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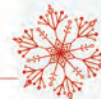
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Open Mike

One of a kind

NJSA board member Bryan Rodibaugh titled an article he contributed for the January 2002 *Seedstock EDGE* “One of a kind.” This article was correctly titled, as it described Robin Lucas and all she has contributed to the purebred swine industry.

As many of you know, and for those who don't, Robin Lucas will be leaving the National Swine Registry (NSR) at the end of the year. Early this summer, Robin said, “Hey, we need to do lunch.” This statement was not uncommon here as Robin and I have met over lunch many times to discuss different ideas and issues that come to us on a regular basis at the NSR office. However, I was not expecting to hear that Robin made the decision to leave NSR. Oh sure, we have all discussed different plans for our future, but when she told me of her decision, reality hit home. Her decision got me reminiscing about changes in the way business is done at the NSR and her contributions to our industry.

Robin started in 1975 with the American Yorkshire Club (AYC). She started out as a filing clerk, and as she gained more experience, she became more involved in the show and sale process, along with becoming a valued employee in the pedigree department. With the introduction of a computer system into the association business, Robin became a self-taught operator in the processing of pedigrees and the Swine Testing and Genetic Evaluation System (STAGES)TM program.

In the summer of 1994, the AYC, the Hampshire Swine Registry (HSR) and the United Duroc Swine Registry (UDSR) came together to form the NSR, and in 1998, the American Landrace Association (ALA) became the fourth member of the NSR. I am not sure if anyone outside the office would realize what a huge achievement this was and the role Robin played in making this a smooth transition. Folks, there was no magic switch to flip to get the different breeds and the members entered into the computer system. Many extra hours – after office hours and weekends – were put in to get all the information entered. Plus, there was the added challenge of interacting with a new set

of members that were ingrained in the manner the other breed offices did business. Robin, the professional she is, set the standard high, and it did not take long for the members to see this new partnership was going to be better for all members of the purebred swine industry. Overseeing the pedigree department, one of Robin's goals was to get as many pedigrees out in a 24-hour turnaround as possible. Visiting other breed offices, they are always amazed by this time table and ask how that is accomplished.

“Always remember, you are loved by your other family, the purebred swine industry.”

Robin became more involved in the accounting activities at NSR, over the years, and was instrumental in the conversion from the DOS financial system to the QuickBooks program, a few years ago. This was a huge undertaking, and there were many days I wouldn't have blamed Robin for saying, “That's it; I am out of here.” But, she realized the importance of a better financial system for the NSR and its members. The benefits from this system are contributing to the success of your association.

On a personal note, Robin, I am going to miss our discussions over lunch. I appreciated your input and sound advice you shared with me during a few tough times. Most of all, thanks for being a friend.

Enjoy your time with your family, and always remember, you are loved by your other family, the purebred swine industry. You are truly one of a kind.



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Youth View

Wanderlust

I love to travel. I guess you could say this love began at a fairly young age. My family spent a lot of time on the road, when I was growing up. Whether we were heading to a pig show, the lake or a 4-Wheel Jamboree, my dad always encouraged me to pay attention to my surroundings and take in the different scenery along the way. I think he just assumed I brushed off this advice, but it's something I took to heart. Now that I travel so much with the National Swine Registry (NSR), I love driving to the different shows and taking it all in. There are a ton of places I would love to see in the U.S. still, but there's so much more in this world. It wasn't until I began college that I realized traveling abroad was even an option for me.

During my summer orientation day at Purdue, my parents and I sat down with my adviser to map out my college career. We went over the next four years and all the classes I needed to take, but more importantly, my adviser asked me if I had ever thought about studying abroad. At that time I hadn't, but from that meeting on, it was all I thought about. I switched my major around a few times, so it wasn't completely feasible for me to spend an entire semester abroad. But, during my sophomore spring break, with some of my best friends in tow, we took on Ireland for a week. That trip was my first time flying, my first time leaving North America and the first time I fell in love with being abroad. I had a blast, and from then on, there has been a fire in me to see the world.

That fire has been building since I left Ireland, and I decided it's about time I did something about it. For a few weeks next summer, I will be traveling around Europe to various countries and historical landmarks. I'm fortunate I made several friends

that live abroad during my college career. Most of the time I'm there I'll be with friends that I miss, but occasionally, I will be alone. When people find out I'll be in a foreign country alone they automatically panic on my behalf. I, however, feel the exact opposite. I am incredibly excited to be on my own because I get the chance to take it all in. Plus, it gives me the chance to push myself to be a better person and see what I am capable of. It's a challenge I gladly accept, and I cannot wait.

So next summer, after World Pork Expo and the National Junior Summer Spectacular have come and gone, I will be checked out. I will be feeding the fire in my stomach and

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traveling to places so wonderful and foreign I can't even begin to imagine. Yes, I'm a little nervous and scared to be alone in my travels, but that's overshadowed by the sheer adventure of it all! I encourage you all to find what feeds the fire in your stomach and do what makes you happy, because at the end of the day nothing is more important than being happy.



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Raised in a BARN



Clay Whitman, TX



Reagan Isler, 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.'



Lexi Black, CA



Riley Clinard, TX



Jack Boseo, IL



Write On

Grace and Robin

Seven hundred words hardly seem enough to describe what Robin Lucas has meant for not only the National Swine Registry (NSR) and its members, but to me, personally. I sat in front of the computer and pounded a few words out on the keyboard, again and again, but they repeatedly fell short and flat. Desperate for some inspiration, I walked away and did what I always do when I'm stuck – I read.

That's when I found my fellow Mizzou alumna, Kaity Kerwin Holtman's, editorial on grace. As Kaity pointed out, grace has several definitions. Merriam Webster will tell you grace, a noun, is a way of moving that is smooth and attractive – not stiff or awkward or a controlled, polite and pleasant way of behaving. For those of you that look to a higher calling, you'll likely know the Bible says grace is the unmerited gift of forgiveness and salvation from God despite all of our transgressions. When I think of a person who exudes grace, I think of someone who is unflappable, poised and calm. And when I think of any of these definitions, I think of Robin Lucas.

In the five years I've worked for NSR, Robin has been a mentor, confidant, resource, and in some ways, an "Indiana mom." It's amazing when you think about all that has happened within our organization in the last five years. We've been directed by three different CEOs. We've added events. We've hosted the largest swine shows in history. We've broken record after record in our industry. We've found new ways to serve our members, and we've updated the entire accounting system to run through QuickBooks. The common denominator in these accomplishments has been Robin.

I've watched her serve as a resource and sounding board for our registry's leadership. She's entered thousands of animals into show and sale catalogs. She's clerked out nearly every national sale we've held. And, if you ask anyone who

was here during the process how NSR was able to move an entire accounting system to a different program, they'll tell you it was Robin. Many nights I'd leave my office late after finishing some *Seedstock EDGE* projects, and there would be one light on in the office and one more car in the parking lot – Robin's.

If anything is more impressive than her work ethic and dedication to our members, it's Robin's character. Like I've said, the last five years alone have come with a lot of challenges, yet I've never seen her flustered. Instead, I've watched Robin conduct herself with cool, collected, calmness again

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and again. I've watched her teach new employees how to enter animals into a sale catalog, talking in her soothing voice. I've even watched her re-enter animals after a mistake had been made, pulling out that stack of papers and going through each one – one by one – over again. Now, if there was ever any doubt that Robin is a better person than me, it was erased right there. Faced with a similar situation, I would have reacted in a little more high strung type manner; I would have lost my cool. This is why Robin is an example to me. She's a person I strive to be more like, and I think it's rooted in her deep faith. Perhaps, Robin exudes so much grace because she, too, learned by example.

Robin will be missed around the office. But, she has left a shining example of what dedication looks like. I wish you the best, Robin. I know those grandkids will be overjoyed to spend even more time with you.



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By Dr. Daren Miller

Vet Check

Sow farrowing

As the farrowing season begins, it is important to review farrowing procedures and the necessary supplies for the task. The supplies needed for farrowing are as follows:

Oxytocin: This is a medication that should be used to help deliver baby pigs by stimulating rhythmic uterine contractions. No more than a 1/2 mL should be used at a time and only if a pig is not present at the canal. Too much Oxytocin given either too frequently or at too high of a dose can cause the uterus to spasm.

Lutalyse: This medication is used to induce sows into labor. This should never be given prior to 113 days of gestation, as the piglets may not be fully formed.

Pig pulling snare: This is used to help pull baby pigs that are stuck in the pelvic canal.

OB lube and OB gloves: The use of lube and gloves is important because the hair and skin of the arm is abrasive. This causes damage to the vaginal walls and can lead to increased infections and/or bleeding.

Common issues that arise during farrowing include pigs that are positioned poorly at birth and a pig that is too big for the pelvis. In the case of malposition, the pigs are most commonly coming toward the pelvic canal with back legs folded forward and the tail-end/back against the pelvic wall. This can be fixed by pushing the animal back into the uterus and the back legs unfolded to be easily pulled out. A pig that is too large for the pelvis of the animal is much more difficult and typically has a less favorable outcome. It may be required to have a veterinarian, and a caesarean section may need to be performed.

In the case of a potential c-section it is extremely important to decide to do this before there is too much internal damage from trying to pull the pigs. Damage to the uterus can make a potential c-section far less likely to save both the sow and babies. A good rule of thumb is if you can't get your hand through the pelvis and a pig is too large, stop and call your vet.

After farrowing, if assistance is needed, an antibiotic treatment may be required. The babies should be hand dried with a towel and placed under the heat lamp. If farrowing on shavings, be sure to tie the umbilical cord about an inch from the navel to prevent the animal from bleeding out.

The most common complication for the sow post-farrowing is a uterine infection, known as metritis. This can be determined by monitoring the sow's feed intake and observing her vulva for signs of discharge. If the sow goes off feed or starts having discharge within five days of farrowing, she should be treated with an antibiotic and an anti-inflammatory.

The baby pigs should be treated with 100 mg of iron and an antibiotic within the first 24 hours and then again one week later. This treats infection in the umbilical cords, which could ultimately lead to umbilical hernias. The iron provides a supplement so that the fast-growing pigs have an iron supply for blood cell formation.

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— Dr. Daren Miller

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NSR News



Holidays for the National Swine Registry

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Industry News

Shiplay Swine Farms featured by Ohio Hog Farmers

Rick and Josie Snyder of Shiplay Swine Genetics, Newark, Ohio, and their daughters, Jacey and Joslyn, were the stars of a video that highlighted Ohio's pork producers and their commitment to their animals. Shiplay Swine Genetics is a multiple-generation firm that has been a valued member of the National Swine Registry (NSR) for decades. Congratulations on being selected to serve as an example for our industry.



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RINGSIDE

Pork producers react to Subway's antibiotics policy

The National Pork Producer's Council (NPPC) and the Pork Checkoff have released a letter on behalf of American pork producers that details the industry's stance on antibiotic use. The letter reads as follows.

Dear Subway Management Team and Franchisee Owners:

Any policy decision to eliminate antibiotics from your protein supply sources – poultry, pork and beef – would be a significant departure from what many other food companies are doing in regards to improving responsible antibiotic use. This policy decision could put our food system in jeopardy.

We share the opinion that everyone needs to do their part to use antibiotics responsibly – and reduce the antibiotic resistance threat. This includes quickly phasing out any use of medically important antibiotics (to treat human illness) for growth promotion in farm animals as well as increasing veterinarian oversight, which are actions that farmers and ranchers are already taking.

We believe a move to NO antibiotics of any kind – Subway's position – could leave livestock without access to animal health medicines and could result in the unnecessary suffering or death of such animals.

