

Wetzel Family Takes Top Honors In Bred Gilt Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Ken Wetzel family of Rossiter, Indiana County claimed top honors in three breeds, including the Duroc gilt that was named supreme champion at the 87th

Bred Gilt Show Jan. 10 at the Farm Show.

Ken and son, Jamie Wetzel, also exhibited champion swine in the Chester White and Hampshire breeds as well as reserve champion Chester White and Duroc.

The supreme Duroc sold for \$900 at the sale conducted the morning after the

show. Top seller, however, was another gilt owned by the Wetzel family, a Hampshire that went for \$1,800.

Other champion exhibitors included Greg Innerst, York County, Berkshire; Chris Jeffcoat, Adams County, Poland China; Grant Lazarus III, Lehigh County, Landrace; Thomas Arnold, Lebanon County, Yorkshire; Leslie/Lazarus Brothers, Lehigh County, Spotted.

Judge Jim McCoy of Bloomingburg, Ohio said the quality of animals in the show ring demonstrated that the hog industry is "alive and well."

McCoy called the following results:

BERKSHIRE

January gilt: 1 Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff 2 Greg and Beth Innerst 3 Arlie B Cornbower

February gilt: 1 Greg and Beth Innerst 2 James T Parlett Jr. 3 Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff.

March gilt: 1 James T Parlett Jr 2 James T Parlett Jr 3 Todd and Cheryl Bennecoff

Berkshire champion: Greg and Beth Innerst
Berkshire reserve champion: James T Parlett Jr

CHESTER WHITE

January gilt: 1 Ken Wetzel and Family 2 Scott Lazarus/Busy Acre Farm 3 Scott Lazarus/Busy Acre Farm

February gilt: Ken Wetzel and Family 2 Ken Wetzel and Family 3 Scott Lazarus/Busy Acre Farm.

March gilt: 1 Rodger Bankert 2 Scott Lazarus/Busy Acre Farm 3 John W Bronson.

Chester White champion: Ken Wetzel and Family
Chester White reserve champion: Ken Wetzel and Family

DUROC

January gilt: 1 Ken Wetzel and Family 2 Ken Wetzel and Family 3 Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr/Bennecoff's Hogs

February gilt: 1 Ken Wetzel and Family 2 Holloway Genetics/Holloway Genetics 3 Todd Lee Bennecoff Jr

March gilt: 1 Holloway Genetics/Holloway Genetics 2 Clyde W McConaughy Jr 3 Ken Wetzel and Family.

Duroc champion: Ken Wetzel and Family.
Duroc reserve champion: Ken Wetzel and Family

HAMPSHIRE

January gilt: 1 Clyde W. McConaughy Jr 2 William Hilty Sr and Family. 3 Justine Ann Bennecoff/Bennecoff's Hogs

February gilt: 1 Ken Wetzel and Family. 2 Holloway Genetics/Holloway Genetics. 3 Ken Wetzel and Family.

March gilt: 1 Holloway Genetics/Holloway Genetics 2 Carl H. Rabenold 3 Ken Wetzel and Family.

Hampshire champion: Ken Wetzel and Family.

Hampshire reserve champion: Holloway Genetics/Holloway Genetics

LANDRACE

January gilt: 1 Grant A. Lazarus, III 2. Joshua Arner/Maple Hill Farm

February gilt: 1 Grant A Lazarus, III 2. Todd Wessner 3 Joshua Arner.

March gilt: 1 Grant A Lazarus, III 2 Grant A Lazarus, III 3 Larry Robinson

Landrace champion: Grant A Lazarus, III
Landrace reserve champion: Grant A Lazarus, III

POLAND CHINA

January gilt: 1 Chrs Jeffcoat 2. Cheryl Bennecoff 3 Cheryl Bennecoff

February gilt: 1 Cheryl Bennecoff 2 Rick Wilson 3 Cheryl Bennecoff

March gilt: 1 Robert John Garrett/Rock-E-Ridge Farm

Poland China champion: Chrs Jeffcoat
Poland China reserve champion: Cheryl Bennecoff/Bennecoff's Hogs.

SPOTTED SWINE

January gilt: 1 Leslie and Lazarus Bros /Busy Acre Farm 2 Leon S Blose 3 Leslie and Lazarus Bros./Busy Acre Farm

February gilt: 1 Leslie and Lazarus Bros /Busy Acre Farm 2 Russell and Ginger Kegg/Rusty Acres 3 Leslie and Lazarus Bros /Busy Acre Farm

March gilt: 1 Leon S Blose 2 Russell and Ginger Kegg/Rusty Acres. 3. Larry Robinson/White Oak Lane

