

## KILE Hosts National Duroc Show

# 7 Breeds Vie For Top Honors In Breeding Swine Show

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HARRISBURG — Each year the Keystone International Livestock Exposition hosts a national-level show in conjunction with its regular breeding swine competitions. This year it was the Duroc breed's turn, and nearly 40 exhibitors from eight states all pitched in to make this a highly competitive event.

Ohio Durocs turned out to be too strong for the host state's entries, shouldering out all other states as well for both champion boar and gilt honors. In fact, the top two entries actually arrived at the Farm Show Complex in the same trailer.

Exhibiting the grand champion Duroc boar was Allan Laucher, a Duroc breeder from Prospect, Ohio. "I thought he'd be very competitive," said Laucher of his homebred March boar. One of the boar's littermate gilts placed first at the Ohio State Fair this year.

Although Laucher normally attends midwestern shows, this was his first time in a Pennsylvania showing. "We'll keep coming," he smiled after topping the 50-head boar show.

For his grand champion gilt, judge Clyde Shaffer of Albany, Indiana, selected a homebred entry shown by Cy Prettyman of Morral, Ohio. Prettyman, an Ohio State freshman, trailered his pigs to Pennsylvania with fellow swine breeder Allan Laucher, who lives nearby.

"I was real pleased," said the Animal Science major, adding that his parents, Joe and Janet Prettyman, were excited about the win. "They didn't want me to come because I was going to miss school," he said.

This was the first time since 1974 that Jack Rodibaugh of Rensselaer, Indiana, came to KILE, and his performance in the Duroc show proves that he hasn't lost his touch. Rodibaugh returned to the Midwest with both reserve champion Duroc boar and gilt rosettes, as well as premier exhibitor honors.

"This year we really hit with the red ones," said Rodibaugh, who raises Chesters, Hamp and Yorks, as well. Other major victories for Rodibaugh this year included reserve grand boar at the Indiana State Fair and reserve Duroc boar at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Texas.

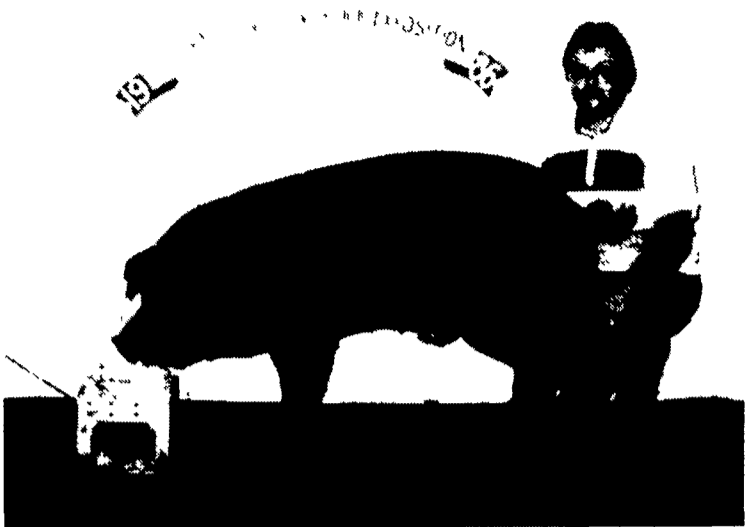
Pennsylvania exhibitors were back in the spotlight in the Yorkshire show, with perennial winner John Strawbridge coming out on top in the boar show, and Stewartstown's Mark Rehman winning the gilt competition.

A familiar face at the Keystone, John Strawbridge began campaigning show hogs in 1939, and has been coming to KILE every year since the show began three decades ago. This year Strawbridge took top honors with a Yorkshire boar that was also the York Fair's champion and the Maryland State Fair's reserve boar.

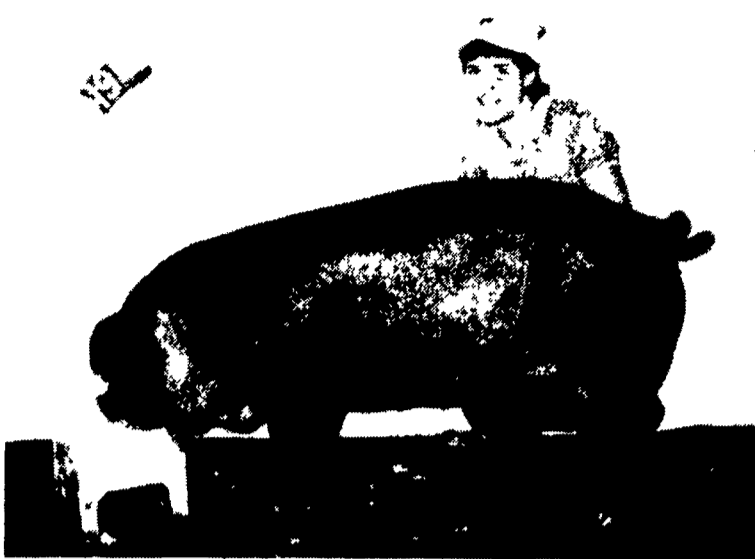
The champion York gilt was a homebred entry owned by Mark Rehman. "I was really kind of surprised," said Rehman after the show. "It's been a long time since I had a grand champion." This was the third year of KILE competition for Rehman, who showed the reserve champion gilt in 1984.

