

# Record Swine Price Set

MANCHESTER, Ohio — A record price of \$10,200 for a boar sold at any test station sale or swine auction in Canada was paid by Birchwood Genetics of Manchester, Ohio.

The Yorkshire boar, Thames Bend Got 4253B, has .30 in. B.F., 151 Days and Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) of -2.8 B.F., -8.6 Days and EBV Index of 174, F.C. of 2.20. The depth of "Stein" genetics is demonstrated in the 3-generation pedigree of 4253B. His sire, 3503A has B.F. of .32 in., days of 124, and EBVs of -3.1 B.F., -13.7 Days and an EBV Index of 198. His grand sire 862Z is ranked number 16 in the top 10 percent of EBV indexing boars in Canada.

The dam of 4253B is Thames Bend Emily whose sire Thames

Bend King Arnie 4411X was the highest EBV Progeny Tested Yorkshire boar in Canada in 1991 with EBVs of -2.8 B.F., -14.4 Days and EBV Index of 196 with 93 percent repeatability.

Three litter mates of 4253B were submitted for the Ontario Carcass Appraisal for carcass dissection and meat quality evaluation. Among these was a brother boar with an even more impressive Estimated Breeding Value of 192 Index. The "Stein" genetic combination of King Arnie and Got bloodlines has produced a winner.

This is the third "Stein" Yorkshire boar that has been chosen for the A.I. stud of Birchwood Genetics. A previous "Stein" York, Thames Bend Jeriko 2253Z, has shown impressive results on the

Yorkshire Stage's Sire Summary in the U.S. 2253Z was #1 Yorkshire Sire for reducing backfat and #2 sire for the Terminal Sire Index (a combination of leanness and growth rate) in the Stages Program which is computed by Purdue University.

Birchwood Genetics also purchased Thames Bend Lars 4144B at the March 25 Test Station Sale for \$1,550. This impressive boar had an Estimated Breeding Value of 148 index with .29 in. backfat in 153 days to 100 kgs, with a feed conversion of 2.18.

Thames Bend Farms Ltd is the largest Government ROP tester of pure bred breeding stock in Canada, as well as submitting the greatest number of animals to the Carcass Cut Out Evaluation at the New Dundee Test Station. In addition to public testing, real time ultrasound imaging is used to evaluate live animals for carcass muscling and identifying fat levels. A completely computerized record system of all animals at Thames Bend Farms makes for speedy and accurate selection information.

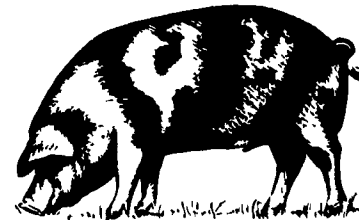
To offer customers a complete genetic package, Thames Bend has recently opened "First Choice Genetics"-A.I. Division. Fresh, high quality semen is offered from their superior boar stud of selected top line "Stein" herd sires. This is a Federal government licensed, high health A.I. unit where the latest technology guarantees maximum conception. A.I. is offered in conjunction with regular breeding stock from the large selection of superior boars and gilts available at Thames

Bend Farms. All herd sires and dams have been evaluated with the new Canadian Hal-1843™ Halothane DNA gene test technology to identify any animals that might be affected with the stress gene.

Lean gain "Stein" genetics are in demand not only in Canada but throughout the world where the Thames Bend operation has been recognized as an international supplier of nucleus swine genetics, having shipped to 33 countries. Thames Bend has, for more than 27 years consistently met

international health standards through rigorous blood and laboratory testing by Agriculture Canada. The success of this family owned swine breeding enterprise benefits not only Thames Bend Farms but the entire swine breeding industry throughout Canada and the world.

According to David Flory, Birchwood Genetics, "A thorough in-herd testing program with intense selection processes make Thames Bend Farms an outstanding resource of valuable swine genetics."



## Ag Doesn't Look Like Priority

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conomic stimulus package," which totals \$17.6 billion, only \$636 million is going to ag. "That to me is not a reflection of the priority that should be shown in Washington to our farm community."

• Of the total \$99 billion investment package, only \$1.5 billion gets into the ag sector, according to the attorney general.

For the state, the worse thing it has going for it is worker's compensation, said Preate. He believes Pennsylvania has one of the highest worker's compensation rates in the nation.

"Unless we deal with those issues . . . we are not going to be the rising star of America. We are going to be at the bottom of the

list."

Preate told the agribusiness leaders that "it's time that people recognize your importance. We need you, desperately."

"If I had my chance, I would be out there to be a person to lead the fight to preserve the agriculture sector, to fight to increase its effectiveness and economic development and strength for the people of Pennsylvania."

Preate, who served for 13 months in Vietnam as an infantry platoon commander and company executive officer, said at one time the nation wasn't committed to winning the war. So he vowed to remain committed.

He said, "Everything I get into, I'm committed to win."



Pictured from left to right: David Flory of Birchwood Genetics and Richard Stein of Thames Bend Farms Ltd.

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