

# Bennecoff Siblings Sweep Allentown Swine Breed Show

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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.)—

Though there were no official nicknames, Todd Lee and his sister, Justine, should have named their champion hogs "Durobility" and "Porkshire," respectively.

After all, Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.'s supreme champion gilt at Allentown, a Duroc, came from a breed known for its efficient utilization of feed and a correct structure that makes her "durable," according to the judge.

And Justine Bennecoff's Yorkshire (what the judge calls the "Porkshire") supreme champion boar shows off its "balance of all the merits in modern-day breeding swine," said Don Verhoff, a breeder of Landrace and Duroc swine out of Ottawa, Ohio.

Verhoff noted that the Yorkshire included "well-designed, correct feet and toes, a heavy structure, and a body capacity to match, yet with leanness."

Verhoff judged the two-day swine show, which included 32 exhibitors and 325 hogs (the numbers are up from last year), Wednesday and Thursday this week.

But Verhoff was quick to point out that both the gilt and boar were picked as supreme because they exhibit "the supreme ideals of breed character and structure."

Todd Lee, 10, is the son of Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff, Kutztown. For Todd, it was the first supreme champion gilt at the Allentown Fair.

The gilt, a 4-H project hog, had an official name: Atlas Power (S: BSH7 Atlas, D: CLL5 Horse Power), a February gilt. This was the third time the Duroc gilt won supreme champion, according to Cheryl Bennecoff. The hog won supreme at the Pennsylvania Fair near Philadelphia and the Sussex County, N.J. Fair recently. The hog was homebred.

Todd, named overall champion of the swine competition at the fair, is in his third year with the Lehigh County 4-H Swine Club. He's in the fifth grade at Northwestern Middle School.

Justine, 8, is in the third grade at Weisenburg Elementary. She showed the supreme champion boar, a Yorkshire February boar, with a registration name of Vintage (S: SHF7 Vintage, D: CBH7 Tillie). Justine won champion boar out of the open class.

There are several more shows planned for the Bennecoffs, including the Sullivan County Fair, Bloomsburg, York, the Keystone International Livestock Expo, county roundup, and Farm Show.

Supreme market swine champion went to Elizabeth Wisser, 17, daughter of Tutty and Larry Wisser, New Tripoli. The senior at Northwestern High School showed a 270-pound heavyweight Landrace-Yorkshire gilt purchased from a farm in Mertztown.

The seven-year Lehigh County 4-H Swine Club member, also named reserve overall showmanship champion, said she selected the hog, champion of the aged market class, to show for its length and leanness. She has studied floriculture at the vo-tech school and hopes to be a florist someday. She will be showing at Reading and Farm Show.

The judge noted the market hog exhibited lots of "structure and product in one package."

Following is a list of show placings.

## ALLENTOWN FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

### BREEDS OPEN SHOW BERKSHIRE

January Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
February Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
March Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
April Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
Champion Boar: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
January Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
February Gilt: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
March Gilt: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
April Gilt: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
Champion Gilt: Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. Reserve: Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.  
Young Herd: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
Get of Sire: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.

### CHESTER WHITE

January Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus.  
February Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus.  
March Boar: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus.  
April Boar: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus.  
Champion Boar: Kelly Lazarus. Reserve: Scott Lazarus.  
January Gilt: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Daniel Billig.  
February Gilt: 1. Daniel Billig. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Scott Lazarus.  
March Gilt: 1. Daniel Billig. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Daniel Billig.  
April Gilt: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Daniel Billig.  
Champion Gilt: Daniel Billig. Reserve: Scott Lazarus.  
Young Herd: 1. Scott Lazarus.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Scott Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus.  
Get of Sire: 1. Daniel Billig. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Kelly Lazarus.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Daniel Billig. 2. Scott Lazarus. 3. Kelly Lazarus.

### DUROC

January Boar: 1. Calvin Lazarus and Sons. 2. Calvin Lazarus and Sons.  
February Boar: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Justine A. Bennecoff. 3. Calvin Lazarus and Sons.  
March Boar: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus. 3. Timothy Billig.  
April Boar: 1. Jared Treichler. 2. Calvin Lazarus and Sons. 3. Timothy Billig.  
Champion Boar: Justine A. Bennecoff. Reserve: Justine A. Bennecoff.  
January Gilt: 1. Jared Treichler. 2. Calvin Lazarus and Sons. 3. Calvin Lazarus and Sons.  
February Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Jared Treichler. 3. Jared Treichler.  
March Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Kelly Lazarus.  
April Gilt: 1. Calvin Lazarus and Sons. 2. Calvin Lazarus and Sons. 3. Jared Treichler.  
Champion Gilt: Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. Reserve: Jared Treichler.  
Young Herd: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Jared Treichler. 3. Calvin Lazarus and Sons.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Kelly Lazarus. 3. Calvin Lazarus and Sons.  
Get of Sire: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Jared Treichler.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Jared Treichler. 3. Calvin Lazarus and Sons.

