

Homebred Hogs Swine Champions At Kutztown Fair

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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) —

It's something of a rarity these days.

Two homebred market hogs were named champion and reserve of the market swine show Tuesday afternoon during the Kutztown Fair, conducted at the fairgrounds.

Daryl Grumbine, swine judge from Lebanon, chose the heavy-weight champion hog owned by George Billig and shown by his brother, Daniel, at the swine show.

When selecting the hog champion of the heavyweight class, Grumbine said the blue butt pig "combines the most positive things."

Grumbine noted the grand champion market hog, from the medium heavyweight class, brings a package to the show ring that is "close to market weight," Grumbine said, with "a tremendous amount of definition, a good, clean top, and a hog that moves away and is free in all four corners. It will hang an exceptional carcass."

George, 14, is the son of Tim and Teresa Billig, New Tripoli. The Northwestern High School sophomore was in Washington, D.C. with an exchange student from Japan, noted George's father, Tim. So George's brother Daniel, 14, Northwestern Middle School, showed the 222-pound homebred York/Hampshire crossbred nicknamed "Matilda" by George's mother, Teresa.

John C. Strawbridge, Whitehall, showed reserve market swine. John, 15, son of Donna Strawbridge, showed a 252-pound

Duroc/Spotted crossbred gilt from the heavy heavyweight class, also homebred.

John, a sophomore at White Hall High School, noted it was a combination of feeding, breeding, and exercise that garnered the champion. John said he allows the hog to run around in a "playpen" some time every other day, about 10 minutes at a time in the heat and longer when the weather cools.

John will be showing at the upcoming Allentown, Sullivan County, Bloomsburg, and York fairs, in addition to the Keystone International Livestock Expo and state Farm Show.

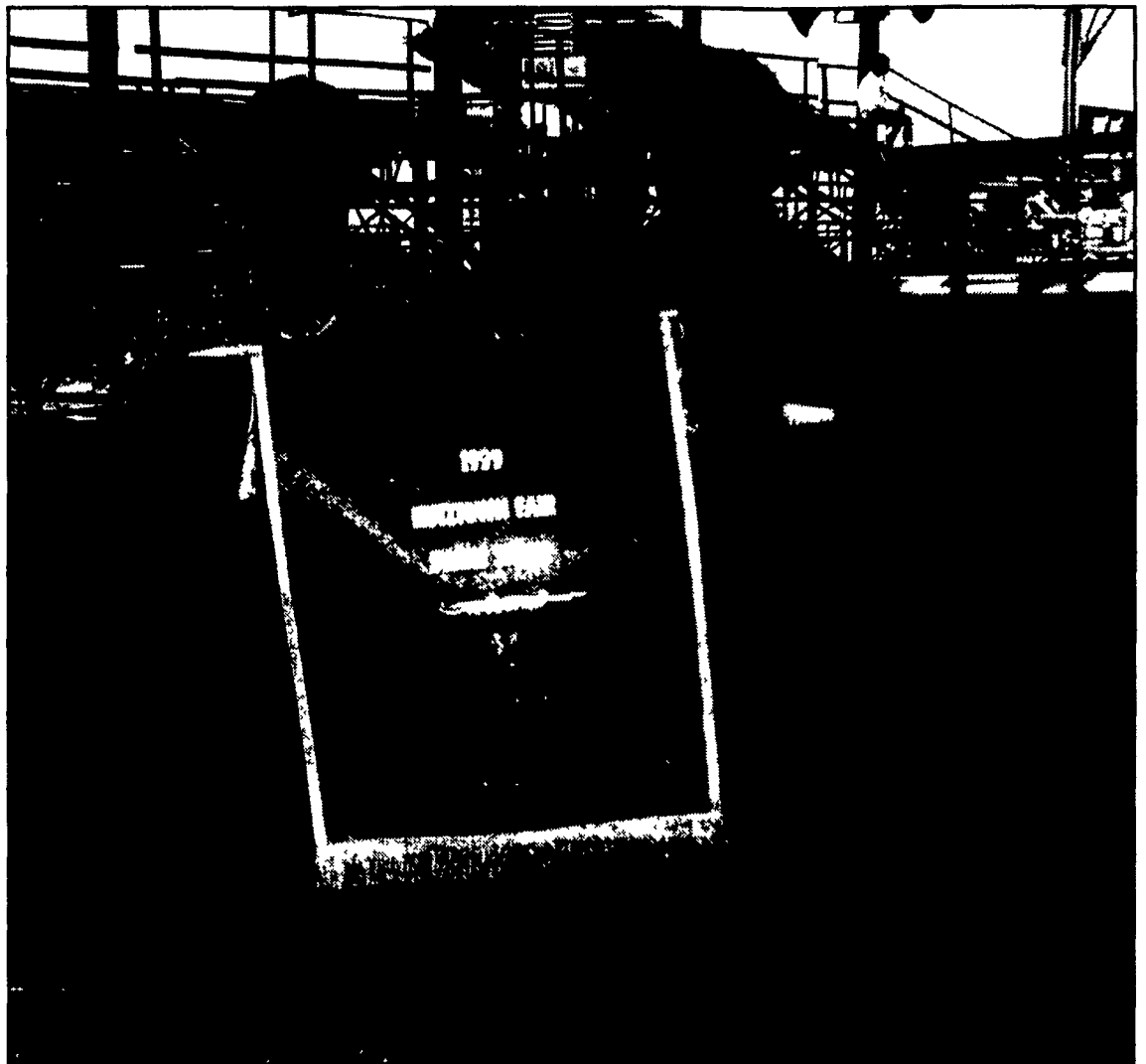
Breed champion went to the Duroc February gilt shown by Jared Treichler. The Duroc "combines a lot of positive things," said Daryl Grumbine, show judge. The gilt "will suit everyone well in the farrowing crate," he said, calling the gilt "a long muscle pattern kind of sow."

