

Parlett And Son Gilt Named Farm Show Supreme Champion

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— The 1990 Pennsylvania Farm

Show will be one that James Parlett and his son Gus will long remember. It was the year that the duo showed three grand champion

bred gilts of which the Duroc was named supreme champion, and it was the year that Parlett, a veteran pork producer was honored by the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Cooperative with the Pennsylvania Service Award.

Parlett, who shows Chester Whites, Durocs, and Spots, is a familiar sight at swine competitions and is no stranger to the winner's circle. Last year alone he garnered ribbons for top hogs at the 1989 Farm Show, Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), and York Fair. And, that was only in Pennsylvania.

What made this year's supreme champion a winner? "The gilt did it all, but a lot of it was just proper feed and care," said Gus Parlett. "We used a Swine 69 mineral in our feed. Her genetics are strong, but the mineral feed we provided her helped a lot."

"One of the reasons we won," said James Parlett Sr., "is the Duroc has good feet and leg support. There is good freedom of movement, and the feet and length strength are real good."

Judge Gale Bressner, an Illinois pork producer, was impressed with the exhibitors at the show. "This year's quality was extremely high. The legs show good strength and cushioning to withstand confinement and environment." Bressner was so impressed that he admitted that, in the 25 years of his career, he never had a tougher decision. "Two or three (breeds) were closest in contention. All reserve champions were excellent. Sturdiness and strength were very evident. The exhibitors are to be commended."

Berkshires

For the second consecutive year, Dennis L. Grumbine took the top honors in the Berkshire gilt class. The Myerstown man and his sons, Daryl and Darren, showed two January gilts that outclassed the competition. FV Betty 3-1 edged out her littermate, FV Betty 3-3, for the grand champion rosette. JBS7 Mr. Wildcat daughters, the pair come from a sow line that has produced many Farm Show champions. Grumbine estimated that at least six gilts at this year's show came from FV Betty sow line.

Chester Whites

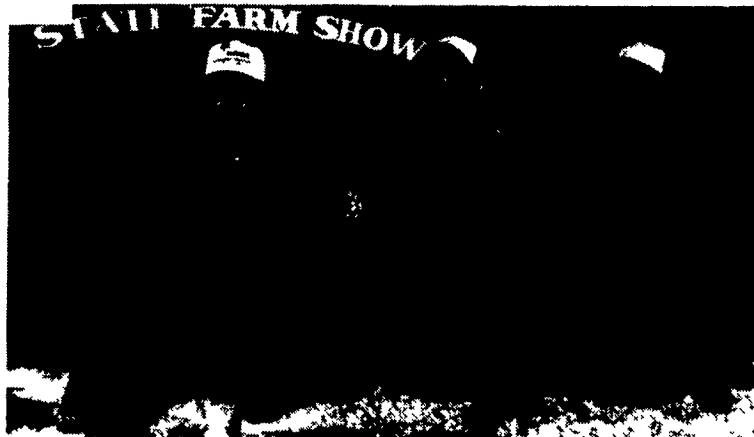
The Parletts dominated the Chester White division, taking the top two positions in the January and February classes. TM Ann 7-3, the January daughter of TRF Running Gear 1-6 out of TM Ann 7-7 S86, is a littermate to the 1989 KILE champion, and her sire was the \$1,100 1988 reserve champion at the Summer Chester White Spotlight.

TM Dame 10-1 was the Parletts' reserve champion. Bred to Tar Heel, the pig is a TM Super M 2-10 daughter out of TM Dame 1-10 S88.

Durocs

The Parletts continued their winning streak with the Duroc show, in which they exhibited the champion, an animal that went on to be named supreme champion gilt of the 1990 Farm Show. TM Miss S89 is a Hilltop daughter out of TM Miss S88. She was judged grand champion at the 1989 York Fair and was the first-place January gilt at KILE last year. In addition, her dam was the supreme champion gilt at the 1987 York Fair.