Subway is not saying "no" just to those antibiotics used in human medicine. Subway isn't saying "use antibiotics only when animals are sick." Subway is saying no antibiotics ever – even when animal health and safety could be at risk. We think that such a policy could compromise the safety of our food system. Sick animals in the food system are not a good idea. Healthy animals help farmers produce safe food.

How will a hog farmer react to a fast-moving disease outbreak that could have been prevented with medicine administered in time? The potential for thousands of animals to unnecessarily die or suffer is a real possibility. These are the consequences that farmers will have to face.

We should all leave open the ability to use antibiotics responsibly when animals are sick or at risk of getting sick. On the best managed ranch or farm, animals can get sick, just as people can get sick in the cleanest and best run households. We believe that insisting on absolutely no antibiotics ignores best practices established by veterinarians, the pork industry and individual farmers who have a direct interest in the welfare of their animals.

Some interest groups may applaud your policy decision. Will those same groups stand with you if large populations of livestock are adversely affected by your new policy?

An opportunity for meaningful input from the national pork industry associations, who represent farmers who care for animals day and night, could have been helpful to you prior to your policy announcement. Our opinion is that these associations could have provided valuable scientific evidence, facts and common sense perspectives that could have helped better inform your policy-making process.

We ask you to meet with us to consider a more balanced approach.

We are eager to share with you the pork industry's commitment to continuous improvement and antibiotic stewardship. We clearly disagree with your policy. **Responsible antibiotic use makes sense. Continuous improvement makes sense.** Please remain open-minded to the view that banning all antibiotic use is simply not the answer.

We stand ready to engage in a dialogue with you.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Show Dates & Deadlines

Arizona National

The Arizona National is now an NJSA-sanctioned show. The event will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, on Dec. 27-Jan. 1. For a full schedule see page 48.

Winter Type Conference

The Winter Type Conference will once again be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Georgia, in conjunction with the NJSA Southeast Regional. The open show and sale will take place on Jan. 30. A schedule of events can be found on page 49, and show rules and regulations may be found online at nationalswine.com.

Southeast Regional

The Southeast Regional will be held in Perry, Georgia, from Jan. 27-31, in conjunction with the Winter Type Conference. A schedule of events can be found on page 49, and the most up-to-date rules and regulations can be found on nationalswine.com.

Correction

In the October/November issue of the *Seedstock EDGE* there was a mistake printed in the United Duroc Swine Registry's advertisement for the Duroc prospect, which will be donated by Weisinger and Hoge at the Fall Classic to support the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA). Pictured in the advertisement was the 2015 Champion Duroc and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow from the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS). This was a mistake by the Seedstock EDGE staff. That barrow was bred by the Fordice family. The 2014 NJSS Champion Duroc and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow was supposed to be pictured as he was bred by Weisingers. We sincerely apologize for the error, and congratulate both firms on such an incredible accomplishment. For the correct version of the ad, please turn to page 64.

Births



Dawson Robert Arnold
Born Oct. 25, 2015

Dawson Robert Arnold

Dawson Robert Arnold was born to Brian and Molly Arnold of Otterbein, Indiana, on Oct. 25, 2015, at 12 p.m. at the IU Health Arnett Hospital in Lafayette, Indiana. Dawson weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long. He was welcomed by his older brother, Reece, and will be doted on by grandparents: Terry and Vickie Arnold, Liberty Center, Indiana; Larry and Susie Maxwell and Howard and Tanya McCormick of Martinsville, Indiana; and great grandmother Roberta Arnold of Bluffton, Indiana.

Obituaries

Earle D. Pepper



Earle D. Pepper
1926-2015

Earle D. Pepper, 88, of Albion, Indiana, died on Oct. 8, 2015, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1926, in Albion, to the late Charles and Effie (Ball) Pepper. He married Mary Ethel Bohnenberger on Nov. 11, 1951, in Albion.

Pepper was a retired farmer and involved in many activities. He was an avid hog farmer for more than 60 years, raising thousands of show pigs, mostly for 4-H members. He enjoyed helping youth with their 4-H/FFA experience, having 4-H pig sales at his residence for more than 60 years. Pepper not only enjoyed farming and raising livestock, but also the outdoors. He loved to fish and hunt and especially enjoyed gardening. He loved to spend time with his four grandkids.

Some of his most memorable accomplishments included "Nuff Said," Champion Hampshire Boar at the Indiana State Fair in 1997, and Champion Spot Boar at the Indiana State Fair for four consecutive years. He became a member of the Indiana Livestock Hall of Fame in 2000, National Spotted Breed Hall of Fame in 1994 and spent more than 60 years raising prize-winning hogs on his family's farm. He was involved in numerous organizations such as the Noble County Swine Committee, Noble County Extension Board and Noble County Soil and Water Conservation Board. He received an award for 40 Years of Service for Indiana 4-H and was an Indiana State Fair Spot Exhibitor from 1952-1994.

He is survived by his wife, (Mary) Ethel Pepper; son, Larry (Rhonda) Pepper of Indianapolis; daughter, Colleen (Dudley) Parker of Albion; grandchildren, Nichole (Robert) Parker-Webb of Lafayette, Troy (Christina) Parker, Albion, Laurel (Shane) Price, Indianapolis, and Tyson (Amanda) Parker, Albion; and great-grandchildren, Maddison, Morgan, Mackenzie, Jameson, Alyssa and Mayah.

Funeral service was held Oct. 12, 2015, at Harper Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, rural Avilla.

Memorials can be made to the Noble County 4-H Swine Committee in memory of Earle Pepper, or to Parkview-Noble Hospice.

To leave online condolences, visit harperfuneralhomes.com.

Charles Bass



Charles Bass
1935-2015

Charles William Baas, 80, of West Bend, Iowa, died Oct. 6, 2015.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Whittemore with Reverend Mark Resner officiating. Burial was in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Baas was born March 20, 1935, in Whittemore, Iowa, the son of Lester and

Linda (Roeber) Baas. He grew up on the family farm near West Bend, attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and later graduated from the Whittemore High School in 1953. After his schooling, he began working on the farm.

Baas farmed his entire life, while also raising purebred Hampshire pigs and Duroc pigs. He also worked with his uncles at Roeber Building Service for many years and was a greenskeeper at the Whittemore Golf Course. For the last

30 years, he helped Chuck and Dave Bjustrom with their farming operation.

Baas was an active member of the Kossuth County Pork Producers, Iowa Pork Producers Association and was an elder at St. Paul Lutheran Church. He also enjoyed fishing and sports, especially the Iowa State Cyclones, Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Twins.

Baas died Oct. 6, near Burt, Iowa, doing what he loved most, farming. He was 80.

He is survived by his siblings, Ann Helmers and husband, Marlyn, of Algona; Carol Baas of West Bend; Tom Baas and wife, Cindy, of Ames; sister-in-law, Deb Baas, of Algona; aunt, Wilma Roeber, of Britt and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Don Baas.

Bruce A. Engnell • 1943-2015

Bruce A. Engnell of Macomb, Illinois passed away on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Peoria OSF Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born on January 6, 1943 to Lloyd and Florence Opalka Engnell in Moline, Illinois. His parents preceded him in death.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Victoria, their two sons Tim and his children Mikaela & Marshall of Winterset, Iowa and Ty & Ronel Engnell and their children Mason and McLain of Good Hope, Illinois. Two brothers Terry & Becky of Orion, Illinois, Kent & Carolyn of Coal Valley, Illinois, sister-in-law Claudine and Mike Johnson of New Windsor, Illinois and 3 nieces and a nephew and their families also survive.

In 1965 after his graduation from Iowa State University, Bruce became the Logan County Assistant Extension Farm Advisor in Lincoln, Illinois. In May 1967 he accepted the position as an agriculture faculty assistant advisor at the Western Illinois University in Macomb to head the swine department and coach the WIU Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Team. During his career at WIU Bruce became the School of Agriculture's Farm Experimental Station Manager which included working with livestock producers and programs at the WIU Swine Evaluation Station, Performance Bull Test, Ram and Goat Test Station along with instructing the livestock evaluation classes and serving as an advisor to the WIU Hoof & Horn Club.

As a youth he and his brother exhibited purebred Hampshire swine as Engnell Brothers. Bruce and John Torrance formed a nationally successful swine partnership as T & E Duerochs which influenced the swine industry history. He and his sons went on to build another generation recognized for swine breeding stock and show pigs as Engnell Brothers. Recent years found Bruce & Ty continuing their swine interest by offering quality breeding stock and show pigs. He was proud that he could work together with Mason & McLain developing their interest in the swine industry. This fall Bruce worked with the West Prairie FFA chapter and their livestock judging program. Bruce retired from Western Illinois University in 2011 after working 44 years helping in the education of many people. Through the years Bruce has been recognized for his many accomplishments related to agriculture and the livestock industry.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home 201 West Carroll Street, Macomb, Illinois. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 6th at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Good Hope Cemetery located north of Good Hope, Illinois on U.S. Highway Route 67. Memorials may be made to the Bruce A. Engnell AG Scholarship. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at dodsworthfh.com.



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March	Tuesday Feb. 2 2016	Monday Feb. 29 2016	NSR Southwest Type Conference; NJSA Western Regional; Houston; Oklahoma Youth Expo	NSR Winter Type Conference/ NJSA Southeast Regional; Pennsylvania Farm Show; National Western Stock Show
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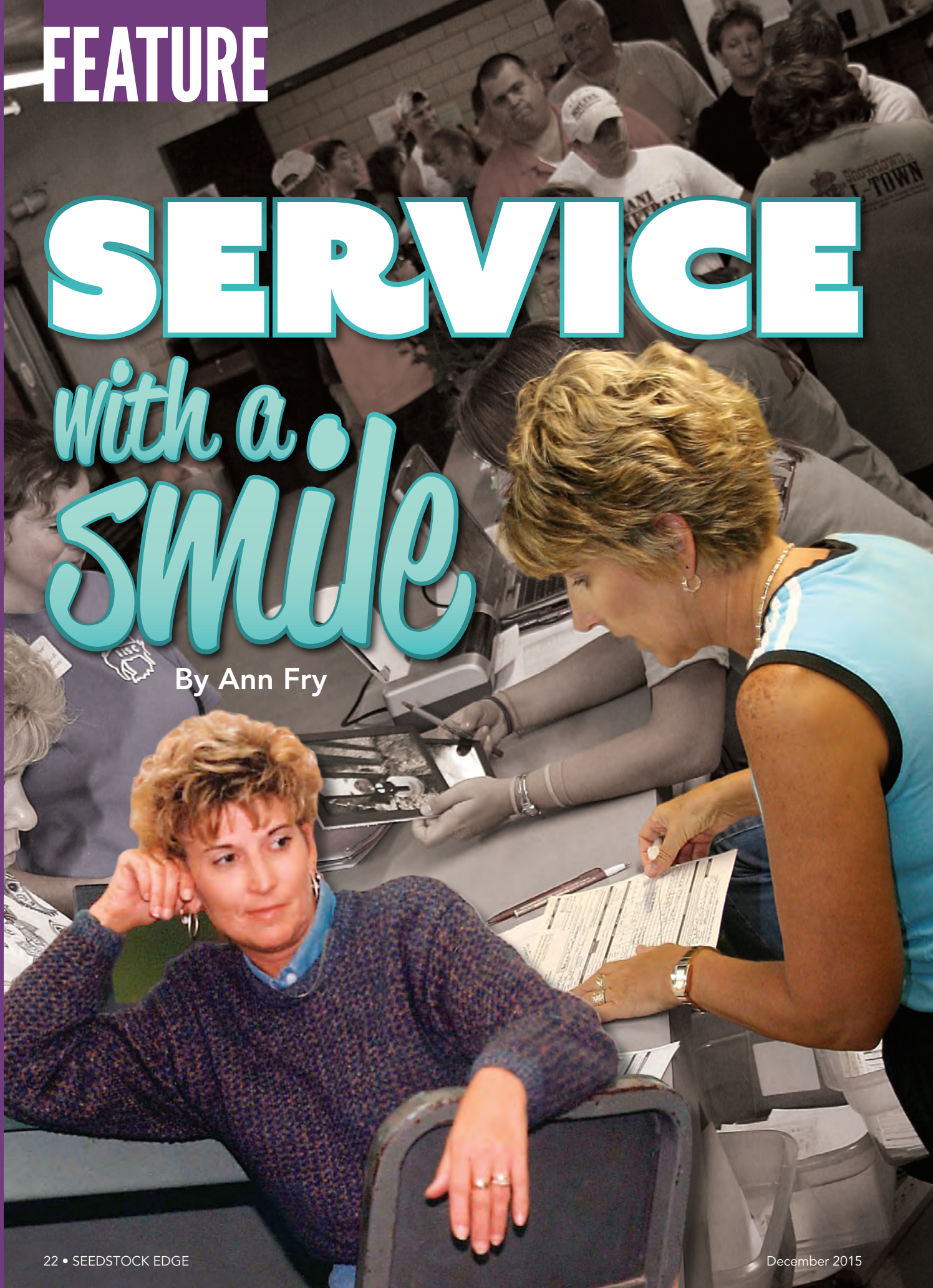
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FEATURE

SERVICE

with a SMILE

By Ann Fry





“Robin, we need you.”

