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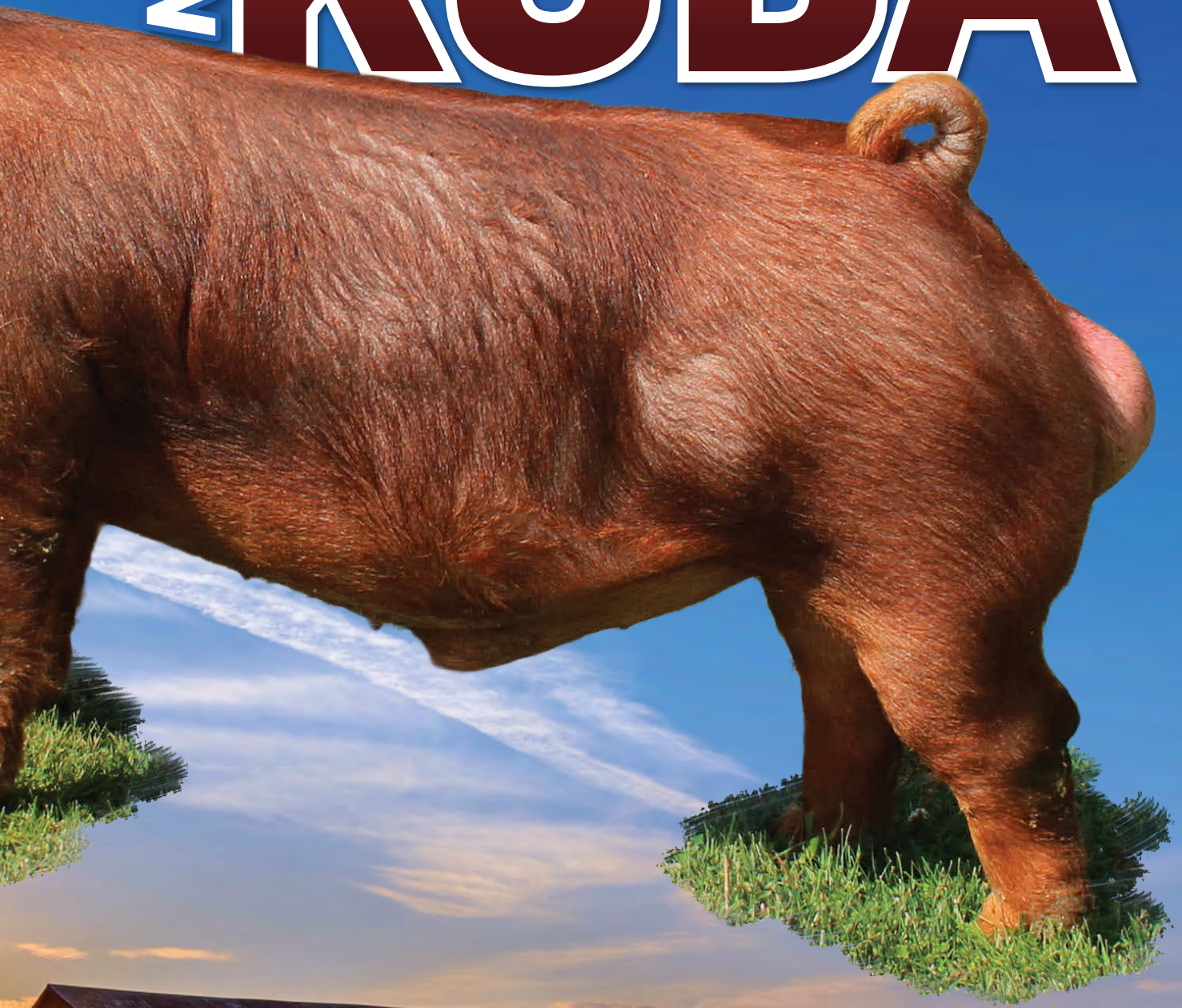
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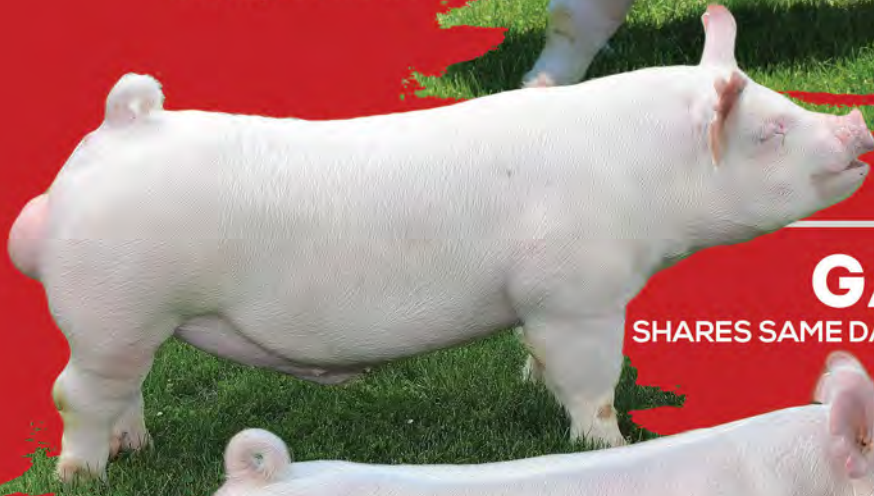
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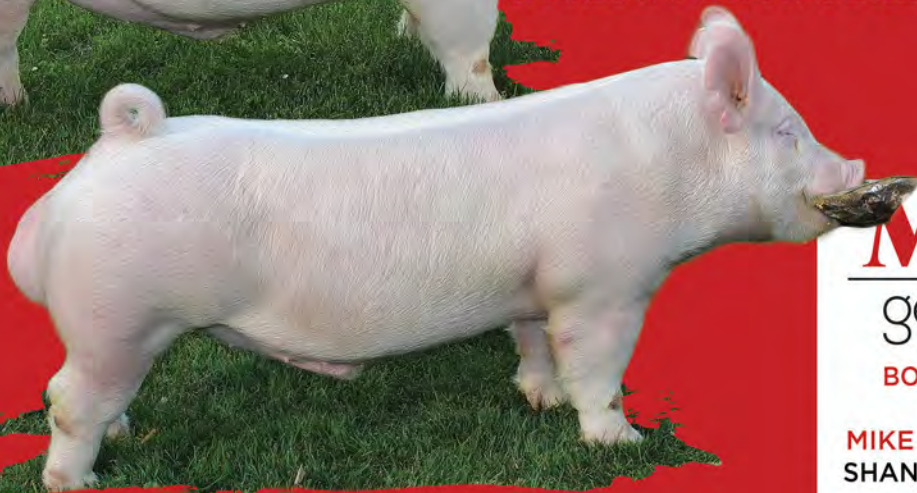
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Open Mike

Your compass

One of the classic movies I watch whenever I get the opportunity is “Mr. Holland’s Opus.” Glenn Holland is a graduate fresh out of college who wants to write music. Being a newlywed, he finds a teaching position in the music department at Kennedy High School to support his bride for a short time, while he works on his Opus. An Opus is a creative work, a musical composition numbered to designate the order of a composer’s works. Mr. Holland is positive his Opus will make him famous and financially secure, so he will no longer have to teach. He struggles with the lack of music appreciation demonstrated by the students and bolts from the school as soon as the bell announces dismissal for the day.

Mrs. Jacobs, the school’s principal, notices his lack of enthusiasm for teaching and the eagerness Mr. Holland displays on his daily sprint out of the building. She confronts him about the situation and makes the following statement, “A teacher has two jobs; fill young minds with knowledge, yes, but more important, give those minds a compass so that the knowledge doesn’t go to waste.”

A compass was used by explorers to keep them pointed in the right direction. Living in the northern hemisphere, the needle of a compass always pointed up (North). Whatever direction you turned your compass, the needle stayed pointed in the right direction. Is your compass pointed in the right direction? Are you the person who shows our junior exhibitors and their families the right way? The enthusiasm continues to grow surrounding livestock exhibition, as does involvement in the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) and the activities available to our young people. Many of these young people and their families display pride in their pedigreed animals.

However, to be honest, I am deeply disappointed in our National Swine Registry (NSR) members who sell animals that do not meet their respected breed eligibility requirements. When young people are excused from the purebred class, they are hurt and disappointed. These NJSA members and their families miss out on the opportunity to exhibit the animal they purchased from you as a registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire boar, barrow or gilt. Breed eligibility requirements can be found at www.nationalswine.com.

The other disappointing issue is when an animal is sold, whether in an on-line auction or maybe a consignment sale, to an NJSA member several months ago, and the animal is still not recorded or transferred to the new owner. Your reputation, along with the reputation of the purebred pedigreed livestock industry, is tarnished. The NSR takes great pride in turning out registrations and transfers in a 24-hour time frame, if all the required testing and paperwork is submitted.

The purebred livestock industry is a competitive business, and what can set you apart from the competition is making sure your animals are eligible for registration according to their respective breeds’ requirements. Then, get them registered and transferred in a timely manner. Did you check with the new owners to make sure you have the correct information, such as name, address and the date of their first show?

I encourage each one of you to purchase a compass and place it in an area where you can see it each day. Think how that compass points in the correct direction all the time and how you can be the compass for the future of the purebred swine industry. “Up” on the map of life is a great course to follow.

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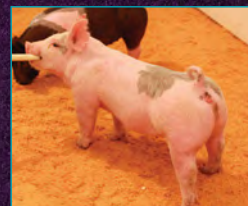
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Youth View

Junior retirees, part two

For those of you that have been responsible for young adults before, you understand when I say how frustrating it can be, but I wouldn't change it for the world. For every minute of frustration, they give me a minute of entertainment and effort. Last time, I wrote about my junior board officer team, but this month I want to focus on the other retiring board members, as they are equally important to the success of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) shows and events.

My superhero fanatic, Devin Ammann is ornerier than dirt and always gives me a hard time. However, if I had to guess, I spend the most time on the phone with him talking about our TV shows and superhero movies. Although he likes to sass me, he is one of my hardest workers and will do anything I ask. Devin is a wonderful, smart and funny person, and I am going to miss his work ethic and sense of humor.

My socialite, Lexi Marek, has a unique personality. I've never been around someone who wants to change public perception of the agriculture industry so much and is actually taking steps to do that. She is motivated to change the world, and it's exciting to be a witness to it all. Lexi complements my personality, and I am forever grateful for all the behind-the-scenes work she has done to help me. Lexi is a lovely, energetic and passionate young lady, and I cannot wait to see the difference she will make in the world.

My go getter, Morgan Cox, is a firecracker. She is incredibly intelligent, gets her work done on time (if not early) and loves a good laugh. Morgan is going to make a difference in the agriculture industry because she loves her research. I know this because I can see the passion in her eyes when she talks about graduate school and all the opportunities it is going to provide her. Morgan is a smart, beautiful and kind person, and I am positive she is going to do wonderfully in graduate school.

Last but certainly not least, my lifesaver, Hannah Zundel, is a very special person. When she says she will do something, she will get it done. I don't get to see her in action at school, but she is one of the most wonderful mentors in the MVP Program, and I'm sure that is a reflection of her entire life. I love working with Hannah because it's like she can read my mind. She knows when something needs done, and she does it. Hannah is a beautiful, intelligent and overall wonderful person, and I am going to miss her dearly.

It was incredibly hard to narrow down all the wonderful things I want to share about all of my retiring board members. If I had to fill a book about why I love my junior board members, I could do it with ease. They are remarkable young adults, and I am going to miss each and every one of them.

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Write On

Restoring faith

I was over this industry - done with it. The girl, who grew up spending countless hours pouring over cattle magazines when she wasn't in the barn, was washed up, burned out, and frankly, just tired of it.

