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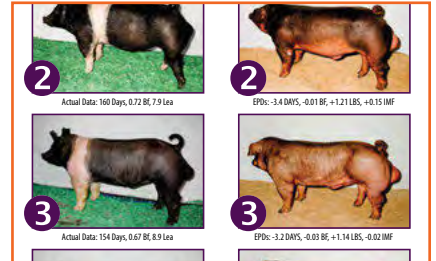
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NSR Field Representative Ralph Doak speaks during the World Pork Expo sale. He has served NSR and NJSA members for the last quarter of a century and will retire after the Fall Classic leaving a legacy in the purebred swine industry.
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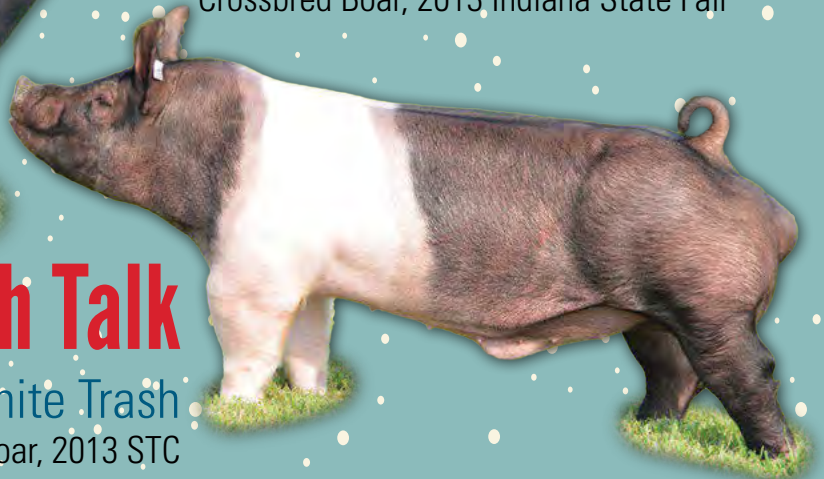


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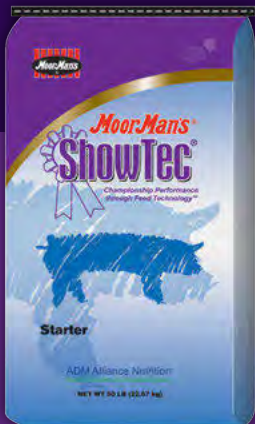
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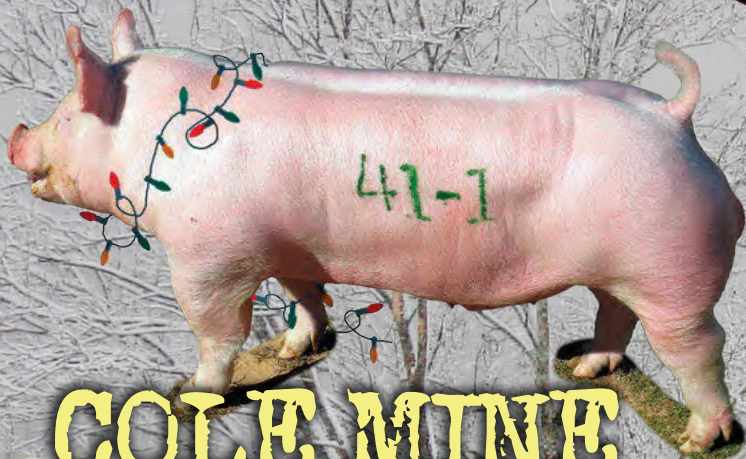
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Open Mike

Mike Paul
CEO, National Swine Registry

Mr. Showpig

This title struck me last spring, while I was introducing the NSR staff during the Weanling Pig Extravaganza. When I came to Ralph Doak, it seemed to fit like a glove. I have been fortunate to work with Ralph for the last 17 years, and honestly, it seems like it was just yesterday.

Ralph might hold the title of the longest-running field staff person in the purebred swine industry, well, at least in modern history. Ralph was hired by the United Duroc Swine Registry (UDSR) in December of 1990. Since that time, Ralph has been involved in the promotion of purebred genetics through different avenues, from serving as a Duroc field representative, to the Genetics Outreach program and the past 19 years as a member of the National Swine Registry field staff. As you can see, Ralph has adapted to many different programs and procedures to provide services to the NSR membership.

Over the years, there have been many changes in the makeup of the purebred swine industry, from each breed association having their own separate office and staff to the current structure of the NSR. As I have mentioned previously, there were some “turf wars” from the members of their breed associations, and this included the thought that each of the field staff members were not promoting their respective breeds enough or maybe even equally. Ralph stood strong in his belief that the benefits from the formation of the NSR most certainly outweighed the negatives, and he continually stressed

that to those who wanted to see the glass half-empty rather than half-full.

During these times, the swine industry experienced a huge swing in

ring man for their sale. Ralph tried to accommodate as many as possible and many times would work a sale every night during the week and two sales on

“Ralph Doak, I say thank you for your efforts and your commitment to the NSR and to the members of NSR and NJSA. It was a great ride. We wish you and your family God’s blessings on the next era of your life.”

profitability. In late 1998, producers were receiving 8 cents per pound for market animals. That meant you were getting a check for \$20 for a 250 pound market hog. Many commercial swine producers left the industry, and the swine industry became more industrialized. The customer base for much of the NSR membership eroded. At this time, Ralph could have thrown in the proverbial towel and found a new career, but instead, he sought opportunities to create new segments in the purebred swine industry. He encouraged many purebred breeders to become active in the youth swine programs throughout the United States. Ralph traveled from the east coast shows to the Southwest stock shows promoting purebred swine and working with youth.

In the years following, Ralph worked hard to assist members in promoting their products through the spring showpig sale season. He did such a good job helping breeders market their showpigs that everyone wanted Ralph to be their

Saturday and even on Sunday. I know that his wife, Becky, had to pick up many of Ralph’s chores at home during the month of April because he wouldn’t be home for long stretches at a time. Ralph worked with the Ohio breeders to establish the Ohio Barrow Boosters and was a fixture at National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) events serving as a facilitator in skillathon contests, a member of breed eligibility committees and an announcer.

Following the 2013 Fall Classic, Ralph will retire as a field staff member of the NSR and will be spending time antiquing and looking for pottery with his wife, Becky. I know he plans to travel and visit his grandchildren on a regular basis.

Ralph Doak, I say thank you for your efforts and your commitment to the NSR and to the members of NSR and NJSA. It was a great ride. We wish you and your family God’s blessings on the next era of your life.



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Youth View

Torie Schwartz
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Get to counting

As I am sitting in the office of our show barn on a chilly, winter evening conversing with my family and feeling thankful that chores are finished, I gather my thoughts and notice my emotional state: content, calm and peaceful. This is one of those moments that I realize I am one lucky girl.

My blessings are numerous. I have a career I am passionate about, which allows me to work with amazing families and the future of our industry. I have the most unique, yet supportive family anyone could ask for. I can go on and on, finding things to be grateful for right now, but unfortunately, there are times I take these things for granted.

Growing up in the show ring, I was a very competitive exhibitor. I worked very hard on my livestock, because there was nothing more satisfying than winning a banner and having your picture taken, or so I thought. I was fortunate enough to reach my goals, but, at the same time, there were many instances I was left standing. I remember how I felt when I did not do as well as I wanted to, and I always thought to myself, *I wish that was me*, or *That's not fair, I worked so hard and got nothing in return*. It was a feeling of self-pity and bitterness.

It has been nearly four years, since I have competed as a junior member, and many things have changed, including my views on showing livestock. Not too long ago, I sat down and looked at

old pictures from when all four of my brothers and I were still showing. There were lots of pictures in front of a backdrop, but there were a lot more of us as a family sitting on the show box hanging out or playing cards with friends. Once again, I recognized how lucky I am.

ing the good, the bad and the ugly. It is human nature to grasp everything that has gone wrong or stuff that we lack, but if we take the time to notice the positive aspects of the experience and everything we do have, we can increase our sense of well-being and optimism for the

“That’s why it makes so much sense to be thankful, even during the good, the bad and the ugly.”

Looking back, I realized there is more to our industry than winning a banner or getting your picture taken. I am so thankful I had parents that not only introduced my brothers and I to the livestock industry, but I am grateful they gave us the opportunity to exhibit at local, state, and national shows, which led us to making new friends and learning things about life that a book cannot teach you. Do not get me wrong, the glory of accomplishing my dreams is still a great feeling, but the fact that I was given the chance to show with my family is even better.

Although we may acknowledge gratitude's benefits, it can still be difficult to feel thankful when things do not go as we wish them to. That's why it makes so much sense to be thankful, even dur-

future – no matter what may happen.

The next time you are 10th out of 10, remind yourself that there are other kids, just like you, who do not get the opportunity to be involved with organizations like NJSA. Remind yourself that you are blessed with an opportunity that has allowed you to participate and be a part of the NJSA and meet new friends from across the country, as well as gain more knowledge about the swine industry! My challenge to all who are reading this is to count your blessings. Take time every day and reflect on what you have and your surroundings. Remember, life is good and there are so many things to be thankful for, so get to counting!



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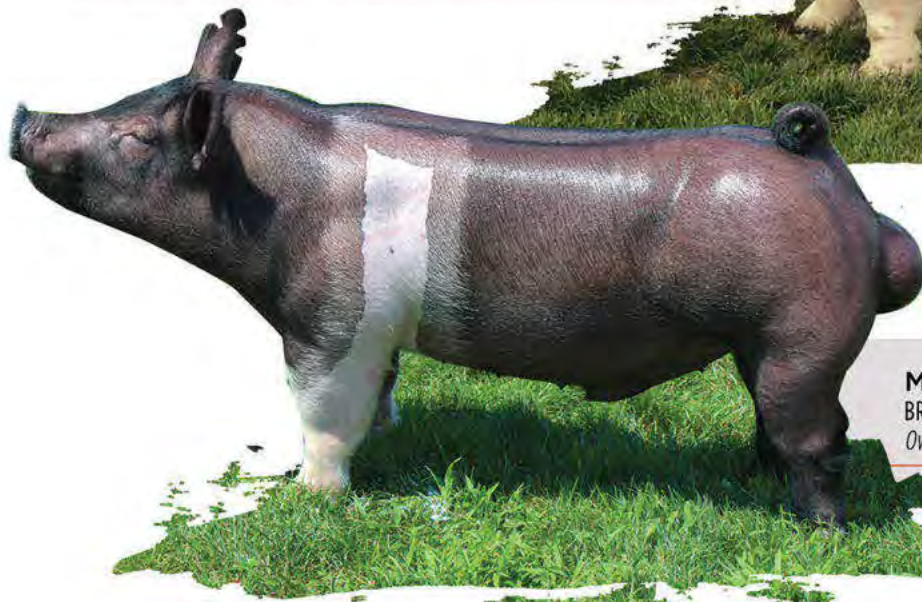
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Write On

Katie Maupin
Director of Marketing & Communications

Take care of your business

The first time I met Ralph Doak, I was less than a month out of college and two weeks into my career with the National Swine Registry. As he strolled down the aisle at the World Pork Expo, I couldn't help but be a little intimidated. Although Ralph isn't a big man, his presence easily filled the barn. When he walked by, everyone acknowledged him, and when he talked, people listened.

I may have gone on being intimidated of him for years, maybe even to this day, had I not noticed a hint of mischief about him, when he introduced himself. That little bit of inherent orneriness let me know that there stood a man who was quick of wit and even quicker to make friends. And it wasn't long before Ralph and I bantered back and forth like we'd known each other for ages.

I think everyone who has had the pleasure of visiting with Ralph will tell you the same thing. Most first describe his looming presence, but then, they'll tell you they instantly felt like they were his friend. Some will say it's because he always smiles. Some will say it's the way he shakes your hand. And others will tell you it's his often unarming honesty and frank talk. In truth, all of them are right. There may not be another man in our industry that is as quick to read people and help them feel at ease as Ralph.

Through my time here at NSR, I have written at least 20 stories featuring purebred swine breeders, and putting pen to paper to describe Mr.

Ralph Doak was the hardest. Maybe it's because I've worked with him, learned from him and gotten to know him over the last three years. Or maybe it's because there aren't enough words in the

of-the-moment purchase after Ralph grabbed the mic and said a few words during one of his famous sales speeches.

With his sale catalog under one of his suspenders he says, "Ah, come

"There are big shoes to fill, because we know it's hard to make a fieldman that good. One that is this honest, who can read people this well, who would dedicate a quarter century of his life serving us."

dictionary to sum up everything Ralph has done for the purebred industry over the last quarter of the century.

When I started sourcing his article, I had a page of people to talk to, yet I knew the list was barely started. Countless people have been touched by Ralph, his knowledge and his honest appraisal of their programs. In fact, it would be hard to count just how many times someone has mentioned his influence, as I wrote their own story.

One story that I recall in particular was when Kirk Swanson told me that a \$400 Yorkshire boar purchase in Duncan, Okla., was an answer to his prayers. The females out of that boar had the type of structure needed to move his operation forward. He made that spur-

on now, folks. If it was easy to make one this good, you all would have brought him out yourself, so take care of your business and look in here."

Now, as Ralph retires, it's our turn to take care of business. There are big shoes to fill, because we know it's hard to make a fieldman that good. One that is this honest, who can read people this well, who would dedicate a quarter century of his life serving us. Yes, that's right. We need to look in, applaud Ralph for his years of service and carry on his business by making everyone in this industry feel welcome and breeding the best hogs we can.



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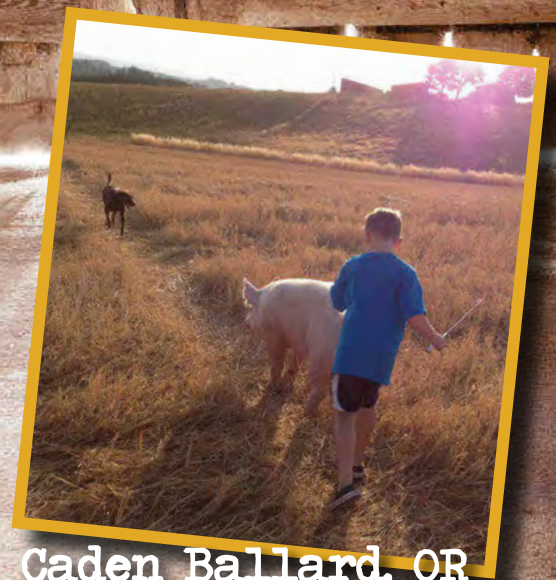


Ella Patterson, OH

Perhaps, there is no better place for kids to grow up than in a barn. Here are some snap shots of youth who love this industry. If you have a fun photo to share, email it to katie@nationalswine.com for a chance to be featured in 'Raised in a Barn.'