The first time Robin Lucas heard those words from the late Glenn Conatser he was asking her to come work for the American Yorkshire Club (AYC) full time. They were six months behind verifying pedigrees and in desperate need of help. Lucas agreed, thinking she was only filling in until they got caught up.

The second time Conatser told Lucas the AYC needed her was three years later when she was thinking about leaving to stay home and raise her children. Conatser knew there was something special about her, so he asked her to stay.

“Glenn had so much confidence in me when I was just getting started,” Lucas says. “That’s the main reason I’m still here.”

Lucas has seen many changes since she started full time, in August 1980, as a Yorkshire pedigree verifier. Every day was spent marking lines on pedigree applications for the typist to fill in and checking data for accuracy and spelling. Individual pedigrees were typed on memory typewriters. Books of pedigrees were filed, ear notch cards were created, membership cards were confirmed and maintenance fees were updated each time a litter was registered.

In 1983, the pedigree system was moved to computers and Conatser promoted Lucas to Yorkshire Secretary. Although she had no formal training with computers, Lucas was willing to learn and quickly adapted. Lisa Kennedy, National Swine Registry (NSR) administrative assistant and Lucas’ sister-in-

law, says this was just one of many times when Lucas took on a new task and wouldn’t give up until she figured it out.

“That’s something I learned from Robin – never give up. She’s given me the confidence that I can do what I need to do to be successful,” Kennedy says.

Dan Baker, auctioneer, says, Lucas’ willingness to learn and change contributed to her long, successful career.

“Robin has probably seen more dynamic change than any of us, from the standpoint of going from manual typewriters to computers. She was involved in a lot of the changes at our conferences. The most important time of her career is when the breeds consolidated,” he says.

There is no doubt in Baker’s mind the transition from AYC to NSR would have been much more chaotic if it hadn’t been for Lucas. Randy Bowman, associate director of genetics and multiplication for The Maschhoffs, agrees with Baker.

“I think she deserves a lot of credit for being the cornerstone and stabilizing voice for breeders through thick and thin at the Yorkshire Club and into the transition to NSR,” Bowman says.

Bowman describes Lucas as a quiet leader. He recalls when he worked with the AYC as managing editor of the *Yorkshire Journal* everyone in the office respected her and went to her with any question they had. Breeders did the same.

“Breeders went to Robin because they knew they were going to get a straight answer from her,” Bowman says. “And, she treated them all the same, whether they were the largest recorder we had or the smallest.”

Treating people fairly is something Lucas learned while working for the AYC.

“I learned how to be an adult, respect others and accept all people through my years working here,” she says. “Everybody’s got good in them, but everybody’s a little different. Instead of fighting it, you learn how to accept it and work with it.”

Randy Shipley of Newark, Ohio, will invariably ask for Lucas, when he calls the office, because he knows he will be treated fairly, and he just enjoys the friendship they have formed over the years.

“With Robin, we feel so com-

“There won’t be a day go by I won’t miss her, but I know she’ll help me in a heartbeat, if I need her.”

— Lisa Kennedy



Lisa Kennedy (l) and Robin Lucas (r) have worked together since 1991. Kennedy says, very few people are as lucky as she was to be able to work with her best friend and role model.

fortable talking with her. I just admire her calmness and general demeanor,” Shipley says.

Lucas also had a calming effect on some of Baker’s more chaotic moments when he was the advertising coordinator for the *Seedstock EDGE*. He recalls one evening he was working late in the pedigree system to find some information for an ad. All of a sudden, red boxes and warning signs started flashing on the screen. Baker was sure he had wiped out the entire pedigree history of the NSR. In a panic, he finally got a hold of Lucas, who told him to just shut off the computer and go home. She assured him everything would be fine in the morning. Sure enough, it was. When Baker opened the office door the

next morning it was business as usual.

“As much as anything, Robin taught me about patience. Just being around her gives me an element of peace,” Baker says.

Lucas’ calmness and patience are two things Jim Grimm from Maynard, Iowa, appreciates most about her. Watching her work with breeders at Yorkshire Type Conferences, NSR shows and his own sale taught Grimm to stay calm in every situation.

“She doesn’t ever seem like she’s upset,” Grimm says. “When things are going wrong, some people panic. Robin just seems like she is still under control and makes calm decisions. I have never once seen Robin get excited, when there’s a problem. That

doesn’t mean she doesn’t care; it just means she’s going to figure it out.”

Shipley trusts Lucas to figure out any problem when he calls the NSR office.

“Some people, when you call them with a problem, and you hang up, it’s still your problem. With Robin, if you call her, you don’t have to call back,” he says. “I know it will be solved, and I can move on to the next thing.”

Solving problems for breeders is what kept Lucas coming back to work every day for 35 years. She enjoys every time she is able to relieve a breeder’s concern and reassure them their big problem is really no problem at all. She is also the best person in the office to go to with a problem because she has seen it all. Lucas started at the bottom with filing, worked her way up into the pedigree department and then became the office manager. She understands every aspect of the business, so she is able to answer any question breeders have.

She has also enjoyed seeing kids that have participated in NJSA or been NSR interns go on to be part of the industry. There have been times Lucas wasn’t sure the breed associations would go on. When it came to that point, something else always popped up to keep them going, partly due to the influence of the young people Lucas watched grow up and bring new ideas to the industry.

Lucas has also tried to pass on a few lessons to the interns she has worked with.

“I’ve tried to teach the kids their rewards in life come from hard work,



Robin Lucas’ family has always been at the top of her priority list. Front (l to r): Carson Myers, Kolbie Myers, Kelsey Johnson, Allie Johnson, Aidan French, Rhylee Garcia and Elijah French. Back (l to r): Kayla Myers, Corey Myers, Carrie Johnson, Frank Lucas, Shelby Garcia, Robin Lucas, Josh Johnson and Chastity French.

doing things right and fairly, and taking care of others. I just can't see winning something I didn't do myself or do right," she says. "I hope, I am that kind of person. I hope, I have done the job honestly and to the best of my ability."

Grimm would say Lucas has done the job to the best of her ability, and then some.

"She is one of the most honest, dedicated people I know," he says. "With Robin, it hasn't ever been about what she's getting paid. For her, the reward is getting things done and seeing the breeders and association succeed."

While Lucas has been committed to serving the breeders, her family has always come first. Kennedy respects Lucas most for that.

"She's managed to work for 35 years, more than 40 hours most weeks, raise three awesome daughters and never miss one of their events. She's done it all and never once complained," Kennedy says.

Working at the NSR office, while raising her girls, gave Lucas a unique opportunity she will always be grateful for. Each of her daughters worked in the office in some capacity, which allowed Lucas to train them for what the work force was like. Lucas was able to give her daughters insight into the working world while working alongside them, something most mothers are not able to do.

Kennedy recalls the first time she met Lucas was when Frank, Kennedy's brother, brought her home for dinner. This was the first girl Frank had ever brought home for a family dinner, so Kennedy and her mother knew there was something special about Lucas.

Frank and Robin were married in 1975. Aside from her mother, Frank has been one of the biggest influences in Lucas' life. They've grown up together, been each other's sounding boards and raised three daughters who have gone on to have good families of their own. To Lucas, raising her family was just like working at the NSR.

"It all goes back to that honesty thing and doing your best," she says. "Raising a family is just like everything else. It's a job you take a lot of pride in, and you want it to turn out well. I

Dear NSR Family,

When I walked in the door 35 years ago, I always pictured the day I walked out for good - I would be skipping with a big smile on my face! I am very excited to start a new chapter in my life, but it comes with a lot of gratitude and some sadness for the chapter I am leaving. I remember what a privilege it was to be picked to start traveling for the shows and to finally put a face to the names of the people I talk to on the phone and record litters for. You have allowed me to be on the side of swine I prefer most - the paper work! This job has allowed me to grow in maturity, knowledge of computers and swine, communication and enjoy a team environment. I have had the privilege to work with each of my daughters and prepare them for adult life.

With all I have been given, my second chapter in life is hopefully to give back. My mother has been a very important part of my life, so I plan to spend this time trying to make her life easier. I hope to bring some help to my daughters as they are in the midst of raising our grandkids, and you know you can always use extra hands or a driver when raising a family. And, to Frank, my husband, I hope to learn to cook, like our mothers, so he doesn't have to eat frozen pizza and hot dogs anymore.

To all the NSR staff and family, I thank you very much for my time here and wish you many wonderful years in the purebred swine industry.

Robin

feel like life's been good to all of us."

Spending time with her family is what Lucas is most looking forward to in her retirement. With eight grandchildren, she knows she will be busy attending sporting events and county fairs. She is also planning to take care of her mother, the woman who Lucas got her strength and work ethic from.

Shipleigh understands how important spending time with grandchildren is, but he will miss seeing Lucas at the shows and talking to her on the phone.

"I'll miss having someone who, when she answers the phone, I know her voice, and she knows mine," he says. "Thank you, Robin, for all your years of service - when you deal with a bunch of

farmers, you have to be awfully patient."

As much as Kennedy knows Lucas will enjoy her retirement, she also knows the NSR office won't be the same without her.

"Most people don't get to work with their best friend and sister. She's been my role model and my biggest supporter. She's always been here and willing to help," she says. "There won't be a day go by I won't miss her, but I know she'll help me in a heartbeat, if I need her."



Passing the Torch is the third article in a three-part series of stories focusing on farm succession planning. Read last month's story following one family through the process of bringing home an off-farm heir.

Passing the Torch

By Katie Maupin





Kyle Baade always dreamed of owning his own purebred seedstock operation. But, even at a young age, he realized it was a lofty goal. After all, it takes money to make money in agriculture. Land, facilities, genetics and feed all cost money, and he didn't even have two nickels to rub together. Baade decided to pursue a career in veterinary medicine instead. With all paths pointing toward vet school, an unexpected opportunity landed in his lap, which would change his course and help him reach his dreams.



While Baade was dreaming of a seemingly unattainable life raising pigs, John Penner, owner of Penner Genetics, and his wife, Zella, were thinking about what they would do with their purebred seedstock business they'd built for nearly four decades. The Penners had not only raised Hampshire hogs on their 160-acre farm in Plymouth, Nebraska, but they'd raised a family. With their two girls having little interest in returning to the operation, the couple wondered what they would do as they looked toward the future.