I was tired of the rumors about cheating, politics, money and drugs. This wasn't a rock concert, it's a livestock show. I even told someone, "I have no desire to ever step foot into a livestock show ring again. I don't care if I ever hold another halter. I'm done with it."

And, I was.

If my younger self would have heard me utter those words, she'd have likely fainted. An 18-year-old Katie Maupin wanted nothing more than to show cattle for the rest of her life. She loved it. She lived it. She nearly breathed it. But nearly a decade later, stuck in an office in the suburbs, that Katie seemed far away.

She was replaced with desk work, deadlines, budgets and meetings about what to print when the champion was disqualified. The new, more cynical, 27-year-old me would sometimes stare at her computer and wonder what we're working for. What does champion even mean? Does anyone have any morals left? Is anything we're doing helping the bigger picture of the livestock industry?

Then, Joanna "JoJo" Fontenot reminded me and restored my faith in our industry.

For the last two weeks, I'd been working on her story. I'd get out my notes and stare at them only to put them away again - uninspired. Don't get me wrong, JoJo's story didn't lack inspiration, I did. In a last ditch effort to break the cycle, I gave her a call. That's when JoJo said something that hit me hard.

"I can't imagine life without showing ... that same thing we love so much together is taking Yimmi away to start the new chapter of her new life in another state," she said. "I think about all the funny stories we continuously tell each other and about how those stories will follow us for the rest of our lives. But, you know the thing about it is, I have such a little family, and at Yimmi's graduation and her wedding I know one day it will be all those show people there for us ... that's what will be there for us long after."

This struck me because it wasn't just JoJo's daughter Yimmi's story. It was mine. My family and I spent more than a decade showing livestock, traveling together to shows, making lifelong friends, laughing with people at tie-outs and hosting parties after the show. That was us. We still tell those stories and laugh about mishaps and good times when we're together. In fact, some of you have even heard some of my better tales from those days. As I am planning my own wedding, the invitations for my stock show family far outnumbered my blood relatives. I know those people will show up because we still do that for one another. Like Yimmi, my passion for the livestock industry led me to a different state to test my wings and build a life for myself, as your assistant editor five years ago.

There's hardly a portion of my life 4-H, FFA and livestock exhibition didn't touch. It helped my family and I create our most precious memories. It sent me to college. It set my career path. It moved me to Indiana, and it even led me to my soon-to-be husband. Yet, I had lost faith in one of my first true loves - this industry - because I forgot what it was about.

It's not about who wins. It's not about the high sellers. I'm not even convinced it's about improving purebred livestock. All of my old show heifers' pedigrees have faded. They're now just cows, and last week, my mom boxed up our entire trophy room.

"What do you want me to do with all these ribbons, plaques and banners," she called to ask.

I didn't know. What do you do with rosettes that are nearly two decades old? Nothing, because they don't matter anymore.

At the end of the day, I'm convinced it's not the prizes, the money or even the livestock that matter. This industry is truly about something much, much greater. It's about Yimmi's story, my story, and likely your own. What we do each day has a little to do with livestock and everything to do with building better young people with the skills they need to give them wings, the memories they need to give them roots and the network they need to be surrounded by friends regardless of where life takes them.

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This space is reserved for industry experts weighing in on important topics that affect the entire swine industry.

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The final countdown to antibiotic changes PRODUCERS URGED TO TAKE ACTION NOW

By Mike King :: Science Communications Director, National Pork Board

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new antibiotic changes that take effect on Jan. 1, 2017, are taking the headlines in livestock circles for good reason. How many antibiotics can be used in the future will change. However, using antibiotics responsibly isn't a new concept to the pork industry, and that includes the showpig world.

RULE #1: AVOID RESIDUES

"Producers are very aware of antibiotic residues and understand what they are," says Dr. Jennifer Koeman, director of producer and public health for the Pork Checkoff. "This was a driving force behind the original Pork Quality Assurance® Plus (PQA Plus®) program nearly 30 years ago. It's only when the discussion turns to antibiotic resistance that many people, including many consumers, can get quite confused."

"Antibiotic residue" and "antibiotic resistance" are not interchangeable terms, Koeman says. Therefore, it's important to understand the difference.

- Antibiotic residue refers to molecules that remain in meat from animals that have been treated with antibiotics. During the drug approval process, the FDA establishes tolerance levels or maximum residue limits (MRLs) in edible tissues to ensure consumer safety. A violative residue occurs when a food animal is marketed with drug residues exceeding the designated MRL, which is illegal. USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service tests for violative drug residues at harvest to ensure that meat is safe to enter the food supply.
- Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria develop the capacity to inactivate or exclude antibiotics, or develop a mechanism to block the inhibitory or killing effects of antibiotics. The bacteria survive, continue to multiply and spread, causing more harm.

RULE #2: FOLLOW WITHDRAWAL TIMES

Put simply, Koeman says producers and exhibitors can avoid residues by following the proper withdrawal times indicated on product labels when using any product that contains antibiotics. This could be feed, water-based medications and of course, injectable medication. As always, she recommends you consult your veterinarian whenever your pigs get sick to determine if an antibiotic is even needed in the first place.

RULE #3: GET A VET

If you already work with a veterinarian on a regular basis for your pigs' health, then you're ahead of the game when it comes to the upcoming FDA regulations. However, more importantly, having a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) means you have the professional medical advice you need to keep your showpigs healthy and showing at their best.

If you need help finding a veterinarian, check with other pork producers and showpig producers in your area, or contact your county Extension Service office for assistance. Also, you can always contact your state veterinarian's office for advice.

"Having a herd veterinarian also means that you will get assistance with antibiotics, record-keeping and specialized services for this increasingly important part of raising pigs," Koeman says. "We know that the new regulations will require all parties to keep some records for two years, so it's worth seeing what your veterinarian may offer in terms of this obligation. In the end, it's about keeping pigs healthy and pork safe."

For more information about the coming antibiotic changes and all related resources, go to the Pork Checkoff Antibiotic Resource Center at pork.org/antibiotics.

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Kaveran Russell Bingham
Born April 3, 2016

Kaveran Russell Bingham

Rusty and Allissa Bingham are excited to announce the birth of their first child and son, Kaveran Russell Bingham, who was born April 3, in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Kaveran weighed 8 lbs., 12 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Tami Allford of Belle Center, Ohio. Maternal great grandparents are Mary Alice Dyer and the late Russell Dyer, an Ohio Spot and Poland China breeder in the '60s and '70s. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Deanna Robinson of Rushsylvania, Ohio. Kaveran's father, Rusty Bingham, is the owner of Lean Value Sires.

Industry News

Maynard Hogberg to be inducted to Saddle and Sirloin Club



Dr. Maynard Hogberg

Dr. Maynard Hogberg of Iowa has been selected to be inducted to the Saddle and Sirloin Club on Nov. 13, 2016.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club Portrait collection honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the livestock industry. Only one individual is inducted each year into the gallery, which is believed to be the world's largest portrait gallery honoring a single industry. It is displayed throughout the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky, and includes more than 350 portraits.

Hogberg has been a member of the faculty at both Michigan State University and Iowa State University during his career. He has also held leadership roles in numerous livestock associations and organizations. As a recognized national leader in animal agriculture, Hogberg has shaped a generation of animal scientists, extension workers and industry leaders through mentoring junior colleagues and students.

A committee has been formed to raise \$60,000 to fund the expenses of Hogberg's portrait, to be painted by Richard Halstead. A portion of the raised funds will also go to support student scholarships and judging team endowments in the Iowa State University Department of Animal Science. Contributions may be made payable to Iowa State University Foundation and mailed to Dessie Schroeder, ISU Department of Animal Science, 109 Kildee Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

NJSA Youth Issue

The choice is yours.

In this issue, you will find five ethics scenarios scattered throughout relating to:

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4. Farrowing Dates (pg. 42)
5. Swine Health (pg. 53)

On pages 54-55 you will find answers from NJSA members to these topics.

Missouri Hampshire breeders win FFA awards

Colton Williams of Higginsville, Missouri, won the Missouri FFA Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency award at the 88th Missouri FFA Convention. Williams is the son of Mike and Cheri Williams and a member of the Higginsville FFA chapter. He uses his experience with livestock judging to select animals for his Hampshire breeding stock and market hog operation. He has exhibited his stock at national shows as well as the Missouri State Fair. Williams is currently studying public administration at Lindenwood University. He plans to return to the family farm and become an auctioneer.



Colton Williams

Morgan Dotson of Kidder, Missouri, received the second place Missouri FFA Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency award. Dotson, a graduate of Penney High School, is the daughter of James and Glynis Dotson. She is a member of the Hamilton FFA chapter. Dotson began her operation with one Hampshire gilt, then quickly expanded to 18 breeding animals. Dotson sells showpigs and market animals. She plans to attend North Central Missouri College. She then plans to transfer to the University of Missouri-Columbia before going on to become a veterinarian.



Morgan Dotson

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while gaining hands-on career experience. The National FFA Organization has more than 626,000 members representing 7,757 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

UPCOMING SHOW DATES & DEADLINES

SUMMER TYPE CONFERENCE:

The NSR Summer Type Conference will be July 4-9 in Louisville, Kentucky. Turn to page 63 for the schedule.

NATIONAL JUNIOR SUMMER SPECTACULAR:

The National Junior Summer Spectacular will be July 4-9 in Louisville, Kentucky. The ownership deadline is May 1. Turn to page 63 for the schedule.

NJSA SOUTHWEST REGIONAL:

The NJSA Southwest Regional will be Aug. 28-30 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. The ownership deadline is July 6. Entries are due by Aug. 4. Enter online at nationalswine.com.

NSR News



Mick Bellamy
Southwest Fieldman

Bellamy joins NSR staff

Mick Bellamy of Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma, joined the National Swine Registry (NSR) staff in May as the Southwest Region Field Representative.

In this role, Bellamy will represent the NSR at all national events and assist members in the Southwest Region with the selection, management and marketing of their purebred swine genetics.

Bellamy is a second-generation fieldman; his father, Larry, was a fieldman for the United Duroc Swine Registry and then the NSR.

Bellamy has been raising Duroc and crossbred hogs all of his life.

He and his wife, LaDonna, have two daughters: Megan Roper and her husband, Stuart, and Sarah Goodson and her husband, Matt. They also have four grandchildren: Mackey, Gibson and Sutton Roper and Crew Goodson.

Yorkshire DNA policy

As the result of an American Yorkshire Club (AYC) Board of Directors decision, all Yorkshire sires must be DNA tested for Breed Composition and Color before any litters can be recorded, effective with all DNA samples submitted on or after July 1, 2016. All current Yorkshire sires with a completed Physical Test Mating form on file, or have had previous litters recorded, are exempt. This new requirement replaces the

previous statute that only AI service sires were required to have a completed Physical Test Mating. The same blotter card used for Stress testing and DNA banking will fulfill this requirement. Please keep in mind, results from this test can take up to six weeks from the date the sample is received at the lab. Please plan your litter registrations accordingly and submit DNA samples for Yorkshire boars early.

Animals submitted for testing

must have an NSR registration number. The current cost of the test is \$80, in addition to the normal \$25 HAL-stress test, \$6 blood card and \$6 DNA banking fees.

For any other questions, please contact NSR Vice President of Global Technical Service, Dr. Doug Newcom (doug@nationalswine.com) or DNA Secretary, Whitney Webb (whitney@nationalswine.com).



