

Crossbred Wins Junior Swine, Purebred Becomes Reserve

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— It's not often that a purebred hog rises to the top in a junior market championship show.

But Tuesday's junior market swine show activities at the Farm Show proved differently, when the judge selected a 261-pound purebred Hampshire hog, exhibited by Janine Winebark of Myerstown, as reserve supreme champion. Supreme champion went to the 248-pound crossbred champion shown by Keri Connelly, State College.

At the show, Dr. Lauren Christian brought back his expertise as professor of animal science at Iowa State University to judge the junior market swine contest.

When he chose the crossbred champion shown by Keri Connelly, Christian noted that the hog "correct in design" stood out from the rest. When he selected Connelly's 248-pound light heavyweight class winner, a Hampshire/Duroc crossbred hog obtained by Roger Bentley of Washington Court-house, Ohio, as supreme, Christian spoke about the movement of the industry to "muscle quality."

That same emphasis on muscle quality will provide meat from hogs with "marbling, color," he said, and a product that will "not taste like shoe leather — it will be flavorful."

"There are more important things in the pig business that how lean a pig is," Christian said.

Keri, 13, is the daughter of Ron and Denise Connelly, State College. Keri is in the 8th grade at Mt. Nittany Middle School. This is her first championship at the Farm Show, clinched with "Bentley," named after the man from whom she obtained the hog.

Keri said the hog is walked a half mile every day. It was "hard work and exercise" that garnered her a championship, he noted. She won reserve at the Centre County Grange Fair. Keri helps out on her family's 1,000-acre dairy farm and raises market swine for showing.

The reserve supreme was a Hampshire shown by Janine Winebark, 13, daughter of Ken and Janet Winebark, Myerstown. Janine showed "Jessie," selected from her family's herd, which numbers a few sows. Janine is in the 8th grade and is home-schooled.

Reserve crossbred hog went to Katie Kochera, Berks County, for her 244-pound medium weight champion, a hog which Christian said puts "really good things together in one package."

There were 356 exhibitors at the show. Following is a list of show placings.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW JUNIOR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

BREEDS

Berkshire: 1. Heather Jasienski. 2. Alexandra Hall. 3. Anne Marie Sohler. Champion: Heather Jasienski. Reserve: Alexandra Hall.

Chester White: 1. James Anderson. Champion: James Anderson.

Duroc: Class 1 (229-247 lbs.): 1. Marc Arnold. 2. Bailey Yearick. 3. Timothy L. Hauenstein.

Duroc Class 2 (249-268 lbs.): 1. Michael Burrell. 2. Bobbi Myers. 3. Adam Shue. Duroc Champion: Marc Arnold. Reserve: Michael Burrell.

Hampshire: 1. Janine Winebark. 2. Julie Lockhart. 3. Brandon Winebark. Champion: Janine Winebark. Reserve: Julie Lockhart.

Landrace: 1. Trisha Berger. 2. Justin Cunfer. 3. Kevin Brothers. Champion: Trisha Berger. Reserve: Justin Cunfer.

Poland Chinas: 1. Carrie Merkel. 2. Melana Lovell. 3. Jamie Carden.

Yorkshires: 1. Ashley Brothers. 2. Lucas Kraft. 3. Rijelle Kraft. Champion: Ashley Brothers. Reserve: Lucas Kraft.

CROSSBREEDS

Lightweight: Weight Division 1 (210-214 lbs.): 1. Kevin Rooker. 2. Travis Donough. 3. Brandon Zerbe.

Weight Division 2 (215-219 lbs.): 1. Lindsay Jones. 2. Amanda Zembrzycki. 3. Blaine Brown.

Weight Division 3 (220-224 lbs.): 1. Tiffany Tinsley. 2. Nathaniel Artz. 3. David McCloskey.

Weight Division 4 (225-228 lbs.): 1. William Leib. 2. Ralph McCloskey. 3. Brandon Fory.

Weight Division 5 (229-233 lbs.): 1. Billie Jo Atkins. 2. Brian Peifer. 3. Ryan Hoover.

Lightweight Champion: Bill Leib. Reserve: Lindsay Jones.

Medium Weight: Weight Division 6 (234-236 lbs.): 1. Ryan Donough. 2. Rick Jones. 3. Joel Crouse.

Weight Division 7: (237-238 lbs.): 1. Cindy Bray. 2. Jen Kozubal. 3. Renee Atkins.

Weight Division 8: (239-240 lbs.): 1. Natalie Mullenax. 2. Jodie Chapman. 3. Jason Shirk.

Weight Division 9 (241-242 lbs.): 1. Jodi Fetterolf. 2. Gretchen Artz. 3. Jeremy Wilson.