Little did Baade or Penner know their paths would cross, and their lives would change. Baade is a fourth generation farmer, but a new opportunity for

his family landed him in Plymouth for his junior year of high school. Diving into his new high school's vocational agricultural program, Baade was asked to be one of four students who worked the Penner Genetics showpig sale, and he was ecstatic.

Even though Baade had spent most of his life in Iowa, he was familiar with the Penner name. The first memory he has of a Hampshire hog is three boars his father purchased from Penner.

"To this day, my dad says the daughters sired by those boars were the best he'd ever raised," he says.

Baade was impressed to meet the one and only John Penner, who he had heard so much about.

"I was just awestruck because here was Mr. John Penner. I called him 'Mr. Penner,' and he just laughed and told me to call him 'John,'" he laughs.

Little known to Baade, Penner was equally impressed at that sale. He recalls telling Zella about the boy who'd helped from the local high school.

"[The ag instructor] sent four guys, and they started helping with the sale. But it was obvious there was one of the boys that was extremely interested in

Two families were united by their love for the purebred swine industry and their faith in the future of our industry. John and Zella Penner (left) sold their operation, Penner Genetics, to Kyle and Laura Baade (pictured on right with their son, Anders).

pigs, knew how to handle them and saw them well. I came home and told Zella there was one guy there that just really knew his stuff,” Penner says.

What impressed him the most with Baade was not necessarily his skills with swine – though they were apparent – but rather, Baade’s ability to easily interact with people at the sale.

“Here’s a young man that says he has had a passion for raising Hampshires since he was 3-years-old, but it was more about him working with people,” Penner explains.

Helping with Penner’s pig sale became an annual event for Baade. He helped through his high school

While it may seem sudden or even rash, for Penner to think of handing the reins of an operation he spent four decades building to some boy he’d met at his pig sale, for the Penner family, this wasn’t a new idea. In fact, Penner and Zella had discussed several times, not necessarily retiring, but what the future of their farm would hold. Their own children weren’t interested in taking over Penner Genetics, but the couple wanted to see a young family working together to raise their children on the farm just like they did.

“We are not doing this to try to promote Penner Genetics and Penner Hampshires. We had a great run with

be fortunate enough to get here.”

Even though this was always Baade’s dream, don’t think it didn’t require a large leap of faith. Baade’s dad was one of the people that encouraged him to take the leap.

“He said, ‘You’re young enough, if it doesn’t work out, you can always start over. But if you don’t try you will always regret it,’” Baade recalls.

So after graduating SDSU in December 2009, Baade returned to Plymouth. But, he didn’t move straight to the helm of the operation. Instead, he worked

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career and even his first two years of college as he pursued his general education classes at a local community college. When Baade was interning at an equine reproduction facility in California as part of his third year of college, he got a call from Penner.

“John called in March to see if I would help with the pig sale, not knowing I was in California,” Baade says. “Then, he wanted to know if I would be interested in a summer internship, after I finished my internship in California. Before I left in August, he wanted to know if I had any interest in coming back to the farm and taking over his program.”

By the end of that summer, before heading to South Dakota State University to finish his education, Baade made the decision to formally change his major from large animal vet science to animal science.

that. We were relatively successful. We met a lot of good people, and we still have a lot of good friends. What we are trying to do is to allow a young person to have the same opportunities we had – to build his own operation. We are trying to pass on an opportunity rather than a legacy,” Penner says. “Zella and I talked at one time, if you can picture in your mind a young couple on the farm raising kids that would be the most ideal thing we could view, and that is starting to happen.”

Baade, to Penner, seemed to be just the young person they’d been searching for, and the dream he barely dared to even wish for was suddenly in grasp.

“If you would have asked me 10 years ago where I would be today, this isn’t what I would have said,” Baade says. “This is where I would have liked to have been, but I just didn’t think there was any way I could



Kyle Baade and John Penner worked together for three years before Baade officially purchased the operation. Not only did this time allow the families to review their plans for the future and secure financing, it also showed Baade the ins and outs of the industry before he stepped to the helm.

alongside Penner for three years. He learned the ins and outs of the operation as they discussed different ways the farm could be transferred, pushed pencils, made cash flow charts and amassed piles and piles of paperwork Baade could use to apply for a beginning farmers loan.

“We had three years to put the plans into place,” Penner says. “We visited with some financial people, some attorneys, and we looked at different loan options.”

To Baade, the financial side of the transition was the most challenging. As a young person right out of college, everyone wanted to loan Baade money, until they saw the lack of collateral needed to purchase the house and 10

acres with the hog operation. So, he looked toward government programs and beginning farmers loans. The piles of paperwork needed not only provided ample time for Baade and Penner to work side by side, but it also gave the duo plenty of time to understand the value of the operation and how best to proceed with the transition.

“If you want someone to take over your operation with a mindset on genetic improvement, it needs to be priced accordingly and realistically so that young person can succeed,” Baade says.

Penner had no misgivings in the department. Although he had invested money in the last decade to improve his swine facility, he knew it was still too small scaled to be of value to larger, commercial swine producers.

“To find someone who was interested in doing what we do with genetics was pretty special,” Penner says. “And I see several operations around the country, where I’m sure young people would be interested in doing just that.”

In 2013, after countless sit downs, with Baade, Penner, Zella and Baade’s new bride of one year, Laura, the crew was finally ready to make the move and finalize financing, only to hit yet another paperwork roadblock with the beginning farmer loans. Rather than keep going that direction, the couple borrowed money from both Farm Credit Services and Penner himself.

“The ability for us to work together has been crucial for the success of the transition.” — Kyle Baade

While those three years of pencil pushing proved frustrating to Baade from a financial aspect, they were invaluable to him as he prepared to take over the operation.

“The ability for us to work together has been crucial for the success of the transition,” Baade says.

Penner would agree. His goal over the three years they worked toward the transition was not to tell Baade how it should be done, but rather let Baade figure out his own place within the industry.

“Sometimes you learn better by making mistakes. You try to guide and help, but it is always best not to be too overbearing. I just did everything based upon the fact I knew he was the best person to take over this operation,” Penner says. “There are no guarantees in life. There is no guarantee they will make it.”

Baade knows Baade Genetics isn’t a sure thing. He will tell you if you’re not scared to take on such a venture, then you aren’t taking it seriously enough. Yet, he knows he has a strong supporting cast. His wife, Laura, their families, and Penner and Zella were all

essential to creating Baade Genetics.

No doubt this experience has united two families that were once strangers by creating a bond over a passion for livestock. Penner says, Baade and Laura have become another set of children to them, and Baade will tell you he’d take a bullet for Penner. Both couples’ dreams came true through each other. The Penners look at the farm they worked for decades and see another young couple having the opportunity to raise their children on the farm, and the Baade family wakes up each day to a life they dreamed about.



Today, Kyle and Laura Baade own the 10 acres, house and swine facilities that once were part of Penner Genetics, but John and Zella Penner still serve as mentors to the Baade family. The couple helps out on the operation and enjoys seeing a young family grow on the same farm that created their livelihood for four decades. Through the process, the Penners and Baades have grown as close as family.



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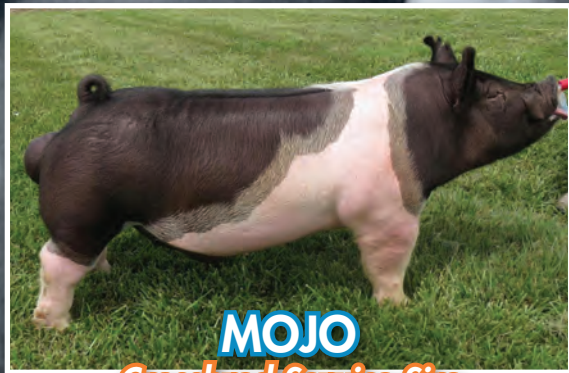
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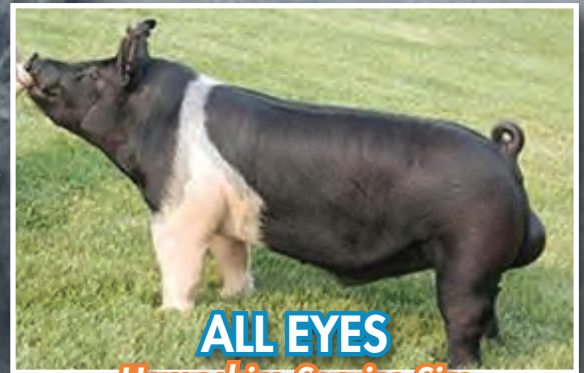


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Hampshire Service Sire



MOJO
Crossbred Service Sire

Congratulations to Lane Egger for exhibiting the Champion Hampshire Barrow at Kansas City!
Sired by Speechless and bred by us.



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2016 NATIONAL PICTURE JUDGING CONTEST

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To enter the contest mail in the included form or visit nationalswine.com to enter online.



2016 National Picture Judging Contest

Official Entry Form*

Instructions

1. Rank the animals in each of the 10 classes listed to the left
2. Mark the official entry form (left) with the letter that corresponds to your placing for each class
3. Only one letter placing per class

- Letter
- Class 1** **Duroc Boars**
- Class 2** **Hampshire Boars**
- Class 3** **Landrace Boars**
- Class 4** **Yorkshire Boars**
- Class 5** **Duroc Gilts**
- Class 6** **Hampshire Gilts**
- Class 7** **Landrace Gilts**
- Class 8** **Yorkshire Gilts**
- Class 9** **Grand Drive Barrows**
- Class 10** **Crossbred Market Hogs**

1	2	3	4	A
1	2	4	3	B
1	3	2	4	C
1	3	4	2	D
1	4	2	3	E
1	4	3	2	F
2	1	3	4	G
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4	3	1	2	W
4	3	2	1	X

Entries must be postmarked or entered online by Feb. 1, 2016

Individual divisions:			For office use only: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior division	<input type="checkbox"/> College division	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult division	
Name _____			
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____			
Phone _____ E-mail _____			
Team divisions:			For office use only: _____ For office use only: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Team	<input type="checkbox"/> FFA Team	<input type="checkbox"/> College Team	
(4-H and FFA team must have four members ONLY; College team must have five members ONLY)			
PRINT team members' names: 1. _____ 2. _____			
3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____			
School or Club Name _____			
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____			

Results

Official placings, reasons and contest winners will appear online at www.nationalswine.com after April 15, 2016, and in the April/May 2016 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.

Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at www.nationalswine.com. No reprints will be mailed from the NSR office. Remember, this is an educational event.

Each individual or team member must complete their own entry form, and only one entry should appear on each mailed form. This contest is open to all purebred seedstock enthusiasts in the United States.

***Enter online at nationalswine.com!**

EXPLANATION OF TERMS:

Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) – An EPD is the best estimate of a sire's 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 (NSR). 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 Intramuscular Fat (IMF) are desired for meat quality based markets.

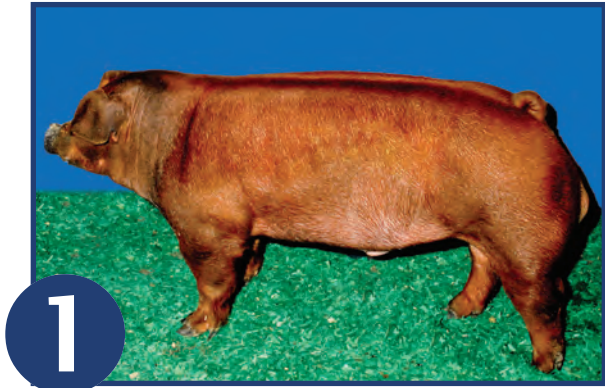
Actual Number Born Alive (Nba): This value is the actual number of pigs born from the dam's parity when the pig was born and are measurements taken from the pig's dam.