Spotted Swine champion: Leslie and Lazarus Bros./Busy Acre Farm

Spotted Swine reserve champion: Leslie and Lazarus Bros /Busy Acre Farm

YORKSHIRE

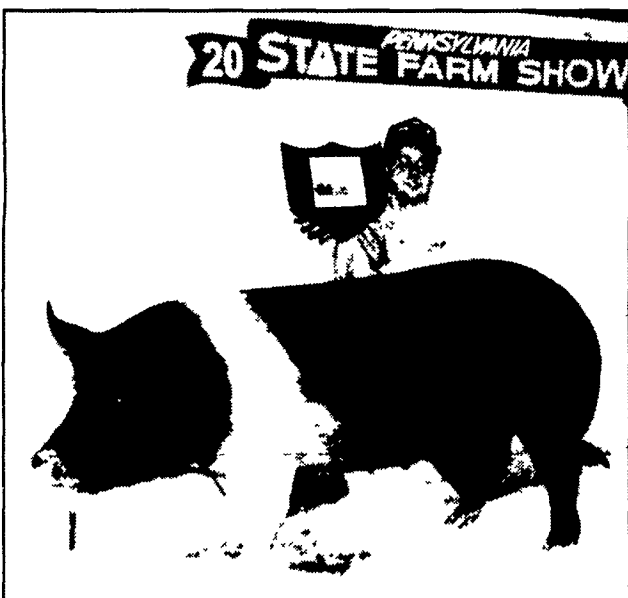
January gilt: 1 Thomas M Arnold 2 Wilson Brothers/Wilson Brothers. 3 Allen E. Combower

February gilt: 1. Charles and Mark Hall. 2. James T. Parlett and Son. 3 Charles and Mark Hall.

Yorkshire champion: Thomas M. Arnold.
Yorkshire reserve champion: Michael Weyant.



Ken Wetzel and family, Rossiter, won supreme champion gilt last Saturday at the Pennsylvania Farm Show with their Duroc. From left, Barbara Grumbine, Ken Wetzel, James Wetzel, and Jim McCoy, Bloomingburg, Ohio, judge. Photo by Andy Andrews, editor



Jamie Wetzel and champion Hampshire.



Chris Jeffcoat, Littlestown, exhibited the champion Poland China.



Greg Innerst, Red Lion, with his champion Berkshire.



Ken Wetzel with the champion Chester White.



Leon Arnold standing in for son Thomas Arnold, Lebanon, owner of this champion Yorkshire.



John Strawbridge exhibited the champion Landrace bred gilt for Grant Lazarus III, Germansville



Leslie/Lazarus Brothers of Germansville had this champion Spotted gilt, pictured here with exhibitor John Strawbridge.

Farm Show Simmental Breeding Cattle Show Results

SIMMENTAL

Summer heifer calves May 2002 and after
1 Joseph Messick 2 Justin Mankey 3 Shelby Ranick

Late spring heifer calves April 02 1 McClure Mills Farms 2 William Vosser 3 Justin Mankey

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Early spring heifer calves Mar 16 31 1 Nikki Desmond 2 Haven Woods Farms 3 Joseph Messick

Junior heifer calf Jan Feb 2002 1 Joseph Messick 2 McClure Mills Farms 3 Emily Lynn Whitmoyer

Junior heifer calf, Jan Feb 1 Justin Mankey 2 Larry Hughes 3 Wayne Stough Sr

Reserve junior heifer calf champion 1 Nikki Desmond

Winter heifer calves Nov Dec 2001 1 Haven Woods Farms 2 Haven Woods Farms 3 George and Laune Meyers

Senior heifer calves Sept Oct 2001 1 Haven Woods Farms 2 McClure Mills Farms 3 William T Vosser

Senior heifer calf champion 1 Haven Woods Farms

Reserve senior heifer calf champion 1 Haven Woods Farms

Late summer yearling heifers Jul Aug 1 William and Natushka Shoemaker 2 Gary and Vicki Varner 3 Curtis Bish

Late junior yearling heifer Mar Apr 1 Larry Hughes 2 Sarah Messer 3 Shelby Ranick

Late junior yearling heifer Mar Apr 1 Matthew Blauch 2 Caitlin Wolfgang 3 Christopher Diamond Sr

Junior champion heifer 1 Larry Hughes

Reserve junior champion heifer 1 Sarah Messer

Early junior yearling heifer Jan Feb 2001 1 Justin Mankey 2 Jesse Poliskiewicz

Senior champion heifer 1 Justin Mankey

Reserve senior champion heifer 1 Jesse Poliskiewicz

Cow/calf 1 William and Natushka Shoemaker 2 Gary and Vicki Varner 3 Shelby Ranick

GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
Larry Hughes

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
Sarah Messer

Summer bull calves May 02 and after 1 William and Natushka Shoemaker 2 Scott Snyder 3 Scott Snyder

Late spring bull calf 1 Joseph Messick 2 Jerry and Ginger Woolcock 3 McClure Mills Farms

Early spring bull calves 1 Jerry and Ginger Woolcock 2 Try Angle B Farms 3 William and Natushka Shoemaker

Junior bull calves, Jan -Feb 2002 1 Justin Mankey 2 Haven Woods Farms 3 William and Natushka Shoemaker

Winter bull calves Nov Dec 2001 1 McClure Mills Farms

Senior bull calves Sept Oct 2001 1 Haven Woods Farms 2 E&R Farms Inc

CHAMPION BULL CALF
Justin S Mankey

RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF
Haven Woods Farms

Produce of dam 1 William and Natushka Shoemaker 2 Gary and Vicki Varner 3 Scott Snyder

Get of sire 1 Scott Snyder

Premier exhibitor 1 Haven Woods Farms

Premier breeder 1 Haven Woods Farms