

Quality Shines At KILE Breeding Swine Show

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HARRISBURG — The finest breeding hogs, many from as far away as Illinois, came to Pennsylvania to compete in the Keystone International Livestock Exposition last weekend. Judge Jack Wall, director of activities for the American Berkshire Association and a Duroc breeder, was impressed by the quality of animals paraded before him.

"I am somewhat surprised about the depth of quality in the show," he said. "I feel that the majority of breeders are on the same wavelength as to what consumers want from hogs."

BERKSHIRE

March was the month in the Berkshire breed with both champion boar and gilt being born in the third month of the year. Second-year exhibitor Dan Huff and family of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, walked away with the champion Berkshire boar, a DHF8 Sylvester son out of DHF7 A. Miss UGH.

A Beach Boy daughter took the top gilt title. Owned by veteran competitor Mapes Family Berkshires of Unionville Center, Ohio, Miss Beach Boy is out of DHF7 Miss Top Gun 88-5.

Both Berkshire reserve champions were from the herd of Ashville, Ohio, exhibitors Whippel Purebreds. Both also were February get of MLS8 Wright Stuff 9-3. The boar, WPF9 Wright Stuff 16-2, is out of WPF8 Cobalt 4-5, while the gilt, WPF9 Cobalt 14-5, has WPF7 Cobalt 1-5 for a dam. Whippel Purebreds also was the premier exhibitor.

CHESTER WHITE

James Parlett and his son, Gus, dominated the Chester White division showing three out of the four top animals and nabbing the coveted premier exhibitor award. The Airville-based duo showed a trio of TRF7 Running Gear 1-6 progeny that won their classes and went on to be named champion and reserve boar and champion gilt.

TM R.G. S89 11-3, the February boar, edged out his March herd mate for the champion title. The March boar, TM R.G. S89 13-3, is out of TM Diane 2-9, while the champion is out of TM Diane 10-9.

The champion gilt is a January pig out of TM Ann 7-7.

The reserve champion Chester White gilt was driven by Rodger Bankert of Hanover, who had the champion boar and champion and reserve gilt last year. Bankert's February gilt, 9MS DSF Duncan 2-4, won the reserve champion rosette. She is a RDS6 DSF Duncan 4-1 daughter out of TM Pal 17 S85.

DUROC

The champion rosettes each went to a different breeder in the Duroc division. The show's premier Duroc exhibitor, Jay C. Acworth of Abbottstown, also won the champion boar title. Owner of Tori-J Farm, Acworth showed a February boar that caught the judge's eye. The winner, TJD9 Eastern Doc 15-7, is a Eastern Doc III son out of TJD7 Miss Meg 20-1.

The March boar shown by Laucher's Durocs of Prospect, Ohio, was named the show's reserve champion. LB9 Rawson 25-4 is a Rawson son out of Miss College 87.

Slipping into the champion gilt position was the March pig shown by Isla Grande Farms in Marion, Ohio. Exhibitors of last year's KILE reserve champion boar, Isla Grande Farms' 1989 champion is a IGF Truman daughter out of PS8 MS Hot Sun 3-9.

Ken Fetterolf, a Centre Hall hog breeder, showed the reserve champion gilt, a LD8 Flatbush 11-3 daughter. Fetterolf had the champion gilt last year at KILE.

HAMPSHIRE

James Steele and his family swept the top Hampshire boar titles with their March offerings. This is the second year of competing at KILE for the Richwood, Ohio, exhibitors, and their first champions at the show. Both champions were L Yank 7-4 sons with JSF9 L Yank 8-4, out of JSF Emily, edging out JSF9 L Yank 7-2, out of JSF Emily 6-3.

Strawbridge & McCleary of Windsor showed pigs that took firsts in three out of the four gilt classes, but only the April gilt went on to a championship title. The gilt, Miss Dukes Tank 7-7, is a SBF Duke I daughter out of Miss Tank 2-7. Strawbridge & McCleary also were named premier Hampshire exhibitor.

Taking home the reserve champion gilt was Mark W. Hall, a Mill Hall native. His champion was the second-place April gilt, 9F Pegg 1 29-3, a DJB Tanker 19-4 daughter out of BMFV Pegg 1 27-5.

LANDRACE

For the second year in a row, Barbara Mummert of Seven Valleys had the champion Landrace boar. THF Barsk 2-1, a February son of VBF Barsk 2-12 out of THF Blender 6-1, edged out Dan Huff's March boar, which was named reserve champion.

Mummert also had the champion gilt, a February pig. THF Blender 2-2 beat out a littermate for first in the class and Donald Lake's

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The champion Spotted boar was shown by Brian Lake of Big Cove Tannery. Lake had last year's KILE champion Spotted boar as well.



The champion Chester White boar was exhibited by James Parlett and Son of Airville.



Coming from Alexander, Ill., Randy and Tona Smith brought award-winning Poland China pigs. Tona is here with the champion gilt.



Tona Smith poses with her champion Poland China boar, a IXL Balancer son. Smith showed with her husband, Randy.



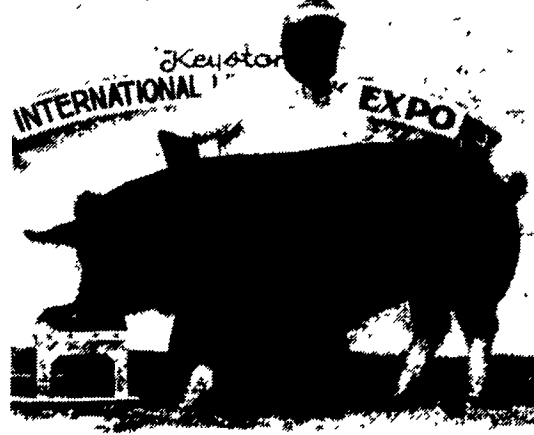
Gus Parlett, pictured, and his father, Jim, own the 1989 KILE champion Chester White gilt.



The champion Yorkshire boar was exhibited by John Strawbridge of Strawbridge and McCleary.



James Steele, a second-year KILE exhibitor, had his first KILE champion with his Hampshire boar, a March L Yank 7-4 son.



The champion Berkshire gilt was showed by Steve Mapes with Mapes Family Berkshires in Ohio.



Rick Fogle with Isla Grand Farm showed the champion Duroc gilt, an IGF Truman daughter.



Jim Parlett and his son, Gus, had the champion Spotted gilt at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.



Dan and Jane Huff of Ohio showed the champion Berkshire boar, a DHF8 Sylvester son.