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.

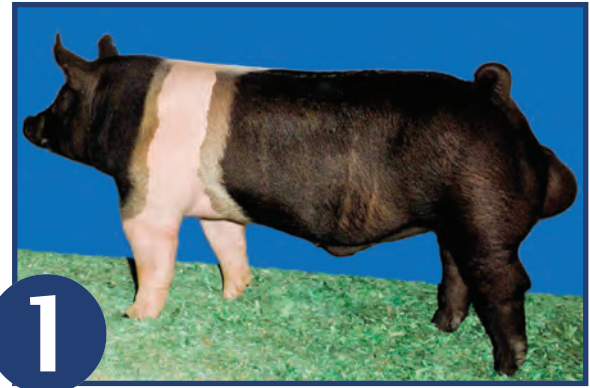
Litter Weight (Lwt): This is the actual cumulative weight of all pigs weaned from the pigs birth litter. This weight is recorded on the pig's dam and is adjusted to 21 days of lactation.

Class 1 – Duroc Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be selected for use in a purebred operation that merchandises their branded pork product to high-end retailers and restaurants.

Class 2 – Hampshire Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be selected for use as terminal sires on F1 Yorkshire x Landrace gilts.



EPDs: -3.0 DAYS, +0.02 BF, -1.10 LBS, +0.15 IMF



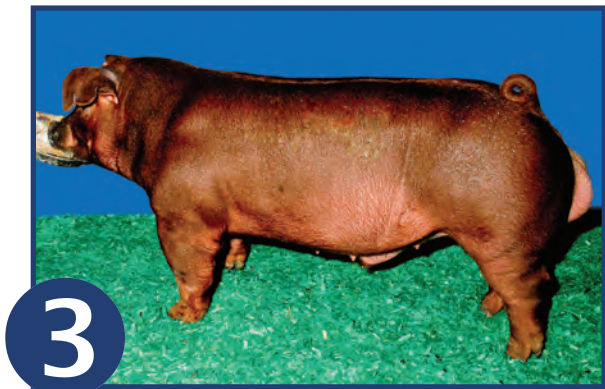
EPDs: -3.7 DAYS, -0.02 BF, -0.04 FE, 110 TSI



EPDs: -3.1 DAYS, -0.04 BF, +1.30 LBS, -0.10 IMF



EPDs: -1.8 DAYS, +0.02 BF, -0.01 FE, 105 TSI



EPDs: -3.5 DAYS, -0.01 BF, +1.25 LBS, +0.19 IMF



EPDs: -1.1 DAYS, -0.01 BF, +0.01 FE, 104 TSI

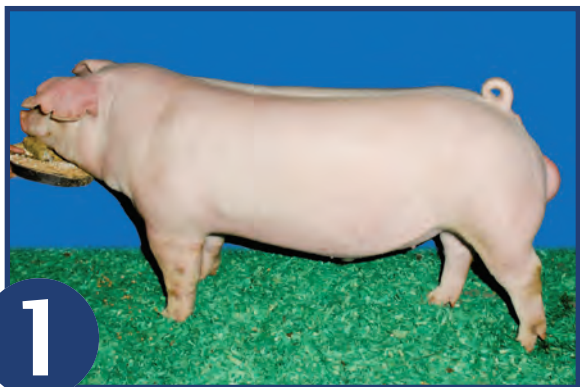


EPDs: -2.9 DAYS, -0.01 BF, +1.09 LBS, +0.17 IMF



EPDs: -3.5 DAYS, -0.01 BF, -0.02 FE, 111 TSI

Class 3 – Landrace Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be selected for use on Yorkshire females for the production of F1 replacement gilts in a commercial system.



EPDs: +0.35 NBA, -0.20 WTE, 121 MLI



EPDs: +0.22 NBA, -0.01 WTE, 111 MLI



EPDs: +0.26 NBA, -0.12 WTE, 110 MLI

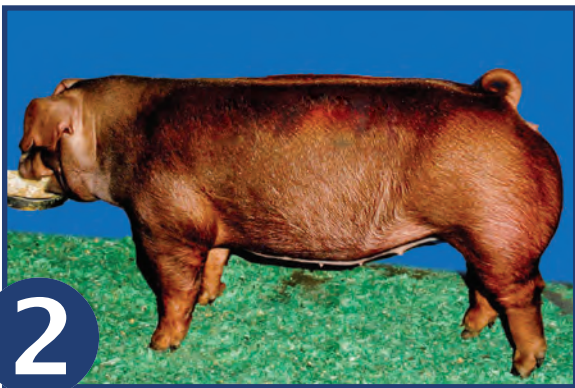
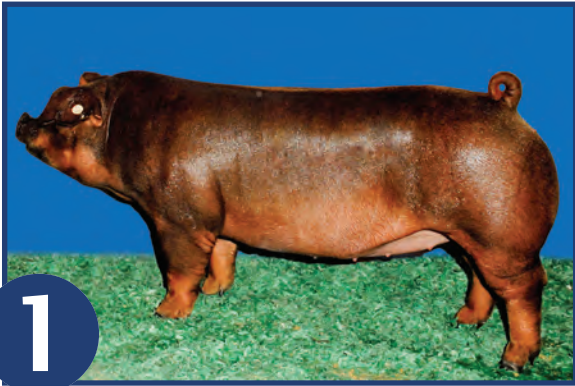


EPDs: +0.05 NBA, +0.02 WTE, 106 MLI

Class 4 – Yorkshire Boars Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be purchased by an NJSA member that competes in the NJSA Premier Breeder program and also utilizes NSR type conferences to market seedstock.



Class 5 – Duroc Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be purchased for a purebred operation that sells youth show projects and also maintains a commercial customer base.



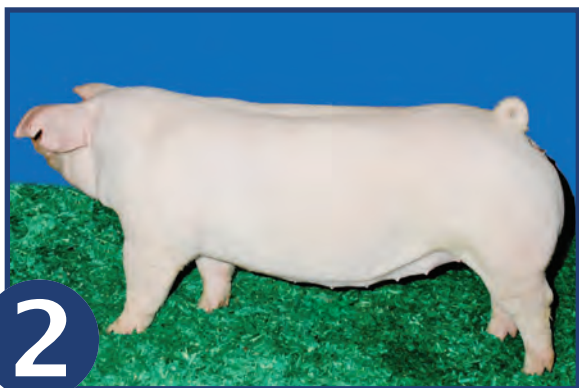
Class 6 – Hampshire Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be purchased through the NSR Winter Type Conference sale by a young breeder that operates a small purebred sow herd focused on showpig production.



Class 7 – Landrace Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be selected as replacements in a large multiplier that utilizes Landrace and Yorkshire genetics as the maternal foundation of their production herds.



EPDs: +0.29 NBA, -0.02 WTE, 119 SPI



EPDs: +0.30 NBA, -0.01 WTE, 118 SPI



EPDs: +0.21 NBA, -0.01 WTE, 110 SPI



EPDs: +0.19 NBA, +0.02 WTE, 111 SPI

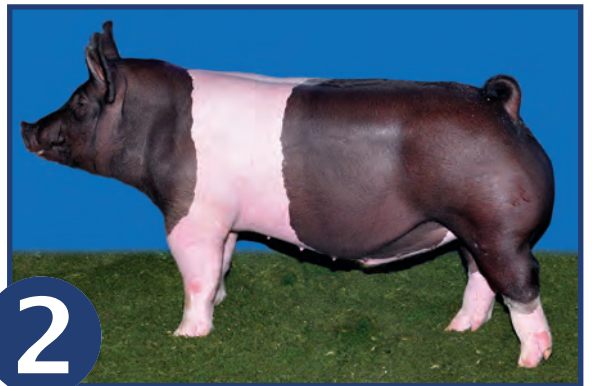
Class 8 – Yorkshire Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be selected as replacements for a club pig operation that utilizes Yorkshire females to generate purebred and crossbred showpigs.



Class 9 Grand Drive Barrows



Class 10 Crossbred Market Hogs



National Junior Swine Association

SHOWS



SHOWS

2015

Eastern Regional



Hamburg, N.Y. • Oct. 8-10

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

JUDGE: Kane Causemaker, Ill.

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS: 134 from 10 states

WINNINGS

- Overall gilt won: One-year lease of an Exiss Trailer
- Overall barrow won: \$375
- Reserve overall gilt won: \$500
- Reserve overall barrow won: \$250
- Breed & crossbred gilt champions won: \$100
- Breed & crossbred barrow champions won: \$125
- Breed & crossbred reserve barrow champions won: \$50



Mapes

Champion Overall Barrow & Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Brenna Mortensen, Mich.



Mapes

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



Mapes

Res. Champion Overall Barrow & Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Payton Hines, Mich.



Mapes

Res. Champion Overall Gilt & Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Payton Hines, Mich.



Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Halle Wasson, Ind.



Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Brendon Knoll, N.Y.



Champion Bred-and-Owned Duroc Gilt
Shown by Carter Arbuckle, Mich.



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



Reserve Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.



Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Marissa Miller, Pa.



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



Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Maddie Fugate, Ill.



Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt & Champion Bred-and-Owned
Shown by Maddie Fugate, Ill.



Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Mackenzie Miller, Pa.



Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Brandon Stickler, Ill.



Champion Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Eric Putnak, Pa.



Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Joe Espey, Pa.



Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Mackenzie Miller, Pa.



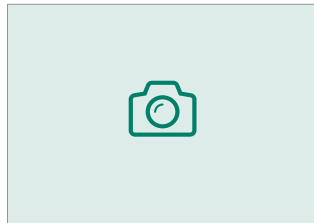
Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Dillon Knoll, N.Y.



Champion Landrace Barrow
Shown by Gus Mitchem, Ohio



Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Breanne Reif, Mich.



Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Kelsie Jackson, N.Y.



Champion Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Nick Gardner, Pa.



Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Chase Ferguson, Md.

PREMISE I.D.

GET THE NUMBER. A Premise I.D. is required at all NSR shows

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SHOWS

Contests



Novice Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Trenton Stadtmiller, Pa.; 2nd: Carter Arbuckle, Mich.; 3rd: Brenna Mortensen, Mich.; 4th: Ashton Bain, Ohio; 5th: Griffin Meeke, Ill. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Elizabeth Dice, Pa.; 7th: Avery Arbuckle, Mich.; 8th: Anna Hayes, N.Y.; 9th: Nathan Prezzano, N.Y.; 10th: Olivia Merrill, Mich.



Junior Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Halle Morehead, Ohio; 2nd: Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.; 3rd: Madelyn Rennecker, Ohio; 4th: Nolan Barney, Ohio; 5th: Halle Wasson, Ind. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Jesse Stewart, Ohio; 7th: Brayden Payne, Ill.; 8th: Gracee Stewart, Ohio; 9th: Jake Batson, Ill.; 10th: McKenzie Stadtmiller, Pa.



Intermediate Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Payton Hines, Mich.; 2nd: Brandon Stickler, Ill.; 3rd: Maddie Fugate, Ill.; 4th: Melissa Keller, N.Y.; 5th: Eric Putnak, Pa. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Mikayla Donnell, Pa.; 7th: Renee Svonavec, Pa.; 8th: Lydia AcMoody, Mich.; 9th: Shelby Morehead, Ohio; 10th: Chase Ferguson, Md.



Senior Showmanship – Top 10

Front (l-r): 1st: Kent Way, Ohio; 2nd: Bailey Kemp, Mo.; 3rd: Allison Gowanlock, N.Y.; 4th: Taylor Conley, Pa.; 5th: Mitchell Concannon, Ind. **Back (l-r):** 6th: Austin Joostberns, Mich.; 7th: Ethan Stas, Pa.; 8th: Scott Gardner, Pa.; 9th: Mackenzie Miller, Pa.; 10th: Bridget McConn, Pa.