The Berkshire Show belonged to Lebanon's Dennis Grumbine, who took grand champion and reserve honors in the gilt and boar shows with a pen of four homebred littermates. These four pigs were out of the same dam as the Farm Show's champion Berkshire. "We're pretty proud of them," said Grumbine, who was obviously also proud of his sons, Daryl and Darren, who, he pointed out,

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Champion Duroc boar was shown by Allan Laucher, Ohio.



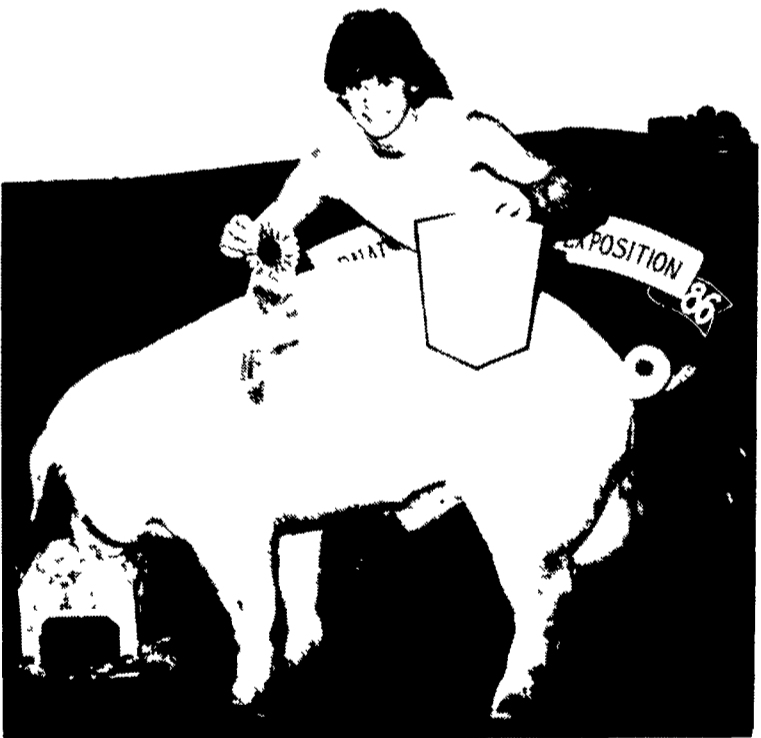
The National Duroc show's champion gilt was shown by Cy Prettyman of Ohio.



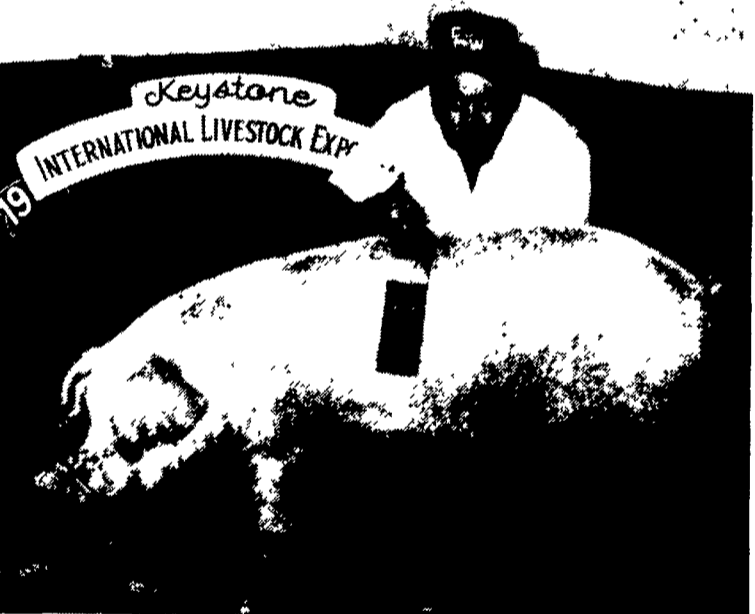
John Strawbridge took numerous awards, including champion Yorkshire boar (pictured), reserve York gilt, reserve Hamp boar and gilt and premier Hamp and York exhibitor.



York County's Mark Rehman had champion Yorkshire gilt.



Scott Lazarus came out on top in Chester White boar show.



Jim Parlett, Airville, exhibited champion Chester White gilt.



Jeff Wippel, Ohio, had champion Poland China gilt.



Hogs owned by Dennis Grumbine, Lebanon, swept champion and reserve Berkshire honors. Pictured are sons Daryl (left) and Darren Grumbine with champion gilt.