Weight Division 10 (243-245 lbs.): 1. Katie Kochera. 2. Valerie Smith. 3. Ryan Balzano.

Medium Weight Champion: Katie Kochera. Reserve: Ryan Donough.

Light Heavyweight: Weight Division 11 (246-247 lbs.): 1. Emily Cloninger. 2. Tom A. Nebzydowski. 3. Scott Dodson.

Weight Division 12 (248 lbs.): 1. Keri Connelly. 2. Ken Reed. 3. Andrew Atkins.

Weight Division 13 (249-250 lbs.): 1. Amy Becker. 2. Renee Baker. 3. Travis Crouse.

Weight Division 14 (251-252 lbs.): 1. Beth McAllister. 2. George Billig. 3. Lisa Plautz.

Weight Division 15 (253-254 lbs.): 1. Joelyn Donough. 2. Ben Cloninger. 3. Kelly Peifer.



Keri Connelly, State College, won supreme champion market hog at the junior swine show with her crossbred champion. Presenting the banner is Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes. Photo by Andy Andrews



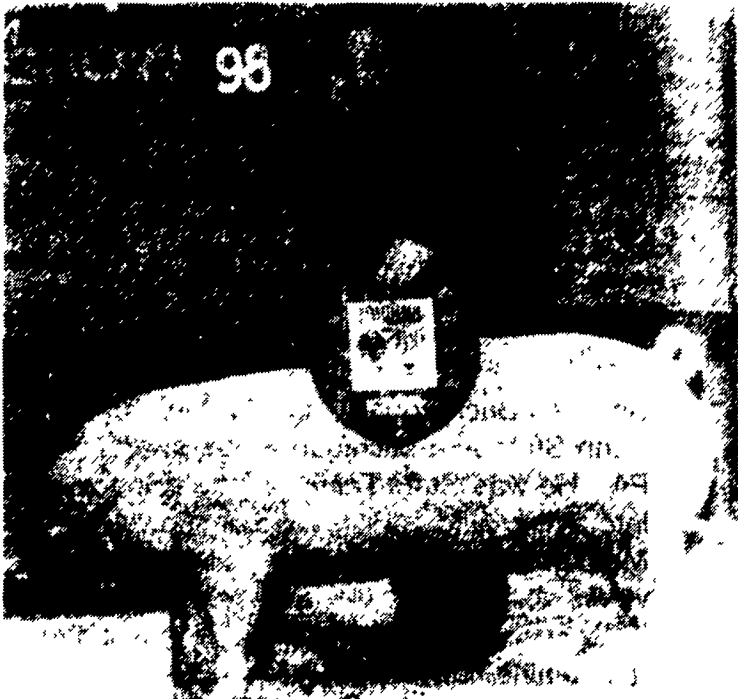
Heather Jasienski won champion Berkshire at the junior swine show.



Jim Anderson won champion Chester White at the junior swine show.



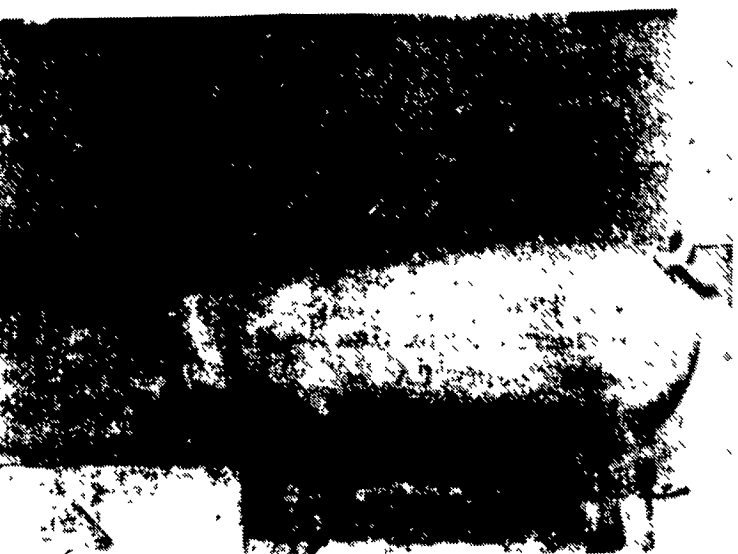
Marc Arnold won champion Duroc at the junior swine show Tuesday.



Trisha Berger's hog became Landrace champion at the junior swine show Tuesday.



Janine Winebark's 261-pound purebred Hampshire hog took home reserve supreme honors at the junior swine show Tuesday. Photo by Andy Andrews



Ashley Brothers took home the Yorkshire champion Tuesday at the junior swine show.