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The entry deadline for the NSR Winter Type Conference and NJSA Southeast Regional in Perry, Ga., is Dec. 13. Open and junior show entry forms can be found online at nationalswine.com. The schedules can be found on page 52-53 of the December issue of the *Seedstock EDGE*. The Southeast Regional will be held Jan. 29-Feb. 2, and the Winter Type Conference is held on Feb. 1.

NSR SWTC:

The NSR Southwest Type Conference will be held in Belton, Texas, on Feb. 27-March 1. More information about the conference can be found on page 65. Look for the open entry form in the January/February issue of the *Seedstock EDGE* or enter online at nationalswine.com. Entries are due on Feb. 1.

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Hendricks Joins the National Swine Registry

Whitney Hendricks will join the NSR staff as the Pedigree & Junior Program Assistant after the first of the year. As part of the NSR team, Hendricks will assist the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) prepare for their shows and events and help the Pedigree Department process registration requests, transfers and show entries. She is no stranger to the purebred swine industry. Hendricks, her parents, Lee and Cheryl, and her brother, Wade, raise Durocs, Landrace, Chester White and Berkshire pigs on their 25-head hog farm in Elwood, Ind. Hendricks was an active member of the NJSA, 4-H and FFA, and she showed swine and judged livestock. Hendricks will graduate from Iowa State University with a bachelor's in animal science this December.



Whitney Hendricks
Pedigree & Junior
Program Assistant

NSR Announces New Spring Weanling Pig Sift and Sale

The National Swine Registry will hold an earlier weanling pig sift, the Early Extravaganza, on Monday, March 24, 2014, at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette, Ind. Look for more details in the January/February issue of the *Seedstock EDGE*.

Beeler Recognized by the University of Kentucky

By Aimee Nielson, UK agricultural communications specialist/writer



Warren Beeler, left; Bob Harmon, right
PHOTO: Steve Patton, UK Ag Communications Specialist

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Department of Animal and Food Sciences annually recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the department and to animal agriculture in Kentucky and across the United States. This year the department inducted Warren Beeler into its Hall of Fame.

In January, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner James Comer appointed Warren Beeler as the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Director of Ag Policy. Prior to his appointment, Beeler helped establish and advance the Kentucky Proud program. From 2010 to 2013, he concurrently led the governor-appointed Kentucky Livestock Care Standards Commission to the Agricultural Development Board's approval of guidelines for the care and welfare of Kentucky-produced livestock.

Beeler initiated the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program in 2011, an offshoot of the National Pork Producers Leadership Initiative. This program was originally designed for swine production, but Beeler has expanded it to the production of safe and healthy food.

Donald Ely and Debra Aaron, faculty members in animal and food sciences, wrote in their nomination of Beeler that he “is such an advocate of animal agriculture. He will stand on any corner of any city, and has done so, to deliver the message that livestock of today are produced in cleaner, safer and healthier environments than ever before in history.”

Beeler’s base is the family farm, having operated a diversified farm in the Caneyville community for more than 30 years. As a nationally recognized livestock judge, he has judged hog shows in 42 states and numerous 4-H and FFA shows. Nominators, Ely and Aaron, said he never forgets a kid’s name and all livestock judging kids know Beeler. In fact, 32 years ago, Warren Beeler held a livestock judging clinic under a small tent on his farm in Caneyville. That clinic grew and has evolved into the Kentucky Junior Livestock Expo, which later expanded to expos at Morehead State University and Murray State University.

He works with faculty from UKAg, Morehead State University, Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University and Murray State University to produce the state livestock judging and skillathon contests, regional FFA judging contests and the National FFA Livestock Judging contest. The UK Block and Bridle Club, UK faculty and Warren Beeler team up to conduct the Annual Kentucky Beef Expo Youth Judging Contest in Louisville each March. This partnership provides UK students the opportunity to hone leadership and managerial skills.

Beeler has long been an advocate for youth in agriculture and established the Junior Activities Hampshire Swine Registry, which was the first youth organization in the U.S. swine industry. He also developed the popular 4-H Livestock Skillathon Program for Kentucky.

His nominators said he is a living ag legend who is a teacher, friend, leader, motivator and an inspiration to the next generation of leaders and ambassadors for animal agriculture.

new arrivals



Stella Jean Watje

Stella Jean Watje
Born Sept. 21, 2013

Ryan and Stacey Watje of Turlock, Calif., are excited to announce

the birth of their daughter, Stella Jean Watje, born Sept. 21, 2013.

Stella weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Congratulations to the Watje family!

obituaries



William 'Bill' Johnson
1948-2013

William 'Bill' Johnson

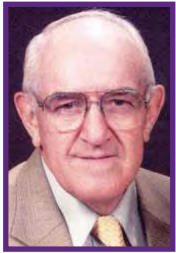
William “Bill” Johnson, 65, of Forest was born in Lima, Ohio, on Aug. 7, 1948, to Howard W. and Norma (Waltz) Johnson. He passed away Oct. 15. He married Jacquelynn “Jacki” Schey on Nov. 28, 1970.

A graduate of Cory Rawson High School in 1966, Johnson was the first All State football player from the school, as well as an All State baseball player. He attended The Ohio State University and played his freshman year on the baseball and football teams. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served his country proudly from 1968-1970. While in the service he played baseball, attended Officer Candidate School for a time, served in Korea and attained the rank of Sergeant. Upon returning home, he farmed and raised registered Hampshire hogs, serving as the Secretary of the Ohio Hampshire Swine Association for 25 years and being inducted into the Ohio State Fair Swine Hall of Fame in 1998.

Johnson was a journeyman electrician out of IBEW 1132 in Lima, Ohio. He worked for Reynolds Electric and for a time owned and operated J and J Electric. For the past 23 years, he worked in the facilities department of St. Rita’s Medical Center, Lima, Ohio, serving as the construction coordinator. A member of Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arlington, Johnson served on the church council and sang in the choir. He played community softball for years, coached Acme baseball and for 20 years was a high school baseball umpire. He also volunteered on the Arlington High School football team chain crew. A 4-H advisor for 30 years, Johnson, served on the Hancock County Extension Advisory Board, serving as president, and was the Hancock County Junior Fair swine superintendent for 18 years. He was a member of the Hancock and Allen County Pork Producers Councils, serving as secretary of both organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Jacki; sons: James, Forest, Michael (Penni), Rawson, Gregory (Kristin), Findlay; mother, Norma (Waltz) Johnson Starr, Findlay; and grandchildren: Felicia, Schenia, William, Nolan, Olivia, Liam, Alexandria, Brynlee Johnson, Brett, Mycala, and Taylor Kloepfel; brother, Richard (Dick) Johnson; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Eric and Nan Schey, Forest; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard and brother, Robert E. Johnson.

Funeral services were Oct. 21, at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arlington, with Rev. Steven Ramsey officiating. Burial followed the service in Arlington Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church and/or the Hancock 4-H Committee. Online condolences may be made at coldrencrates.com.



William 'Bill' Laird
1936-2013

William 'Bill' Laird

William Frederick "Bill" Laird, 77, of Waldron, passed away Oct. 29, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born in Shelby County on May 23, 1936, he was the son of Harold and Mary (Long) Laird. He married Faith Meal on Sept. 8, 1957, at Waldron United Methodist Church.

He was a 1954 graduate of Waldron High School and a 1958 graduate of Purdue University where he earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering.

He began his engineering career at Boeing in Seattle, Wash., in 1958, later moving to Nashville, Tenn., where he worked for Avco Corporation. He returned to Indiana in 1964 to work for Allison Gas Turbine Division of General Motors and retired from Rolls Royce.

Laird was a longtime farmer and a prominent breeder and exhibitor of purebred swine. An avid sports enthusiast, he spent many years officiating high school and college basketball and football.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Mary Frances (Laird) Bush; and a brother, Dwight Norman Laird, who died in infancy.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Kevin (Valynda) of Bloomington, Eric (Mary Ann) of Mooresville, Ted (Regina) of Arlington; and daughter, Beth Ann (Tony) Lennen of Shelbyville. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Dustin, Jennifer (Jordan) Black, Maggie (John) Absalom, Nicholas, Jacob, Benjamin (Val), Morgan, Andrew, Allison, Caitlin, Nolan, Anna Phares and Mitchell; three step-grandchildren, David Lennen, Nikki (Adam) Jones and Jessie Davis; one great-grandson, Carson Laird; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by brothers Dwain (Lossie) Laird of Shelbyville and Robert (Christine) Laird of Morristown.

He was a longtime member of Waldron United Methodist Church where he served in many leadership positions.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2, at the church with the Rev. Marcy Patrick officiating. Burial followed at Moscow Cemetery in Rush County.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Waldron United Methodist Church or Shelbyville/Shelby County Animal Shelter, 705 Hale Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176. Online condolences may be shared at www.glenngeorgeandson.net.

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It's not easy
**MAKING ONE
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By Katie Maupin

“Oh, I’m going to buy me a showpig,”

sings NSR fieldman Ralph Doak on his way into the Stephens County Fairgrounds in Duncan, Okla. With a large McDonald’s coffee in hand and a smile on his face, Doak strolls into the barn just like he has for more than two decades.

Bantering with his fellow fieldmen and breeders along the way, some could find it hard to muster up the enthusiasm Doak has before daylight, after the sift ran so late that it was nearly morning before they left the night before. But that’s one thing that makes Doak so great at his job – each morning, for the past 25 years, he has gotten out of bed happy to serve the people of this industry.

So, he sings the little jingle all the way to the barn, dressed for the day in his suspenders with a pocketful of index cards for notes he rarely takes, since he has an uncanny way of remembering the stock he sees. Along the way, Doak even adds a few verses to the song, coined by past fieldman Larry Bellamy – who sees him as more of a brother than a past coworker.

“Oh, I’m going to buy me a showpig. Then, I’m going to put him in my trunk, with all of my other junk.”

For a quarter of a century Ralph Doak has served as a fieldman for the purebred swine industry. He has held lots of official titles, promoted many breeds and helped countless breeders reach their goals. All the while, Doak has separated himself with a friendly smile, firm handshake, undying enthusiasm, frank talk and an almost uncanny way of reading people.

There’s no doubt that he has made his mark on the industry as a fieldman, but he began as a stockman. Growing up on his family farm in Ohio, Doak learned his first lesson about purebred swine when he was just 10 years old. He purchased his

first breeding gilt – a Poland China.

“She farrowed her first litter, and she had two pigs. But she was mine, so I kept her,” Doak recalls. “But, when she farrowed her second litter, she had one, and I shipped her.”

Not to be deterred by misfortune, Doak bought a Spotted gilt a couple years later. The early lesson he learned about function and productivity served him well in the Spot business. Doak and his family became premier Spotted breeders. Attending his first national show in 1965, he had the Champion Spotted Gilt in Louisville, and made several successful showings through the years. In ’76, he sold a boar to Japan for

\$8,700 – a steep ticket at the time. And in 1980, the Doak family brought the Champion Boar, Reserve Boar and 2nd Top-Selling Boar to the Summer Type Conference. They continued to raise Spotted hogs until the commercial boar market dropped out in the late-’80s, and Doak looked for another opportunity.

He found that opportunity in fieldwork. Randy Shipley, of Shipley Swine Genetics in Newark, Ohio, remembers when the field position for the United Duroc Swine Registry (UDSR) came open, and he recalls just who he wanted to fill it – Ralph Doak.

Shipley had known Doak long before the position became available. They



Ralph Doak (l) can always be found with an easy smile and quick laugh. Here he shares a joke with Kade Hummel (m) and Ben Schmalig (r).

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were often at the Ohio State Fair at the same time, and he got to know Doak through several chats in the swine barn.

“Ralph is just a lot of fun, and he was at the time, too. He’s just happy-go-lucky, so I always talked to Ralph a lot,” Shipley says. “I got involved with Ralph, trying to get him hired on as a fieldman. At the time, he didn’t quite fit the mold for the typical fieldman – most of them were straight out of college, real active and of slender build.”

Larry Bellamy, a fellow fieldman at the time, remembers that Doak wasn’t quite what he expected when he first met him in Louisville.

“He wouldn’t like this much,” laughs Bellamy, “But, I remember thinking that they finally hired someone older than me – even though he’s five years younger.”

No, Doak wasn’t a fresh-faced college graduate. He was a purebred swine breeder with more than two decades of experience under his belt, and that is one reason Doak was instantly respected by the breeders he served.



That is what always set him apart from other field representatives to Dr. Kevin Sharrett of Sharrett Family Farms. Sharrett first met him, when he was just a 4-H member and the notable Spot breeder, Doak, presented about swine exhibition at a local livestock clinic.

“That is my very first recollection of Ralph Doak. I would have been 10 years old at the time, so that would have been about 40 years ago,” Sharrett says. “I describe Ralph as a genuine livestock breeder.

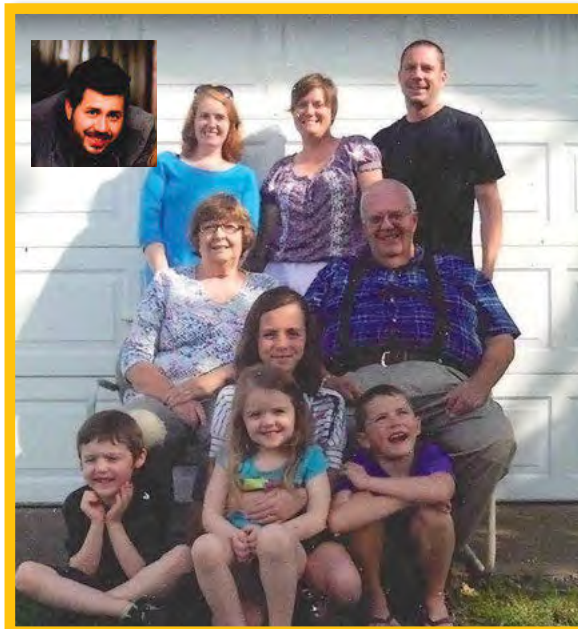
I know he’s a field rep and has been for 25 years, but I see him as a purebred swine breeder. And that is a compliment in my mind, because I feel like true breeders are few and far between.”

NSR Field Representative Brian Anderson agrees that it is Doak’s background that laid the foundation for his professional success.

“Years of experience that he has in the hog industry have allowed him to be who he is,” Anderson says. “I talk to so many young breeders today and tell them to pick the brains of people who have been in this business a long, long time – the ones that have been through these cycles so many times. Ralph is that guy. He has been through it. He’s seen it before. Nothing is new to him.”

Auctioneer and owner of *Showpig.com* Kevin Wendt credits a lot of Doak’s success to his stockman background and his humble roots in the Ohio countryside.

