

# Manbeck's 'Basics' Translate Into Champion Kutztown Market Hog

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**KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.)** — Understanding the "basics," in the words of the champion market swine exhibitor at Kutztown Fair, helped garner the champion ribbon for Nathan Manbeck, Womelsdorf.

Nathan, 12, in the 7th grade at Tulpehocken Junior High School, showed his first grand champion market hog at Kutztown, a heavy-weight champion Blue Butt gilt.

According to judge Daryl Bomgardner, Annville, the 225-pound hog "holds muscle correctly in a well-designed package." Both the champion and reserve had the skeletal width and were both really sound, noted Bomgardner, Hooper farm equipment salesman.

Nathan's hog, which he picked out himself, was obtained from his uncle, Oscar Manbeck, Bethel. Nathan said the hams looked nice and the loin looked good. Being a member of 4-H taught the "basics," said Nathan, of selecting a potential market hog champion, he said.

Nathan intends to show at the county roundup and wants to show at the state Farm Show.

Elizabeth Wisser, 17, daughter of Tutty and Larry Wisser, New Tripoli, won reserve champion. The senior at Northwestern high School showed the reserve heavy-weight champion, a 226-pound gilt.

Elizabeth said this was the first

championship she has shown at Kutztown in the nine years she has been exhibiting. She has shown at Schnecksville and will be showing at the Allentown and Reading fairs.

Supreme champion of the breed show went to Kelly Lazarus with her Chester White gilt. Kelly, 19, the daughter of Wayne and Grace Lazarus, Germansville, is a graduate of Northwestern High School. The judge said that he liked the "completeness" of the champion, "muscling in a structurally sound package," said Bomgardner.

Kelly said that in selecting the champion gilt, she believed it was a "joint effort" from her family and friends that allowed her to exhibit the champion. Kelly intends to show at Allentown, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, and Farm Show.

There were 67 breed swine and 94 market swine at the show. There were 37 exhibitors.

Following is a list of show placings.

### KUTZTOWN FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

#### FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP FITTING

- Senior II 1. Kelly Lazarus 2. Amy Wehr 3. Jill Vail.  
 Senior I 1. Elizabeth Wisser 2. Lucinda Bray. 3. Kelly Haas.  
 Intermediate II. 1. Jared Treichler. 2. John Strawbridge. 3. Adam Lambert.  
 Intermediate I 1. Seth Heintzelman 2. Justin Wisser 3. Cathryn Levan

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Supreme champion of the swine breed show Tuesday at Kutztown went to Kelly Lazarus, left, for her Chester White champion gilt. At right is show judge Daryl Bomgardner.



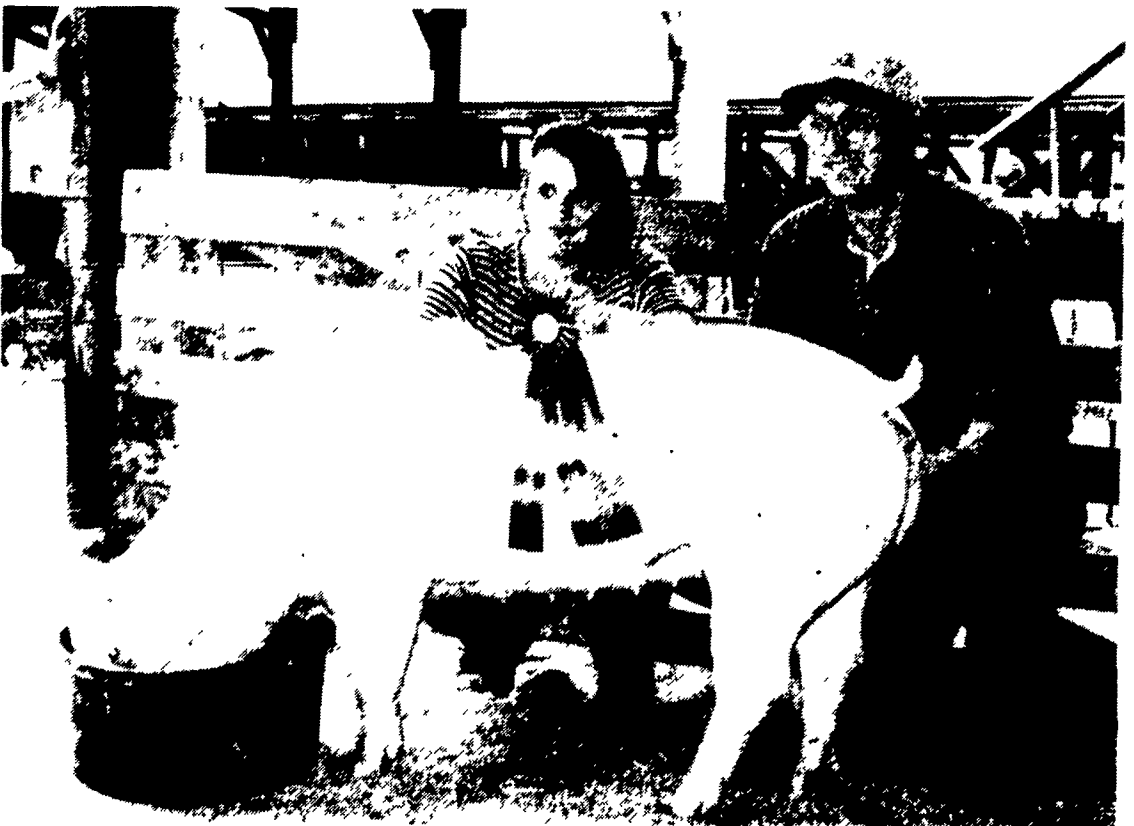
Champion Duroc at Kutztown was shown by Todd Bennecoff Jr.



Champion market hog at Kutztown Fair Tuesday went to Nathan Manbeck, left. Daryl Bomgardner judged the show.



Todd Bennecoff Jr. won Berkshire champion gilt at Kutztown.



Reserve champion market hog at Kutztown was shown by Elizabeth Wisser, left. On right is show judge Daryl Bomgardner.