

# Despite Large York, Hamp Classes, Landrace Takes Supreme

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— The swine judge called the Landrace March gilt exhibited by Grant A. Lazarus III "cash flow," and selected the gilt to be supreme champion hog at the Farm Show last week.

The champion hog competed against seven other breed types for the supreme honor, including large numbers of Yorkshire and Hampshire gilts.

Show judge Clyde Shaffer, a Duroc breeder who maintains about 3,500 sows of various breeds in Albany, Ind., chose the gilt shown by Lazarus, Germansville, LAG4 MS Warrior's Unique (S: RAF2 Warrior 30-11, D: LAG2 Unique Lag Nancy D 15-5). He said that producers should seek hogs that "grow to be productive," which translates into leaner hogs and "cash flow."

Length of body and ease of movement were evident in the

hogs shown in the Landrace division, what Shaffer called a really impressive show.

### Berkshire

Shaffer selected the January Berkshire gilt exhibited by Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown, TLB4 Miss Chopper (S: JWLO Chopper, D: TLB2 Ms. Klondike Bars) as grand champion of the Berkshire class. Reserve also was awarded to the Bennecoffs, with the March gilt, TLB4 Klon Boy (S: OHFO Klondike, D: PCSF2 Bee Bob), shown by Justine Bennecoff.

Shaffer told the exhibitors that it is important to do what is possible to "blow our horn" whenever we can in promoting the breed. He said the champion gilt was "level in the top, easy in movement, extremely athletic," and had a good underline. The reserve, which he said should "shove the breed forward," had some good size and scale to it.



Landrace champion and supreme champion swine went to Grant Lazarus III, center. With him is his father, Grant, left and grandfather Calvin Lazarus.

### Chester White

Shaffer told the breeders that it is important to "use records and computers and really go at this thing" of promoting more long, big, and lean animals. The problem inherent with many Chester Whites is getting them big enough to use in a cross to get the "blend" the packer wants.

Shaffer chose the first place February gilt, shown by James Parlett, Airville, TM4 Ann T.II 6-7 S94 (S: TM2 Tarheel 5-2 F92, D: TM2 Ann D.R. 11-3 F92), as champion Chester White. He said the gilt exhibited the "length of body and looseness of structure," with good underlines. Shaffer picked the reserve champion shown by Scott Lazarus, Germansville, SL4 SL Paydays SPW TKO10 (S: P&R0 1A BMW 8-5, D: SL1 Paydays SPW TKO 10), a January gilt, because it has "some size and scale to make these hogs bigger."

In all, Shaffer commented favorably on the good underlines shown in all the Chester White classes.

### Duroc

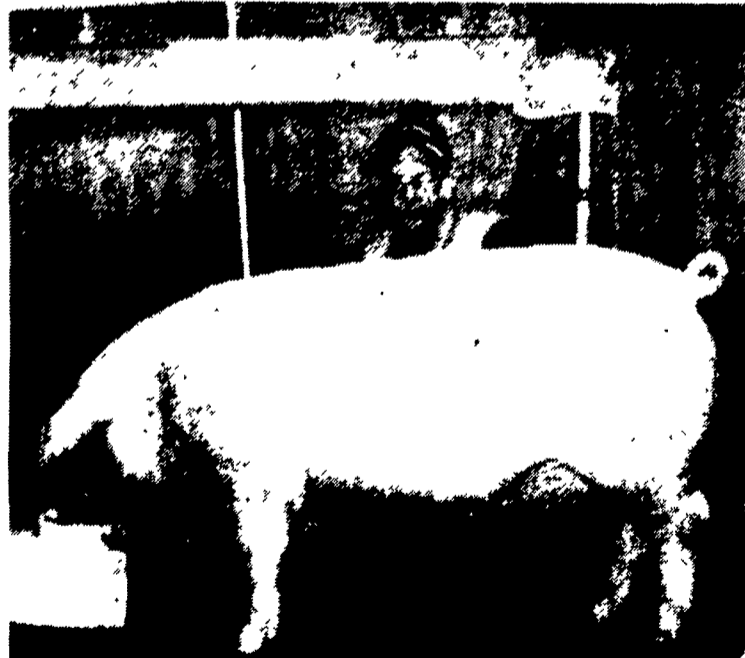
Shaffer told the exhibitors that they should stop the "infighting" that often goes along between breeders, and "look at what's coming in these big hogs down the road that are long and lean," he said. "The packer today is calling the shots. Do I like it? No, but that's the way it is." He said that, in years to come, there will be a "very, very competitive customer at the meat case."

The swine judge chose the Duroc gilt shown by David Holloway, Glen Rock, a February gilt, DCH4 MS Strongbox (S: Mayo Gambler, D: DCH0 MS Strongbox) as grand champion. He told the breeders and exhibitors that we must "see the mobility and athletic ability that we must have in the hogs to compete."

Shaffer said the reserve was "very close" to being grand, because of its ease of movement and leanness down the top. It exhibited everything that made the hogs best — leanness, growth, ease of movement. Shaffer selected the March gilt shown by David Holloway, SL4 SL Paydays SPW TKO10 (S: P&R 1A BMW 8-5, D: SL1 SL Paydays SPW TKO 10), as reserve.



Spotted champion was shown by Russell Kegg, Rusty Acres.



Chester White champion was shown by James Parlett.

He told those exhibiting and watching the show to "take notes" about what they see, and asked them to help make the sale on Saturday the biggest sale ever.

### Hampshires

Shaffer said that, this being America, when we go home, we can "do whatever we want." But that kind of thinking may make it hard for us to sell a product. The industry wants "leanness and mobility" in its hogs, and Shaffer

decided on the February Hampshire gilt shown by Todd Bennecoff, Kutztown, TTB4 Leo Bells (S: WB2 Leo, D: TTB1 Miss Belgian) as grand champion of the Hampshire class.

Reserve also went to the Bennecoffs with the February gilt, TTB4 Miss Leomaze (S: WB2 Leo, D: TTB2 Amazing Don). The reserve gilt had the length and underlines necessary to make it successful.

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Duroc champion went to David Holloway.



Hampshire champion was shown by Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.



Berkshire champion went to Cheryl and Todd Bennecoff.