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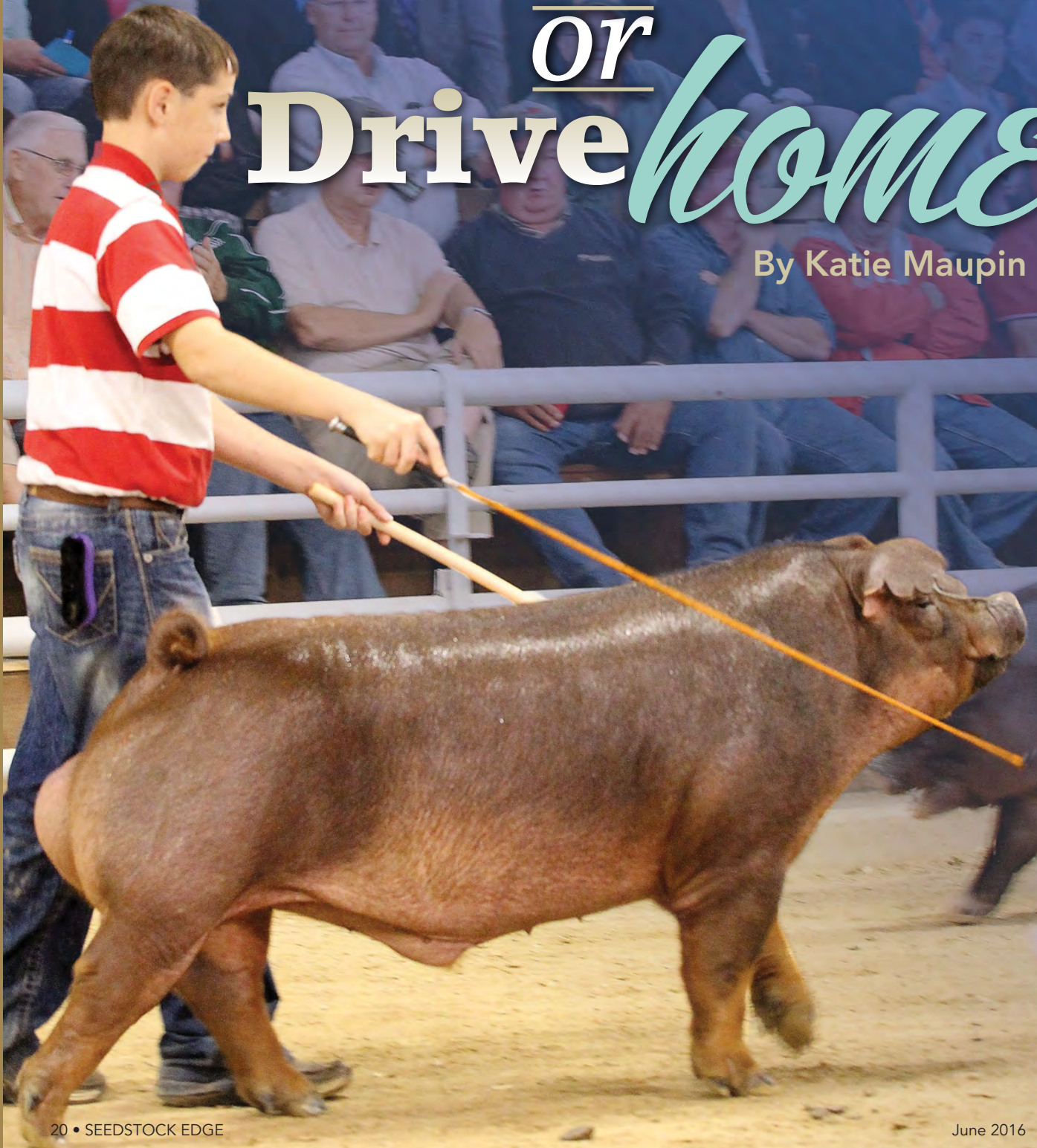
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Drive *hard* OR Drive *home*

By Katie Maupin





THE HAMILTON FAMILY HAS A SAYING, "DRIVE HARD OR DRIVE HOME," AND THEY MOST CERTAINLY STICK TO IT. THESE COLORADO RESIDENTS OFTEN FIND THEMSELVES DRIVING CROSS COUNTRY TO ATTEND NATIONAL SHOWS AND SALES WITH A TRAILER FULL OF GOOD PIGS THEY BRED, FARROWED AND FED THEMSELVES. PERHAPS, IF THEY'D ADD ANOTHER CLAUSE TO THEIR SHOW RING SUCCESS MANTRA IT WOULD BE, "START AT HOME."

Johnnie and Lori Rae Hamilton know good stock – they came from it. The couple grew up in Texas where stock shows are a part of life. Johnnie spent his youth driving good hogs, while Lori Rae found herself in front of many backdrops with her Rambouillet breeding sheep. Fifteen years ago, when their youngest son, Travis, was just 8 months old, the family moved to the mountains to be closer to their

When Travis became old enough to show, he only had one breed in mind – Durocs. So, the family made room among their few cross-bred sows for some red foundation females, including gilts from both Rick Whitman and Brandon Ogle.

Travis, who has been involved with the family's swine operation his entire life, learned the hard way that this industry has its share of ups and downs. "My very first Duroc litter was a

old, he is rubbing elbows with some of the most established and respected Duroc breeders in the country. Yes, this teen from the Centennial State has made a name for himself in the swine industry by not only driving some good ones, but breeding them too.

Each member of the Hamilton family has their role in their 20-sow operation. Johnnie is in charge of breeding the gilts and sows. Lori Rae collects the boars.



"All the hard work and hours on the road you get to see pay off. A lot of people have different types of family time, but for our family it's mainly in the barn or on the road."

— Lori Rae Hamilton

own hunting and outfitting business.

While they loved the rugged country and the great hunting, they missed the good livestock they saw daily in Texas, so it wasn't long before the Hamilton family brought a few sows to Model, Colorado. Aaron, the oldest son, started breeding and showing at local, state and national shows.

whole litter of still borns," he recalls. "When that happened, I wanted to give up, get out of it and not do it anymore. But, you will always have ups and downs, but you have to keep going – never give up."

In retrospect, I'm sure Travis is glad he didn't throw in the towel with his first disappointment, because at 15 years

Travis is the self-proclaimed delivery doctor of the farrowing house. He's even made his own "scrub" shirts. Since he was young, or at least younger, the farrowing house was always one of his favorite places to be.

As Johnnie will tell you, spending time around all aspects of swine production has made Travis more than simply

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a showman, it's made him a stockman.

"With Travis breeding his own pigs, he can read structure regardless if it's a 6-week-old baby pig or an older breeding animal," he says.

Lori Rae agrees Travis' Duroc herd provides him with a unique opportunity she wishes other youth had. To her, purchasing a prospect to show only lets young people become familiar with half the process of making the ideal breeding gilt or market barrow. Lori Rae is so passionate about her son having the opportunity to breed his own pigs that she still bristles slightly over the memory of teenagers at the World Pork Expo flippantly dismissing the bred-and-owned drive as not a big deal.

To the Hamiltons, the bred-and-owned portion of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSAs) is a huge deal. They believe in the program so whole-heartedly they try to attend every regional NJSAs show and event from the Southeast Regional in Perry, Georgia, all the way to the Western Regional in California.

Their push to attend these shows and events has put more than 130,000 miles on the family's new pickup truck in just over a year. But, to them it's not about the miles, it's about the journey.

During the 1,500 mile, 24-hour drive to reach the Southeast Regional, Lori Rae fondly recalls the



Normally, either Johnnie or Lori Rae Hamilton will need to stay back on the farm, so traveling to shows together is a special treat, especially when they can celebrate their genetics' success.

time she spent with her family.

"All the hard work and hours on the road you get to see pay off. A lot of people have different types of family time, but for our family it's mainly in the barn or on the road," she says.

Shortly after receiving his learner's permit, Travis himself was behind the wheel of their truck and trailer driving a leg of the family's trip to Belton, Texas, to attend

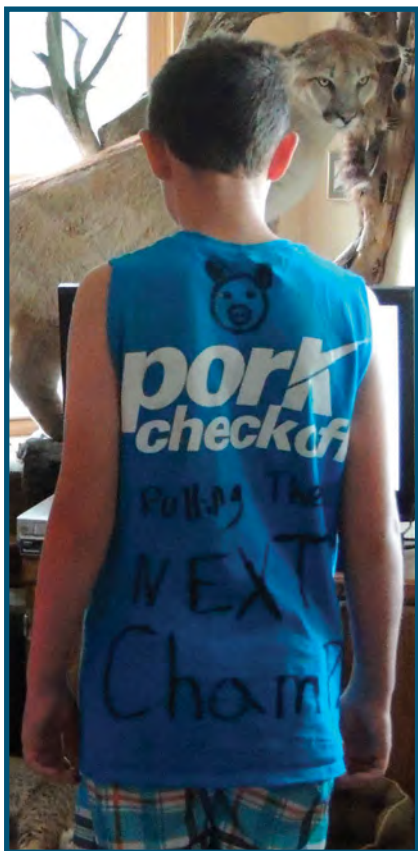
the Southwest Type Conference.

Last year, all the miles, money, toil and trouble paid off for Travis and the Hamilton family, when Travis was named the 2015 NJSAs Premier Breeder, as part of the bred-and-owned points program promoted by the organization.

While this great honor came with a lease on a shiny, new aluminum trailer, the Hamiltons aren't as thankful for the award as they are the opportunity



To the Hamilton family, the ruggedly beautiful Colorado scenery wasn't complete without good stock. While Travis' favorite breed is undoubtedly Duroc, the family has more than red sows in their barn.



Travis Hamilton's favorite job is to be the delivery doctor of the farrowing house. He even customizes his own scrubs, like this one, which reads, "Pulling the next champ." Hamilton's passion for science and agriculture is already inspiring future career choices. He hopes to one day be a swine production specialist, veterinarian or a doctor.

to show Travis the value of following through with a project from start to finish. Perhaps, it's due in part to the family's second favorite phrase, "It's not about the trailer; it's about what comes out," but clearly their values are being passed onto Travis.

"I think the really great part is when I show pigs I pulled out of their mom, made sure they nursed and then raised them up myself, and they compete at national shows with breeders throughout the country," Travis explains.

Those breeders are Travis' idols. You can often find him at shows volunteering to help some of the legends in the red breed just to be within earshot of some of their hard-earned industry wisdom.

While he still has a few years to worry about it, Travis is already looking toward the future. He and Lori Rae recently visited Iowa State

"Now, when I'm in science class, I always know a little more than the other kids, because I'm always working with genetics or in the barn."

— *Travis Hamilton*

University to learn more about their animal science and swine programs, but he also has a passion for medicine, like his mom who is a nurse.

"I'm hoping to go into swine production at Iowa State," Travis says. "But, I haven't ruled out being a veterinarian or even a sports medicine doctor."

All of those paths are very fitting for a boy who made his own scrubs for the family's farrowing house. Like many 4-Hers, Travis seems to have a leg up on some of his peers through the lessons he's learned in the barn.

"Now, when I'm in science class, I always know a little more than the other kids, because I'm always working with genetics or in the barn," he says.

Johnnie and Lori Rae know the value of being raised around livestock, because the lessons they learned in 4-H and FFA have followed them to this day.

"I have been in 4-H since I was 8-years-old," Lori Rae says. "Even though I didn't go into ag, my work ethic has translated into my nursing. That's what it does, it breeds work ethic into you and you see the value of the finished project."

For the Hamilton family, the finished project is always something they're working toward. While they don't expect to expand the size of their sow herd much in the coming years, they certainly want to expand the quality, scope and reach of their genetics.

Already, young Travis has sold not one but two Duroc boars into boar studs, including the \$40,000 Colorado High and the Hog College® Boar Barn Burner.

