

# Second Progeny Test Gives In-Depth Look At Genetics

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— Bill Haines' philosophy can work wonders, of a sort — breed for a larger-framed hog and the muscle "package" will follow. It was this tactic that garnered him champion of the on-foot evaluation of the swine progeny test show at the Farm Show last week. Haines showed a 287-pound gilt from the heavyweight class, bred to a York/Hampshire sow from a Duroc boar. The boar was obtained from Dave Holloway. "I breed for a big-framed pig," said Haines. "This pig grew really well. It was the fastest growing pig

on test." There were 80 pigs on test. Like other exhibitors, Haines brought four pigs to the test. This was the first time Haines participated in the progeny test, the second one of the Farm Show. Haines said he was familiar with the background of the sow, from his own dozen-sow herd, as well as the Duroc boar from Holloway. The four he selected were picked for their frame size when they went to the test at 60-80 pounds. Haines said the farm-named "Champ" sow won at the Shippensburg Fair in 1992. He took her back and decided to breed her. He

sells show hogs. He's been breeding show hogs for about seven years. Haines works on the family 300-tillable acre family farm in Shippensburg. For the second year in a row, the Parletts of Airville placed high in the championship, winning reserve champion of the on-foot evaluation segment of the show. Gus Parlett exhibited the 230-pound Hamp/Duroc crossbred. "When put on a test like that, the genetics come out," said Jim Parlett during the open swine show last week. The hog was selected from 80 hogs submitted to the test station for the competition.

Parlett said that during the on-foot evaluation, conducted the day before, the judges look at several factors, including rate of gain, phenotype, average daily gain, and feed conversion. Often, coming up with the ideal animal to compete is "kind of a crapshoot," said Parlett. The use of particular genetics and "channeling" those genetics usually presents the most competitive offspring. Parlett brought two pens of Duroc purebred and crossbred hogs. Parlett also submitted several hogs to Hatfield for their own on-rail genetic determination. The interesting point is that all hogs are put on the same feed and "treated the same," so that the true

genetics are presented, according to Parlett. Following is a list of show placings.  
**PENNSYLVANIA SWINE SHOW PROGENY SHOW ON-FOOT EVALUATION RESULTS**  
Lightweight Gilts, On-Foot: 1. David C. Holloway. 2. James T. Parlett and Son. 3. Russ and Randy Wilson.  
Heavyweight Gilts, On-Foot: 1. Bill Haines. 2. James T. Parlett and Son. 3. Bill Haines.  
Lightweight Barrows, On-Foot: 1. James T. Parlett and Son. 2. Leon L. Arnold. 3. Leon L. Arnold.  
Heavyweight Barrows, On-Foot: 1. Penn State University. 2. Jason Shirk. 3. Jason Shirk.  
**CHAMPION ON-FOOT**  
Bill Haines  
**RESERVE**  
Jim Parlett

# It Took 20 Years, But Halls Finally Get Swine Supreme

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— Structurally correct. Long-footed. Lean. Those are words to describe grand champions, and the judge of the open swine show last week at the Farm Show used them in describing the champion before it was picked as supreme.

the Chester White show. Grant Lazarus III swept the Landrace competition. Cheryl Bennecoff swept the Poland China classes. And Rattlesnake Mt. Farms swept the Yorkshire competition, the largest number of animals of any of the eight show breeds. After the selection of the supreme last Saturday, the gilts

were sold. Following are the other breed champions in the order they were judged.  
**Berkshires**  
Bressner chose the February gilt shown by Greg and Beth Innerst, Red Lion, GBI 7 Rossette Lady (S: GBI Fasinator 21-10, D: WB 6

Rosette C's Starlette 23-4), as champion Berkshire. Bressner noted, "If I was going to start a Berkshire herd, she's the one I'd put in there." Bressner said he was impressed

with the excellent teat quality and underline of the "very feminine gilt." Reserve in the class went to the first place March gilt, also shown (Turn to Page B19)

Late last week, a January Yorkshire gilt shown by Charles Hall and his son Mark of Rattlesnake Mt. Farms was picked supreme over all hogs. Last Saturday, Gov. Tom Ridge presented the award for the gilt, CBH7 Sue (S: HOE6 Irish 25-1, D: CBH6 Sue 16-5). Rattlesnake Mt. Farms, Julian, originally swept the Yorkshire gilt show held the day before, also picking up reserve for the second place January gilt, CBH7 Sue (S: FIP5 Image 35-1, D: CBH5 Sue 2-6).

Hall has been showing pigs since he was eight years old and has shown for about 20 years at the Farm Show, and finally took home a trophy. "This was the first time we ever had a supreme champion," he said.

The supreme was sold for \$725 to a buyer in Illinois at the gilt sale following the announcement.

The Halls raise 500 hogs of Yorkshire and Hampshire purebreds. The 200-acre farm also houses beef cattle and sheep.

Gale Bressner, also last year's show judge and a Chester White purebred breeder from Chenoa, Ill., spoke about his decisions on the other breeds at the beginning of Farm Show Week. The gilts were judged on Friday and the supreme champion was selected during last Saturday's opening day of Farm Show activities.

In all, several exhibitors swept the shows. Greg and Beth Innerst, Red Lion, swept the Berkshire show. Ken Wetzell, Rossiter, swept

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