Novice Skillathon – Top 9

Front (r-l): 1st: Ashton Bain, Ohio; 2nd: Avery Arbuckle, Mich.; 3rd: Carter Arbuckle, Mich.; 4th: Brenna Mortensen, Mich.; 5th: Ty Jones, Ky. **Back (r-l):** 6th: Lillian Merrill, Mich.; 7th: Kylene Stierly, N.Y.; 8th: Nathan Prezzano, N.Y.; 10th: Amelia Meeker, Ill. **Not Pictured:** 9th: Elizabeth Dice, Pa.



Junior Skillathon – Top 10

Front (r-l): 1st: Riley Stull, Ohio; 2nd: Madelyn Rennecker, Ohio; 3rd: Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.; 4th: Chasten McConn, Pa.; 5th: John Stierly IV, N.Y. **Back (r-l):** 6th: Breanne Reif, Mich.; 7th: Gracee Stewart, Ohio; 8th: Halle Morehead, Ohio; 9th: Brayden Payne, Ill.; 10th: Sarah Stierly, N.Y.



Intermediate Skillathon – Top 9

Front (r-l): 1st: Rachel Nesbitt, Pa.; 2nd: Cailyn Hines, Mich.; 4th: Maddie Fugate, Ill.; 5th: Chase Ferguson, Md. **Back (r-l):** 6th: Payton Hines, Mich.; 7th: Brandon Stickler, Ill.; 8th: Kaci Way, Ohio; 9th: Madison Cook, Del.; 10th: Melissa Keller, N.Y. **Not Pictured:** 3rd: Andy Bontrager, N.Y.



Senior Skillathon – Top 10

Front (r-l): 1st: Cody Berling, Ind.; 2nd: Taylor Conley, Pa.; 3rd: Sarah Nesbitt, Pa.; 4th: Gus Mitchem, Ohio; 5th: Nick Gardner, Pa. **Back (r-l):** 6th: Bailey Kemp, Mo.; 7th: Bridget McConn, Pa.; 8th: Allison Gowanlock, N.Y.; 9th: Derek Barker, Ohio; 10th: Austin Joostberns, Mich.



Novice Sweepstakes – Top 9

Front (r-l): 1st(tie): Brenna Mortensen, Mich.; 2nd: Avery Arbuckle, Mich.; 3rd: Ashton Bain, Ohio; 1st(tie): Carter Arbuckle, Mich.; 5th: Trenton Stadtmiller, Pa. **Back (r-l):** 6th: Griffin Meeke, Ill.; 8th: Lillian Merrill, Mich.; 9th: Miley Reitz, Pa.; 10th: Kylene Stierly, N.Y. **Not Pictured:** 7th: Elizabeth Dice, Pa.



Junior Sweepstakes – Top 10

Front (r-l): 1st: Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.; 2nd: Madelyn Rennecker, Ohio; 3rd: Riley Stull, Ohio; 4th: Nolan Barney, Ohio; 5th: Halle Wasson, Ind. **Back (r-l):** 6th: Chasten McConn, Pa.; 7th: Breanne Reif, Mich.; 8th: Halle Morehead, Ohio; 9th: Gracee Stewart, Ohio; 10th: Jake Batson, Pa.



Intermediate Sweepstakes – Top 10

Front (r-l): 1st: Maddie Fugate, Ill.; 2nd: Payton Hines, Mich.; 3rd: Brandon Stickler, Ill.; 4th: Cailyn Hines, Mich.; 5th: Rachel Nesbitt, Pa.; **Back (r-l):** 6th: Chase Ferguson, Md.; 7th: Melissa Keller, N.Y.; 8th: Eric Putnak, Pa.; 9th: Renee Svonavec, Pa.; 10th: Lydia AcMoody, Mich.



Senior Sweepstakes – Top 10

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For more information visit nationalswine.com/njsa

SHOWS



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SHOWS

2015 Ak-Sar-Ben

Omaha, Neb. • Sept. 26-27

JUDGE: Jim McCoy, Ohio



Grand Champion Overall Market Hog,
Champion Overall Market Gilt &
Champion NSR Market Gilt
Shown by Brody Nemecek, Kan.



Res. Grand Champion Overall Market Hog
& Champion Overall Market Barrow
Shown by Lindsey Gillmore, Colo.



Res. Champion Overall Market Barrow
Shown by Megan Moore, Iowa



Res. Champion Overall Market Gilt
Shown by Lane Egger, Neb.



Champion NSR Market Barrow
Shown by Kendra Myers, N.D.



Res. Champion NSR Market Barrow
Shown by James DeRouchev, Kan.



Res. Champion NSR Market Gilt
Shown by Grace Jacobson, Neb.

2015 Georgia National Fair

Perry, Ga. • Oct. 16-17

JUDGES: Market Hog Show: Al Schminke, Iowa
Gilt Show: Kent Bennington, Ind.



Overall Champion Market Barrow
Shown by Madison Herndon



Overall Reserve Champion Market Barrow
Shown by Whitley Dale



Overall Champion Market Gilt
Shown by Madison Herndon



Overall Reserve Champion Market Gilt
Shown by Caroline Thompson



Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Cassie Powell



Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Joe Mitchell



Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Ginger Mitchell



Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Calle Cauley



Reserve Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Calle Cauley



Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Sarah York

2015 State Fair of Texas

Dallas, Texas • Oct. 1

JUDGE: Kent Bennington, Ind.



Grand Champion Market Barrow & Champion Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Lane Noble



Res. Grand Champion Market Barrow & Champion Dark Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Jenna Battle



Champion Duroc Market Barrow
Shown by Kourtland Tray Johnson



Res. Champion Duroc Market Barrow
Shown by Eli Delong



Champion Hampshire Market Barrow
Shown by Jaci Horton



Res. Champion Hampshire Market Barrow
Shown by Claire McCormick



Champion Yorkshire Market Barrow
Shown by Rowdy Huffaker



Res. Champion Yorkshire Market Barrow
Shown by Grayson Blount

2015 Cow Palace Grand National

Daly City, Calif. • Oct. 15-18

JUDGE: Jason Hirschfeld, Neb.



Grand Champion Classic Hog & Champion Market Hog
Shown by Bailey Terra



Res. Grand Champion Classic Hog & Champion Progress Hog
Shown by Kilee Gillard



Champion Prospect Hog
Shown by Jackson Calbreath



Res. Champion Prospect Hog
Shown by Alia Rodgers



Res. Champion Progress Hog
Shown by Caleb Johnson



Res. Champion Market Hog
Shown by Kyle Azevedo



Supreme Champion Gilt
Shown by Eleanor Borba



Supreme Champion Boar
Shown by Cody Jackson



Res. Supreme Champion Gilt
Shown by Rio Pagliaro

SHOWS

2015 Keystone Int'l Livestock Expo

Harrisburg, Pa. • Oct. 1-2 JUDGE: Troy Sloan, Mo.



Champion Duroc Boar
Shown by Katie & Riley Stull



Reserve Champion Duroc Boar
Shown by Jon Harrison



Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Colby Hough



Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by David Holloway



Champion Hampshire Boar
Shown by Derek Barker



Reserve Champion Hampshire Boar
Shown by Daniel Seaman



Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Alyson Schulze



Reserve Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Rachel Nesbitt



Champion Landrace Boar
Shown by Lance and Mitchell Westcamp



Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Lance and Mitchell Westcamp



Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Lance and Mitchell Westcamp



Champion Yorkshire Boar
Shown by Sarah Nesbitt



Reserve Champion Yorkshire Boar
Shown by Brad Jaeger



Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Colby Hough



Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Brad Jaeger

CLASS 1 DUROC BOARS

- 1st: Jon Harrison, MD, 1-5 (DRS2 RED BULL 10-1)
2nd: Kaite & Riley Stull, OH, 2-1 (DRS2 RED BULL 10-1)

CLASS 2 DUROC BOARS

- 1st: Kaite & Riley Stull, OH, 10-5 (SDF3 LIGHT 'EM UP 3-2)
2nd: Rodger Bankert, PA, 3-3 (ABD3 KRYPTONITE 6-3)

CLASS 1 DUROC GILTS

- 1st: Colby Hough, MD, 2-2 (T SMIB2 ROLLING ROCK 4-1)
2nd: Laura McClements, DE, 1-3 (CHH2 LVS WHISKEY RED 27-5)
3rd: John Hunsinger, PA, 2-1 (AAFS3 STEWART LITTLE 4-8)

CLASS 2 DUROC GILTS

- 1st: David Holloway, PA, 6-6 (KT3 ON FIRE 3-4)

CLASS 3 DUROC GILTS

- 1st: Samantha Hunsinger, PA, 6-1 (AHYE4 DR LEWIS 2-1)
2nd: Kaite & Riley Stull, OH, 9-2 (HD3 MOUNTAIN 19-1)
3rd: Jon Harrison, MD, 2-4 (SMIB2 ROLLING ROCK 4-1)

CLASS 4 DUROC GILTS

- 1st: John Hunsinger, PA, 18-3 (CAIN4 SLATS 1-3)

CLASS 1 HAMPSHIRE BOARS

- 1st: Daniel Seaman, PA, 4-5 (GMW4 GAME FACE 12-2)
2nd: Justine Bennecoff, PA, 18-1 (BSH2 LTC 1-4)

CLASS 2 HAMPSHIRE BOARS

- 1st: Derek Barker, OH, 9-9 (CFLK4 TCG EXILE 1-1)
2nd: Jon Harrison, MD, 1-2 (WHW4 GRUS RAINDANCE 4-6)

CLASS 1 HAMPSHIRE GILTS

- 1st: Alyson Schulze, MD, 1-1 (WHW4 GRUS RAINDANCE 4-6)
2nd: Rachel Nesbitt, PA, 15-4 (AAH3 GRUS OUTLAW 27-3)

CLASS 2 HAMPSHIRE GILTS

- 1st: Grandin Lewis, WV, 14-3 (FEF2 REVIVAL 48-10)
2nd: Justine Bennecoff, PA, 18-4 (BSH2 LTC 1-4)
3rd: Justine Bennecoff, PA, 18-9 (BSH2 LTC 1-4)

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- 1st: Brown Family, OH, 12-8 (ALBN4 LVS STAMPEDE 10-1)
2nd: Justine Bennecoff, PA, 31-10 (JTPS4 GRUS POWER POINT 4-4)

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- 1st: Justine Bennecoff, PA, 47-8 (JTPS4 GRUS POWER POINT 4-4)
2nd: Justine Bennecoff, PA, 47-7 (JTPS4 GRUS POWER POINT 4-4)

CLASS 1 LANDRACE BOARS

- 1st: Lance and Mitchell Westcamp, OH, 18-6 (WCMP3 SHARK TANK 2-2)

CLASS 1 LANDRACE GILTS

- 1st: Lance and Mitchell Westcamp, OH, 16-9 (DOVS2 BAD CAT 9-8)
2nd: Lance and Mitchell Westcamp, OH, 16-9 (WCMP3 SHARK TANK 2-2)
3rd: Rachel Nesbitt, PA, 21-12 (WCMP3 SHARK TANK 2-2)

CLASS 2 LANDRACE GILTS

- 1st: Lance and Mitchell Westcamp, OH, 19-6 (WCMP4 BULL 21-1)

CLASS 1 YORKSHIRE BOARS

- 1st: Brad Jaeger, MO, 8-3 (GWG3 KENTUCKY SWAMP WATER 59-1)
2nd: Drew Kraj, PA, 1-2 (ASLS3 GRUS MOUNTAIN MAN 10-1)
3rd: Brad Jaeger, MO, 8-3 (GWG3 KENTUCKY SWAMP WATER 59-1)