### HAMPSHIRE

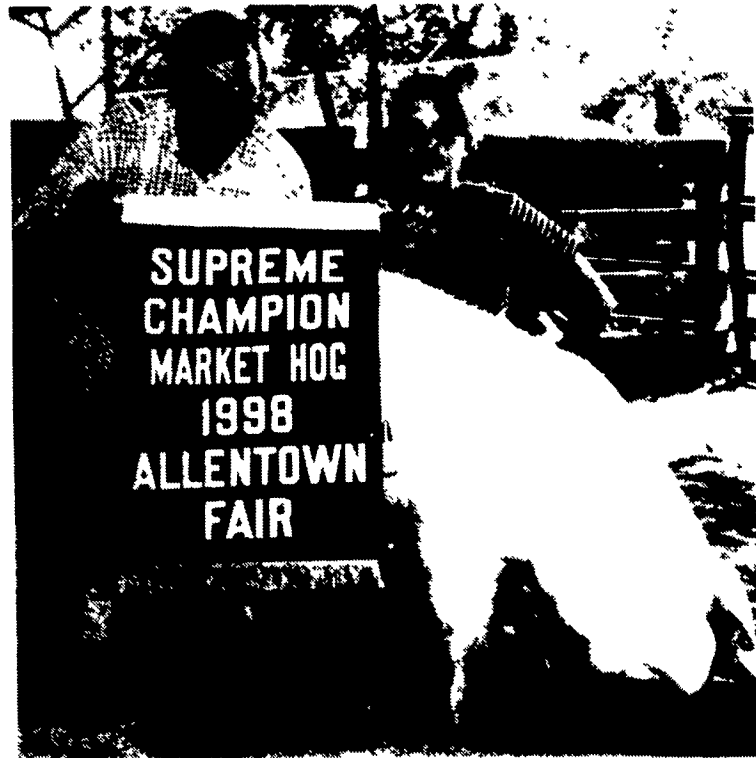
January Boar: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. Terry Bennecoff.  
February Boar: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Terry Bennecoff. 3. Donna Strawbridge.  
March Boar: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. John Strawbridge. 3. Terry Bennecoff.  
April Boar: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Donna Strawbridge.  
Champion Boar: Terry Bennecoff. Reserve: Terry Bennecoff.  
January Gilt: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. John Strawbridge. 3. Terry Bennecoff.  
February Gilt: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Terry Bennecoff. 3. Donna Strawbridge.  
March Gilt: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Terry Bennecoff. 3. John Strawbridge.  
April Gilt: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Terry Bennecoff. 3. Terry Bennecoff.  
Champion Gilt: Terry Bennecoff. Reserve: Donna Strawbridge.  
Young Herd: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. John Strawbridge.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. John Strawbridge.  
Get of Sire: Terry Bennecoff. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. John Strawbridge.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Terry Bennecoff. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. John Strawbridge.

### LANDRACE

January Boar: 1. George Billig. 2. Rocky Acres Farm. 3. Grant Lazarus III.  
February Boar: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. George Billig. 3. Grant Lazarus III.  
March Boar: 1. George Billig. 2. John Strawbridge. 3. George Billig.  
April Boar: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Rocky Acres Farm. 3. Dianna Bond.  
Champion Boar: George Billig. Reserve: Rocky Acres Farm.  
January Gilt: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. George Billig. 3. Grant Lazarus III.  
February Gilt: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. Dianna Bond. 3. George Billig.  
March Gilt: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. George Billig. 3. Rocky Acres Farm.  
April Gilt: 1. Dianna Bond. 2. George Billig. 3. George Billig.  
Champion Gilt: Dianna Bond. Reserve: Rocky Acres Farm.  
Young Herd: 1. George Billig. 2. Rocky Acres Farm. 3. Dianna Bond.  
Produce of Dam: 1. George Billig. 2. Rocky Acres Farm. 3. Dianna Bond.  
Get of Sire: 1. Rocky Acres Farm. 2. George Billig. 3. Dianna Bond.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Dianna Bond. 2. Rocky Acres Farm. 3. George Billig.

### POLAND CHINA

January Boar: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2.



