

Holloway's Duroc Supreme Gilt At Farm Show



Berkshire champion at the Farm Show gilt competition was shown by Greg Innerst, Red Lion.



Reserve Berkshire gilt champion was shown by Todd Bennecoff.



Reserve champion Duroc gilt at the Farm Show went to the William Hilty family.



Grand champion Duroc gilt at the Farm Show was shown by David Holloway.

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— A light red Duroc gilt named "Millennium Million," exhibited by Bettie and Dave Holloway of Holloway Genetics, Glen Rock, uniquely put together "all the traits necessary" for the marketplace, according to judge Kim Brock, Stillwater, Okla.

Brock picked the Duroc supreme champion last Saturday at the Farm Show Bred Gilt Show.

Brock, who selected the champion of its class the previous day, chose the March gilt because, he noted, judges look for lean when selecting a grand champion.

The February Duroc gilt class was the largest one of the day up until the grand champion Duroc was selected, yet of the 22 head exhibited in the February class, none placed champion.

In the Duroc class, Brock selected the "very functional, complete gilt" exhibited by Brad Hilty for the William Hilty family, Mt. Pleasant, for reserve. Brock noted the wide dimensions on the January gilt, HJW9 MS Git N Go (S: SSC18 St. Bernard 1-5, D: HJW8 Ms Git N Go 6-4).

John Tigner Jr., Hartly, Kent County, Del., purchased the supreme champion gilt last Saturday for \$1,200. A total of 189 head of swine, 31 more than last year, were auctioned last week. The swine sale averaged \$327.80 per head, which represents a \$76.20 per head increase compared to last year, according to the Farm Show.

The grand champion Hampshire gilt, shown by Ken, Janet, Janine, and Brandon Winebark Family, Myerstown, brought the highest price, \$1,375, at the sale, sold to Jessica and Lane Innerst of Red Lion. The swine sale generated a total of \$61,950, which was a \$22,195 increase over last year.

Auctioneer was Harry H. Bachman.

Following are descriptions of individual class winners.

Berkshires

A gilt that was "tremendous in length of body, a stout gilt with good rib shape" captured the attention of Kim Brock, show judge from Stillwater, Okla.

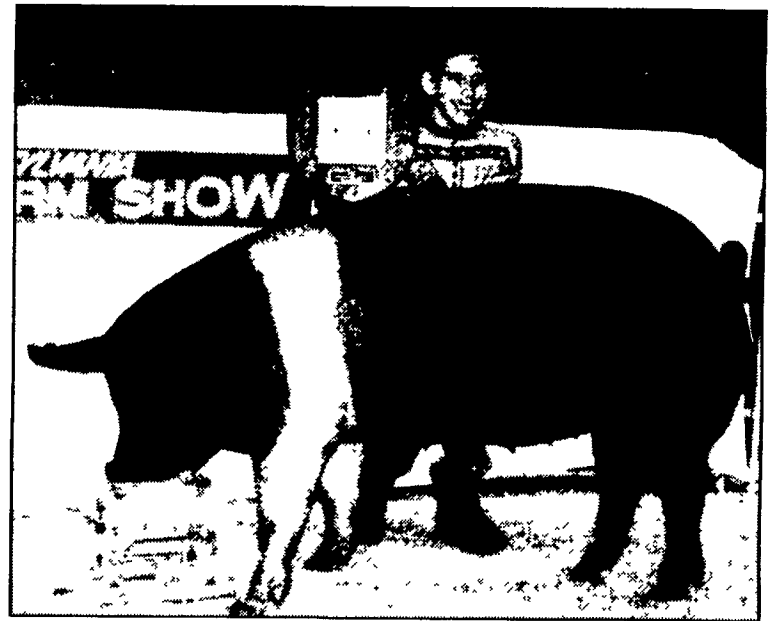
The grand champion was the March gilt shown by Greg Innerst, Innerst's Berkshires, Red Lion. The gilt, GBI 9 Buck's Pattie (S: RTS8 Buckskin 4-3, D: ADF4 XNH Pattie 66-4), was tall and "modern" to the judge.

