

Only 13 breeders share top KILE breeding swine honors



Larry Arnold, of Womelsdorf, was premier breeder in Duroc competition at KILE.

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HARRISBURG — Only 13 breeders shared in the 28 top champion and reserve champion honors in the seven breeding swine shows at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition on Tuesday.

Most of the Pennsylvania breeders were repeat winners from previous years and many were multiple winners in several categories.

Just about the only new faces and thus new hogs in the competition were those that traveled from the Midwest to participate in the Eastern Berkshire Fall Classic Sale.

Sometimes the only new things you see or hear at these shows is the different type criteria that various judges use in making their selections.

On Tuesday, the big thing in swine at KILE was their "flat tops." Judge Gale Bressner, Chester White breeder from Chenoa, Ill., sure liked their levelness on top. Over and over he kept citing that as he made his selections.

So here are the best "flat top pigs" as selected by him on Tuesday:

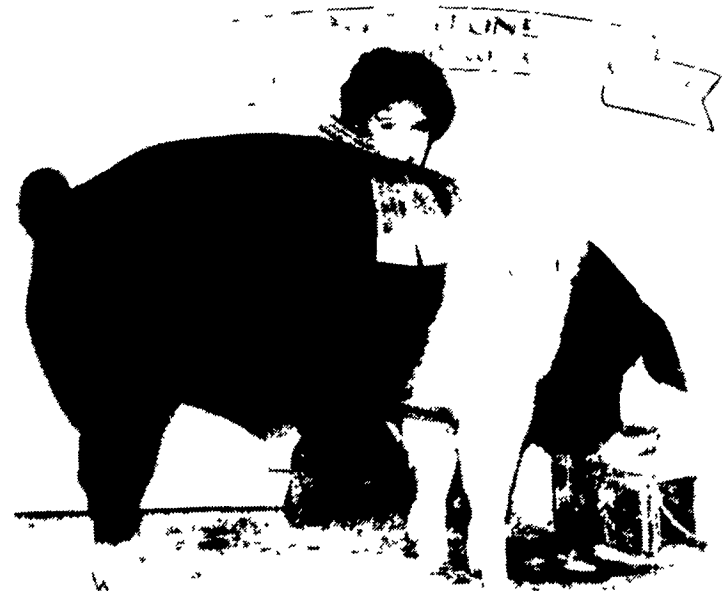
Smith's Hog Farm of Washington, Pa. just about swept the top Durocs, capturing the champion boar and the champion

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Hampshire boar champion at KILE with John Strawbridge.

Junior shows grand champion barrow on-foot



Gretchen Christman, Chambersburg, exhibited the grand champion barrow on-foot in KILE competition on Monday.

HARRISBURG — At the conclusion of the barrow on-foot shows at KILE this week, a junior exhibitor captured the grand champion award. Gretchen Christman, Chambersburg, showing her brother Gregg's barrow, received the top honors.

This was the first swine championship for the Christman family. While brother Gregg was busy at the sheep and steer shows, Gretchen took the first place spot in the heavyweight class of the junior barrow show, then earned the championship of the junior competition, and finally captured the overall grand championship of the barrow shows.

The reserve grand champion barrow on-foot was shown by long-time KILE exhibitor, John Strawbridge, of Strawbridge and McCleary, Stewartstown. The reserve grand champion was the winner of the Hampshire breed show and champion in the open competition.

Yeazel Durocs, Eaton, Ohio, earned the open reserve championship with their winner in the Duroc competition. Exhibiting the reserve champion in the junior show was Matthew Horchler, New Wilmington.

The KILE open barrow on-foot competition included Duroc, Berkshire, Chester White, Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire, and Crossbreed breed shows.

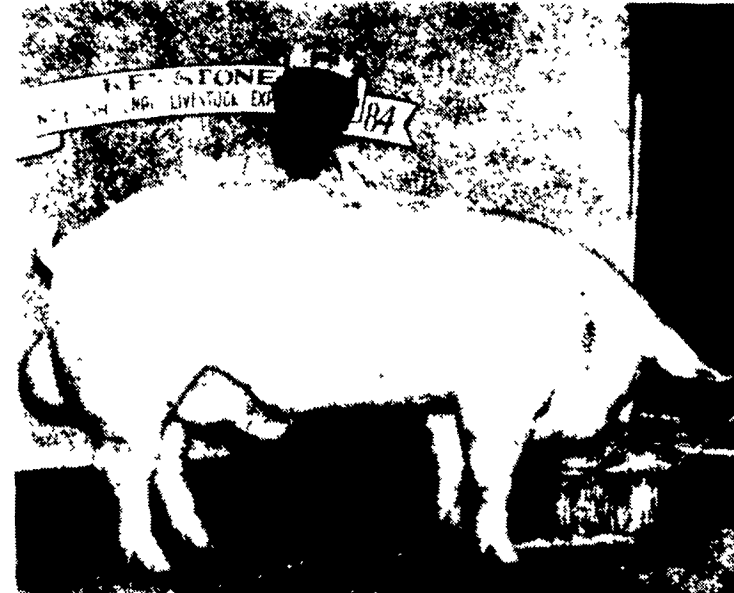
Following are the results of the open shows as well as the junior barrow on-foot competition.

- OPEN BARROW ON FOOT
- DUROC
- Single Barrow On-Foot
- Light Weight
- 1 Yeazel Durocs OH 2 Lawrence Arnold PA
- 3 Penn State University
- Single Barrow On-Foot
- Medium Weight
- 1 Lawrence Arnold 2 Yeazel Durocs 3 LaVern Weller
- Single Barrow On-Foot
- Heavy Weight
- 1 Yeazel Durocs 2 LaVern Weller 3 Yeazel Durocs
- Duroc Champion
- Yeazel Durocs
- Duroc Reserve Champion
- Lawrence Arnold
- BERKSHIRE
- Light Weight
- 1 Daryl Grumbine PA 2 Darren Grumbine PA 3 Dennis Grumbine PA

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Smith's Hog Farm again with champion Duroc gilt at KILE.



Boar champion among Yorkshires was exhibited by KILE by Franklin Feeser, of Taneytown, Md.



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Jim Parlett, of Airville, who swept Chester White competition, with his champion gilt at KILE.