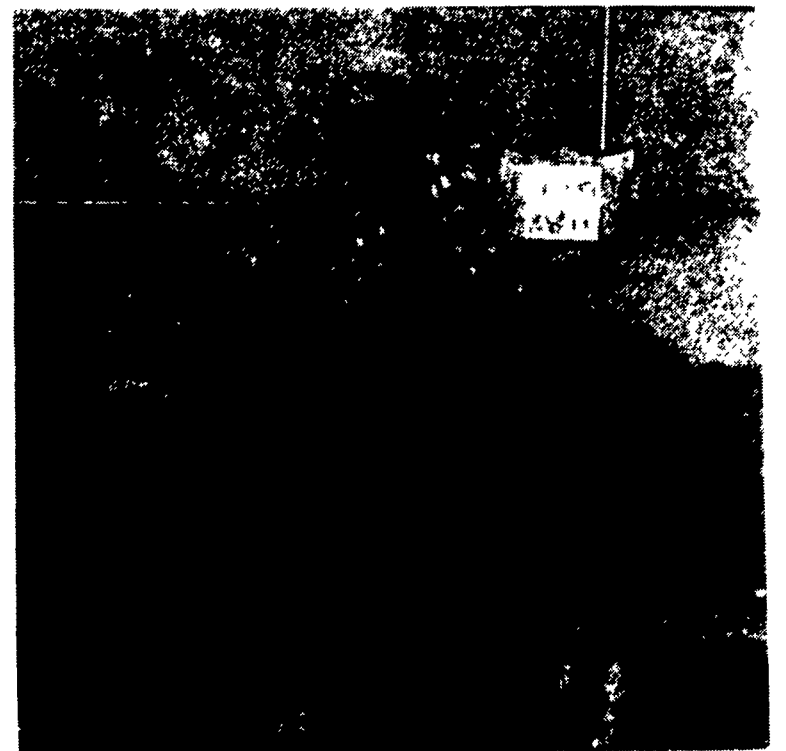
"Mother Nature" held back "Farm Show Weather" for a few days.

- POLAND CHINA**
JANUARY GILT
1 Bonnie E Wessner New Tripoli
FEBRUARY GILT
1 Keith McConnell Volant 2 Harlan R Wessner New Tripoli 3 Bonnie E Wessner
- MARCH GILT**
1 Harlan R Wessner
- GRAND CHAMPION**
Keith McConnell
- RESERVE CHAMPION**
Harlan R Wessner
- SPOTTED SWINE**
JANUARY GILT
1 James T Parlett Airville 2 Lazarus Brothers Germansville 3 James T Parlett
- FEBRUARY GILT**
1 Lazarus Brothers 2 James T Parlett 3 Joseph K Gardner Jr, Youngwood
- MARCH GILT**
1 James T Parlett 2 Russell E Kegg Bedford 3 Leslie & Lazarus Bros Germansville
- GRAND CHAMPION**
Lazarus Brothers
- RESERVE CHAMPION**
James T Parlett
- YORKSHIRE**
JANUARY GILT
1 Elwood E Houser, Lebanon, 2 Strawbridge & McCleary Stewartstown, 3 Calvin H Lazarus & Sons, Whitehall
- FEBRUARY GILT**
1 Richard D Miller, Spring Grove, 2 Richard D Miller, 3 Strawbridge & McCleary
- MARCH GILT**
1 Strawbridge & McCleary, 2 Bruce H Smith Washington, 3 Calvin H Lazarus & Sons

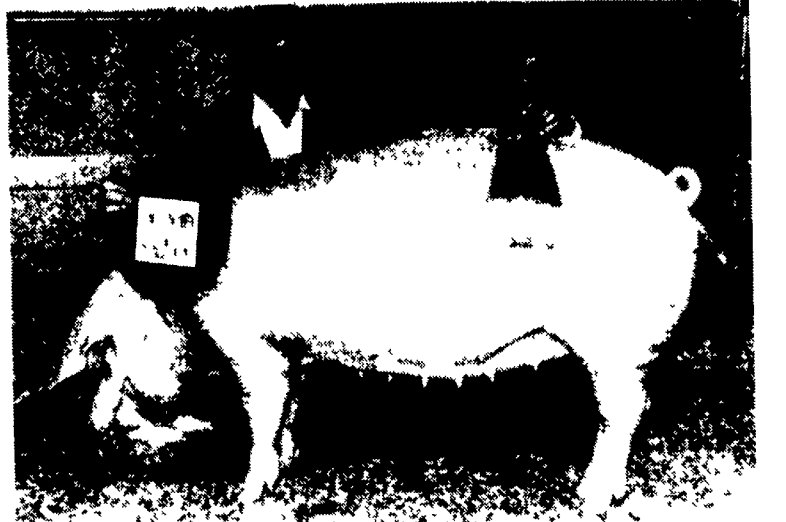
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Spotted champion gilt with Leslie Lazarus, of Germansville.



Landrace champion gilt with John and Barbara Mummert, of Tunnel Hill Farm, Seven Valleys.