

Red Hogs In Spotlight At Reading Fair

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) —
 When it came time to choose a champion, Reading Swine Show judge Dave Holloway saw only a sea of red in the show ring last week.
 Nothing but Duroc purebreds

or crossbreds were left to select as champion and reserve. And though Holloway admitted he raises Durocs for his company in Glen Rock, he simply thought the hogs showed excellent market representation.
 Holloway said, "I recognize them. I love them."

The heavyweight champion hog shown by Jared Treichler exhibited length of body and cleanliness, noted Holloway, in "a package that's mobile and easygoing," he said.

Jared, 16, Fleetwood, son of Sandra Stump and Rodney Treichler, showed the homebred, purebred, 227-pound gilt from the medium heavyweight class.

The Fleetwood High School junior said he plans to show at Kutztown and Allentown fairs and at Farm Show.

The Berks County 4-H Swine Club member said he selected the hog at 75-80 pounds of weight. The family uses all the best quality hogs for breeding, Jared said. He's taking the champion to Kutztown.

Holloway noted the reserve, the middleweight champion shown by Lucinda Bray from the heavy middleweight class, follows the requirements of the market pretty well.

Lucinda, 18, daughter of John and Marcia Bray, Richland, exhibited a 214-pound Duroc crossbred gilt from Oscar Manbeck.

Lucinda, a graduate of Tulpehocken High School, is enrolled at Penn State to study landscape architecture.

Lucinda exhibited a champion several years ago at the fair, she said. Lucinda exhibited

at Kempton Fair and is attending Kutztown and plans to exhibit at Keystone International Livestock Expo and Farm Show.

According to Manbeck, some exhibitors select pigs at 40-50 pounds, but the potential at that
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Jared Treichler, left, exhibited the grand champion hog at Reading Fair last week. Dave Holloway was show judge.



Anita Manbeck exhibits the grand champion pair of hogs exhibited by her brother, Matt, at the Reading Fair Swine Show. At left is show judge Dave Holloway.



Reserve champion of the Reading Fair Swine Show was Lucinda Bray, left. At right, Dave Holloway judged the show.

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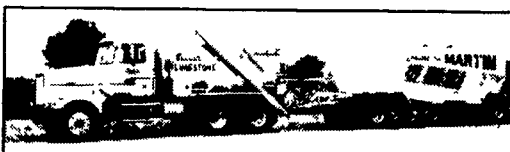
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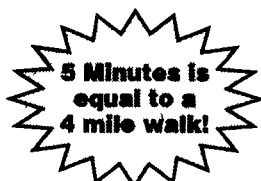
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