“His father was a stockman, so I think that’s where it started,” Wendt says. “His father’s influence and stockmanship coupled with Ralph’s tenure as a purebred breeder separates him – he understands what his breeders are going through, and he can relate to them because he’s been there, done that.”



The Doak Family in 2012 (l to r) Son-in-law Dan (inset picture), daughters Amy and Rachel, son-in-law Dave, wife Becky, grandkids Reid, Freya, Ella and Evan.

Doak is quick to credit his father as one of the biggest influences in his life.

“He passed away, when I was a fairly young man,” Doak says. “I still have questions that I would like to ask him.”

But when you ask him about his success as a fieldman, Doak will tell you tales of all the great minds in the purebred business.

“There’s a whole big list of people who have helped me since I started this job,” he says. “There’s the Larry Bellamys, the Garry Childses, the Jon Althausens, the Mark Murpheys, the Brian Hineses, the A.G. Keiths, the Mike Bayeses and the Kade Hummels, and then there are the auctioneers, like Kevin Wendt and Dan Baker. I appreciate all of those people so much for the little things they did, the little things they said and the kindness they’ve offered along the way.”

Doak says the best advice he got along the way was while fieldmen should help make pigs better, the main thing isn’t the pigs – it’s the people. He has always worked with that in mind. Although Doak will tell you about all the fellow fieldmen that helped him along the way, his peers will tell you about how much they learned from Doak.

Ralph Doak has worked thousands of swine sales. Auctioneer Kevin Wendt says he has a way of keeping the momentum of each auction building, and he will miss Doak being next to him on the block.

NSR fieldman Michael Lackey's first memory of Doak is giving him bids from the front row of a pig sale in Washington Court House, Ohio. His second is seeing Doak patiently waiting in the rental car lobby of the Dallas/Fort Worth airport, with a smile on his face and a suitcase in hand. The two would get to know each other on the trip to Belton, the first event that they worked together.

"He taught me everything I know about being a fieldman," Lackey says. "He's an awesome teacher because he just gives you enough rope for you to find your own way, but not enough to hang yourself. He gives you just enough information to be successful, but not enough to put the entire picture together without your own ideas."

Anderson also credits Doak with teaching him the ropes.

"He is just a person that any fieldman would want to pattern themselves after," he says. "That one is a father figure in more ways than one. In my short tenure with the NSR, he has been one of the many people who have been really helpful, and a mentor that has given me the assistance and guidance I need to stay on course."

Kade Hummel, past NSR fieldman, echoes their sentiments.

"There would have been no Kade Hummel the fieldman without

Ralph Doak," he says. "That man taught me everything I know."

Perhaps more important than what he taught his peers was what he was able to teach purebred breeders throughout the country: to do what they think is right and strive to make each generation better.

"Ralph is a role model for breeders to do their own thinking and their own thing," Wendt says. "What I've learned from Ralph, is to ask for people's opinions and listen to what they have to say, but ultimately do your own thinking."

Wendt thinks back to more than a decade ago, when he told Doak about an opportunity he had to purchase *Showpig.com*. Doak more or less scoffed at the idea of selling pigs online, but encouraged Wendt to do what he felt was right.

"He will share his opinion with you, and it's usually black and white," Wendt says. "But it won't bother him, if you don't listen."

In fact, Doak encourages breeders to find their own way to breed good hogs and "take care of their business."

"Ralph is one that when he talks, people listen," Anderson says. "When he grabs the mic at a sale, even the people walking by will stop and listen to what Ralph's got to say. They may not agree, but they're going to listen. In my opinion, he has always encouraged people to think outside of the box. He has

encouraged people to do their own thing. He has encouraged people to stay in their own way of thinking that what they're doing is right – he lets them know that just because someone else is doing it differently, doesn't mean that they have to."

Some of the breeders that have shied away from chasing trends and chose to pave their own way to building better hogs have used Doak as a sounding board throughout the years. And sometimes, the hogs they raise by sticking to their own plan have paid big dividends.

"I've learned from Ralph that you need to stick to your convictions and not compromise in your breeding program, especially on the traits that you know will make each generation better," Sharrett says.

Some would say Sharrett's lack of compromising led to his very different \$100,000 Summer Type Conference Yorkshire boar entry – Doc 100K.

"Ralph has been very influential in the purebred breeding stock business and the showpig industry, without owning a sow, in the past 20 years, just with all of the contacts he has all over the country and how many people turn to him for counsel and advice on genetics," Garry Childs, past NSR fieldman and owner of Southern Advantage Sires says. "In his tenure, he has been one of the leading genetic resources in the industry."



Ralph Doak (l) and Ernie Barnes (r) were up to bat while serving as announcers during the 2nd Annual Hog College® Homerun Drive at the 2013 National Barrow Show® in Austin, Minn.

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Two generations of McCoy's will say Doak's encouragement was invaluable when they pushed the envelope with genetics.

"Personally, what I admire the most about Ralph is that he is one person that has always encouraged me to think outside of the box and do what I believe in as a breeder, instead of just doing what is popular," Mike McCoy says. "He is one of the few people in the industry that believes in breeding hogs for a purpose and how you believe they should be, rather than just what is popular."

Maybe even more valuable than his advice is the friendship he offers to breeders and how much he cares about

opened with the UDSR more than two decades ago, Shipley has never considered Doak just a fieldman.

"It's not very often that you have a relationship with a guy that you'd just give your checkbook to, if you needed to get something done," he says. "But Ralph's never been my fieldman; he's always been my friend."

George Watson and his family consider Doak one of their own, and whenever he is in Kentucky, he's treated as family.

"Ralph has watched my children grow up and become adults and parents," Watson says. "He's been a friend in times of joy and someone to talk to in times of sorrow. I admire Ralph

scheduled event, and he's great to travel with because he's so likeable. He didn't just have to talk hogs with you. He'd talk sports. He'd talk about family and life. He's just an all-around good guy."

Steve Cobb of Arkansas says that he and his family have always appreciated the positive, professional service that Doak provided for their business, but more importantly they consider him a true and lasting friend.

According to Mike Paul, NSR CEO, Doak has been a teacher and a friend for members of all ages.

"Ralph has contributed to the swine industry in many areas, from his willingness to discuss breeding programs with



"I've known Ralph since I was born, through my dad, who considers him a dear friend. But he doesn't treat me like Jim McCoy's son. To him, I'm just Mike McCoy, and I've always appreciated that."

— Mike McCoy

Ralph Doak (l) presents Mike McCoy (r) with the award for having the 2006 Hampshire Hog College® Boar.

each one of them and their success.

"I can still remember when Ralph had a health episode the night before our Triple Crown Pig Sale, and he called me on the way to the hospital," Jim McCoy says. "He was almost to the point of tears because he couldn't work our sale. He just cares that much about other people."

Jim's son Mike considers Doak more than a mentor, but a dear friend.

"I've known Ralph since I was born, through my dad, who considers him a dear friend," Mike says. "But he doesn't treat me like Jim McCoy's son. To him, I'm just Mike McCoy, and I've always appreciated that."

Even after lobbying on Doak's behalf, when the fieldman position

for the love and dedication that he puts into his job promoting purebred hogs. I've always looked forward to Ralph's visits, and he will always leave you with a smile and a hand shake."

Although Bellamy joked with Doak about his age, it's only because he too considers him family.

"He just became like my brother," he says. "He's very good at what he does, and I always enjoy being around him."

Childs first met Doak when they traveled to the Dixie National together as fieldmen, but they've been friends ever since.

"Ralph is just very dedicated," he says. "He's answered the bell every time it rang. I don't think he was ever late to a

the first-timers to established breeders. He has contributed greatly to the growth of the youth programs by speaking at different events and being the face of the NSR by serving as an official in judging contests to a facilitator in skillathons," he says. "Ralph wants NSR/NJSA members, to succeed and is willing to search different opportunities based on the animals the members produce."

Doak says it best, when he recalls some of his most rewarding moments as a fieldman.

"When you see someone that has worked really hard with a breeding program and tried to take that program from Point A to Point B and maybe had a few struggles doing it, when they

finally reach their goal, why it's a real good feeling," he says. "You'll always remember the friends you make. The money you may make selling pigs. I love how it is a family project and that the whole family has a part in the success. But it's for sure the people that you meet – that's what is most important."

It's all the people he has met that will carry on Doak's legacy.

"He's leaving a legacy of friendships," Lackey says. "There's no way to tell how many breeders he has helped and impacted over his time in the industry. And you can't forget the ever-popular Ralph Doak sale speeches, never to be equaled or duplicated."

Wendt will miss having Doak next to him, when he's on the auction block, after calling more than 2,000 auctions in his company, but he knows that Doak's work in Ohio will last a long time. One such contribution is the Buckeye Barrow Boosters, an organization Doak stood behind that has raised more than \$1 million in the state of Ohio for kids who showed pigs.

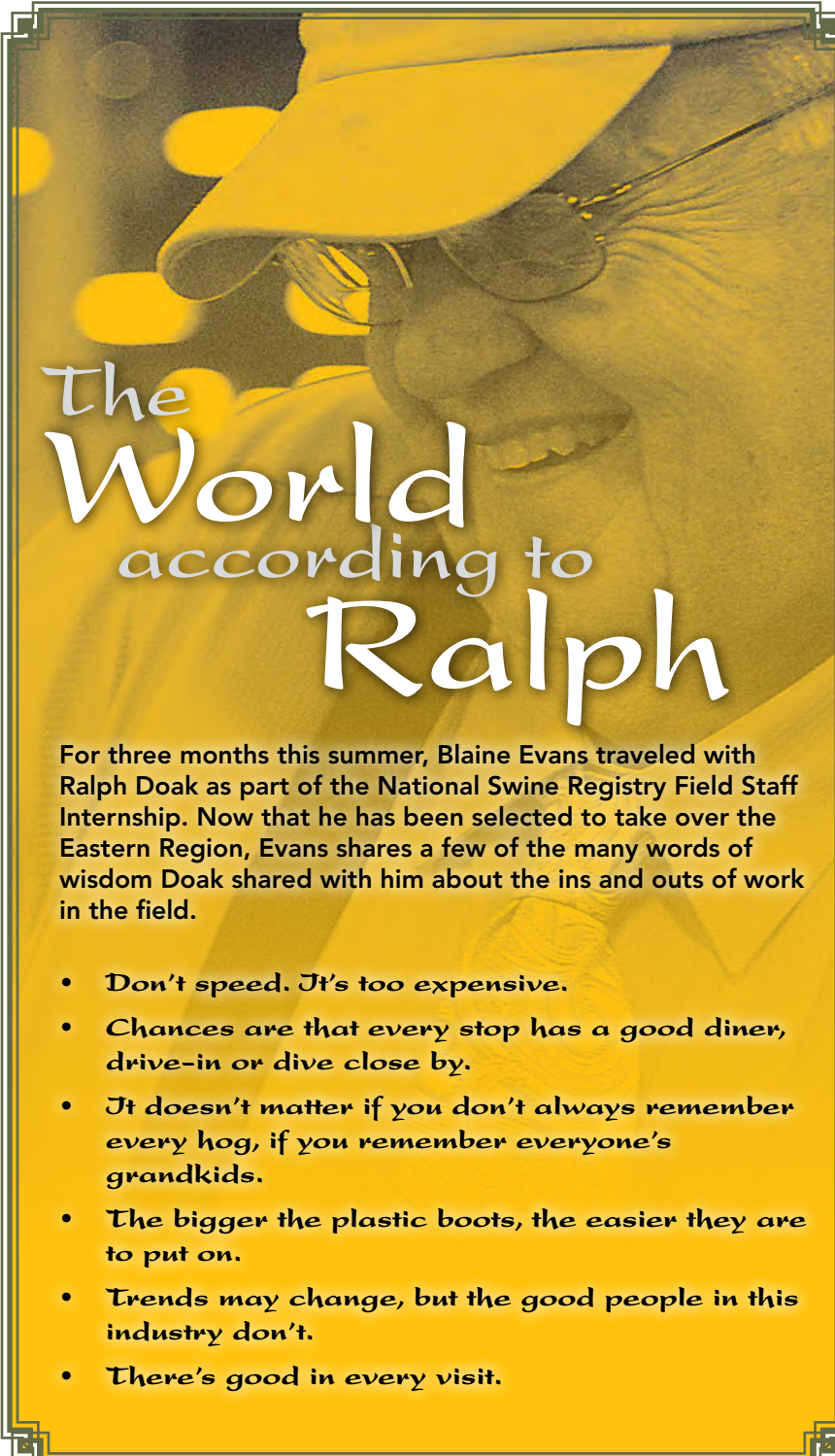
Mike McCoy knows that Doak's influence will be felt at Real McCoy Genetics for years to come.

"The industry is better because of him," he says. "The purebred industry has surely benefitted from Ralph's presence and his contributions will be felt for decades to come just through the relationships he's helped build. We'll miss him, but no one will forget him."

Watson says the only sad visit he had with Doak was the day that he learned he was retiring.

"But if anyone deserves some rest and time with his family, it is him," he says. "I know for myself and my family, we can say, 'We love you, Ralph. We'll miss you as a fieldman, but we will still have you as a dear friend.'"

Doak plans to do just as Watson suggests: take some time to relax and spend some time with his family. In his near future, Doak sees a little more time to go antiquing with his wife, Becky, chase his four grandkids that he is admittedly at least one step behind and maybe even watch a little TV after making a little garden. Although, Doak will be grateful for



The World according to Ralph

For three months this summer, Blaine Evans traveled with Ralph Doak as part of the National Swine Registry Field Staff Internship. Now that he has been selected to take over the Eastern Region, Evans shares a few of the many words of wisdom Doak shared with him about the ins and outs of work in the field.

- **Don't speed. It's too expensive.**
- **Chances are that every stop has a good diner, drive-in or dive close by.**
- **It doesn't matter if you don't always remember every hog, if you remember everyone's grandkids.**
- **The bigger the plastic boots, the easier they are to put on.**
- **Trends may change, but the good people in this industry don't.**
- **There's good in every visit.**

some time at home, he'll always appreciate the time he spent serving purebred swine breeders throughout the country.

"It's been a nice 25-year ride," he says. "It sure has been a nice ride."

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By Ann Fry

Every producer wants their shot at making the next “great one.” They spend countless hours thumbing through catalogs and visiting boar studs to find the perfect boar. While selecting the right boar is important, many agree that what gets you to the top is having a quality female on the bottom side of the pedigree.



Selecting females for their herd is one of the most important decisions swine producers make. Whether you're raising pigs that will excel in the ring or on the rail, including the right females in your herd heavily affects your production. Choosing replacement sows can be challenging, but keeping the basics in mind will keep you heading in the right direction.