"When Travis sold Colorado High it was pretty emotional for all of us," Johnnie says.

The family's cousin sold a red boar for similar money years ago, so there were many phone calls among

family touting the long and proud tradition of instilling hard work in young people by showing livestock.

Some of Lori Rae's proudest moments come from listening ringside as the pedigrees of today's winners are announced to include either of the boars their family built.

While they're pleased with the impact they've had on the industry in a relatively short time, the family is humble enough to thank those who've helped along the way, including the National Swine Registry (NSR) and NJSA staff.

"I want to commend the NSR. I don't think anybody realizes the work the field reps put in on the road or all the people back at the office who have to handle the paperwork," Johnnie says, before adding a few words of appreciation for past NSR fieldman Brian Anderson. "There are not very many field reps who would take time to look at an NJSA member's herd, but he always made the rounds to see what Travis had on feed."

As far as the future, Travis just hopes he continues to learn while helping other young people get the same start he did.

"I want to spread my genetics and sell more hogs, but I'm still learning from other breeders," he explains. "And, when I get out of college, or maybe even right now in high school, I want to help younger kids."

Agview

By Ann Fry



Tour starts here

Halfway between Chicago and Indianapolis is a modern farm where visitors can spend the day milking cows and ultra-sounding sows. Fair Oaks Farms was launched in 2004 in Fair Oaks, Indiana, to educate people about modern farming practices and connect them with their food. The farm started with dairy cows and added pigs, in 2013.

The Pig Adventure at Fair Oaks Farms consists of 8,000-9,000 sows and piglets at any given time. The sows are White Durocs and Large Whites, while the piglets are sired by Hampshire, Yorkshire and Duroc breeds. There are 16 Meishan boars housed at the facility, as well.

But, before visitors see the pigs, they explore the Pork Education Center. Sarah Hoek, Fair Oaks Farms

Pig Adventure manager, explains this building shows what pigs do for people. An interactive ropes course shares facts about pigs, a game of operation shows where cuts of meat come from on the pig, and a bacon slide demonstrates uses of bacon in pop culture.

“A lot of time and work went into creating information displayed into a fun way,” Hoek says. “Every area has touch screens, charts and facts.”

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In 1970, the U.S. farm population was more than 9 million people. In 2000, it was less than a third of that size. With fewer people directly involved in agriculture, questions about how food gets from the farm to the table can arise. In response to consumers' questions, stakeholders in the industry have decided to share agriculture's story.



All of the areas within both buildings contain a lot of information, so it's really hard not to learn something."

After visiting the Pork Education Center, the Pig Adventure continues to the farm where people see how pigs are raised and cared for in modern times. Hoek says, a favorite among visitors is the farrowing area, where they can see sows give birth. The interactive breeding and gestation

barn is also a popular stop. This area features a live sonogram activity where visitors can wave a wand on a sow's belly, and a computer screen will alert the person when babies are found.

Hoek hopes the interac-

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tive tour helps visitors better understand pork production.

"When people leave the Pig Adventure, we hope they know the many uses a pig offers people. We also hope they know the animals are well taken

Visitors explore the Pork Education Center at Fair Oaks Farms® to learn what pigs do for people.

care of, and the people who manage the animals care about them,” Hoek says.

From the feedback Hoek has gotten, it would seem the facility is meeting its goals. The majority of the visitors that tour the adventure just want to see how pigs are raised and where their food comes from, and they walk away with a much better understanding, according to Hoek.

“They leave with a positive mindset of how the pigs are raised and handled, and they understand how they get bacon on their cheeseburger,” she says.

Hoek says, it is important at Fair Oaks Farms, on both the dairy and pig side, to help people understand where their food comes from and how things are done on modern livestock farms. They have heard a lot of statements about livestock production that are untrue or taken out of context, so it became Fair Oaks’ mission to educate people and help them have a good knowledge base as



to where their food comes from.

“We are a modern, working farm. We know why we farm the way we do, we know we take care of our animals,

and we know we are sustainable. We hope when people leave Fair Oaks Farms they know that too,” Hoek says.



Living history

Washington D.C. is a city rich with history. Monuments, museums and memorials chronicle the nation’s development from the beginning to present times. At the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, agriculture and its impact on U.S. history are on display.

“We know that agriculture was the backbone of the economy for all of the country’s early history until the industrial transition in the late-1800s,” says Katharine Mead, the museum’s food and agriculture programs manager. “Past and present of American agriculture are important because the nation was built on agriculture, and it remains critical today, even though less than 2 percent of the population works in agriculture.”

To connect museum visitors with the history of agriculture and modern farming practices, the National Museum of American History created their Ask a Farmer program. Every other week, a farmer holds a conversation with museum visitors via live video chat. Mead says, visitors are interested in talking to the farmers and learning more about where their food comes from, especially after seeing other exhibits about food, agriculture and business history.

Mead sees a wide gap of agriculture knowledge between people who are very intimately involved in the industry and the other end of the spectrum of people who don’t think about agriculture and aren’t familiar with farming. The Ask a Farmer program allows people to ask questions about the food they find in the grocery store, as well as connect the food with a producer.

The live video chat allows farmers to show people the work they are doing straight from their barn, field or office. So far, the program



Ask A Farmer

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has featured farmers from 12 states growing many different products to represent the broad scope of farming in America.

“We hope people connect the food they’re eating with the farmers who provided it, but we also hope people realize how complex the agriculture industry is. It’s an ever-changing business, which means new technology plays a huge role,” Mead says.

Mead talks to each farmer before their program to learn about their operation as well as the history of their farm. But, she tries to keep each program as much of a conversation as possible. Mead will walk around the museum with a microphone and let visitors guide the discussion with their questions. Some visitors come to the museum for the purpose of hearing the program and getting their prepared questions answered. Others are just curious about the basics of where food comes from and what life is like for farmers today.

One of the things Mead enjoys about Ask a Farmer is hearing families discuss what they learned during the conversation with the farmer. Mead herself has even learned a thing or two while coordinating the program.

“I’ve learned how different agriculture is. Every farmer has their own story to tell. The thing I notice about every farmer I’ve talked to is how incredibly dedicated they are to their work,” Mead says. “Farming requires such an ongoing commitment to sticking with it and changing things over time. It continues a long tradition of people who have committed to working the land in different conditions throughout history.”



Talk the talk

At the beginning of the millennium, the National Pork Board (NPB) felt the pork industry was receiving undue criticism from bloggers and people who didn’t have all the facts. So, in 2004, with guidance from Eidson and Partners in Kansas, NPB launched Operation Main Street to tell pork producers’ side of the story.

“We wanted to help producers get out there and reach everyday people, no matter if they were from Chicago, or Algona, Iowa, and share our side of the story, to set the record straight,” Ernie Barnes, NPB Operation Main Street coordinator, says.

Operation Main Street trains pork producers, veterinarians and other pork industry stakeholders to speak to an audience about the industry. During the day and a half training, speakers will learn about five or six hot-topic industry issues, give two practice speeches, participate in a radio interview and sometimes answer questions with a TV personality. This year, training will be held during the World Pork Expo. Speakers leave training with a notebook of answers to 100 frequently asked questions and a five to eight minute sample speech. The sample speeches are then added to by each speaker with their personal experiences.

“We ask each speaker we’ve trained to take that speech home, add in pictures of their operation, their family, and make the speech their own,” Barnes says. “We want people to know these are producers who are living, breathing and feeding pigs every day.”

The pilot program of Operation Main Street had 10 speakers in the training. By the end of March 2016, more than 1,100 speakers have been trained, with 106 of them being veterinarians, and 8,600 speeches given. Initially, the program only reached out to civic organizations, but the speakers expressed interest in visiting tougher audiences.

For the last four to five years, an Operation Main Street speaker has presented to every vet school in the country, annually. They have also spoken to high school culinary classes, including 25 just this year. They even present at dietetic conventions. The dietetic organizations are so impressed with the program, they are now offering dietitians opportunities for continuing education credits, if they hear an Operation Main Street speech.

After every speech is given, the coordinator of the meeting passes out evaluation forms for the audience to give feedback on the speaker. With nearly 9,000 speeches, 87 percent have come back saying the speaker did a great job and either their perception about the pork industry was changed or they already believed pig farmers were doing the right thing.

“Basically people learn pork producers care about what they’re doing,” Barnes says. “We just hope, when they leave the meeting, people understand, yes, this speaker is in the business of pork production, but they care about the health and safety of the food they’re producing.”

NPB also offers a smaller-scale program called Neighbor to Neighbor. In this program, an NPB staff member can come give a two-hour presentation on issues consumers are concerned about and suggestions on how to address those concerns. The Neighbor to Neighbor program is designed to make people comfortable answering tough questions about pork production they might be asked at a local high school baseball game.

“We’ve found that honesty is still the best policy. By showing we care about the environment, the community, the safety of the product we’re raising and that we’re continuously improving, most any individual can talk through any tough scenario their neighbor asks about pork production. Don’t be afraid to say, ‘We’re still working on that. We’re doing the best we can, and our first and most important goal is to keep the food supply of this country safe,’” Barnes says.

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FEATURE

Standing on God's PROMISES

By Katie Maupin





As Iowa, Louisiana, native Yimmi Fontenot reached out to grasp judge Miles Toeny's hand during the Grand Champion Market Hog Drive of the Louisiana State University (LSU) State Livestock Show, she fulfilled a dream she and her family had chased for a decade. For the last 10 years, the Fontenot family's blood, sweat and tears went into winning that show, yet it wasn't until her last time of driving a barrow Yimmi accomplished it. To make it sweeter, it was with one they bred, farrowed and fed themselves. But, this isn't a story about winning a pig show. It's the tale of walking pigs in the hot, cold and the rain, spending time with the people you love, making friends around the country and learning countless lessons along the way. To JoAnna "JoJo" Fontenot, the family matriarch, this is a tale of boldly standing on God's promises, which is the reason for this story's title. According to her, showing pigs takes a lot more than the drive to win. On their own, sometimes less-than-perfect, decade-long path, the Fontenot family learned it takes a lot of drive, but even more faith.

LUKE 1:45 – Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!

JoAnna was devastated to learn she and her Bayou-bred husband John Fontenot weren't able to have any more children. She'd always dreamed their daughter, Yimmi, would grow up in a big family surrounded by brothers and sisters. The name "Yimmi" is a nod to JoAnna's Oklahoman Native American heritage and means "little darling" in Choctaw. To make the blow even more devastating, JoAnna lost both of her parents unexpectedly eight years ago, making their little family even smaller and the void she felt even larger. While she prayed for a large family, it seemed sometimes the big man upstairs just wasn't listening, but for those who believe they most certainly know He was. And, like always, her prayers were answered in the most unexpected way.

In 2006, Cody Hayes stopped by the Fontenot family farm. While he was there, Hayes encouraged the family to get involved in showing livestock in 4-H. Some may be familiar with the Hayes name. His father, Mark Hayes, is a bit of a local legend in the stock show world, and they're one of those families who often have multiple generations in the ring and around it.

"Who would have known from that day forward our lives would never be the same," JoAnna laughs. "Cody and his whole family became a huge part of our lives, and that's just another one of God's blessings. He became a part of our show ring success and a mentor, best friend, brother and uncle to our family."

The Fontenot family was about to get much larger. Hayes' son, Guy Mark, became the only "brother" Yimmi had ever known, as he rode in an infant car seat along with the Fontenot family to their first World Pork Expo. Yes, prayers are often answered in mysterious ways, and the family JoAnna had nearly worn out her knees praying for was found throughout the country at swine shows.