The first-place February Duroc gilt, KJF Ms Flatbush 3-9, was selected by Bressner as the reserve champion. Owned by Ken Fetterolf of Centre Hall, Ms Flatbush is a LD8 Flatbush 11-3 daughter out of



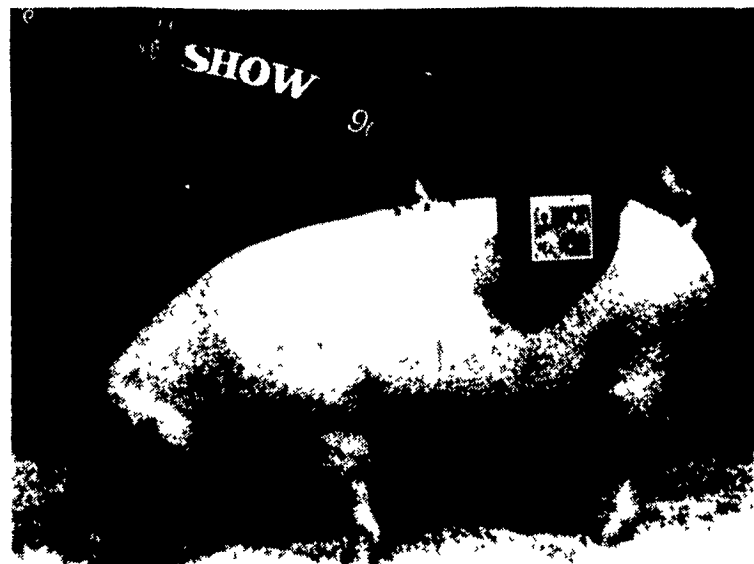
The Grumbines of Lebanon County showed the champion Berkshire gilt, FV Betty 3-1, a January pig sired by JBS7 Mr. Wildcat. From left are Dennis Grumbine and his sons, Daryl and Darren.



Veteran showman John Strawbridge of Strawbridge & McCleary showed the champion Hampshire gilt. Miss Master Tank is a January daughter of SBF Master out of Miss Tank 2-5.



It was a family affair on Saturday for the Winebarks who showed the reserve champion Hampshire gilt. Ken Winebark, right, was aided by Janine, center, 9, and Brandon, 3, in exhibiting Miss Hammer. A Hammer daughter out of Colts Belle 26-1, the prize-winning gilt was born on February 28, 1989. She is bred to CB Adidas.



THF Blender, a VBF 7 Barsk 2-12 daughter out of THF 7 Blender 6-1, was named the champion Landrace gilt. Owned by John H. Mummert of Seven Valleys, Blender is due February 1 to LDL9 Clarence 1-1.

KJF 9-4. She also was reserve champion at the 1989 KILE.

Hampshires

"I don't know when I've judged a stronger class of pigs," said Bressner of the Hampshire grand champion gilt drive. "These gilts are lean, sound, and have a lot of shape and design."

After making an obviously tough decision, Bressner went

with the January gilt exhibited by Strawbridge & McCleary of Windsor for the grand champion. Miss Master Tank 1-7 is a SBF Master daughter out of Miss Tank 2-5. She has won several awards at county fairs as well as at the Maryland State Fair last year. Bred to GF9 EMS Tuff 14-9, Miss Master Tank's sire was named champion

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The supreme champion gilt at the 1990 Farm Show was a January Duroc named TM Miss S89 6-9. A Hilltop daughter out of TM Miss 1-2 S88, the gilt was exhibited by Gus, left, and Jim Parlett. Judging the show was Gale Bressner of Illinois.



Jim Parlett, left, of Alrville and his son Gus dominated the Chester White classes. A January gilt, TM Ann 7-3 S89 out of TM Ann 7-7 S86, was named grand champion. The Parletts also showed the reserve champion, TM Dame 10-1.



The reserve grand champion Duroc was the gilt owned by Ken Fetterolf of Centre Hall. A February daughter of LD8 Flatbush 11-3 out of KJF 9-4, KJF9 Ms Flatbush is bred to DCH Echo.



The Spotted Swine champion gilt was exhibited by James, right, and Gus Parlett. TM9 Jenny 2-9, a RRA7 Mr T daughter, also was named champion at the 1989 Keystone International Livestock Exposition and reserve champion at the 1989 York Fair.