STRUCTURE

Structure is one of the first things any producer should consider, when evaluating sows or replacement gilts. Structural correctness is the most important area to evaluate, when selecting sows, says John Staude, swine herd manager at Oklahoma State University. He explains a sow must be structurally correct to have longevity in a herd. An ideal replace-

"I look for truly heavy-structured animals. By that I mean a combination of heavy bone work and muscle balanced together to make the skeleton," Cobb says.

This is a combination he decided must go together, through years of breeding hogs. He has seen trends where hogs were very heavy boned and big legged but lacked the proper muscle ratio and the sows couldn't hold up over time. The same was true when hogs were bred to be heavy muscled but didn't have the foot and bone to match. Those sows couldn't hold up or function either. Cobb believes it is very important to strike a balance, when selecting for these two traits in replacement sows and gilts.

Soundness of feet and legs is also a high priority. A sow's feet and legs should be square and true under her

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ment gilt should have correct angles to her skeleton, with the proper curvature to her blade and knee. If the angle is too straight, gilts and sows are more likely to be rigid in their movement and have trouble getting up and down.

Flexibility is also very important in the hip, hock and pastern, Staude says. This flexibility allows females to get up and down, when lactating. He explains there are other pieces of a sow's conformation that can affect her flexibility. Stoutness and heaviness of bone are desirable traits in sows, but if a sow is too coarse boned, it can cause joint problems that limit longevity, as she matures.

Steve Cobb, a breeder from Arkansas, also says structural correctness is a top priority. He wants to see sows move smoothly and hold up over time. To him, structural correctness should be high on any producers list, no matter what their market is. He also includes heaviness of structure as part of the overall structure package.

body with the proper amount of flex. The front and rear legs should not bow in or out and should not be too straight. The toes should be evenly spaced, as well. Avoid females that have obvious structure issues, because they will create problems for you down the road.

Doug Stewart, owner of Stewart's Duroc Farm in Waverly, Iowa, says soundness of feet and legs is the number one thing he looks at.

"If they aren't sound on their feet and legs, they aren't going to stay in my herd," Stewart says. "They won't survive the gestation barn, farrowing crates or the overall environment, if they don't have good structure."

FEMININITY and VOLUME

Everett Forkner, owner of TruLine Genetics in Richards, Mo., believes females should look like females. This includes having a sound underline, correct vulva placement and quality and the refined look of a female. Forkner has found

that the sows with the best underlines are those that have refined skin and smooth hair texture. Females with coarse, thick hair and a more masculine appearance don't have the same underline quality.

A sow must have a minimum of six functional teats on both sides of her underline that are sharp and pointed, not big and blunt, so that the piglets will have an easier time nursing. Some emphasis should also be placed on the vulva, when evaluating females. Vulvas should sit outside the body and be of good size. Sows with larger vulvas tend to breed, settle and farrow piglets easier, according to Staude.

A sow's overall volume is also very important. An appropriate combination of rib shape, depth of body and a functional amount of skeletal width are key components of production efficiency. Length also plays into a sow's overall volume. As Staude explains, longer bodied sows tend to have more room to hold more piglets and produce larger litters.

Cobb sees not paying attention to femininity as a potential issue for showpig breeders.

"On the show side, we select so strongly for the terminal look that we want in market hogs. Then we get the reproductive or maternal side a little out of balance," says Cobb. "This may work for the next generation in the market arena, but it won't work well in the sow herd."

PERFORMANCE

Performance is also important to consider when choosing sows. Producers should keep accurate records of their sows' reproductive performance. Some of the records that producers like Stewart keep include number born, number born alive, number weaned and 21-day litter weight. These numbers are part of the sow productivity index (SPI). Stewart takes these numbers into consideration, when selecting his replacement gilts.

"If a sow has a low SPI or doesn't do a very good job in the farrowing house, I won't say I never select a gilt out of that sow, but it really reduces her chances. She has to be a tremendous animal to be kept out of a poor milking sow," Stewart says.

Stewart also notes that even if a gilt

does have a great genetic background, he won't keep her if she isn't sound.

Forkner also keeps records for his sows and uses that data to make breeding decisions.

"Most breeding success comes from knowing where your top 10 percent of your females are at all times," Forkner says. "The performance records help us identify where those sows are. We get new herd rankings every three months, and we make sure we make the right matings to boars that will improve the traits we want to improve for those sows."

Forkner and Stewart use maternal records and indexes, when analyzing their sow herd. Forkner has learned that if they select for terminal sire traits, it can drastically drive down maternal reproductive traits.

Stade agrees that keeping records on gilts and sows can help producers select sows that will give them fast gaining, more productive market hogs. But, producers have to look beyond the performance data.

"Performance records are important, but if a sow's phenotype is not good, the records do not matter," Stade says.

REPRODUCTIVE EFFICIENCY

Forkner puts the most emphasis on the function of a female: to reproduce.

"We don't have to select for the extremes. Instead, we should select for a basic animal that can do the

reproductive things that are necessary in a female," Forkner says.

The longer a sow is highly productive, the more efficient she is and the more offspring a producer can sell. Through research, he has learned one sow today, can produce as many pounds of pork as two sows could 50 years ago.

For a sow to stay on Forkner's farm, she needs to be functional and problem free. She also needs to be

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able to cycle, breed and settle, deliver without assistance and milk at a level that can raise 10 healthy pigs. It is also important that she can maintain her flesh through lactation. This will put her at a more ideal post-weaning body condition and strengthen her ability to breed back at the correct time.

"It's the reproduction of the female that actually keeps you in business," says Forkner. "If you only sell one or two pigs, unless you sell them for an awful lot of money, that doesn't keep you in business. It's still a numbers game."

Stade also feels that low reproductive efficiency is a reason to cull sows.

"If a sow is not breeding or having small litter sizes and weaning weights, then she is not very productive and should be culled," he says.

Keeping good, up-to-date performance records can help you determine those sows that have a low reproductive efficiency.

BALANCE

Just having correct structure, femininity or high performance is not enough. A high-quality sow must have an equal balance of all of these traits.

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Cobb, who produces primarily showpigs, sees balance as being extremely important for his customers.

"I look for a balance of all body parts, width of body, depth of body and length of body in a smooth, balanced package. It's really important in showpigs, and it's important for me to have it in my sow herd," he says.

Stewart says that he too looks at the

total package, when evaluating his sows. He considers the general conformation of each female and asks himself if she will give him something he can work with. He determines the answer by looking at her structure, performance and overall balance of desirable traits.

STICK TO THE BASICS

Every operation is unique with different production goals. A sow that works for one producer may not be what another is looking for. Production trends have also changed; what was popular at one time may not be in high demand today.

"Twenty years ago, I would have put a very strong emphasis on maternal traits and performance records. Today, there are some sows that are extremely productive that are just too far away from the show ring to be of value in my operation. It's just different from one operation to the next," Cobb says.

Regardless of the popular trend of the day, the basics of structure, femininity and reproductive performance are pieces every producer should consider when selecting their sows. Forkner encourages producers to keep the females simple.

"A female has to be very basic in doing the things they are supposed to do; they have to be functional, feminine and fertile. You can complement the females with a male that



excels in the area that you want to go, whether it's growth efficiency, carcass cutability or whatever demand you are trying to meet," says Forkner.

Stewart understands that operations have different goals, but he also thinks you have to have the basics in mind.

"Everybody is trying to make the next great barrow and selecting sows and boars with that idea in mind," he says. "For me, it's the opposite, and I think it should be for other people too. I'm trying to raise a great gilt. I think the great barrows and boars will come of that, but if you have the basics of a great gilt in mind, you will end up with many more quality, saleable animals that you can build off of."

Being able to build off the basics is something that can move an operation forward, especially one that is just getting started. Cobb suggests the biggest advancements a producer will make will not come from the foundation females they buy, but who they mate them with and what they do with their offspring.

"You have to build a herd, not buy one. It is important to have a good starting point, so cover your basics. Pay strong attention to structural soundness and balance. But don't expect to buy everything you need in one animal," he says.

Building strong herds that have the basics as a foundation are what will continue to improve our industry, ac-

ording to Forkner. He makes a charge to young producers to carefully study the sows they select to keep in their herds.

"If you become a good student of animal breeding and genetics, work to refine those skills because we are going to have to double food production over the next 40 years. We are going to have to increase our efficiency and select the right individuals to get the job done."

DIGILINK



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- Only one letter placing per class

Letter

Class 1 – Hampshire Boars

Class 2 – Duroc Boars

Class 3 – Yorkshire Boars

Class 4 – Landrace Boars

Class 5 – Hampshire Gilts

Class 6 – Duroc Gilts

Class 7 – Yorkshire Gilts

Class 8 – Landrace Gilts

Class 9 – Grand Drive Barrows

Class 10 – Crossbred Barrows

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Results

Official placings, reasons and contest winners will appear online at www.nationalswine.com after April 15, 2014, and in the April/May 2014 issue of *Seedstock EDGE*. All ties will be broken by the highest score in chronological class order. First- through fifth-place will be named in each division, and plaques will be awarded to the first-place winner of each division.

Divisions

Individual divisions include Junior, Collegiate and Senior. Team divisions include 4-H, FFA, and College. Teams MUST consist of: 4-H and FFA – four total members (no more, no less); College – five total members (no more, no less). There is NO MAXIMUM number of teams per school or club, but each team must have a different name.

Entries

Each individual may enter only ONE time, either as an individual or on one team (i.e., cannot enter on both a 4-H and an FFA team). All team entries will automatically be entered as individuals as well. Enter online at www.nationalswine.com, or mail legible entries to: Picture Judging Contest, 2639 Yeager Rd., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

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The data used in this contest is intended for educational purposes and is not the actual data for the pigs pictured. The figures accompanying the pictures will be used by our official judges, however, to determine the official placings. Listed below is an explanation of terms used in the contest.

Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) – An EPD is the best estimate of a sire or dam’s genetic worth, given the information available. It is the actual difference in performance a producer can expect from future progeny of a sire or dam, relative to the future progeny of an average tested parent.

Swine Testing and Genetic Evaluation System (STAGES™) – A genetic evaluation system provided to the members of the four breed associations of the National Swine Registry. STAGES™ utilizes performance records for numerous growth, carcass and maternal measures to predict the genetic value of each pig and its parents.

EPDs:

Backfat (BF):

Expressed in inches, this EPD is a predictor of the difference in external fat thickness at the 10th rib. Animals with negative (-) EPDs for backfat will produce offspring that have less backfat at harvest than offspring of parents with higher EPDs.

Pounds of Lean (LBS):

A genetic predictor of pounds of fat-free lean adjusted to a 185-pound carcass, or approximately a 250-pound live weight. This EPD is calculated from the EPDs for backfat and loin eye area. A sire with a positive (+) EPD for LBS will produce offspring that yield a higher percentage of lean and have a greater chance of obtaining full-value on a lean-based carcass grid.

Days to 250 pounds (DAYS):

A prediction of an individual’s genetic merit for growth performance to a 250-pound live weight. Animals with a negative (-) EPD for DAYS will produce offspring that require fewer days to reach market weight when compared to the offspring of individuals with positive (+) genetic values for DAYS. Selection on this EPD will produce progeny that aid in earlier building close outs.

Feed Efficiency (FE):

Expressed in pounds, this EPD is a predictor of the amount of feed required to generate one pound of gain during the finishing phase of production and is calculated from the EPDs for BF and DAYS. Selection of sires with negative (-) EPDs will produce progeny that more efficiently convert feed to gain when compared to sires with higher EPDs for FE. This EPD can be used to genetically decrease feed costs.

Number Born Alive (NBA):

An expression of the genetic merit for the number of live pigs farrowed in a litter. Daughters of sires with positive (+) EPDs for NBA will farrow a greater number of live pigs than daughters of sires with lower EPDs for NBA.

Number Weaned (NW):

A genetic predictor of the total number of pigs weaned within a given parity. Daughters of sires with positive (+) EPDs for NW will wean larger litters than daughters of sires with lower genetic values for NW.

Loin Eye Area (LEA):

Expressed in square inches, this EPD is a predictor of an individual’s genetic merit for 10th rib loin eye area adjusted to a 250-pound live weight. Animals with a positive (+) EPD for LEA will produce progeny with more loin muscle when compared to the offspring of animals with negative (-) genetic values for LEA.

Wean to Estrus Interval (WTE):

Expressed in days, this EPD is a genetic predictor of the number of days required for a female to return to a serviceable heat after weaning. Daughters of sires with negative (-) EPDs for WTE will require fewer days to return to estrus after weaning than daughters of sires with higher EPDs. This EPD is the most efficient selection tool for genetic improvement of fertility and non-productive sow days.

Sow Productivity Index (SPI):

An economic index that ranks individuals for reproductive traits. SPI weights the EPDs for number born alive, number weaned and litter weight relative to their economic values. Each point of SPI represents \$1 per litter produced by every daughter of a sire. When sow efficiency is the primary concern, SPI may be the most effective selection tool for simultaneous improvement of maternal traits.

Maternal Line Index (MLI):

An economic index designed for selection of seedstock used to produce replacement gilts for crossbreeding programs. MLI weights EPDs for both terminal and maternal traits relative to their economic values, with approximately twice as much emphasis on reproductive traits relative to post-weaning traits. Each point of MLI represents \$1 per litter produced by every daughter of a sire.

Terminal Sire Index (TSI):

An economic index designed for the selection of seedstock for use in a terminal crossbreeding program. Animals selected for high TSI are designed to excel in lean growth and efficiency from weaning to harvest. TSI weights EPDs for backfat, days to 250 pounds, pounds of lean, and feed/pound of gain relative to their economic values. Each additional index point difference is equal to \$0.10 per market hog.

ACTUAL DATA:

Weight Per Day of Age (Wda):

Based on actual weight and age, this measure is the weight gained per day of age averaged over the life of the pig.

10th Rib Backfat (Bf):

Expressed in inches, this is an actual ultrasound measure of backfat at the 10th rib and is adjusted to 250 pounds.

Loin Eye Area (Lea):

Expressed in square inches, this is the actual ultrasound measurement of the loin eye size at the 10th rib and is adjusted to 250 pounds.

Intramuscular Fat (Imf):

Expressed as a percentage, this value is an ultrasound measure of the lipid content of the loin muscle. Higher levels of IMF are desired for meat quality based markets.

Actual Number Born Alive (Nba):

This value is the actual number of pigs born from the dam’s parity when the pig was born and are measurements taken from the pig’s dam.

Actual Number Weaned (Nw):

This value is the actual number of pigs weaned from the dam’s parity when the pig was born and are measurements taken from the pig’s dam.

Litter Weight (Lwt):

This is the actual cumulative weight of all pigs weaned from the pigs birth litter. This weight is recorded on the pig’s dam and is adjusted to 21 days of lactation.

