

# Gerlach wins swine achievement award

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NEW HOLLAND — A Penn Manor High School graduate was named the recipient of the James E. Martin Swine Achievement Award during the Lancaster and Chester County Swine Producers Association annual banquet Feb. 3.

Jeff Gerlach, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gerlach of Washington Boro, received the honor. A 1983 graduate of Penn Manor High School, Jeff purchased his first gilt while in the eighth grade and has since then improved his offspring. A Keystone Farmer degree winner, he has competed in area swine shows.

Currently employed by Penn-

field Corporation in the sow operation, Jeff is interested in getting into the swine business and plans to someday rent a farm. In addition to swine, he also raises steers and grows tobacco.

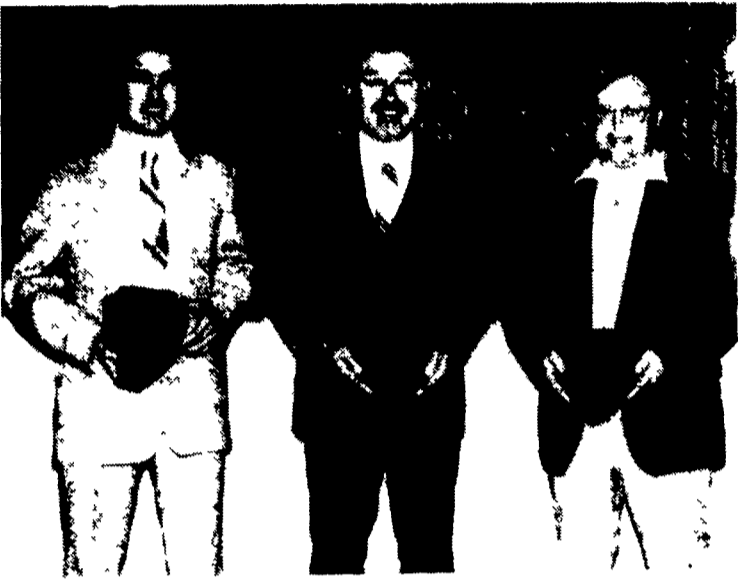
The James E. Martin Award is presented to a student who has "excelled in the swine industry." The award is rotated among FFA and 4-H members in Lancaster and Chester counties. This year the award was to go to a Lancaster County FFA member.

Receiving the top award in the Lancaster-Chester Hog Carcass contest was swine producer Abe Hess, R1 Conestoga. Hess, who's

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Directors of the Lancaster and Chester County Swine Producers Association are, from left first row, Mark Nestleroth and Cheryl Fairbairn; second row, Barry Halderman, Bill Fisher, T. Kenneth Emery, Abe Fisher and Abe Hess; third row, John Groff, Gus Birchler, John Henkel, Bill Beam, Kevin Rohrer and Cliff Charles.



Winners of the Lancaster-Chester Hog Carcass Show are, from left, Ray Meyer of Mt. View Farm, highest percent muscle award; Abe Hess, champion production barrow award; and Mark Nestleroth of Dutch Valley Farm, reserve champion production barrow and champion barrow on foot awards.

### 1983 LANCASTER-CHESTER HOG CARCASS SHOW RESULTS

Name	Tag	Wt. In	Wt. Out	ADG	Carcass Hot. Wt.	Fat	LEA	Length	% Muscle	On-Foot Score	PBI
Abe Hess	47	70	270	1.89	204.5	1.0	6.90	34.1	42.0	40	103.2
Dutch Valley Farm	50	68	264	1.85	195.0	1.4	5.10	34.8	39.3	46	102.6
Mt. View Farm	36	60	210	1.42	155.0	1.1	5.95	30.8	44.4	35	87.2

ADG - Average Daily Gain LEA - Loin Eye Area PBI - Production Barrow Index  
 PBI = (33 x ADG) + (.6 x % Muscle) + (.39 x On-Foot Score)

The results of the 1983 Lancaster-Chester Hog Carcass Show were ranked in order of the overall production barrow index (PBI) determined from a 106-day test.

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