"God gave us this opportunity when Yimmi was 9-years-old. Now, I have more family than I could have



Yimmi Fontenot embraces Kyle Schwerdtfeger, one of the many Fontenot family friends who have helped her find success in the show ring.

ever asked for," she says. "The kids call me 'JoJo,' and they surround me. At livestock shows, I don't feel like I have one child. I feel like I have a multitude of children."

As it turns out, the Hayes family was just the beginning to the people they'd meet who would greatly impact their journey along the way. Hayes did introduce them to another though – Kyle Schwerdtfeger. Schwerdtfeger helped the Fontenot family chase Yimmi's dream of winning the LSU show for nine of the 10 years she stepped into the ring. But, most importantly, when John and Yimmi told him they wanted to start breeding their own showpigs a couple years ago, it was Schwerdtfeger who found them their first gilt.

GALATIANS 5:22 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness

Have you ever wanted something so bad you could taste it, that it nearly consumed you, so that for years you'd eat, breathe and dream about your goal? Yimmi did. She wanted the banner at LSU in a bad way, and as parents often do, John and JoAnna wanted their daughter to succeed. So, it will come as no surprise to most, and definitely not a surprise to those who know her, that JoAnna spent the night before the final drive at LSU praying. When they arrived at the barn early that morning, Schwerdtfeger was the first person they saw, and a literally shaking JoAnna asked him to step around the corner.

"I just said, 'Kyle I want you to know something. You have tried to help my daughter win LSU for nine years, and I don't know how everything is going to finish today, but no matter what today's outcome is I'm going to make you a promise, and I'm saying this with faith in my heart and God standing by my side – I promise you before your kids graduate something big will happen to them in the hog industry and our family will be right by your side when it does.'"

Now, before you flip through the Good Book looking for the chapter and the verse which contains pig show winning promises and prophesies, you should know it's not in there. In fact, if all you're worried about is winning, then you're missing the point completely.

"If you go just to win, you're killing yourself just to win, and then you're mad when you don't; you're doing yourself such an injustice because your children are watching you,"

JoAnna says. "You can't put a price on the joy this industry brings you. If you think you're going to get paid back a quarter, a half, or even all of your money, you're doing it for all the wrong reasons. But, you know what you're going to do? You're going to raise an amazing child."

Everyone knows it takes a whole lot of work and more than a little luck to win a hog show. In this case, the luck might have been heaven sent, but at the end of the day, Yimmi did indeed grab the champion banner after a decade of trying. In a twist of fate, the barrow she bred, farrowed and fed along with her family was out of the very gilt Schwerdtfeger had given them to start their herd. Timing is a funny thing, isn't it?

JOHN 15:12 – My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

What's even funnier is if you ask JoAnna what she remembers most about that fateful, dream-fulfilling day, you'd expect her to answer the backdrop shots, posing with the banner or the many congratulations she received. Surprisingly enough, it's not.

Her most vivid memory is watching "Uncle" Kenneth Fontenot, who is actually not their uncle at all, walk Yimmi and her painted barrow to the ring to give him the famous "Kenny G rub." This mythical, pre-show pat, is sought after by young showmen and women throughout The Pelican State, because it's thought to have special powers. Countless young people credit their good class showings, ribbons and rosettes to "Uncle" Kenneth's good luck pat.

For the past 25 years, he's followed countless kids to the show ring, yet his own kids haven't shown during that time.



Both the Fontenot and Schwerdtfeger families gathered around Karli Schwerdtfeger's Oklahoma Youth Expo Champion bred by the Fontenots. This barrow, they called "JJ," was the culmination of a nearly decade long relationship between the two families.

They've all aged out and moved on, but the man's desire to watch young people succeed stretches beyond his own blood.

"Uncle" Kenneth is kind of a role model to JoAnna, especially now with Yimmi's time in the show ring ending, but as she will tell you, JoAnna wants to support all of her "children."

"Yes, we all want to win big, but why not enjoy the journey along the way even when we don't? Why not make life-long friends and holler for your kids together, holler for kids you don't know and laugh and make memories not enemies? Why not give someone a big hug, whether they just won grand or just got sifted," JoAnna asks. "People don't realize a kind word, a big smile and a happy heart can change any person's day, especially a child."

Sometimes that love and support will boomerang right back, like the case of little Max Fischer.

Fischer had never met JoAnna when she leaned over the rail at the World Pork Expo and yelled as the little tow-headed boy placed well in his Yorkshire class. In fact, he was rather surprised a stranger would be so enthusiastic about his success.

"He came out of the ring and gave me a big hug and said, 'I like it when you holler for me,'" JoAnna recalls.

Ever since, the Fischers and the Fontenots have cheered each other on from the sidelines, so when it came to Yimmi's last show, Fischer's dad, Mike, allowed him to miss school and drove him to Louisiana to return the favor.

Amid all the celebration, one of JoAnna's favorite gestures was when young Fischer tapped on her back and presented two bowls of celebratory ice cream.

This, to JoAnna, is what showing pigs is really about, and it all starts with kindness for others. This kindness isn't just limited to your fellow exhibitors, but also extends to show managers and evaluators as well.

"Pray for the judges that get screamed at and talked about because they didn't choose your hog. The judges are doing this because they are passionate and love it, not to get rich or ridiculed," she says. "They have the knowledge and an opinion, and that's why they are asked to judge. We have to respect their opinion for that day. We need to be beyond thankful we have these men and women that are willing to leave their friends and families behind to judge for days and stand on their feet for hours, shake hands and talk hogs all day. They are a true blessing."

PROVERBS 3:3 – Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

JoAnna's promise to Schwerdtfeger was centered around her belief God will reward those who earnestly help others. While it wasn't a prophesy of Biblical proportions such as John the Baptist, JoAnna and family were indeed by the Schwerdtfeger family's side as their daughter, Karli, drove a barrow to Grand Champion honors at the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE). That barrow was bred by the very herd Schwerdtfeger helped to start – Fontenot Family Showpigs.



JoAnna, John and Yimmi Fontenot have spent the last decade traveling the country exhibiting swine. While they certainly appreciate banners and buckles, they're most thankful for the friends they've made along the way.

Amid the smoke and the fireworks of the OYE Grand Champion Drive, JoAnna got chills as she told one of her best friends and fellow showpig family matriarch Kerri Schwerdtfeger that she was standing on God's promises just minutes before the barrow was selected to win it all.

"God never fails us when we do what is good, right and true," she says. "Kyle and John are two of the most humble, honest, generous and loyal people you will ever meet, and God knew together he could work through them to help others bring their dreams to life. I could not believe that God had worked it out 10 years ago that Yimmi would win her dream at LSU with Kyle's hog and Karli would win OYE with our hog."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

While it's easy to look at this tale of winning two of the most elite shows and think it's not hard to be gracious, faith-filled and kind when things are going your way, know the Fontenot family doesn't always have good days. In fact, if you were to write about the times they hadn't placed where they wanted, were sifted or got the gate, this story would be considerably longer.

"Sure, I've been disappointed, as there is no possible way to win every show. That is not even realistic, so why not root for others and stand on God's promises that if you work hard, do the right thing, serve the Lord and his people and never give up, His promise to you will always come to pass," JoAnna, a self-proclaimed imperfect person, says. "It's not to say it is to win a hog show, but His promise is to give you peace, happiness, love and the desires of your heart as long as they are in His will, not ours."

Over the last decade, the Fontenot family learned what many in this industry have proven over the years. This isn't about the pig shows, the banners or the money, it's about the people you meet along the way.

"I think about all the funny stories we continuously tell each other and about how those stories will follow us for the rest of our lives. But, you know the thing about it is, I have such a little family, and at Yimmi's graduation and her wedding I know one day it will be all those show people there for us – that's what will be there for us long after," she says.

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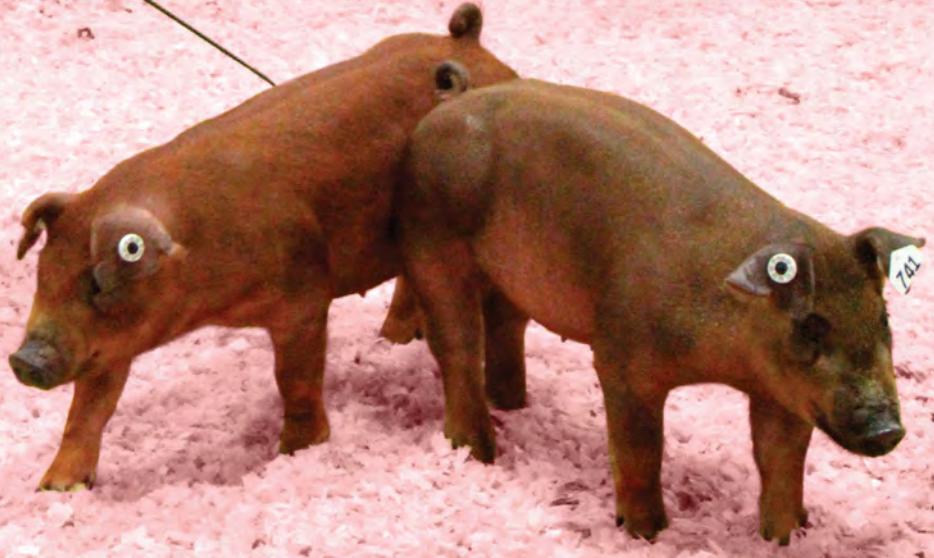
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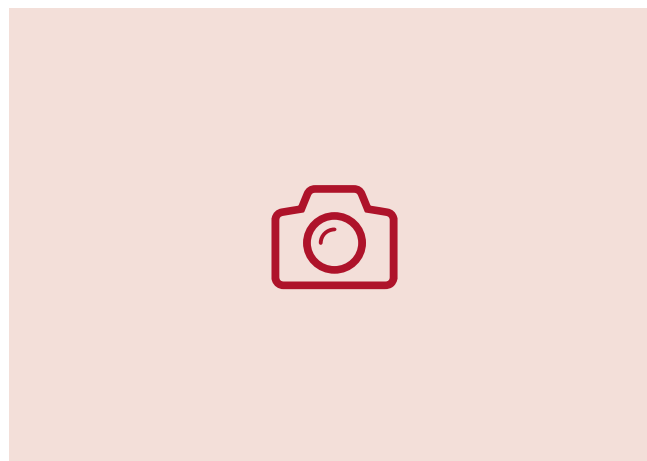
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Shown by Real McCoy Genetics, Ohio
Sold to Final Drive Genetics, Ind., for \$2,750.



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Shown by Carly Martin, Iowa
Sold to Madison Mason, Ohio, for \$400.



Res. Champion Overall & Champion Dark Crossbred
Gilt Prospect
Shown by Real McCoy Genetics, Ohio
Sold to Trey and Cade Fecke and Maddie Fugate, Ill., for \$1,600.



From the Field

Blaine Evans, NSR Field Representative

For many of us, the National Swine Registry (NSR) Weanling Pig Extravaganza is the last leg of a crazy spring sale season. It seemed everywhere I went, be it a live sale, online sale service or just a herd visit this spring, there is still a great amount of passion and excitement for what we do. That seemed to be evident at the Extravaganza this year as well. A lot of spectators were there early and stayed to watch all day. We were happy to have A.J. Genter, Ohio, sift the offering this

year. A.J. is one that is entertaining to talk pigs with, and he brought that to the sift, this year. I, as well as many, think he did a great job and got us a good sale order for the evening. We were lucky enough to have some great volunteers help this year, and we couldn't have pulled off this event without them. Thanks as always to those of you who brought hogs and those of you that bought as well.