Elizabeth Wisser, right, won supreme market hog Thursday at Allentown. Don Verhoff, left, judged the show.

Cheryl Bennecoff.  
February Boar: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner.  
March Boar: 1. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. 2. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. 3. Cheryl Bennecoff.  
April Boar: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff.  
Champion Boar: Cheryl Bennecoff. Reserve: Cheryl Bennecoff.  
January Gilt: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff.  
February Gilt: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Cheryl Bennecoff. 3. Bryan and Melissa Wessner.  
March Gilt: 1. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. 2. Jeremy Gonzales. 3. Cheryl Bennecoff.  
April Gilt: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Jeremy Gonzales. 3. Cheryl Bennecoff.  
Champion Gilt: Cheryl Bennecoff. Reserve: Cheryl Bennecoff.  
Young Herd: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Bryan and Melissa Wessner.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Bryan and Melissa Wessner.  
Get of Sire: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. 3. Jeremy Gonzales.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Cheryl Bennecoff. 2. Bryan and Melissa Wessner. 3. Jeremy Gonzales.

### SPOTTED

January Boar: 1. Lazarus Brothers. 2. Lazarus Brothers.  
February Boar: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Donna Strawbridge.  
March Boar: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Kelly Lazarus.  
April Boar: 1. Lazarus Brothers. 2. Lazarus Brothers.  
Champion Boar: Kelly Lazarus. Reserve: Lazarus Brothers.  
January Gilt: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Lazarus Brothers. 3. Lazarus Brothers.  
February Gilt: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Lazarus Brothers. 3. Lazarus Brothers.  
March Gilt: 1. Lazarus Brothers. 2. Lazarus Brothers. 3. Kelly Lazarus.  
April Gilt: 1. Lazarus Brothers. 2. Lazarus Brothers. 3. Donna Strawbridge.  
Champion Gilt: Donna Strawbridge. Reserve: Kelly Lazarus.  
Young Herd: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2.

Lazarus Brothers.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Kelly Lazarus. 2. Donna Strawbridge.  
Get of Sire: 1. Lazarus Brothers. 2. Donna Strawbridge. 3. Kelly Lazarus.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Donna Strawbridge. 2. Kelly Lazarus. 3. Lazarus Brothers.

### YORKSHIRE

January Boar: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Busy Acre Farms.  
February Boar: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Busy Acre Farms.  
March Boar: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Dianna Bond. 3. John Strawbridge.  
April Boar: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Todd and Ashley Wessner. 3. Busy Acre Farms.  
Champion Boar: Justine A. Bennecoff. Reserve: Busy Acre Farms.  
January Gilt: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Busy Acre Farms.  
February Gilt: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Justine A. Bennecoff. 3. Todd and Ashley Wessner.  
March Gilt: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. John Strawbridge. 3. Justine A. Bennecoff.  
April Gilt: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Todd and Ashley Wessner.  
Champion Gilt: Justine A. Bennecoff. Reserve: Busy Acre Farms.  
Young Herd: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Todd and Ashley Wessner.  
Produce of Dam: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. Todd and Ashley Wessner.  
Get of Sire: 1. Busy Acre Farms. 2. Justine A. Bennecoff. 3. Todd and Ashley Wessner.  
Pair of Gilts: 1. Justine A. Bennecoff. 2. Busy Acre Farms. 3. John Strawbridge.

### 4-H SHOW BERKSHIRE

March Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
April Boar: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 3. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
Champion Boar: Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. Reserve: Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
January Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
February Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr.  
March Gilt: 1. Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr. 2.

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## Company Celebrates 20th Year

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — At the 20th anniversary of the founding of Brubaker Agronomics Consulting Service, 150 farmers attended a field day to view the results of crop protection products in field trials. The event held at the Schantz farm located east of Ephrata off route 272 was one of many held this year to host nearly 1,000 farmers at the privately owned independent ag research farm.

Owner Mike Brubaker said the research projects are chosen by consensus from both farmers and industry people who see what the needs are in the fields. Brubaker

has a large number of acres under consulting contract which gives his people a broad view of field problems.

Farm manager Robert Kauffman agrees. "We get a lot of requests from farmers who want to see how products are performing," Kauffman said. "Here we do a lot of variety, row spacing and population trials, too."

The field day included farm wagon tours that stopped at designated points of research. A later fall field day is scheduled for October 1 to show the harvest phase of the growing season trials.



A wagon load of participants at the Brubaker Agronomics 20th anniversary field day. In the foreground are from left, Mike Brubaker, owner; Ryan Brubaker, son; and Robert Kauffman, farm manager.