Class 1 – Hampshire Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be selected for use in an NJSA member's small purebred operation where elite female offspring are targeted for the NJSA Premier Breeder Program.

Class 2 – Duroc Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as potential terminal sires, in which offspring are marketed through a branded program to capture quality driven premiums.



Actual Data: 156 Days, 0.70 Bf, 9.3 Lea



EPDs: -1.6 DAYS, -0.02 BF, +1.11 LBS, -0.03 IMF



Actual Data: 160 Days, 0.72 Bf, 7.9 Lea



EPDs: -3.4 DAYS, -0.01 BF, +1.21 LBS, +0.15 IMF



Actual Data: 154 Days, 0.67 Bf, 8.9 Lea



EPDs: -3.2 DAYS, -0.03 BF, +1.14 LBS, -0.02 IMF



Actual Data: 162 Days, 0.94 Bf, 8.3 Lea

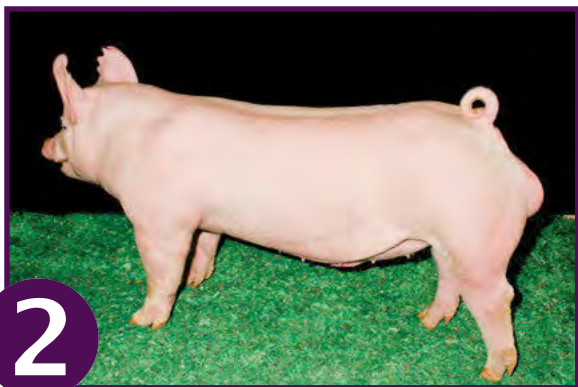


EPDs: -3.5 DAYS, 0.00 BF, +1.19 LBS, +0.20 IMF

Class 3 – Yorkshire Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be purchased for use on Yorkshire and crossbred sows in a showpig operation that also merchandises semen for additional revenue.



Actual Data: Nba 10, Bf 0.71, Lea 8.9



Actual Data: Nba 12, Bf 0.62, Lea 7.8



Actual Data: Nba 8, Bf 0.68, Lea 8.5



Actual Data: Nba 11, Bf 0.85, Lea 8.7

Class 4 – Landrace Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be used in a seedstock operation whose primary source of income is generated through the sale of group orders of purebred gilts to domestic and international customers.



EPDs & Indexes: +0.35 NBA, +0.24 NW, -0.01 WTE, 113 MLI



EPDs & Indexes: +0.50 NBA, +0.27 NW, -0.02 WTE, 120 MLI

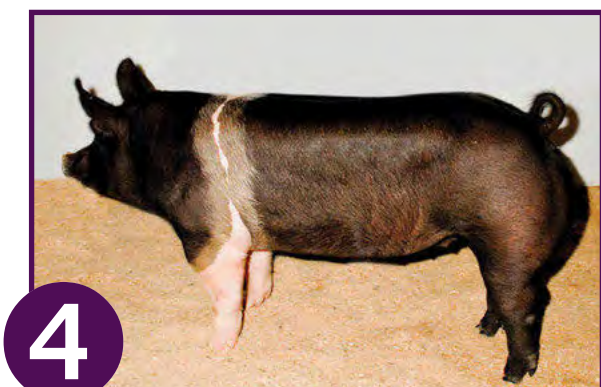


EPDs & Indexes: +0.52 NBA, +0.30 NW, -0.06 WTE, 118 MLI



EPDs & Indexes: +0.44 NBA, +0.26 NW, -0.01 WTE, 114 MLI

Class 5 – Hampshire Gilts Scenario: Rank these potential foundation females for a purebred operation whose goal is to establish an elite group of replacement gilts to generate seedstock that will be marketed through NSR events.



Class 6 – Duroc Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as replacements in a purebred operation that markets terminal boars to domestic and international customers.



EPDs & Indexes: -2.9 DAYS, -0.02 FE, 108 TSI



EPDs & Indexes: -1.8 DAYS, +0.01 FE, 105 TSI



EPDs & Indexes: -2.8 DAYS, -0.01 FE, 109 TSI



EPDs & Indexes: -3.5 DAYS, -0.03 FE, 111 TSI

Class 7 – Yorkshire Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be mated to Yorkshire boars and sold as bred gilts that will farrow litters geared for the World Pork Expo Junior National and National Junior Summer Spectacular.



Class 8 – Landrace Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be selected for an NJSA member's start-up herd to produce offspring that will be shown at NJSA events and marketed through select NSR shows & sales.



EPDs & Indexes: +0.28 NBA, -0.01 WTE, 109 SPI



EPDs & Indexes: +0.31 NBA, -0.02 WTE, 112 SPI



EPDs & Indexes: +0.24 NBA, 0.00 WTE, 106 SPI



EPDs & Indexes: +0.26 NBA, +0.02 WTE, 107 SPI

Class 9 Grand Drive Barrows



Class 10 Crossbred Barrows



SHOW MOM

Monthly

By Katie Maupin

Danna Goss

Canute, Okla.

Husband: Kent

Children: Ty-12, Blake-17, Caitlyn-24, Cim-29 and Chris-32

Favorite part of being a "Show Mom":

Being involved in the livestock industry, our children are able to surround themselves with great mentors, role models and create lifelong friends and memories. Showing hogs, growing up with my family, made me the person I am today, and I feel very fortunate to give our children some of the same opportunities.

Proudest "Show Mom" Moment:

Blake and Ty teaching our grandsons, Keaten (5) and Kysen (4), to show hogs and keep the tradition going. In the ring, Blake showing the Grand Barrow at the American Royal in 2012, and Ty driving the Grand Champion Commercial Gilt at the Oklahoma Youth Expo in 2011.

Your ability to drive a stock trailer is best described as: I can drive one both forward and backwards - pretty well, too - but sometimes just a little too fast.

Family activities enjoyed outside the show ring: Baseball, basketball, running, hunting, fishing and spending time with the family.

Official "Show Mom" show day duties: Helping the kids with whatever they might need.

Official "Show Mom" duties at home: Breeding and farrowing sows and cleaning pens.

Item that you never leave for a show without: Health papers, pedigrees, FFA and 4-H jackets - you can find somewhere to get everything else.

One way you were able to save the day or avert a crisis as a "Show Mom": I serve as the "middleman" between Dad and the kids on those stressful show days.

Trick to keep those show clothes clean: Be best friends with your cleaners. They can usually save the day. Grandma Linda also helps in a crunch.

Best tip you can give to other "Show Moms": Treasure the memories along the way, especially the conversations in the truck on the way home. Take pictures! Those will be some of the greatest keepsakes you will have.

Recipe for life on the show road: Remember to always have good character. Be responsible, work hard and go with your heart. People will not always remember all the banners and awards. However, they will certainly not forget the character and attitude you have along the way.



2013 Eastern Regional



Hamburg, N.Y. • Oct. 10-13, 2013

Events: Purebred and crossbred gilt and barrow shows, showmanship, skillathon and sweepstakes contests

Judge: Kyle Culp, Ohio

No. of participants: 77 from 9 states

Overall gilt won: \$750

Overall barrow won: One-year lease of an Exiss Trailer

Reserve overall gilt and barrow won: \$500

Breed & crossbred champions won: \$250

Breed & crossbred reserve champions won: \$100

Class Placings - Purebred Gilt Show

Place	Exhibitor	Sire	Dam's Sire
GILTS CLASS 1 DUROC			
1	Brandon Stickler, IL	WTX2 XR RED JACKET 78-1	RWG9 TURN IT UP 154-1
2	Mitchell Concannon, IN	BRJLO GRUS BULL RIDER 50-7	BEB0 GRUS HOOSIER 1-6
3	Amelia Meeker, IL	MM2 BASES LOADED 28-1	SDF1 BOLD STATEMENT 3-1
GILTS CLASS 1 DUROC			
1	Griffin Meeker, IL	NBD1 GRUS BIG TEN 174-7	RWG0 MEATPACKER 93-4
2	Riley Stull, OH	RYNK2 PSSS KNIGHT CLUB 4-3	NBD1 JET FUEL 56-2
3	Tyler McConn, PA	YD2 LOCK BOX 16-11	KTB9 FINAL APPROACH 4-3
GILTS CLASS 3 DUROC			
1	Elizabeth Hodges, KS	NWE11 PSSS TROJAN HORSE 83-10	OAB8 PSSS BUCK CHERRY 1-1
2	Joe Espey, PA	WTX2 XR RED JACKET 78-1	MM1 TRIPLE ROCK 3-3
3	Gus L Mitchem, OH	SDH2 RED HOT 211-2	WTX1 TEXAS STUD 34-3
GILTS CLASS 4 DUROC			
1	Heather Storer, OH	CAIN2 KING 1-1	IGF9 THE MENTALIST 56-1
2	Logan Owen Fortin, PA	PRH1 LEGIT 25-1	RWG0 CHUCK BERRY 235-1
3	Kamryn Harper, NY	RBDT1 GRUS BIG TEXAS 12-4	RWG9 POWER SHIFT 23-1
GILTS CLASS 5 DUROC			
1	Kierstin Kiel, PA	JSTT2 MONEYBALL 5-6	RWG9 DIFFERENT STROKES 165-2
2	TJ Parks, OH	WTX1 TEXAS STUD 34-3	ROBB8 ABSOLUTE 2-7
3	Devin Ammann, IL	WTX2 XR RED JACKET 78-1	BAMA0 NO DOUBT 12-4
GILTS CLASS 1 HAMPSHIRE			
1	Heather Storer, OH	EC2 7 UP 7-2	MVLSO OH YEAH 3-9
2	Chasten McConn, PA	FUNK1 GRUS WIMBLEDON 7-3	IGJ8 GRUS PHYSICS 41-3
3	Maddie Fugate, IL	BOLN1 POINT MAKER 118-3	GRA8 PARTY DOWN 58-6
GILTS CLASS 2 HAMPSHIRE			
1	Gus L Mitchem, OH	EC2 TCG TURNING HEADS 24-2	JLM9 TCG AUGUSTA 18-1
2	Madison Cook, DE	JSE1 BUSHHOG 81-4	JLM0 FOCUS 10-4
3	Dillon Knoll, NY	BVBF1 PSSS CARPET BAGGER 34	ECO MY TURN 84-5
GILTS CLASS 1 LANDRACE			
1	Maddie Fugate, IL	KTB1 TCG OUTLOOK 7-5	JMG8 PSSS ZEUS 40-8
2	Chasten McConn, PA	DOVS1 PSSS APOLLO 12-1	LYUD5 MONOPOLY 1-5
3	Tate Coulter, IN	AESL1 GRUS CHILL FACTOR 6-2	SJM9 GRUS BIG SPLASH 1-6



Champion Overall Gilt & Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Morgan Miller, Pa.



Champion Overall Barrow & Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Shelby Holmes, Kan.



Reserve Champion Gilt Overall & Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Colton Zundel, Pa.

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Reserve Champion Overall Barrow & Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Adam Gradert, Ill.



Champion Duroc Gilt & Champion Bred-and-Owned Duroc Gilt
Shown by Brandon Stickler, Ill.



Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Elizabeth Hodges, Kan.



Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Duroc Gilt
Shown by Griffin Meeker, Ill.



Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Gus Mitchem, Ohio



Reserve Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Heather Storer, Ohio



Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Chasten McConn, Pa.



Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Devin Ammann, Ill.



Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Maddie Fugate, Ill.



Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Chasten McConn, Pa



Champion Bred-and-Owned Landrace Gilt
Shown by Mindy Cook, Del.



Champion Bred-and-Owned Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Mindy Cook, Del.

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Res. Champion Bred-and-Owned Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Kierstin Kiel, Pa.



Champion Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Jaden Bushmire, Pa.



Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Mackenzie Miller, Pa.



Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Jaden Bushmire, Pa.



Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Adam Gradert, Ill.

GILTS CLASS 1 YORKSHIRE

- 1 Allison Gowanlock, NY
- 2 Maddie Fugate, IL
- 3 Taylor Conley, PA

GILTS CLASS 2 YORKSHIRE

- 1 Jaden Bushmire, PA
- 2 Micah Malcolm, IN
- 3 Micah Malcolm, IN

GILTS CLASS 3 YORKSHIRE

- 1 Colton Zundel, PA
- 2 Mackenzie Miller, PA
- 3 Garrett Knoll, NY

GILTS CLASS 4 YORKSHIRE

- 1 Morgan Miller, PA
- 2 John Smock, OH
- 3 Paige Stahl, PA

- SS1 ABOUT TIME 59-2
- JJ11 SNOW PLOW 11-1
- TBR02 ULTRA 35-4

- JM1 EXCLUSIVE 14-4
- JGR8 MACK ATTACK 81-5
- TBR00 TURN ON 30-1

- CKJR1 MOONSHINE 17-4
- WGW2 KING GEORGE 61-1
- CFBD2 HEADLOCK 2-4

- ARK1 TRUE GRIT 119-6
- ARK0 RIGHT MOVE 2-5
- JRS0 UPPER CUT 10-1

- CKJR1 MOONSHINE 17-4
- CKJR1 MOONSHINE 17-4
- JM1 EXCLUSIVE 14-4

- ASLS0 GRUS ARCH WAY 3-7
- ARK1 TRUE GRIT 119-6
- ARK9 REVOLUTION 30-8

- SS2 SOS 21-2
- TBR01 HEAD ON 47-6
- KLKG2 COUGAR 2-5

- JGR7 BULLETPROOF 345-6
- TBR00 TURN ON 30-1
- HAF0 TCG WANNA PLAY 6-11

Class Placings - Purebred Barrow Show

Place Exhibitor

Sire

Dam's Sire

BARROWS CLASS 1 DUROCS

- 1 Jaden Bushmire, PA
- 2 Adam Gradert, IL
- 3 Mackenzie Hodupp, IN

- KKPP1 TEXAS RANGER 10-1
- BEYE1 PSSS HIGH ROLLER 9-1
- BRJL0 GRUS BULL RIDER 50-7

- SNSS9 HIGH PROFILE 124-4
- BEYE0 INTEGRITY 19-3
- BEBO GRUS HOOSIER 1-6

BARROWS CLASS 1 HAMPSHIRE

- 1 Elizabeth Hodges, KS
- 2 Brenna Mortensen, MI
- 3 Micah Malcolm, IN

- BOLN1 POINT MAKER 118-3
- CPTS2 GAME ON 13-8
- CPTS2 GAME ON 13-8

- BOLN9 HOMEMADE 45-1
- HIN1 FREEZE FRAME 29-7
- JSE0 PSSS BEAR MARKET 1-3

BARROWS CLASS 1 LANDRACE

- 1 Maddie Fugate, IL
- 2 Conner Smock, OH

- KTB1 TCG OUTLOOK 7-5
- DOVS1 QUICK CHANGE 1-2

- JMG8 PSSS ZEUS 40-8
- JMG8 PSSS ZEUS 40-8

BARROWS CLASS 1 YORKSHIRE

- 1 Shelby Holmes, KS
- 2 Maddie Fugate, IL
- 3 Scott Gardner, PA

- MCLE9 DRIVE BY 1-1
- LFC1 CREATURE 94-7
- WGW2 KING GEORGE 61-1

- ARK0 ONSLAUGHT 35-3
- TBR09 RONDO 64-4
- TBR00 WOW 53-4

BARROWS CLASS 2 YORKSHIRE

- 1 Adam Gradert, IL
- 2 Mackenzie Hodupp, IN
- 3 Jaden Bushmire, PA

- CKJR1 MOONSHINE 17-4
- JRS1 SUNSET 81-1
- TPSP1 CHANGE OF MIND 37-2

- NCG9 TCG STEP AHEAD 45-12
- JGR9 DADDY MACK 36-4
- ARK8 REVOLUTION 37-3

Class Placings - Crossbred Show

Place Exhibitor

Place Exhibitor

GILTS CLASS 1 CROSSBRED

- 1 Devin Ammann, IL
- 2 Joe Espey, PA
- 3 Courtney Luckman, NY

BARROWS CLASS 1 CROSSBRED

- 1 Shelby Holmes, KS
- 2 Elizabeth Hodges, KS
- 3 Adam Gradert, IL

GILTS CLASS 2 CROSSBRED

- 1 Mackenzie Miller, PA
- 2 Maddie Fugate, IL
- 3 Chasten McConn, PA

BARROWS CLASS 2 CROSSBRED

- 1 Devin Ammann, IL
- 2 Elizabeth Hodges, KS
- 3 Scott Gardner, PA

GILTS CLASS 3 CROSSBRED

- 1 Jaden Bushmire, PA
- 2 Sarah Espey, PA
- 3 Colton Zundel, PA



Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Elizabeth Hodges, Kan.



Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Brenna Mortensen, Mich.



Champion Landrace Barrow
Shown by Maddie Fugate, Ill.



Reserve Champion Landrace Barrow
Shown by Conner Smock, Ohio



Champion Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Devin Ammann, Ill.



Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow
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Novice Skillathon – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: John Smock, Ohio; 2nd: Chasten McConn, Pa.; 3rd: Carter Arbuckle, Mich.; 4th: Kierstin Kiel, Pa.; 5th: Griffin Meeker, Ill. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Clint Nesbitt, Pa.; 7th: Kamryn Harper, N.Y.; 8th: Amelia Meeker, Ill.; 9th: Dakotah Fortin, Pa.; 10th: Gwen Hargrave, N.Y.



Junior Skillathon – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Micah Malcolm, Ind.; 2nd: Conner Smock, Ohio; 3rd: Elizabeth Foust, Pa.; 4th: Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.; 5th: Tessa Warner, N.Y. **Back (l-r):** 6th: John Stierly, N.Y.; 7th: Riley Stull, Ohio; 8th: Aubrey Gerhadt, N.Y.; 9th: Connor McCrumb, Pa.; 10th: Kendra Marty, Ohio



Intermediate Skillathon – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Taylor Conley, Pa.; 2nd: Maddie Fugate, Ill.; 4th: Katie Stull, Ohio; 5th: Nick Gardner, Pa. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Andy Bontrager, N.Y.; 7th: Madison Cook, Del.; 8th: Tate Coulter, Ind.; 9th: Mindy Cook, Del.; 10th: Allison Gowanlock, N.Y. **Not Pictured:** 3rd: Katie Hill, N.Y.



Senior Skillathon – Top 5

Front (l-r): 1st: Devin Ammann, Ill.; 2nd: Heather Storer, Ohio; 3rd: Gus Mitchem, Ohio; 4th: Sarah Nesbitt, Pa.; 5th: Brendan Knoll, N.Y. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Ryan Riddle, Ohio; 7th: Courtney Luckman, N.Y.; 8th: Bridget McConn, Pa.; 9th: Sarah Espey, Pa.; 10th: Scott Gowanlock, N.Y.



Novice Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: John Smock, Ohio; 2nd: Kierstin Kiel, Pa.; 3rd: Carter Arbuckle, Mich.; 4th: Lilly Underburg, N.Y.; 5th: Clint Nesbitt, Pa. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Gabe Fortin, Pa.; 7th: Chasten McConn, Pa.; 8th: Kamryn Harper, N.Y.; 9th: Taylor Kubeja, Pa.; 10th: Parker McCrumb, Pa.



Junior Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Conner Smock, Ohio; 2nd: Kendra Marty, Ohio; 3rd: Micah Malcolm, Ind.; 4th: Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.; 5th: Marissa Miller, Pa. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Elizabeth Fouse, Pa.; 7th: Aubrey Gerhardt, N.Y.; 8th: Rachael Harper, N.Y.; 9th: Riley Stull, Ohio; 10th: Brooke Gerhardt, N.Y.



Intermediate Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Taylor Conley, Pa.; 2nd: Colton Zundel, Pa.; 3rd: Makenzie Kiko, Ohio; 4th: Morgan Miller, Pa.; 5th: Jaden Bushmire, Pa. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Adam Gradert, Ill.; 7th: Maddie Fugate, Ill.; 8th: Paige Stahl, Pa.; 9th: Mackenzie Miller, Pa.; 10th: Allison Gowanlock, N.Y.



Senior Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Gus Mitchem, Ohio; 2nd: Sarah Espey, Pa.; 3rd: Scott Gowanlock, N.Y.; 4th: Devin Ammann, Ill.; 5th: Brendan Knoll, N.Y. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Heather Storer, Ohio; 7th: Ryan Riddle, Ohio; 8th: Mitchell Concannon, N.Y.; 9th: Sarah Nesbitt, Pa.; 10th: Bridget McConn, Pa.



Novice Sweepstakes – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: John Smock, Ohio; 2nd: Kierstin Kiel, Pa.; 3rd: Chasten McConn, Pa.; 4th: Carter Arbuckle, Mich.; 5th: Kamryn Harper, N.Y. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Griffin Meeker, Ill.; 7th: Clint Nesbitt, Pa.; 8th: Amelia Meeker, Ill.; 9th: Brenna Mortensen, Mich.; 10th: Gabe Fortin, Pa.



Junior Sweepstakes – Top 10

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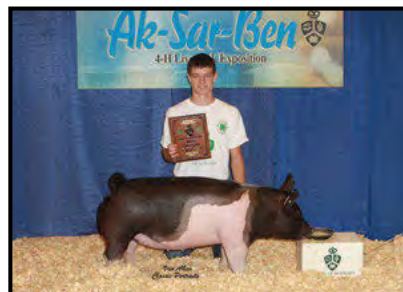
Omaha, Neb. • Sept. 26-29 • Judge: Warren Beeler, Ky.



Grand Champion Market Hog Overall & Div. II Champion
Shown by Dylan Cain



Res. Grand Champion Market Hog Overall & Reserve Div. II
Shown by Shelby Holmes



Div. I Champion Market Hog
Shown by Jordan Fujan



Div. III Champion Market Hog
Shown by Blake Holmes



Div. IV Champion Market Hog
Shown by Aaron Cain



Div. V Champion Market Hog
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Shown by Alexius Watje



Champion Prospect Hog
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Res. Champion Prospect Hog
Shown by Wyatt Debusk



Res. Champion Progress Hog
Shown by Travis Lehfeldt



Res. Champion Market Hog
Shown by Kyle Azevedo



Supreme Champion Gilt
Shown by Garrett Schasteen



Supreme Champion Boar
Shown by Vanessa Soto



Res. Supreme Champion Gilt
Shown by Ross Illingworth



Res. Supreme Champion Boar
Shown by Nelson Hanson

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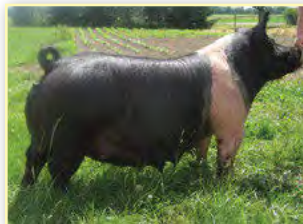


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We sincerely thank those who have supported the Feeser program over the past 60 years and especially the confidence you showed in our last online sale. Congratulations to those who have exhibited progeny from our genetics. Congratulations to Scott Ellis for purchasing a Super Monster bred gilt and turning out a Champion in a competitive Hartford county. We appreciate John Heins and our joint venture as he is vested in the Hampshire breed and with a solid sow base determined to make it click! As you may recall, we were only keeping a handful of sows, when we decided to reduce the herd last year. As it should be, those handful produced many more, thus, we are traveling down the sale path again. Frank's diagnosis of cancer hit hard last year, but he and his doctors hit back hard, and we are blessed to have Frank in remission. Although he is getting along fairly well, he will be on chemotherapy the rest of his life, and he is being monitored closely. We appreciate all of the prayers and well wishes.



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2013 Keystone Int'l Livestock Exposition

Harrisburg, Pa. • Oct. 3-4

Duroc Show • Judge: Steve Rodibaugh, Ind.

Grand Champion Boar: Benner Homestead Farms on 1st Class 1 Boar

Res. Grand Champion Boar: Holloway Genetics on 2nd Class 1 Boar

Premier Exhibitor: Benner Homestead Farms, Pa.

Class 1 Feb. Boars (6 shown)

1. Benner Homestead Farms, Pa., 18-4 (RWG2 Sancho 52-1)
2. Holloway Genetics, Pa., 9-3 (RWG1 Pipeline 51-3)
3. Busy Acre Farm, Pa., 5-7 (NBD1 Jet Fuel 56-2)

Class 2 March Boars (3 shown)

1. Benner Homestead Farms, Pa., 55-5 (KRAE1 Colorado 4-3)
2. Extreme Show Pigs, Pa., 3-1 (BKRL2 ESPF Tank 2-2)
3. Lantern Light Farm, Md., 2-7 (MM2 Royal One 10-8)

Class 3 Jan. Gilts (5 shown)

1. Jacob Hartman, Pa., 2-5 (ACGF2 Flash Drive 12-4)
2. Benner Homestead Farm, Pa., 3-2 (3FSF Anticipation 31-3)
3. Hagan Largent, W.Va., 8-7 (STN1 Carl 51-2)

Class 4 Feb. Gilts (10 shown)

1. Benner Homestead Farm, Pa., 6-8 (KRAE1 Colorado 4-3)
2. Lantern Light Farm, Md., 1-8 (DCHH1 Manual Labor 2-2)
3. Holloway Genetics, Pa., 7-9 (RWG1 Pipeline 51-3)

Class 5 March Gilts (4 shown)

1. Holloway Genetics, Pa., 13-3 (DCHH1 Manual Labor 2-2)
2. Benner Homestead Farm, Pa., 8-3 (KRAE1 Colorado 4-3)
3. Benner Homestead Farm, Pa., 8-4 (KRAE1 Colorado 4-3)

Class 6 April Gilts (5 shown)

1. Benner Homestead Farm, Pa., 10 (KRAE1 Colorado 4-3)
2. Rodger Bankert Family, Pa., 3-3 (ID2 Yak II 10-2)
3. Rodger Bankert Family, Pa., 3-1 (ID2 Yak II 10-2)

Hampshire Show • Judge: Steve Rodibaugh, Ind.

Grand Champion Boar: KC Farm on 1st Class 1 Boar

Res. Grand Champion Boar: Litman Club and Showpigs on 1st Class 2 Boar

Premier Exhibitor: KC Farm, Md.

Class 1 Feb. Boars (5 shown)

1. KC Farm, Woodbine, Md., 7-1 (JNNW0 Unreal 2-2)
2. Brad Jaeger, Mo., 4-3 (HH1 Walk This Way 95-3)
3. Ashley States, Pa., 1-6 (GMW1 Look At Me 4-1)

Class 2 March Boars (4 shown)

1. Litman Club and Showpigs, Pa., 18-1 (HH2 GRUS Revolution 119-3)
2. Bennecoff Family Farm, Pa., 23-1 (BSH2 LTC 1-4)
3. John Strawbridge, Pa., 18-3 (JCSY0 PSSS Nerf 28-8)

Class 3 Jan. Gilts (4 shown)

1. KC Farm, Md., 3-8 (DMP9 Buried Alive 20-4)
2. KC Farm, Md., 11-8 (MVL1 Stop Me 3-4)
3. John Strawbridge, Pa., 2-1 (JCSY0 Black Tea 34-8)

Class 4 Feb. Gilts (8 shown)

1. Lantern Light Farm, Md., 2-5 (BEB2 Call Me Maybe 1-4)
2. Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio, 14-4 (JDB2 TCG Predecessor 14-3)
3. Marissa Simms, Pa., 10-7 (MVL1 Stop Me 3-4)

Class 5 March Gilts (6 shown)

1. Litman Club and Showpigs, Pa., 13-4 (TSO80 GRUS Capital Investment)
2. KC Farm, Md., 12-2 (JNNW0 Unreal 2-2)
3. KC Farm, Md., 31-4 (JNNW0 Unreal 2-2)

Class 6 April Gilts (3 shown)

1. KC Farm, Md., 9-7 (JNNW0 Unreal 2-2)
2. John Strawbridge, Pa., 18-2 (JCSY0 PSSS Nerf 28-8)
3. John Strawbridge, Pa., 20-3 (JCSY0 Merit Badge 27-6)

Landrace Show • Judge: Steve Rodibaugh, Ind.

Grand Champion Boar: Lance & Mitchell Westcamp on 1st Class 2 Boar

Res. Grand Champion Boar: Lazarus Bros. on 1st Class 1 Boar

Premier Exhibitor: Lazarus Bros., Pa.

Class 1 Feb. Boars (2 shown)

1. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 4-11 (AAFS2 Quick Change 3-5)
2. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 3-10 (LAG7 Monopoly 10-7)

Class 2 March Boars (2 shown)

1. Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio, 28-1 (KTB1 TCG Outlook 7-5)
2. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 6-6 (LAG9 Monopoly 6-9)

Class 3 Feb. Gilts (2 shown)

1. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 4-5 (AAFS2 Quick Change 3-5)
2. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 4-4 (AAFS2 Quick Change 3-5)

Class 4 March Gilts (3 shown)

1. Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio, 24-5 (DOVS1 Quick Change 1-2)
2. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 5-1 (MO White Fox 39-1)
3. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 5-7 (MO White Fox 39-1)

Class 5 April Gilts (2 shown)

1. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 6-3 (LAG9 Monopoly 6-9)
2. Lazarus Bros, Pa., 6-1 (LAG9 Monopoly 6-9)

Yorkshire Show • Judge: Steve Rodibaugh, Ind.

Grand Champion Boar: Rock Solid Farm on 1st Class 1 Boar

Res. Grand Champion Boar: Brad Jaeger on 1st Class 2 Boar

Premier Exhibitor: Busy Acres Farm, Pa.