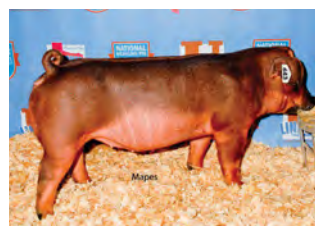
Reserve Champion Chester Gilt Prospect
Shown by Dirt Road Genetics, Pa.
Sold to Edward Rhoads, Ohio, for \$300.



Reserve Duroc Male Prospect
Shown by Sutherlin Showpigs, Ind.
Sold to Elm Valley Farms, Ind., for \$175.



Champion Duroc Gilt Prospect
Shown by Morgan Wade, W.V.
Sold to Lean Value Sires, Ohio, for \$650.



Reserve Duroc Gilt Prospect
Shown by McGuire Show Team, Ind. Sold to Chad Walker and Family, Ind., for \$700.



Champion Hampshire Male Prospect
Shown by Brown Show Pigs, Ind. Sold to Brent and Travis Wilson, Ohio, for \$150.



Champion Hampshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Jay Theobald, Ind. Sold to Ted Laird and Family, Ind., for \$750.



Reserve Hampshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Jay Theobald, Ind. Sold to Ted Laird and Family, Ind., for \$650.



Champion Landrace Male Prospect
Shown by Lance and Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Emily and Alison Reeves, Ohio, for \$325.



Reserve Landrace Male Prospect
Shown by Chasten McConn, Pa.
Sold to Elm Valley Farms, Ind., for \$275.



Champion Landrace Gilt Prospect
Shown by Real McCoy Genetics, Ohio.
Sold to Eli Keplinger, Ohio, for \$2,000.



Reserve Landrace Gilt Prospect
Shown by Chasten McConn, Pa.
Sold to Nesbitt Show Pigs, Pa., for \$200.



Champion Poland Male Prospect
Shown by Ryan Brunk and Family, Ohio.



Reserve Spot Male Prospect
Shown by Gracie Robertson, Va.
Sold to Kerry Mason, Ohio, for \$150.



Champion Spot Gilt Prospect
Shown by Ron Pierce and Jeff O'Dell, Ohio. Sold to Josh Ledbetter, Ala., for \$400.



Reserve Yorkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Thompson Brothers Genetics, Ohio. Sold to Jacob Diamond, Pa., for \$650.



Champion AOB Male Prospect
Shown by Don and Mary Quesenberry, Ohio. Sold to Jarrett and Dustin Winner, Ohio, for \$1,000.

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Not Pictured:



Reserve AOB Male Prospect
Shown by Bona Vista Farm, Ohio.
Sold to Elm Valley Farms, Ind., for \$275.



Champion AOB Gilt Prospect
Shown by Don and Mary Quesenberg, Ohio. Sold to Kayla McCullough, Ill., for \$1,200.



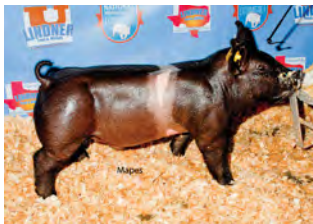
Reserve AOB Gilt Prospect
Shown by Bona Vista Farm, Ohio.
Sold to Jeromy Buehl, Ohio, for \$600.



Reserve Light Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by Jacob Diamond, Pa.
Sold to David Lamb, Ohio, for \$475.



Champion Light Crossbred Gilt Prospect
Shown by Kilmer Swine Farm, Ind.
Sold to Darrell Johnson, Md., for \$300.



Reserve Dark Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by Jacob Diamond, Pa.
Sold to Tom Bacome, Ohio, for \$1,550.



Reserve Dark Crossbred Gilt Prospect
Shown by Cox and Craft, Okla.
Sold to Steve Elkyer, Ohio, for \$425.

Champion Berkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Brice Conover, Iowa. Sold to Ken Bauer, Md., for \$350.

Reserve Berkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Schipper Purebreds, Ind. Sold to Randy Baker, Ohio, for \$250.

Champion Berkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Brice Conover, Iowa. Sold to Schipper Purebreds, Ind., for \$1,600.

Reserve Berkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Brice Conover, Iowa. Sold to Chester Dubios, Ind., for \$550.

Champion Chester Gilt Prospect
Shown by Pruet and Watson, Ind. Sold to Matt Bauerlein, Md., for \$275.

Reserve Hampshire Male Prospect
Shown by McGuire Family Showpigs, Ind. Sold to Paul Mleziva, Wis., for \$150.

Reserve Poland Male Prospect
Shown by Kayla Schipper, Ind.

Champion Poland Gilt Prospect
Shown by L & C Polands, Ind. Sold to Larry Stanley, Ind., for \$450.

Reserve Poland Gilt Prospect
Shown by L & C Polands, Ind. Sold to Larry Stanley, Ind., for \$200.

Champion Spot Male Prospect
Shown by Real McCoy Genetics, Ohio. Sold to Wendt Livestock, Ohio, for \$325.

Reserve Spot Gilt Prospect
Shown by Schipper Purebreds, Ind. Sold to Rich Moore, Pa., for \$400.

Champion Yorkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Ifft Yorkshires, Ill. Sold to Jacob Diamond, Pa., for \$400.

Reserve Yorkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Austin and Natalee Lynd, Wis. Sold to John Ebersole, Pa., for \$750.

Champion Light Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by David Martin, Iowa. Sold to Rich Moore, Pa., for \$375.

Reserve Light Crossbred Gilt Prospect
Shown by Triple L Farm, Wis. Sold to Chris Arnett, Ky., for \$400.

The choice is yours: TEAM ACTIVITY

Scenario 1: Social Media Snafu

- Jared is an active NJSA member who landed a summer internship with the National Pork Board.
- Jared is World Pork Expo bound with a Duroc gilt he raised that is currently undefeated on the Illinois Club Pig Association circuit.
- To Jared's dismay, the World Pork Expo Jr. National judge puts his points-leading Duroc gilt fifth in class.
- Jared makes an emotional decision to put the following post on Facebook:
"It's obvious that bald-headed WPX judge Brett Kaysen knows as much about judging Duroc gilts as he does his own hair products."
- Later that evening, Jared receives a call from his internship advisor, Ernie Barnes, who informs Jared he has been contacted by an NPB board member about his online comments. Mr. Barnes is now faced with a decision of firing him or trying to fight to keep him on board as a summer intern.

CHOICE: What choices does Jared have in this situation?

SOLUTION: What will you present as a solution to solve Jared's issue?

PREVENTION: What can you do moving forward to make sure you don't end up in this same situation?

Scenario 2: Show Gilt That Won't Breed

- Jenny from Georgia exhibits a Yorkshire gilt that is crowned Grand Champion at the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Kentucky.
- An NSR fieldman informs Jenny she can add her gilt to the Summer Type Conference sale. Due to the extreme level of interest from prospective buyers, Jenny and her family decided to offer the gilt in the auction.
- To Jenny's surprise, her gilt sells for \$25,000 to a well-respected Yorkshire breeder in Indiana.
- On Sept. 1, Jenny receives a phone call from the purchaser of her Champion gilt. The new owner of the gilt informs Jenny the gilt has never cycled. The owner's veterinarian has made multiple farm visits to provide consultation. The vet and the breeder have all but given up on the gilt.

CHOICE: What choices does Jenny have in this situation?

SOLUTION: What will you present as a solution to solve Jenny's issue?

PREVENTION: What would you do to mentor others that may end up in a similar situation?

Look for an NJSA member's answer to these scenarios on page 54.



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Grand Champion Barrow Overall & Champion Crossbred
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Reserve Grand Champion Barrow Overall & Reserve Champion Crossbred
Shown by Makenzie Venable



Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Jaxson Collier



Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Madison Miller



Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Colt Wolf



Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Calvin Spencer



Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Kyrsten Smith



Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Brecklyn Leconte



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The choice is yours: **TEAM ACTIVITY**

Scenario 3: Ownership Issue

- It's three weeks from the NJSA Southwest Regional, and Mindee is looking forward to showing her Landrace and crossbred barrows.
- On Tuesday morning, Mindee walks in the barn to find her Landrace barrow has swelling in his hock joints. Mindee realizes this may potentially jeopardize her showing either barrow in Woodward, Oklahoma, since she has to have one purebred to show her crossbred.
- Mindee's mentor for her showpigs makes a couple phone calls and identifies several potential purebred barrows from Midwestern State Fairs she could replace her Landrace with. However, Mindee knows this would violate the ownership deadline of July 11.
- Mindee is torn between the idea of not being able to show at the event or to land a replacement purebred barrow the week before the show.

CHOICE: What choices does Mindee have in this situation?

SOLUTION: What will you tell Mindee to do in this scenario?

PREVENTION: What would you do to mentor others that may end up in a similar situation?

Look for an NJSA member's answer to this scenario on page 55.

YOUTH

National Junior Swine Association



FEATURE



TYPES OF PEOPLE YOU'LL MEET AT A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Lexi Marek, NJSA At-Large Director

As a showman, your calendar is organized by the shows that happen each month. June is the World Pork Expo, July is the National Junior Summer Spectacular and August brings Midwest state fairs. Over the past few years, my favorite National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) event has been added to April – the National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC).

This year, the conference was held in Kentucky and had record-breaking attendance with more than 70 kids from nearly 20 states. The conference started with icebreakers, so the attendees could get to know each other. Then, half of the participants headed for a local country ham business. We learned about the curing process for a country ham. Quite a few attendees had not seen or heard of a country ham, so the stop was a learning experience for all participants. The other attendees had the honor of listening to Brian Arnold, as he spoke about integrity, both in the show ring and in life. Later that evening, the group went to a trampoline park. NSR Director of Junior Activities Kaley Bontrager makes sure the conference always has an activity which tests your physical fitness, and this year, it included trampolines. Pizza and a room full of trampolines ended the first day.

The group was in Lexington, Kentucky, for the second day thanks to the hospitality of staff and faculty at the University of Kentucky. The morning breakout sessions highlighted the University of Kentucky's impressive school, and although the campus tour was a bit chilly, seeing

the campus was a great experience. Horses are easy to find in Kentucky, and we had the opportunity to see past Kentucky Derby winners as well as the history of Thoroughbreds and other horse breeds at the Kentucky Horse Park. Although pigs and horses are very different, it was neat to see the story behind the species and learn about the industry, which is so important to the state of Kentucky. The day ended on a positive note with Kentucky's Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Ag Policy Warren Beeler speaking to the group, covering the importance of agriculture and the character of each person within the industry.

NJSA is honored to have numerous industry professionals supporting the organization, and each year, those professionals give great advice and insight during the professional panel. Dr. Brett Kaysen, dairy productivity specialist at Zoetis, closed the weekend while sharing his knowledge with the attendees and made everyone excited to be a part of the swine industry.

The weekend flies by each year, and when it was completed, I was reflecting on what I learned and experienced while in Kentucky. I kept thinking about the people who attended, and I realized I really enjoyed spending time with other NJSA members who share the same passion for the swine industry as I do. Then, I started thinking what made the group so great were the types of people that were there. Everyone brought a different perspective and personality to the conference, and each member made the conference better.



Here are the types of people I met while at NYLC:

The jokester:

This person makes everyone laugh, constantly. The professionalism is there when it needs to be, but this person makes the bus rides a little shorter and causes your stomach to cramp from laughing.

The competitor:

The competitive side in this person comes out during almost everything they do. You'll see their best side specifically during a game of dodgeball, while playing icebreakers on the bus, sometimes even when getting in line for a meal. Their competitive trait keeps things interesting and fun, but for best results, make sure you're on their team.

The mom:

She's looking out for everyone. This young lady makes sure you're on time for the things you need to be at with a can-do attitude to take on the next task. She keeps everyone in line and is needed at a conference with almost 80 people in attendance.