Reserve champion was, according to Brock, the "well-made, stout gilt, a well-structured gilt," he said. Reserve went to Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff, Kutztown, for the January gilt, TLB9 MS Raw Fire (S: MFB7 Mr. Rawhide 85-1, D: TLB3 Miss Fireball 9-5).

Chester Whites

Though the February gilt in this class provided some tough competition, which Brock said was a "terrifically correct" female when picking it champion of the class, Brock went with the younger hog, the March gilt, for champion.

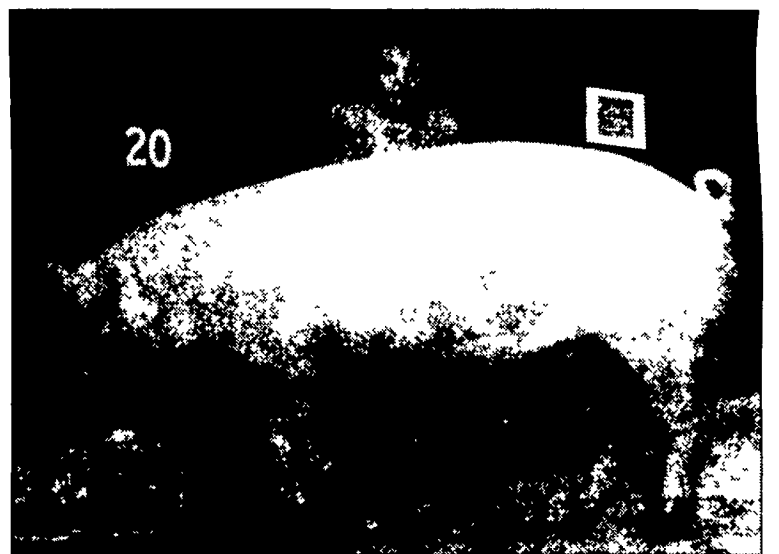
The March gilt was "classy and balanced and opens up well," Brock said, awarding the younger gilt champion. The grand champion Chester White was exhibited by Ken and Anna Wetzel and Family, Rossiter, KWF 19 Sturdi Gal (S: SC7 Austin '97 39-2, D: F19 Sturdi Gal).



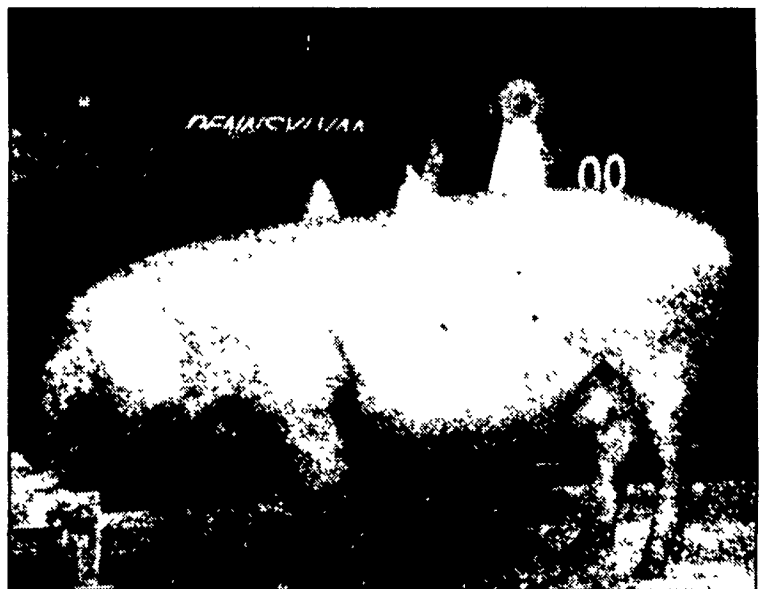
Grand champion Hampshire gilt was shown by Brandon Winebark last week at the Farm Show.



Reserve champion Hampshire gilt last week at Farm Show went to Janine Winebark.



Landrace champion at the Farm Show bred gilt show went to Grant A. Lazarus III, right, in photo with Lance Lazarus.



Reserve champion Landrace was awarded to George P. Billig at the Farm Show gilt show.