

'An Awful Lot Of Good Hogs' At York Fair

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YORK (York Co.) — "There are an awful lot of good hogs here," observed York Fair swine judge Ken Fetterolf, Snyder County, as he prepared to wrap up three days of open and junior division competition with his pick of the supreme champion market pig.

"And this is the best hog I've seen in all the shows I've judged this year," Fetterolf added, offering the coveted banner and a hearty handshake to a widely-grinning junior exhibitor, Kurt Long.

Long, a 4-H'er from Airville, was doing a rerun of his earlier market hog championship in the junior division with an extremely long and lean, light heavyweight, crossbred red pig.

The junior division open market championship also earned Long the John Strawbridge Memorial Trophy, presented by the son of the late, long-time hog breeder and exhibitor, J.C. Strawbridge.

In the runoffs for the overall breeding class supreme champion hogs, boar honors went to the Rodger Bankert family, Hanover, with their Duroc breed winner. Supreme gilt was also the Duroc division winner, exhibited by the Bennecoff family, Kutztown.

Open class market hog breed championships were shared among several veteran and junior York Fair exhibitors. Youth exhibitor Allen Cornbower, New Freedom, won both champion and reserve honors in the Berkshire breed. Chester White champion was exhibited by Michael and Jean Weber, Shrewsbury, while Scott Lazarus, Germansville, had the reserve. Placing reserve behind Kurt Long's champion crossbred was youth exhibitor Lindsay Jones, East Berlin.

Winning open class Duroc market hog was exhibited by Rodger Bankert, with youth exhibitor Travis Flory claiming the reserve pot. Hampshire market hog honors were shared by youth exhibitors Cody Ault, champion, and Tyler Flory, reserve. Both champion and reserve open class Yorkshire market hogs were shown by the Wilson Farm of New Freedom, with youth exhibitor Russell Wilson claiming the top title.

In open class breeding swine, grand and junior champion Berkshire sow, senior sow, and reserve champion boar were exhibited by Arlie Cornbower, New Freedom. Reserve champion sow was the entry of Greg and Beth Innerst, Red Lion. Champion boar title went to Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.

The Rodger Bankert family took both grand and reserve champion sow titles as well as champion senior sow. Reserve champion senior sow sent to Scott Lazarus, as well as the champion boar honor. Reserve champion boar was exhibited by Michael and Gene Weber.

Duroc grand champion sow was the entry of Todd Bennecoff, Jr., over the reserve exhibited by the Rodger Bankert family. Senior champion sow honors went to Wilson's Farm, over reserve winner Matt Bankert. Both boar honors went to the Rodger Bankert family.

Greg and Beth Innerst exhibited the champion Hampshire, placing over junior exhibitor Chad Menges, Hanover, with the reserve winner. Senior and reserve senior champion sow were from the string shown by Donna and J.C. Strawbridge, White Hall, Maryland. Both boar honors also were claimed by the Strawbridges.

In the Poland breed show, all honors went to Cheryl Bennecoff, Kutztown. Grant Lazarus III, Germansville, did a similar clean sweep of the Landrace classes.

Senior and grand champion, as well as the reserve, in the Spotted pig competition was won by Leslie Lazarus, Germansville. Lazarus also took

champion junior sow honors, over reserve placer Larry Robinson, Delta. In the boar runoffs, Robinson took champion, over Lazarus in reserve.

Wilson Farm claimed most of the prizes in Yorkshire competition, taking junior, grand, and boar as well as reserve, honors. Showing the reserve senior champion was Allen Cornbower.

In the junior division of the swine breeding, Allen Cornbower took Berkshire grand and reserve honors. Aimee Bankert took breed champion with her lone Poland March sow entry, while Emily Robinson snagged both top honors in the Spotted Poland runoffs.

Duroc titles were split by Russell Wilson, champion, over the reserve winner exhibited by Matt Bankert. Hampshire champion was the entry of Lane Innerst, with Chad Menges bring up the reserve champion slot.

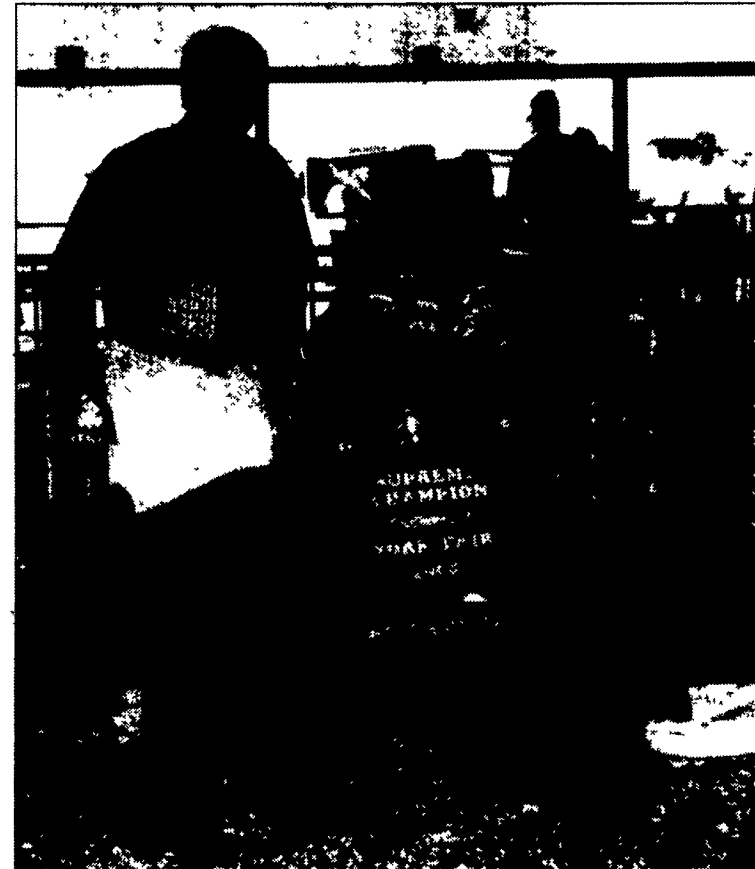
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Supreme open class sow at the York Fair was the Duroc breed champion, exhibited by the Bennecoff family and shown here with Terry Bennecoff. Judge for the event was Ken Fetterolf.



Winner of the John Strawbridge memorial trophy at the York Fair was Kurt Long with this grand champion market hog. Presenting the award in memory of his late father was fellow junior swine exhibitor J.C. Strawbridge.



York Fair supreme boar banner was won by the Roger Bankert family's Duroc winner. With Bankert is judge Ken Fetterolf.



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