The energizer:

Just like the energizer bunny, this person doesn't stop. They're excited at breakfast, pumped during the first activity and are still in the same enthusiastic mood by the end of the day. Conferences can wear a person out, so the energizer is heavily relied on to keep the group's energy high.

The trooper:

There is one young lady in particular who just got her wisdom teeth out a few days before the NJSA gathered in Kentucky. Although her mouth was still recovering, you never knew she was in pain because of her trooper mentality. These types of people are truly there because they want to learn about the swine industry and meet new people. She added her great personality to the conference, and I'm very thankful she didn't let her teeth stop her from coming to Kentucky.



Some National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) attendees visited a local country ham business while in Lexington, Kentucky.

The turtle:

This one is my personal favorite. These members are the ones that don't really know if they want to be at the leadership conference. Naturally the turtle is pretty shy and stays in his or her shell. But as the conference goes on, they start venturing out and starting conversations with other members. By the end of the conference, the smile on their face is huge and contagious, and you know they truly benefited from being there.

The ultimate conference attendee:

NYLC is a place for members to grow. It allows youth to meet their peers, learn about the industry and have a lot of fun along the way. This attendee made the conference great. They met new people, asked great questions and truly took advantage and experienced the weekend.

The wide variety of personalities kept the conference lively and enjoyable. Every person who attended the 2016 NYLC made the event better, and on behalf of the attendees, I want to thank everyone who was involved.

When you sign up for a three-day conference, you don't know that those three days could change your life. Personally, I am extremely grateful for the friends I have made and the experiences I have been given through the NJSA, and I can't imagine my life without them.

One email sent to the NSR staff after the event hit me pretty hard. It was from a mom whose daughter had been at NYLC. The young lady did not plan on having a career in agriculture, but is reconsidering after being surrounded by passionate people that weekend.

The mom wrote, "You helped my daughter see the potential in herself I see. You helped her realize things about herself I know she didn't see before the conference."



That quote is exactly why NYLC takes place. This organization truly helps you find your passion and encourages you to be the best you can be. Whether you're a parent, a member or a supporter of NJSA, I highly recommend you participate in some way at the NYLC. Thank you very much to all of the people who have a part in making the event take place. I guarantee no matter what kind of attendee you were, your life was changed in some way. I know mine was.

Top: National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) participants visited the Kentucky Horse Park to see past Kentucky Derby winners and learn the history of Thoroughbreds and other horse breeds housed at the Park.

Bottom: The University of Kentucky hosted the second day of the 2016 NYLC.

The choice is yours: **TEAM ACTIVITY**

Scenario 4: Farrowing Date Issue

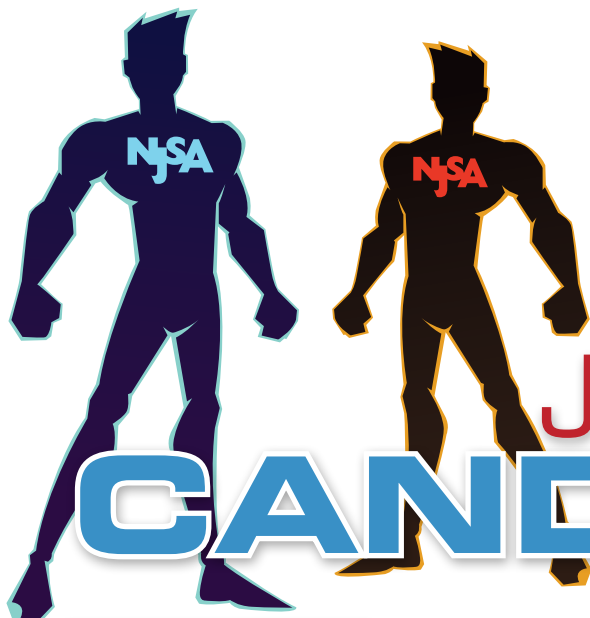
- It's Mike's senior year of high school and his final year to show at the Indiana State Fair.
- He anxiously awaits the Jan. 3 farrowing date of his highly-anticipated Hampshire litter out of a bred gilt he purchased online during the fall.
- However, on Dec. 29, to Mike's surprise, he walks into the barn and sees eight belted baby pigs nursing.
- He instantly realizes the litter was farrowed too early to be eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair.
- At this point, no one knows the litter came early, except Mike and his 7-year-old brother Ely. He is contemplating whether to record the farrowing date as the correct date or call them January pigs.

CHOICE: What choices does Mike have in this situation?

SOLUTION: What will you tell Mike to do in this scenario?

PREVENTION: What would you do to mentor others that may end up in a similar situation?

Look for an NJSA member's answer to this scenario on page 55.



2016 NJSA JUNIOR BOARD CANDIDATES



LEXI DELANEY

Central | DeWitt, Iowa

Lexi Delaney is a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in animal science and agriculture communications. She grew up showing pigs in DeWitt, Iowa, and is the daughter of David and Tami Delaney. Lexi would like to work with consumers and producers, while educating them on the importance of modern day pork production. She has a dream to travel the world and visit countries with a substantial amount of agriculture, specifically swine production, to broaden her knowledge of the agricultural industry and international relations in all cultures. Lexi has been very involved on campus and with the Iowa Swine Jackpot Series, and her goals for the NJSA include bringing recognition to local states in their jackpot circuits to recruit more exhibitors to be involved in the NJSA. Sharing her experiences in the NJSA will help recruit youth, showing there is more to NJSA than just exhibiting swine.



HANNAH FROBOSE

At-Large | Pemberville, Ohio

Hannah Frobose is 19-years-old and a freshman at Butler Community College majoring in agribusiness. She grew up showing pigs in Pemberville, Ohio, and is the daughter of Dan and Vicki Frobose. Her current focus is getting an education and establishing a broad foundation of knowledge in agriculture to build upon. Upon completing her bachelor's degree, she hopes to pursue an agricultural law degree and ultimately work as a liaison and advocate for fellow pork producers. A goal that intrigues Hannah as an NJSA Junior Board candidate is to take it outside of the United States. She thinks it would be incredible if the NJSA gave members the opportunity to go overseas to experience firsthand what swine production looks like in different cultures, and ultimately, show them why producers in the U.S. practice swine production the way they do.



CALEB GROHMANN

Central | Red Bud, Ill.

Caleb Grohmann is a junior at the University of Missouri majoring in animal science. He grew up on his family's farm in Red Bud, Illinois, and is the son of Freddie and Leslie Grohmann. He enjoys working with his brothers and friend on their meat goat production business, but hopes to one day be a geneticist at a commercial swine farm and eventually return to Cedar Ridge Farms. His main goal for NJSA is to provide exposure for the youth who have a passion for swine to the commercial swine industry and the vast opportunities and wide varieties of careers within the industry. The swine industry relies on talented youth to meet challenges in the agriculture industry in the face of a growing population, animal rights activists and production tactic change. Caleb wants to bring NJSA members' passion for the swine industry full circle and excite members to pursue careers within the industry.



HANNAH LAUFFENBURGER

Southwest | Queen Creek, Ariz.

Hannah Lauffenburger is originally from Queen Creek, Arizona, and is now a freshman at Black Hawk East Community College. She is the daughter of Tim and Dallis Lauffenburger and the sister of Jacob. She is majoring in animal science and has dreams of working in the animal health industry. Being from Arizona, Hannah hopes to bring more involvement, specifically with leadership camps, to areas not necessarily know for swine production such as Arizona and New Mexico. Communication and getting youth involved within those areas will help promote and raise awareness of what NJSA is and how they can help and participate in NJSA functions and activities, while promoting the swine industry as a whole. She wants to also help current NJSA members within those regions better understand what is required to show at an NJSA-sanctioned show so they can easily understand the entry and participation requirements and increase NJSA membership enrollment numbers. Additionally, Hannah wants to ensure swine producers are aware of industry concerns, disease risks and prevention and help put them in touch with the appropriate individuals to address any concerns or issues they may have.



MORGAN MENCH

Central | Shirley, Ind.

Morgan Mench is the 20-year-old daughter of Thomas and Jessica Mench from Shirley, Indiana. She's currently a junior at Purdue University majoring in agricultural economics with a minor in crop science. Morgan has been an active NJSA member since she was young, and it became a big part of her life. She would advise younger members to take hold of all the opportunities the NJSA has to offer. She suggests to explore NJSA because the organization is where your accomplishments are endless. The NJSA will give you lifetime friends and create long-lasting memories. Morgan is running for the NJSA Junior Board with the hopes of increasing the size of NJSA and the number of exhibitors. She ultimately wants to have a positive impact on the industry she loves.



JESSICA PAGE

Southeast | Richland, Ga.

Jessica Page is the 21-year-old daughter of Julie and Jay Page from Richland, Georgia. She is a junior at Berry College majoring in animal science and hopes to become a swine reproductive specialist or a representative for a show feed company. If elected to the NJSA Junior Board, Jessica would like to focus on educating members to positively represent the swine industry and agriculture when someone who does not understand the industry approaches them. With the availability of the Internet, people outside of agriculture have access to videos and articles which contain information they don't understand or may view as unethical. NJSA members need to be able to respond to their questions professionally in order to teach them that we as exhibitors always have the animal's wellbeing in mind. She would like to organize mini workshops at the regional shows, which would put exhibitors in situations where they must explain their point of view in the industry, so if they are ever faced with the situation they will be able to respond accordingly.

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- Opportunity to develop leadership skills as ambassadors of the NJSA through committee work, leadership conferences, and communication with junior members across the nation
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LINDSEY ROBINSON

At-Large | Wellsville, Mo.

Lindsey Robinson is a sophomore at the University of Missouri (Mizzou) majoring in agriculture journalism. She grew up in Wellsville, Missouri, and is the daughter of Eddie and Tammy Robinson. Lindsey has been involved in the NJSA since 2000 and enjoys traveling to various shows with her family. Not only is she very involved with campus activities at Mizzou, but she also has a goal of working for a livestock magazine or advertising agency. Her goals for the NJSA include providing more learning opportunities for the members. While some kids may have experience giving reasons in 4-H and FFA contests in their home states, others are new to the process when they enter the judging contests at NJSA events. To help boost their confidence and start them on their right path, Lindsey thinks holding a reasons clinic would help encourage more members to participate in the judging contest. She believes giving them a platform to learn and ask questions about the process would be beneficial to starting them in the right direction and helping them learn about the industry, regardless of their experience level.



ANGIE RUFFONI

At-Large | Santa Rosa, Calif.

Angie Ruffoni is a junior at Santa Rosa Junior College double majoring in agriculture communications and animal science. She is from Santa Rosa, California, and is the daughter of Dino and Teresa Ruffoni and the twin sister of Marisa Ruffoni. Angie has been a competitive dancer for many years but also has a passion for the swine industry. She wants to serve as an NJSA Junior Board Director to help members achieve their highest potential, encourage them to believe in themselves and take full advantage of the many opportunities NJSA provides. She is forever grateful for the opportunities NJSA has provided her and the countless individuals who mentored and supported her. Angie believes NJSA provides many rewarding opportunities. However, the greatest opportunity of all is working with the youth in our industry and cultivating future "AGvocates" and leaders. She ultimately wants to give back to such a remarkable industry and association she feels incredibly blessed and thankful for. One goal of hers, if elected, would be to advocate and reach out to FFA and 4-H programs, as well as targeting areas of low involvement. She would also like to implement a community service focused event for NJSA members while attending National Youth Leadership Conference.



HALEY STARK

Southeast | Ormond Beach, Fla.