CLASS 2 YORKSHIRE BOARS

- 1st: Sarah Nesbitt, PA, 12-10 (HACO2 TCG UNTOUCHABLE 153-6)
2nd: Brad Jaeger, MO, 15-3 (ACGF3 CONTROL FREAK 10-2)
3rd: Rachel Nesbitt, PA, 12-3 (HACO2 TCG UNTOUCHABLE 153-6)

CLASS 1 YORKSHIRE GILTS

- 1st: Colby Hough, MD, 5-12 (LMO2 TALOGA 6-6)
2nd: Brad Jaeger, MO, 15-3 (ACGF3 CONTROL FREAK 10-2)
3rd: Rachel Nesbitt, PA, 9-5 (ARK3 LVS MAXIMUS 382-4)

CLASS 2 YORKSHIRE GILTS

- 1st: Sarah Nesbitt, PA, 12-5 (HACO2 TCG UNTOUCHABLE 153-6)

SCHEDULE

Shows and Events



Show Schedule

SHOW	WHERE	WHEN	ENTRY DEADLINE
National Western Stock Show	Denver, Colo.	Jan. 18-20, 2016	CLOSED
NJSA Southeast Regional	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 27-31, 2016	Dec. 10, 2015
NSR Winter Type Conference	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 27-31, 2016	Dec. 10, 2015
NJSA Bootcamp	Ames, Iowa	Feb. 20, 2016	Feb. 2, 2016
NSR Southwest Type Conference	Belton, Texas	March 2-5, 2016	Feb. 1, 2016
NJSA Western Regional	Turlock, Calif.	March 10-13, 2016	Feb. 11, 2016
NJSA Nat'l Youth Leadership Conf.	Lexington, Ky.	April 8-10, 2016	March 2, 2016
NSR Weanling Extravaganza	Richmond, Ind.	April 20, 2016	March 23, 2016
World Pork Expo	Des Moines, Iowa	June 6-11, 2016	TBA
WPX Junior National	Des Moines, Iowa	June 6-11, 2016	TBA
NSR Summer Type Conference	Louisville, Ky.	July 4-9, 2016	TBA
National Junior Summer Spectacular	Louisville, Ky.	July 4-9, 2016	TBA
NJSA Southwest Regional	TBA	TBA	TBA
National Barrow Show®	Austin, Minn.	Oct. 10-14, 2016	TBA
NBS® Junior Classic	Austin, Minn.	Oct. 10-11, 2016	TBA
Ak-Sar-Ben	Omaha, Neb.	Sept. 22-25, 2016	TBA
NJSA Eastern Regional	Hamburg, N.Y.	TBA	TBA
American Royal	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA	TBA
NAILE	Louisville, Ky.	TBA	TBA
NSR Fall Classic	Duncan, Okla.	Nov. 18-21, 2015	CLOSED
NJSA Regional Leadership Conf.	Champaign, Ill.	Dec. 5, 2015	CLOSED
Arizona National	Phoenix, Ariz.	Dec. 27, 2015-Jan. 1, 2016	CLOSED

SCHEDULE

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NSR Fall Classic

Nov. 18-21, 2015

Stephens County Fairgrounds • Duncan, Okla.



BREEDING ANIMAL ENTRIES FARROWED:

On or after April 1, 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, Nov. 18

8 a.m.: Earliest entries may arrive

Thursday, Nov. 19

9 a.m.: All entries must be in the barn

5 p.m.: Weanling Pig Sift

Friday, Nov. 20

South Arena

7:30 a.m.: Duroc show followed by Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, Crossbred Boar

Main Arena (Ring B)

8 a.m.: Spot show followed by Poland, Chester White, Berkshire

5:30 p.m.: Selection of the champion

Weanling Pig Prospects (Ring A)

Fabulous Female Sale to follow
(All gilts selected will be sold in this sale.)

6:45 p.m.: Male Weanling Pig Sale (Ring B)

Open Show Judges:

Duroc: Rick Whitman, Texas

Hampshire: Mike McCoy, Ohio

Landrace: Travis Platt, Ind.

Weanling Sift Judges:

Purebreds: Ryan Sites, Okla.

Yorkshire: Larry Moore, Okla.

Crossbred Boar: Mike Fischer, Texas

Crossbreds: Willie Kirkpatrick, Okla.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Main Arena (Ring A)

9 a.m.: Duroc sale followed by Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, Crossbred Boar

Main Arena (Ring B)

9:30 a.m.: Spot sale followed by Poland, Chester White, Berkshire

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Arizona National

Dec. 27, 2015-Jan. 1, 2016

www.anls.org

Arizona State Fairgrounds • Phoenix, Ariz.



OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: Oct. 31, 2015

ENTRIES FARROWED: April 1, 2015 and after

JUDGE:

Ryan Sites, Okla.

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE:

Jeremy Jones, Ind.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sunday, Dec. 27

6 a.m.: Barns open

7-11 a.m.: Scales available for swine

10 a.m.: Junior swine check-in deadline

10:30 a.m.: Junior swine orientation

11 a.m.: Junior barrow weigh cards and registration papers due

12 p.m.: Breeding gilt registration paper check and crossbred gilt weigh cards deadline

5 p.m.: Swine Showmanship

Monday, Dec. 28

9 a.m.: Pedigree and Crossbred Gilt Show

1:30 p.m.: Pedigree and Crossbred Barrow Show

Tuesday, Dec. 29

2 p.m.: Breeding Swine Sale

Wednesday, Dec. 30

2 p.m.: Junior Market Auction

6 p.m.: All livestock released

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NSR Winter Type Conference

Jan. 27-31, 2016

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter • Perry, Ga.



Held in conjunction with the NJSA Southeast Regional

ENTRIES DUE: Dec. 10, 2015

ENTRIES FARROWED: On or after June 1, 2015

JUDGES:

Duroc: Chris Danner, Ind.

Hampshire: Chris Danner, Ind.

Landrace: Nathan Ray, Ill.

Yorkshire: Nathan Ray, Ill.

Crossbred: Cole Rushing, Iowa

NJSA Southeast Regional

Jan. 27-31, 2016

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter • Perry, Ga.



ENTRIES DUE: Dec. 10, 2015

ENTRIES FARROWED: On or after June 1, 2015

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: Dec. 1, 2015

JUDGES:

Barrows: Cole Rushing, Iowa

Gilts: Todd Beyers, Texas

Showmanship: Nathan Ray, Ill.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, Jan. 27

6 p.m.: Earliest entries may arrive

Thursday, Jan. 28

8 a.m.-2 p.m.: Junior and Open Show
Registration – Show Arena

12 p.m.: All junior entries must be in place

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Youth PQA Plus Training – Show Arena

1:30-3:30 p.m.: Adult PQA Plus Training – Show Arena

2:30 p.m.: Junior Crossbred gilt weight cards
due – Open Show Office (Lower Barn)

3:30 p.m.: Exhibitor Meeting – Show Arena

4 p.m.: Showmanship Preliminaries
(Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice) – Show Arena

Friday, Jan. 29

7:30 a.m.: Showmanship Finals
(Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice) – Show Arena

Following Showmanship Finals: Junior: Purebred Gilt Show
(Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire) – Show Arena

***Junior Crossbred Gilt Show will immediately follow the
Junior Purebred Gilt Show – Show Arena*

***MVP (Mentoring Values People) Activity will immediately follow
the Junior Crossbred Gilt Show – McGill Building*

9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Open Show Registration –
Open Show Office (Lower Barn)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Open crossbred boar weigh-in – Lower Barn

10 a.m.: All open entries must be in place

12 p.m.: Open crossbred gilts, crossbred and purebred barrow
weight cards due – Open Show Office (Lower Barn)

Saturday, Jan. 30

7:30 a.m.: Winter Type Conference Open Show:
Yorkshire show followed by Landrace, Hampshire,
Duroc and Crossbred – Show Arena

9:30 a.m.: Skillathon Facilitator Meeting – McGill Building

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Skillathon – McGill Building

1-1:30 p.m.: Skillathon Review – McGill Building

Following Open Show: Junior Crossbred
Barrow Show – Show Arena

5 p.m.: Family Pizza Party (Free to all exhibitors
and their families) – McGill Building

6 p.m.: Yorkshire Open Sale followed by Landrace,
Hampshire, Duroc and Crossbred – Show Arena

6:30 p.m.: Corn Toss Tournament Registration (Youth
and adults welcome) – McGill Building

7 p.m.: Corn Toss Tournament (Youth and
adults welcome) – McGill Building

Sunday, Jan. 31

7 a.m.: Family Breakfast (Free to all exhibitors
and their families) – Show Arena

7:30-8:15 a.m.: Inspirational Service with
Ray Perryman – Show Arena

8:30 a.m.: Junior Purebred Barrow Show (Duroc,
Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire) – Show Arena

12 p.m.: Silent Auction Closed

***Awards Ceremony (Skillathon & Sweepstakes Awards) will immediately
follow the Junior Purebred Barrow Show – Show Arena*

***All Southeast Regional hogs are released after the Awards Ceremony*

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NSR Southwest Type Conference



March 2-5, 2016 | Bell County Expo Center • Belton, Texas

SHOW: Friday, March 4

SALE: Saturday, March 5

- The NSR shows include purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire boar and gilt and crossbred boar genetics.
- Berkshires, Chester Whites, Polands, Spots boar and gilt and crossbred gilts will also be exhibited.

ENTRIES DUE: Feb. 1, 2016

ENTRIES FARROWED: On or after July 1, 2015

JUDGES:				
Duroc Robbie Phillips, Texas	Hampshire Seth Swenson, Ill.	Landrace Seth Swenson, Ill.	Yorkshire TBA	Crossbred Rick Whitman, Texas

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 2

12 p.m.: Earliest hogs may arrive

Thursday, March 3

9 a.m.: Check-in begins and scanning

10 a.m.: All hogs must be in barn

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Friday, March 4

7:30 a.m.: Duroc show followed by the Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire boar and gilt and crossbred boar shows

Saturday, March 5

9 a.m.: Duroc sale followed by the Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire boar and gilt and crossbred boar sales

NJSA Western Regional



March 10-13, 2016 | Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds • Turlock, Calif.