Class 1 Feb. Boars (4 shown)

1. Rock Solid Farms, Pa., 2-8 (IGF2 GRUS Bold Force 6-7)
2. Nesbitt Showpigs, Pa., 5-7 (TBRO2 Ultra 32-4)
3. Busy Acre Farms, Pa., (CLL1 Hawkeye 2-4)

Class 2 March Boars (4 shown)

1. Brad Jaeger, Mo., 8-2 (ARK2 Final Move 154-8)
2. Brad Jaeger, Mo., 8-1 (ARK2 Final Move 154-8)
3. Busy Acre Farms, Pa., 18-13 (CLL3 Capone 18-13)

Class 3 Jan. Gilts (7 shown)

1. Triple H Farms, Pa., 1-6 (WIGM2 Coulda Shoulda 1-8)
2. Triple H Farms, Pa., 1-1 (WIGM2 Coulda Shoulda 1-8)
3. Spring Mtn. Farms, N.Y., 1-7 (CKJR1 Moonshine 17-4)

Class 4 Feb. Gilts (7 shown)

1. Litman Club and Showpigs, Pa., 9-10 (CCF2 Stand Out 1-1)
2. BethAnn Cook, N.Y., 16-3 (IGF1 Alcatraz 8-2)
3. BethAnn Cook, N.Y., 7-6 (SRF2 Doc 100K 7-1)

Class 5 March Gilts (5 shown)

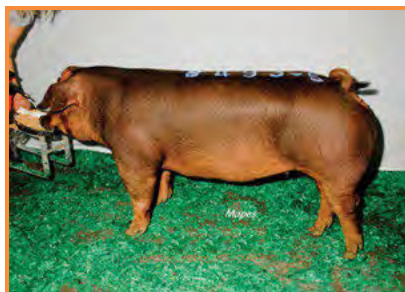
1. Brad Jaeger, Mo., 8-3 (ARK2 Final Move 154-8)
2. Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio, 27-12 (HAC02 TCG Untouchable 153-6)
3. Busy Acre Farm, Pa., 14-1 (SDH1 Log 10-3)

Class 6 April Gilts (5 shown)

1. Feeser Genetics, Md., 24-2 (1TMC2 Members Only 13-11)
2. Ashley Lecalleet, Md., 2-3 (HRLY2 Oak 1-5)
3. Ashley Lecalleet, Md., 2-1 (HRLY2 Oak 1-5)



Champion Duroc Boar
Shown by Benner Homestead Farms



Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Holloway Genetics



Res. Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Benner Homestead Farms



Champion Hampshire Boar
Shown by KC Farm



Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Lantern Light Farm



Res. Champion Hampshire Boar
Shown by Litman Club and Showpigs



Res. Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Litman Club and Showpigs



Champion Landrace Boar
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp



Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp



Champion Yorkshire Boar
Shown by Rock Solid Farm



Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Litman Club and Showpigs



Res. Champion Yorkshire Boar
Shown by Brad Jaeger



Res. Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by BethAnn Cook
December 2013

NOT PICTURED:
Res. Champion Duroc Boar
Shown by Holloway Genetics

Res. Champion Landrace Boar
Shown by Lazarus Bros.

Res. Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Lazarus Bros.

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Gilts: Ken Lane, Iowa

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**Grand Champion Barrow Overall
& Champion Dark Crossbred Barrow**

Shown by Cambrie Swafford



**Res. Grand Champion Barrow Overall
& Champion Crossbred Barrow**

Shown by Weston Wyatt



Champion Duroc Barrow

Shown by Drew Snellgrove



Champion Hampshire Barrow

Shown by J.D. House Schnitker



Champion Yorkshire Barrow

Shown by Rilee Weatherford



Res. Champion Duroc Barrow

Shown by Shaelynn Davies



Res. Champion Hampshire Barrow

Shown by Kylie Burns



Res. Champion Yorkshire Barrow

Shown by Kara Jones



**Grand Champion Gilt Overall &
Champion Yorkshire Gilt**

Shown by Mikiah Carnes



**Res. Grand Champion Gilt Overall &
Res. Champion Yorkshire Gilt**

Shown by Karlie Spoon



Champion Duroc Gilt

Shown by Ashley Daniels



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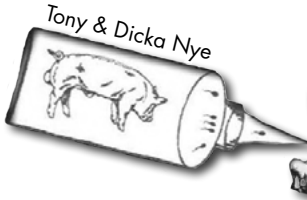
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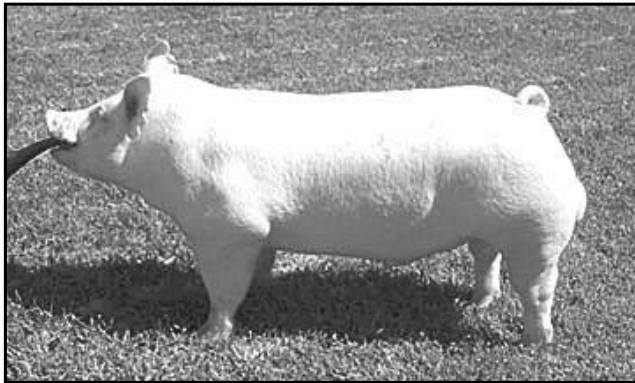


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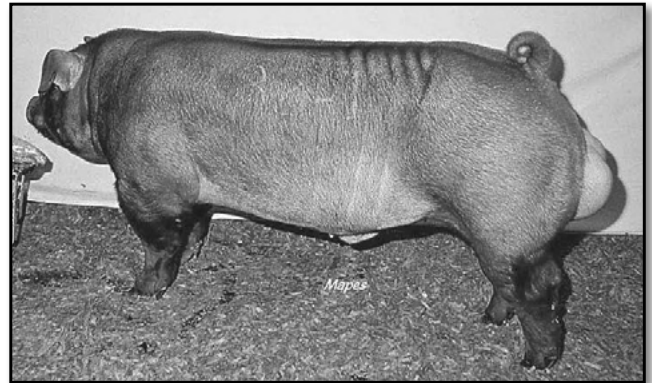
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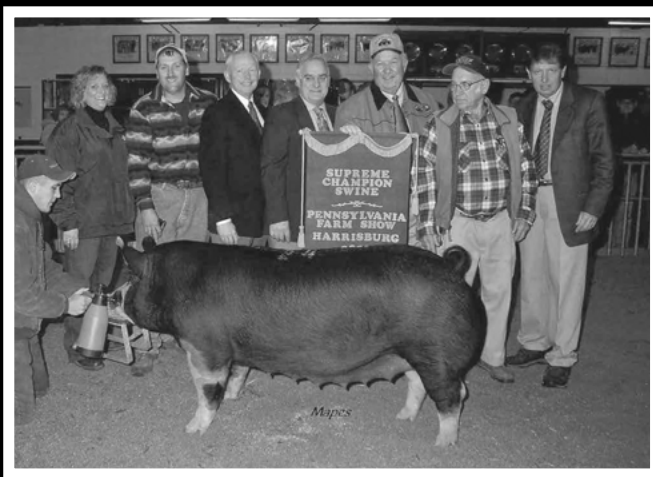
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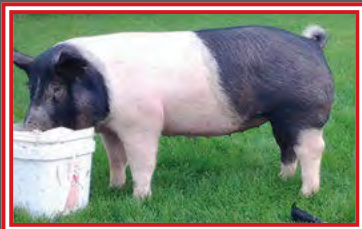
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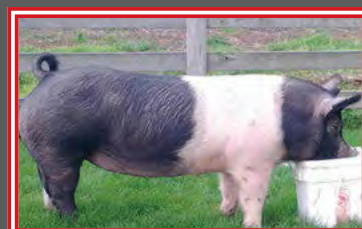
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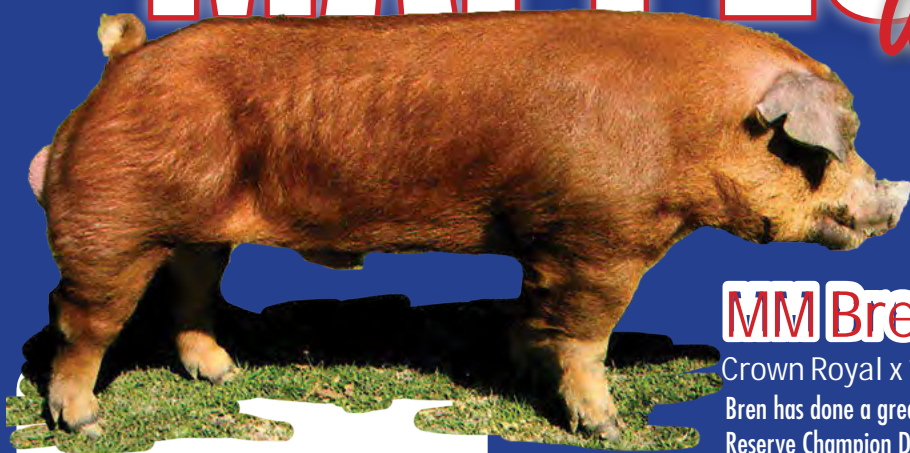
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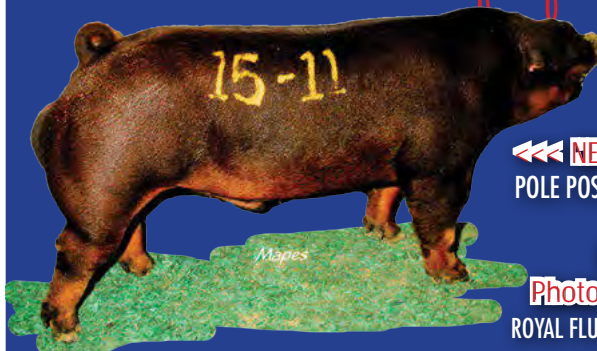
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155-10	GILT	TUCKER 344-1	SMOOTH STROKE 36-3	TRIFECTA (SGI)	1/5/2014
213-7	GILT	TUCKER 14-4	BOLD STROKE 29-1	WAR HORSE (SGI)	1/5/2014
104-10	GILT	RAW DEAL 227-6	RED GEM 9-1	TRIFECTA (SGI)	1/5/2014
113-7	GILT	RAW DEAL 227-6	BOLD STROKE 57-1	TRIFECTA (SGI)	1/6/2014
229-7	GILT	GLADIATOR 25-4	BOLD STROKE 57-1	BOLD STROKE 53-2	1/8/2014
229-9	GILT	GLADIATOR 25-4	BOLD STROKE 57-1	TRIFECTA (SGI)	1/18/2014
229-6	GILT	GLADIATOR 25-4	BOLD STROKE 57-1	TRIFECTA (SGI)	1/19/2014
227-9	GILT	TUCKER 344-1	MAXIMUS 4-4	GLADIATOR 25-4	1/26/2014
148-7	GILT	TUCKER 14-4	BOLD MUSCLE 24-5	GLADIATOR 25-4	1/30/2014
217-7	GILT	GLADIATOR 25-4	IMAX 145-2	TRIFECTA (SGI)	2/15/2014
206-6	GILT	TUCKER 14-4	BOLD STROKE 29-1	POWER WAGON 1134-2	2/20/2014

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Hampshire Females Bred For Purebred Litters

EN	PARITY	SIRE	SIRE OF DAM	SERVICE SIRE	114 DUE DATE
2-3	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	1/8/2014
231-8	GILT	KILLER 889-3	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	BRADDOCK 19-2	1/18/2014
237-10	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	HARD ROCK 19-1	WENDEL'S POINT (SGI)	1/18/2014
115-1	GILT	BRADDOCK 18-1	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	1/19/2014
237-8	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	1/19/2014
39-4	1	OPTIMUS PRIME 5-2	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	1/20/2014
238-5	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	THE REAL DEAL 19-9	BRADDOCK 19-2	1/20/2014
238-4	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	THE REAL DEAL 19-9	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	1/20/2014
96-9	GILT	KILLER 889-3	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	WENDEL'S POINT (SGI)	1/20/2014
58-12	GILT	KILLER 889-3	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	BRADDOCK 19-2	1/26/2014
244-8	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	1/29/2014
46-10	1	KILLER 889-3	FROZEN IN TIME 31-2	BRADDOCK 19-2	1/29/2014
244-7	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	BRADDOCK 19-2	2/14/2014
18-7	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	THE REAL DEAL 19-9	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	2/15/2014
51-10	GILT	SUNAMI 26-3	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	BRADDOCK 19-2	2/15/2014
30-3	GILT	BRADDOCK 18-1	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	TIDAL WAVE 99-1	2/15/2014
17-6	1	KILLER 889-3	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	BRADDOCK 19-2	2/27/2014

Landrace Females Bred For Purebred Litters

EN	PARITY	SIRE	SIRE OF DAM	SERVICE SIRE	114 DUE DATE
4-6	GILT	SAMSON 811-1	EXCELLERATOR 119-3	CONSENSUS 37-2	1/17/2014
232-6	GILT	MARCO 208-6	PIKKUS 443-4	CONSENSUS 37-2	1/18/2014
245-8	GILT	PIKKUS 324-4	WINSTON 3-15	CONSENSUS 37-2	1/19/2014
28-11	GILT	MARCO 208-6	SAMSON 56-3	CONSENSUS 37-2	1/20/2014
32-7	GILT	INTEGRITY 61-4	WIKKUS 610-1	CONSENSUS 37-2	1/25/2014
152-12	GILT	MARCO 208-6	HERCULES 11-2	MANDEL 1070-1	1/27/2014
32-8	GILT	GOLIATH 3-1	EXCELLERATOR 119-3	CONSENSUS 37-2	1/29/2014
100-5	GILT	STERBY 1055-6	SAMSON 287-4	CONSENSUS 37-2	2/3/2014
53-8	GILT	EXCELL 119-3	SAMSON 56-3	CONSENSUS 37-2	2/14/2014
57-11	GILT	SMOOTH 1017-1	HERCULES 11-2	DYNAMITE 401-1	2/15/2014
53-7	GILT	EXCELL 119-3	SAMSON 56-3	CONSENSUS 37-2	2/15/2014
4-5	GILT	SAMSON 811-1	EXCELLERATOR 119-3	CONSENSUS 37-2	CALL FOR DATE