Jared, 15, Fleetwood, is the son of Sandra Stump and Rodney Treichler. Jared, a Fleetwood High School sophomore, nicknamed the gilt "Ruby" because "I thought it was a good name," said Jared. "It was a gem."

This was the first supreme champion hog at Kutztown for Jared. He purchased the hog from Howard Parrish, Ohio.

There were a total of 105 market swine registered for the show, in addition to 76 breed swine and 35 exhibitors.

Following is a list of show placings.



Champion gilt at the Kutztown Fair was shown by Jared Treichler, left, a Duroc. At right is Daryl Grumbine, swine show judge.

KUTZTOWN FAIR SWINE SHOW RESULTS

SHOWMANSHIP AND FITTING

Class 212 (17-18 Years Old): 1. Anita Manbeck 2. Terry L. Heintzelman 3. Lucinda Bray.

Class 213 (15-16 Years Old): 1. Matt Manbeck 2. John C. Strawbridge 3. Adam Lambert.

Class 214 (13-14 Years Old): 1. Elliot Heffner 2. Nathan Manbeck 3. Seth Heintzelman.

Class 215 (12-14 Years Old): 1. Gwen Powers 2. Daniel A. Billig 3. Jeremy Gonzales.

Class 216 (10-11 Years Old): 1. Vanessa Manbeck 2. Todd L. Bennecoff 3. Jason Levan.

Class 217 (9 Years Old): 1. Stacey Manbeck 2. Lorissa Lazarus 3. Jacob Wisser.
Champion Fitter: 1. Vanessa Manbeck Reserve Anita Manbeck

SHOWMANSHIP

Class 220 (17-18 Years Old): 1. Elizabeth Wisser 2. Anita Manbeck 3. Ashley Shollenberger.

Class 221 (15-16 Years Old): 1. John C. Strawbridge 2. Matt Manbeck 3. Adam Lambert.

Class 222 (13-15 Years Old): 1. Cathryn M. Levan 2. Nathan Manbeck 3. Elliot Heffner.

Class 223 (12-14 Years Old): 1. Daniel A. Billig 2. Gwen E. Powers 3. Amber Shollenberger.

Class 224 (10-11 Years Old): 1. Todd L. Bennecoff 2. Vanessa Manbeck 3. Samantha Rabenold.

Class 225 (9 Years Old): 1. Justine A. Bennecoff 2. Stacey Manbeck 3. Lorissa Lazarus.

Grand Champion Showman: John Strawbridge
Reserve: Elizabeth Wisser.

MARKET SWINE

Light Lightweight Class 185 (85-144 lbs.): 1. Jared A. Treichler 2. Jacob Wisser 3. Adam Lambert.

Medium Lightweight Class 186 (145-152 lbs.): 1. Lucinda Bray 2. Jacob Wisser 3. Jason Levan.

Heavy Lightweight Class 187 (156-164 lbs.): 1. Elliot Heffner 2. Lucinda Bray 3. Elliot Heffner.

Champion Lightweight: Lucinda Bray Reserve: Jacob Wisser.

Light Middleweight Class 190 (166-176 lbs.): 1. Justin F. Levan 2. Jared A. Treichler 3. Anita Manbeck.

Medium Middleweight Class 191 (180-190 lbs.): 1. Elizabeth Wisser 2. Jarrid Hausman 3. Cathryn M. Levan.

Heavy Middleweight Class 192 (192-200 lbs.): 1. Cathryn M. Levan 2. Matt Manbeck 3. Justin Wisser.

Champion Middleweight: Cathryn Levan Reserve: Justin Levan.

Light Heavyweight Class 195 (204-215 lbs.): 1. Vanessa Manbeck 2. Vanessa Manbeck 3. Anita Manbeck.

Medium Heavyweight Class 196 (218-230 lbs.): 1. George Billig 2. Stacey Manbeck 3. Nathan Manbeck.

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Justine Bennecoff won champion Poland China gilt Tuesday at Kutztown.



John C. Strawbridge showed reserve champion of the Kutztown Fair Swine Show.



Daniel Billig showed grand champion swine at Kutztown for his brother, George.