ENTRIES FARROWED: On or after Aug. 1, 2014

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: Jan. 6, 2015

JUDGE:
Daniel Hendrickson, Ind.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday, March 10

2 p.m.: Show entries may begin to arrive

Friday, March 11

8-11 a.m.: NJSA Registration

10:30 a.m.: All NJSA Gilts and Barrows must be in place.
All barrow and crossbred gilt weight cards due

11:30-2 p.m.: Skillathon

Noon: Silent Auction opens

2:15-2:30 p.m.: Skillathon review

3:30 p.m.: Cookie decorating

4:30 p.m.: Exhibitor meeting

5 p.m.: NJSA Barrow Show (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, Crossbred)

Saturday, March 12

8 a.m.: NJSA Gilt Show (Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire)

10 a.m.-Noon: Judging Contest Registration

1 p.m.: Judging Contest

Novice Judging Contest immediately following

5-6 p.m.: NJSA Barnyard Olympics

6:30 p.m.: NJSA Banquet along with
Dessert and Live Auctions*

**Silent Auction will be closing after dinner is served. We will make an announcement 15 minutes before closing*

Sunday, March 13

7 a.m.: Exhibitor Breakfast

7:15 a.m.: Inspirational Service

8 a.m.: NJSA Showmanship Contest (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice)

*Crossbred gilts will follow Showmanship Contest***

*** Awards Ceremony to follow Crossbred Gilt Show*

All NJSA Barrows and Gilts Released after Awards Ceremony

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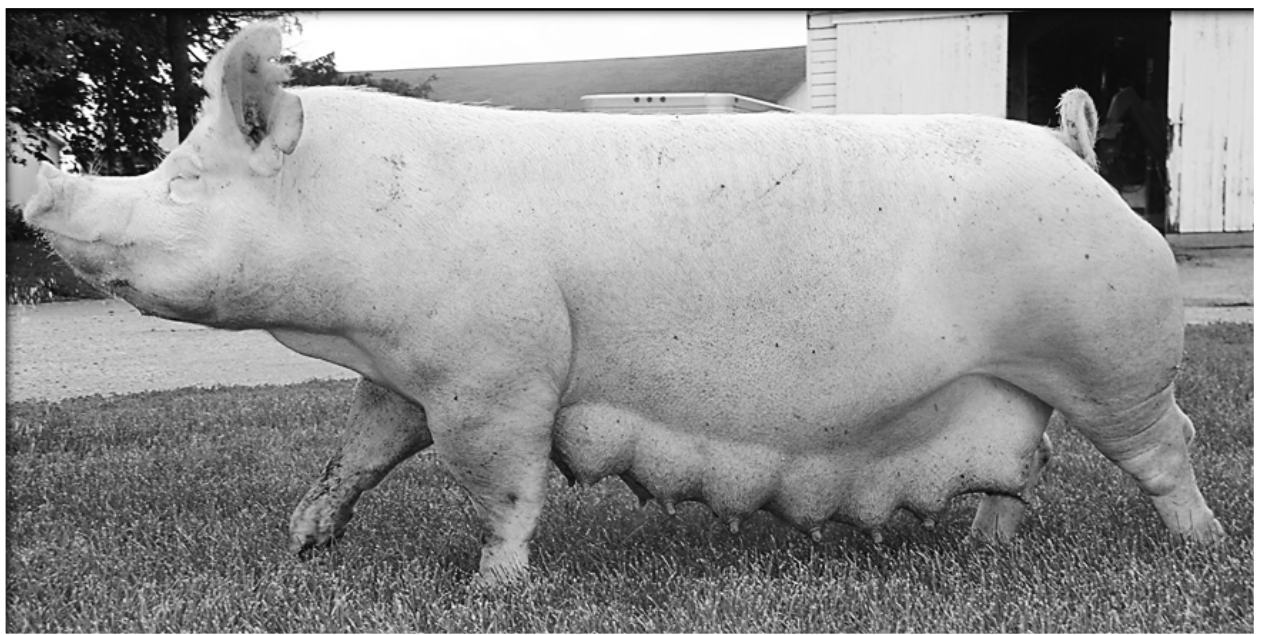
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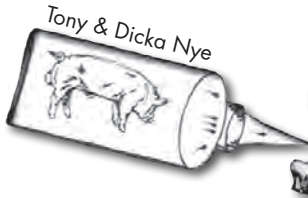
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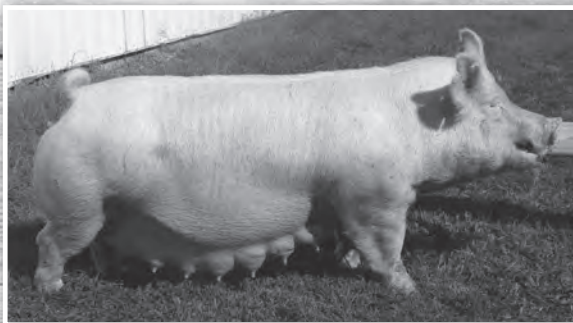
2014 STC Grand and Reserve Champion Gilt sired by Gunslinger. Sold for \$11,450. Purchased by Harlan Reid. Gunslinger's influence will be all over this sale.
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Grand & Res. Champion Gilt and four littermate sisters sold for \$28,000 to great breeders: Norman Bros., Harlan Reid, Rodibaugh and Dan Burzlaiff. Four full sisters sell in this sale. They are also maternal sisters to GODZILLA.

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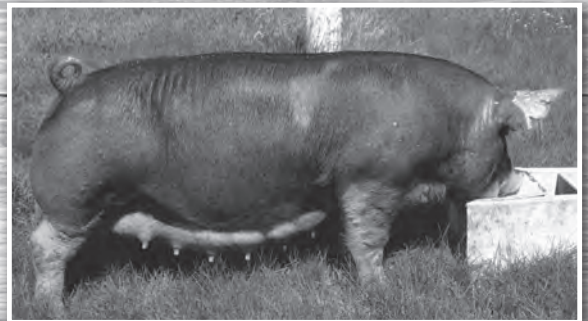
Grand Champion Boar, '15 Missouri State Fair Sold in the '14 bred gilt sale.
Yorkshire Boar sold to Power Point Boar Stud Sold in the '14 bred gilt sale to Bruce Butler
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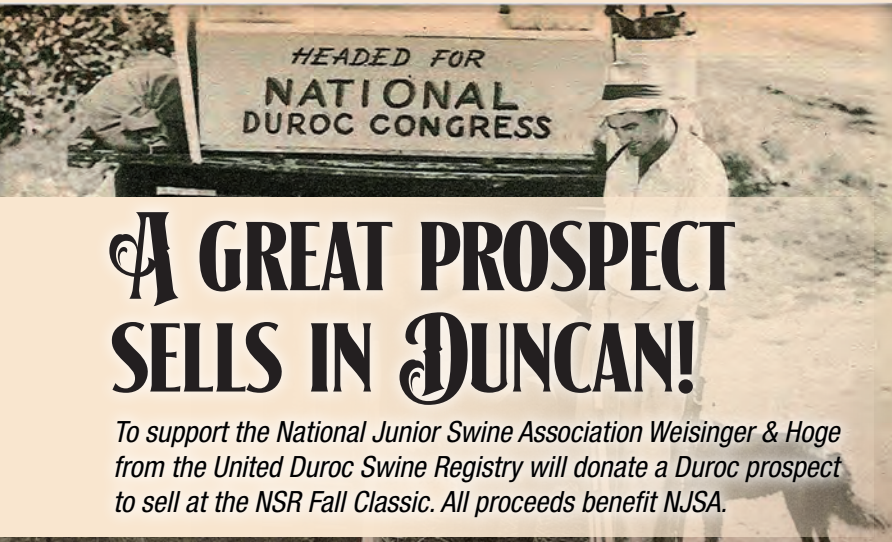
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Age: _____

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D 89-10

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Hx 43-8

Desert Storm x Big Change
Due Jan. 11, to Decidedly Different



Yx 446-8

Happy Feet x Double Cross
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Y 634-11

Decidedly Different x Grizz 9-3
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The word that keeps coming up to describe my feelings this past year is grateful.

I am so grateful for all of the support I have received (and continue to receive) from so many people. I have had the privilege to serve the purebred seedstock industry for 50 plus years.

A special thank you to everyone who has made this "final run" such a joy for both Sandy and me. Your cards, letters, calls, emails and visits at Des Moines, Louisville and Austin will always have a special place in the memory bank.

Katie, Ann, Steve and Mike, thank you for a more than deserved tribute issue of the *Seedstock EDGE*. Goodness, Ann had a lot of sorting to do.

Another special thank you to the NSR crew for hosting the Tuesday evening reception at the

National Barrow Show® (NBS®). This turned into an evening for all of us, not just me. The laughter and tears as we shared so many stories and times from years gone by will be remembered by all of us. I told Mike Paul after the NBS®, if we had sold a boar the next day for half a million and had a \$2 million sale it would not have surpassed the good feelings from the evening before.

As to the future, I will continue to do some auctioneering (I really do enjoy it) and also serve the purebred industry in other ways. There is always a need for extra help at NSR events. Sandy and I have five children and spouses in four states, with nine grandchildren to visit. So, staying busy is not a problem.

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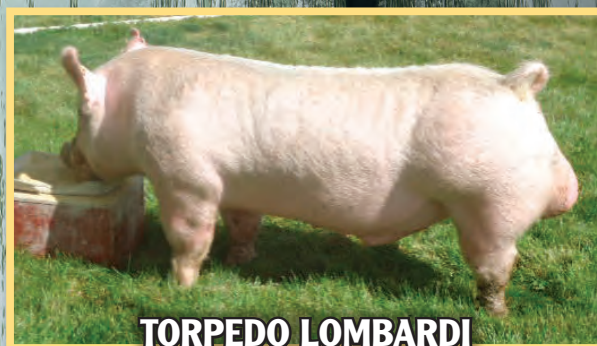
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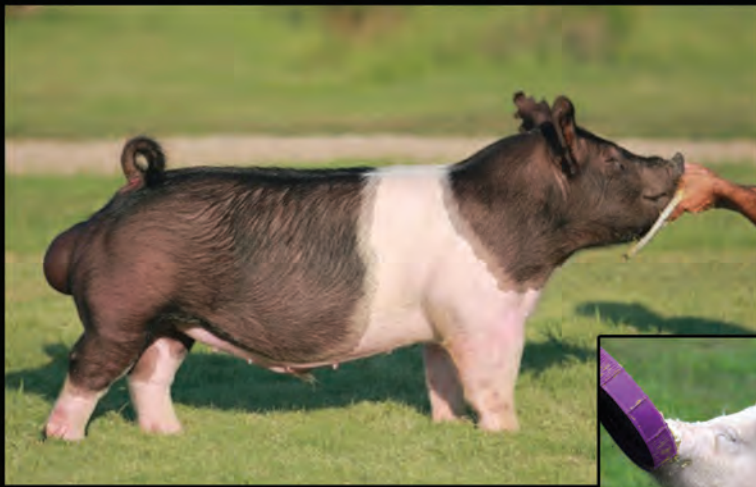


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TYPICAL EMPLOYERS:

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- 18 December *Seedstock EDGE* mails
- 18-21 NSR Fall Classic, Duncan, Okla.
- 25 Peter Farms Online Bred Female Sale, showpig.com

DECEMBER

- 2 Cain Super Sires Online/Phone Bred Gilt Sale, cainfarms.com
- 2 Olsen Yorkshires Online Bred Gilt Sale, olsenyorks.com
- 3 Brice Conover Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 3 Stewart's Duroc Farm Online Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 4 Jan./Feb. *Seedstock EDGE* ad deadline
- 5 NJSA Regional Leadership Conference, Champaign, Ill.
- 5 Illini Winter Bred Gilt Classic, Joliet, Ill.
- 6 Real McCoy Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 7 Ifft Yorkshires Bred Female Sale, showpig.com
- 8 Baade-Penner Online Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 8 Genetic Edge Online Bred Female Sale, thepigplanet.com
- 8 Go Big or Go Home Sale, 2 p.m., Lawton, Okla.
- 8 Triple B Bred Female Sale, showpig.com
- 9 Cobb Family Bred Female Online Sale, showpig.com
- 10 NSR Winter Type Conference & NJSA Southeast Regional entries due
- 10 Torpedo Farms Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 12 Breeder's Choice Customer Appreciation Bred Gilt Sale, 6:30 p.m., Eaton, Ohio

- 12 Isler Genetics Bred Gilt Spectacular, 1 p.m., Richwood, Ohio
- 14 Huinker Durocs Bred Female Sale, showpig.com
- 14 Peter Farms and Russell Family Showpigs Online Bred Female Sale, showpig.com
- 27-Jan. 1 Arizona National, Phoenix, Ariz.

JANUARY

- 8 Jan./Feb. *Seedstock EDGE* mails
- 18-20 National Western Stock Show – Swine Show
- 27-31 NSR Winter Type Conference & NJSA Southeast Regional, Perry, Ga.

FEBRUARY

- 1 NSR Southwest Type Conference entries due
- 2 NJSA Bootcamp entries due
- 2 March *Seedstock EDGE* ad deadline
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- 10 Cobb Family Online Sale, showpig.com
- 11 NJSA Western Regional entries due
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