Yorkshire Females Bred For Purebred Litters

EN	PARITY	SIRE	SIRE OF DAM	SERVICE SIRE	114 DUE DATE
14-10	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	HEAVY METAL 19-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/2/2014
142-6	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	HEAVY METAL 19-2	DEL RIO (SGI)	1/3/2014
18-6	1	ZIEL 56-4	ANIMAL HOUSE 81-5	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/9/2014
15-13	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BIG HOSS 8-1	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/16/2014
15-11	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BIG HOSS 8-1	NOW THEN ((SGI))	1/16/2014
15-6	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BIG HOSS 8-1	NOW THEN ((SGI))	1/17/2014
15-12	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BIG HOSS 8-1	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/18/2014
20-12	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	SGI ZIEL 840 56-4	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/19/2014
8-11	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BEARCAT 7-2	DEL RIO (SGI)	1/19/2014
16-10	1	CYCLONE 1-1	SGI YORK 23-3	NOW THEN ((SGI))	1/20/2014
150-3	GILT	FROSTER 1005-6	HEAVY METAL 19-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/22/2014
9-5	GILT	FROSTER 1005-6	MILLENNIUM 330-1	HEAVY METAL 6-1	1/29/2014
1-5	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BULLETPROOF 345-6	HEAVY METAL 6-1	2/4/2014
1-7	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BULLETPROOF 345-6	HEAVY METAL 6-1	2/7/2014
46-5	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	MILLENNIUM 330-1	DEL RIO (SGI)	2/13/2014
55-6	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BULLETPROOF 345-6	HEAVY METAL 6-1	2/13/2014
57-6	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BULLETPROOF 345-6	NOW THEN ((SGI))	2/13/2014
8-13	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BEARCAT 7-2	NOW THEN ((SGI))	2/13/2014

8-12	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BEARCAT 7-2	DEL RIO (SGI)	2/14/2014
15-9	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BIG HOSS 8-1	DEL RIO (SGI)	2/14/2014
46-6	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	MILLENNIUM 330-1	HEAVY METAL 6-1	2/14/2014

Hampshire Females Bred For Crossbred Litters

EN	PARITY	SIRE	SIRE OF DAM	SERVICE SIRE	114 DUE DATE
237-7	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	1/18/2014
30-5	1	SUNAMI 26-3	HUNG JURY 3-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	1/30/2014
238-2	GILT	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	THE REAL DEAL 19-9	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	2/15/2014
33-7	GILT	WALKER 8-1	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	3/6/2014
33-8	GILT	WALKER 8-1	CHUCK NORRIS 4-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	3/6/2014

Yorkshire Females Bred For Crossbred Litters

EN	PARITY	SIRE	SIRE OF DAM	SERVICE SIRE	114 DUE DATE
223-17	GILT	FROSTER 1005-6	ENFORCER 466-4	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/5/2014
13-9	GILT	NEPTUNE 1010-1	BEARCAT 7-2	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	1/16/2014
24-9	GILT	AMBASSADOR 652-4	BEARCAT 7-2	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	1/18/2014
234-12	GILT	FROSTER 1005-6	ENFORCER 466-4	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	1/18/2014
149-11	GILT	UPPERCLASS 610-1	CAPTAIN 146-1	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/23/2014
13-11	GILT	NEPTUNE 1010-1	BEARCAT 7-2	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	2/4/2014
20-14	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	SGI ZIEL 840 56-4	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	2/21/2014
15-7	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	BIG HOSS 8-1	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	2/27/2014

Crossbred Females Bred For Crossbred Litters

EN	PARITY	SIRE	SIRE OF DAM	SERVICE SIRE	114 DUE DATE
43-5	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	1/2/2014
66-9	GILT	KILLER 889-3	OPTIMUS PRIME 5-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/4/2014
47-11	GILT	WALKER 8-1	HEAVY METAL 19-2	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	1/5/2014
47-8	GILT	WALKER 8-1	HEAVY METAL 19-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/6/2014
130-7	GILT	KILLER 889-3	CHUCK NORRIS 17-2	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11 (H)	1/7/2014
204-9	GILT	KILLER 889-3	CHUCK NORRIS 17-2	BATMAN (SGI) (E)	1/8/2014
45-8	GILT	CYCLONE 1-1	PUT EM DOWN 213-1	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	1/15/2014
6-10	GILT	HEAVY METAL 6-1	BRADDOCK 18-1	BATMAN (SGI) (E)	1/16/2014
60-5	GILT	KILLER 889-3	GET IT ON	BATMAN (SGI) (E)	1/16/2014
235-8	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	BATMAN (SGI) (E)	1/17/2014
111-9	GILT	HEAVY METAL 6-1	PUT EM DOWN 213-1	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/25/2014
66-8	GILT	KILLER 889-3	OPTIMUS PRIME 5-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/25/2014
47-7	GILT	WALKER 8-1	CHUCK NORRIS 17-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/28/2014
130-8	GILT	KILLER 889-3	CHUCK NORRIS 17-2	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	1/30/2014
205-7	GILT	WALKER 8-1	HEAVY METAL 19-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	1/30/2014
123-4	GILT	BRADDOCK 18-1	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	2/3/2014
123-2	GILT	BRADDOCK 18-1	STAINLESS STEEL 54-11	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	2/8/2014
235-6	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	2/9/2014
6-9	GILT	HEAVY METAL 6-1	BRADDOCK 18-1	BLACK ONYX (SGI) (E)	2/13/2014
246-9	GILT	WALKER 8-1	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	2/14/2014
43-6	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	BATMAN (SGI) (E)	2/14/2014
43-8	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	HEAVY METAL 6-1 (Y)	2/14/2014
43-5	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	2/15/2014
43-13	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	BATMAN (SGI) (E)	2/15/2014
204-8	GILT	KILLER 889-3	CHUCK NORRIS 17-2	TIDAL WAVE 99-1 (H)	2/21/2014
10-14	1	SUNAMI 26-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	2/20/2014
235-5	GILT	KILLER 889-3	FIRST BLOOD 43-1	BRADDOCK 19-2 (H)	CALL FOR DATE

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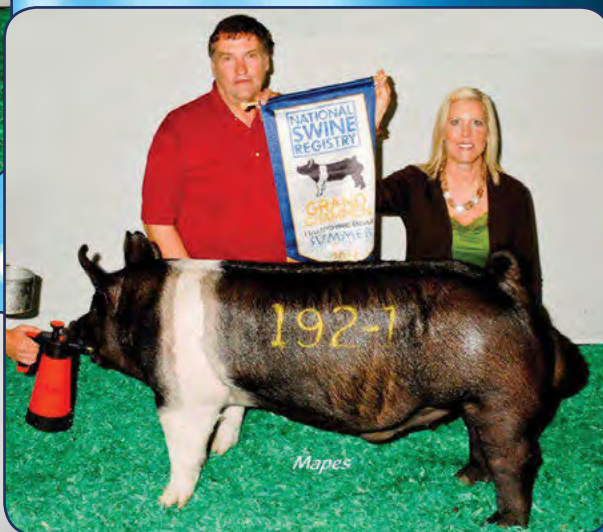
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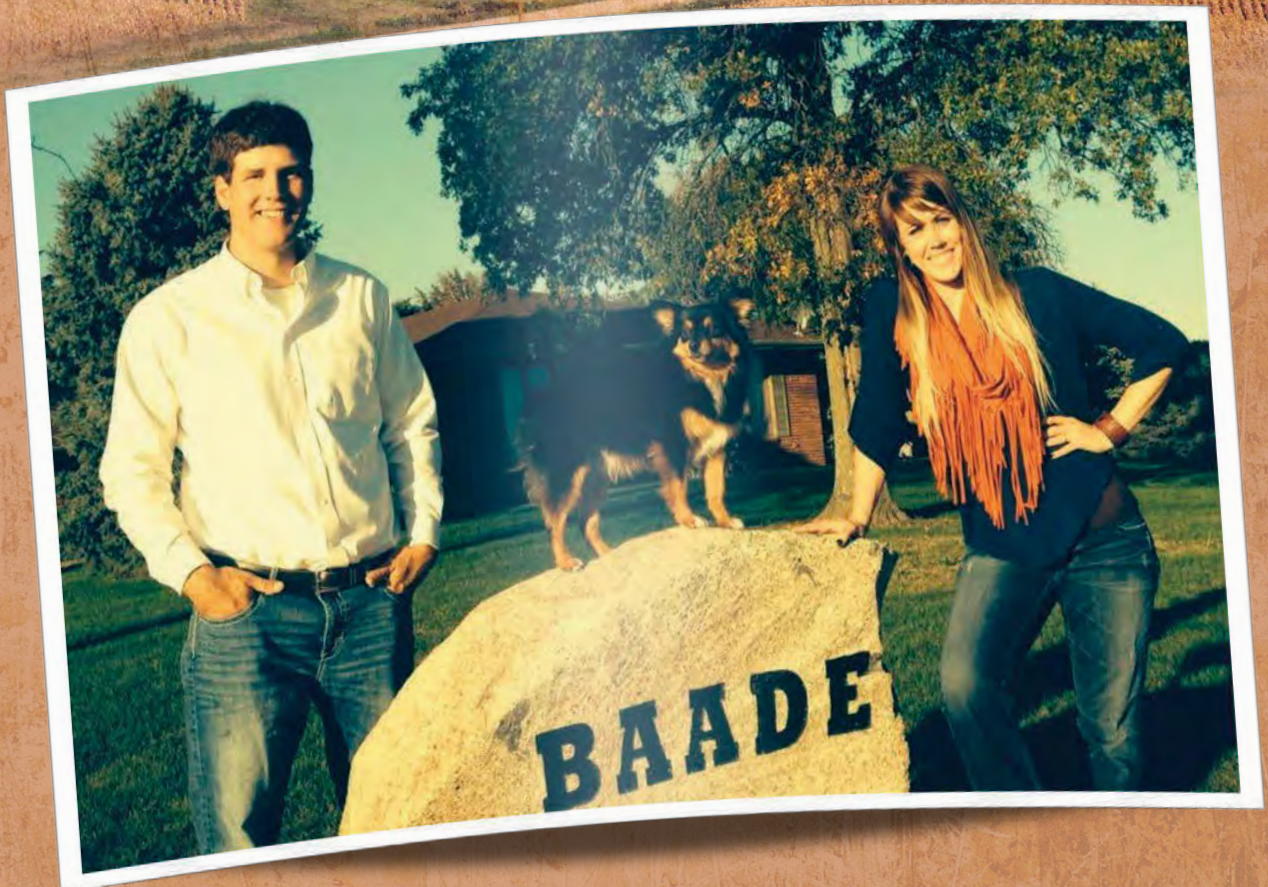
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The Prequel

By Ann Fry



The highlight of Earl Cain's career is watching his grandkids in the showing.

Cain Super Sires

Earl and Patty Cain began farming in 1975 for one reason: their family. Earl was hired by Oscar Mayer right out of college to help producers select gilts and boars for their breeding programs. Helping these producers made him see that raising a couple pigs on the side might bring some added income, so they bought eight bred Hampshire gilts for themselves. The Cains decided that farm life was a good way of life, and they wanted to raise their family in that setting. But, when Oscar Mayer asked Earl to move, he and Patty made the decision to move to Chariton, Iowa, and buy a farm instead.

"Once we decided that was what we were going to do, we needed to make it a way of life and make sure our family could survive," Earl says.

The family and the farm were able to survive the 18 percent interest of the '80s with the help of their Hampshire sows and sales of a few boars. People called hogs "mortgage lifters" in those days, and Earl says that term certainly held true for them. The family also got a lot of help from Dean Christian, who purchased a lot of hogs from them and gave Earl all the advice he could.

Over the years, Cain Farms grew large enough that the oldest son, Lee, was able to begin working on the farm after graduating college. Now, his main role is making the final decisions on the breeding and production side of the business. However, when younger son, Dusty, graduated college, the farm could not support three families. Dusty was offered a job at a bank on the spot, after he told them he grew up on a farm.

"When I was growing up, I can remember coming home from practices, and I had chores to do. I had to scrape those pens, that was my job, and I hated it growing up, but then when I went to interview for a job, I was thankful I had done it. Farm kids have a lot of opportunities others don't that we don't appreciate until later in life," Dusty says.

Dusty spent all of his vacations and most weekends helping out on the farm. As the Cains continued to grow their operation, Dusty knew that if the opportunity presented itself, he wanted to be a full-time part of it. When the boar stud, Cain Super Sires, was added, this was the opening Dusty was waiting for.

"I wanted my kids to grow up on the farm and have the same experience Lee and I had," Dusty says. "I wanted to teach the kids how to work and have responsibility. I wanted to be able to spend time with my kids. If I was still in the banking business, I couldn't spend all day with my family."

Times have changed from when Cain Farms started to today. In the beginning, Earl was focused on raising commercial hogs. That was simply what he had to do to make a living and make sure his family survived. The pigs were raised in groups and sold to other hog farmers. Earl believes that this setting forced him to raise pigs that could survive any conditions. Now the Cains are focused on the boar stud, selling semen and raising the best showpigs they can.

"It's just a different world from when dad started. We still sell a few pigs for commercial use and a few exports, but most of our income is driven from NJSA, 4-H and youth exhibitors," Dusty says.

The type of hogs they raise may have changed, but the real motivation of the Cain operation hasn't. For them, it really isn't about the pigs; it's about the family.

"The biggest kick I get out of the whole deal is watching the grandkids show. It's neat to have both boys home and all the family here and everybody participating," says Earl.

Earl and Patty took a risk in 1975 when they decided to start farming. They've seen pigs, trends and money come and go, but the one thing that has always been around Cain Farms is their focus on family.

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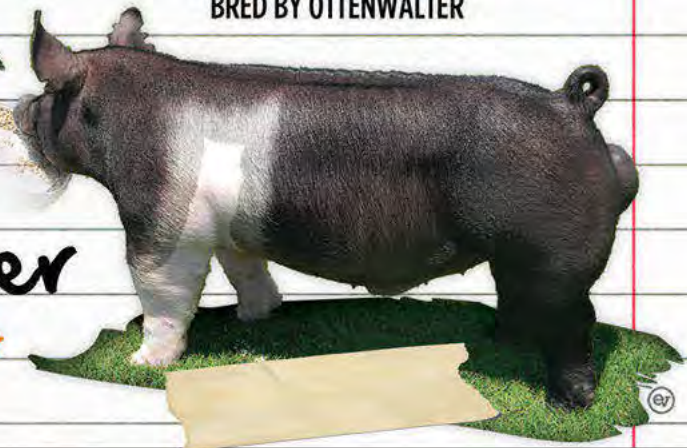
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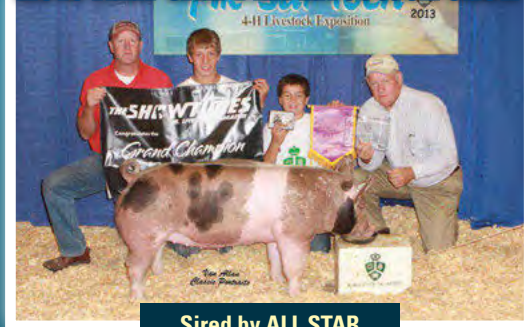


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