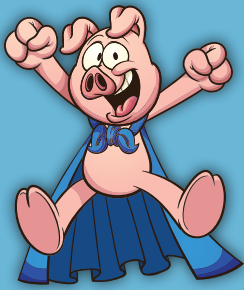
Haley Stark is currently a sophomore at Butler Community College majoring in agriculture and animal science. She is originally from Ormond Beach, Florida, and is the daughter of Melissa Fecher and David Stark. Her ultimate goal is to make a difference in the agricultural industry. Haley hopes to judge after college at shows across the country and give back to youth in agriculture. She also has a goal of traveling the world and continuing her involvement in the swine industry. She is running for the NJSA Junior Board with the goal of continuing to raise awareness nationwide for not only the swine and agricultural industry, but also for the dedicated youth that invest everything into their hogs. Haley hopes to see more promotional materials published on all forms of social media by the NJSA to promote the organization. Haley sees the importance of purebred hogs to serve as a foundation to any breeding program, both commercially or with a showpig focus. Her goal for NJSA is to educate individuals both inside and outside of the industry about this importance while increasing youth membership and participation in NSR/NJSA shows. Furthermore, she would like to see the NSR and NJSA launch a mobile app for members to optimize access to NJSA materials as well as improve the convenience of purebred litter processing and registration for operations across the country. Her last goal is to start a judging contest included in the sweepstakes at the Southeast Regional in Perry, Georgia.



EMILY WILKINSON

Southwest | Cement, Okla.

Emily Wilkinson is the 19-year-old daughter of Whitney and Tyler Wilkinson from Cement, Oklahoma. She is currently a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in nutritional sciences with an option in allied health. Her dream career has always been in the medical field, specifically to become a physician assistant. She is an NJSA Junior Board candidate who has hopes of increasing membership, interest and potential advocates for the swine industry. She would like to see the NJSA offer scholarships, like the Oklahoma Youth Expo does, to improve the numbers in competitive events. She also has experience with showpig clinics and would like to see NJSA offer clinics. Her final goal is to create a new section to the competition, which would be a speech contest focusing on the swine industry, youth development and even advocating for agriculture.



National Junior Summer Spectacular NJSS Contest Information

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SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

The Sweepstakes Contest is an "all-around" competition designed to recognize the most outstanding NJSA exhibitors through their participation in multiple events. Sweepstakes contestants must declare their intent to compete in the Sweepstakes Contest at registration. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS). Points will be contributed from the highest-placing purebred gilt or barrow, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Skillathon Contest toward the Sweepstakes awards. There will be no extra points awarded to those individuals who compete in the additional contests. See the NJSA Handbook for the full Sweepstakes point breakdown.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

Preliminaries: Wednesday, July 6, 1 p.m.

Showmanship Finals: Thursday, July 7, 8 a.m.

Join us for the best Showmanship Contest in the country. Showmanship orders will be posted Wednesday morning. The preliminaries will begin Wednesday, July 6, at 1 p.m. The finals of each division will begin on Thursday, July 7, at 8 a.m. For both the preliminaries and finals of the showmanship competition, Ring A will host juniors followed by seniors, and Ring B will host novice followed by intermediates. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 20 exhibitors per class. Any animal that does not meet breed eligibility requirements may not be used for Showmanship. Any animal shown in Showmanship must be entered in the junior show.

SKILLATHON CONTEST

Registration: Wednesday, July 6, 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The Skillathon Contest is a fun, educational contest where participants rotate through four stations within each age division and are asked to perform tasks or answer questions on specific swine industry topics. No parents or spectators are allowed in the Skillathon rooms. However, from 11-11:45 a.m., all participants and parents are invited to go back through the stations to review the questions and correct answers. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the Skillathon: ear notching, swine breeds, swine health, Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus®) certification, meat cut identification, swine anatomy (external, internal and skeletal), reproductive physiology, swine diseases and pedigree information. Reference material may be obtained by contacting the NSR office at 765.463.3594.

SWINE JUDGING CONTEST

Registration: Friday, July 8, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Contest: 9 a.m.

Novice contest: 11:30 a.m.

Test your ability to evaluate breeding gilts and market hogs in the Judging Contest. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Teams must have three to four contestants from the same age division. The top three scores will comprise the team score. Parents are not allowed near the judging rings during the contest. Assistants will be available to novice or first-time

judges who may not understand how to mark their cards. Junior exhibitors will judge six classes and answer two sets of questions. Intermediate exhibitors will judge six classes, give one set of oral reasons and answer two sets of questions. Senior exhibitors will judge six classes and give three sets of oral reasons. Novice will have their own separate contest at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 8. They will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. Bonus questions may be asked to break ties. A teaching class will precede the contest where available, and officials will be given immediately after their cards are turned in.

SWINE IS FINE ART CONTEST: PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

Due: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as lighting, color and focus. For a list of complete rules and regulations, please visit the NJSA Handbook.

SWINE IS FINE ART CONTEST:

DRAWING, PAINTING, AND MIXED MEDIA DIVISION

Due: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

This contest encourages NJSA members to use art to communicate about the industry. Entries will be judged based upon their creativity, composition and technical skills such as shading, color and proportion. For a list of complete rules and regulations, please visit the NJSA Handbook.

AMAZING ADVERTISING CONTEST

Due: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

This contest encourages NJSA members to improve their communication and selling skills by designing an advertisement for the NJSA. Entries will be based upon how effectively contestants "sell" the idea of NJSA membership by using images, text and design elements. For a list of complete rules and regulations, please visit the NJSA Handbook.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 8:30 a.m.

Contest Begins: Wednesday, July 6, 9 a.m.

Contestants must sign up for their time slot during registration.

PREPARED SPEECH CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 8:30 a.m.

Contest Begins: Wednesday, July 6, 9 a.m.

Four copies of your speech are due at registration.

STATE SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

Due: Tuesday, July 5, Noon-8 p.m.

Scrapbook is due at registration.

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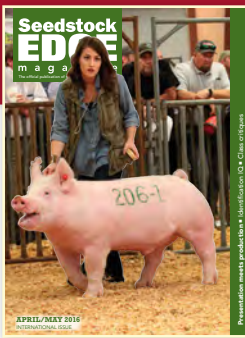
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The choice is yours: **TEAM ACTIVITY**

Scenario 5: Sore Footed Barrow

- Throughout Jackson's show career, he has always dreamed of showing at the North American International Livestock Expo. He loads the best pair of barrows he's ever loaded for a show and heads to Louisville with his long-time mentor in the showpig industry.
- When he opens the trailer door at the Kentucky Expo Center, his best barrow is struggling to put weight on his front right foot.
- On show day, Jackson's mentor pulls out a syringe and a bottle that's missing its label. Jackson's mentor says this will take care of the issue and not to worry about the withdrawal period of this drug. He tells Jackson pretty much everyone who knows anything about winning a barrow show uses this stuff.
- Jackson feels uncomfortable giving any drugs to his barrow but is also hesitant to tell his long-time mentor any different.

CHOICE: What choices does Jackson have in this situation?

SOLUTION: What will you present to Jackson as a solution to this issue?

PREVENTION: What would you do to mentor others that may end up in a similar situation?

Look for an NJSA member's answer to this scenario on page 55.

The choice is yours: **TEAM ACTIVITY** **ANSWERS**

Scenario 1: Social Media Snafu

Answered by Jackson Johnson

Jared is faced with a lot of potential choices, but he needs to take his time to write a carefully thought out apology and put it right back on his social media account. He should take the heated post down, and then replace it with this apology. As a young person trying to build a reputation and meet people at shows, it is more important for him to realize he made a mistake by taking his frustrations to social media, and he needs to apologize for his actions. If he does this, Mr. Barnes may be more likely to salvage his internship and let him finish out the rest of the summer.

One of the main struggles with our generation is learning when is the right time to say something. Social media is definitely not the place to talk about how you are frustrated because you were fifth. The great thing about showing livestock is it is only one man's opinion on that certain day. I have never seen a show where every person was happy with the way the judge picked them that day. As Jared looks ahead, there are a lot of shows to take his Duroc gilt to for another chance to hang a banner.

Scenario 2: Show Gilt That Won't Breed

Answered by Morgan Anne Mench

Jenny from Georgia exhibits a Yorkshire gilt at the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Kentucky, that was crowned Grand Champion. An NSR fieldman informs Jenny and her family that she can add their gilt to the sale with the high interest from prospective buyers. With great surprise Jenny sells her gilt for \$25,000 to well-respected Yorkshire breeder in Indiana. Unfortunately, Jenny receives a phone call from the breeder that the gilt has never had a heat cycle and the vet has made several visits to the farm. Both are about to give up.

This is a phone call no exhibitor wants to receive, but it is an issue that arises when selling breeding stock. Jenny has several options she could present to the breeder that bought her Yorkshire gilt. First, she could ignore the phone call she receives from the breeder. Second option is when she receives the phone call she can play the blame game and accuse the breeder that it is all his fault the gilt isn't breeding. When she had the gilt everything was perfectly fine, and she did nothing that would have potentially kept her from breeding. Third option becomes a very difficult situation if Jenny isn't a breeder herself, but if she is she, it presents several different options. She could allow the breeder to come to her farm and pick another Yorkshire female of the same caliber or to create some sort of buying credit agreement for when the breeder wants a Yorkshire gilt. If Jenny isn't a breeder, she and the buyer would have to decide on the amount of money to return to the buyer.

In my personal opinion, the best solution for Jenny is to be cooperative with the buyer and be willing to help. The best thing Jenny can do is communicate with the breeder to discuss all their options. Ideally, Jenny should have been transparent about the health and management of her gilt when visiting with interested, potential buyers. All young people who hope to market show gilts as breeding stock should be conscious of their gilt's estrus cycle. Overall, Jenny's best decision is to communicate with the breeder and to resolve the issue on what they both seem fair. Jenny would have wanted to be treated just as fair if she bought a \$25,000 Yorkshire gilt that never bred. If we want to continue to have breeders support exhibitors and purchase high-dollar breeding stock the exhibitors have to be willing to deal with issues in a positive matters.

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Scenario 3: Ownership Issue

Answered by Lexi Delaney

Unfortunately, there are many variables in life we have no control over. After working so hard for months, it is disappointing when you get so close to a show and tough obstacles come your way. This scenario demonstrated to us at National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) was a situation of ownership issues that may be all too familiar for many showmen. When put in this type of situation, the showman and also the family of the showman have a choice. They have a choice of replacing their hog that was hurt with a hog they don't have ownership of or making the right choice by keeping their own hog, which may jeopardize them showing at that event. The choices made will not only affect the kid, but also the family, FFA or 4-H chapter, and the show industry as a whole.

As a parent or mentor of a showman, you are seen as a role model and should lead by example to make good ethical choices or suggestions. The ethics of the parents and mentors are portrayed through the showman as well. It is not only important to understand what the ownership rules are, but also follow the rules. There is a significant reason rules are implemented, so following the rules and being fair exemplifies your character. Making one wrong choice can tear down the reputation of the showman, the breeder and the family. This year's NYLC focused a lot on being ethical, in and out of the show ring. This is something I believe is extremely important in the show industry and should be taught early to youth exhibitors. Being honest and ethical is truly more important in life than any check, ribbon or banner.

Scenario 4: Farrowing Date Issue

Answered by Abigayle Bartholomew

One of the most important aspects of this scenario is the little brother. Little eyes are on us all the time. The decision Mike makes most directly impacts the life of his little brother. He has the choice to just write down the January 1 birthdate, but what does that do to the ones around him? Ely sees that big brother condones the fibbing on birthdates, so Ely thinks it's okay too. But is it? One of the points brought up at NYLC was 'how far is too far'. Where do you stop when it comes to fudging birthdates? Is there a difference in one week versus three weeks? A lie is still a lie, but two weeks in a pig make a big difference when you get to the ring. The data collected on Mike's pigs won't be totally accurate. How is Mike going to build his herd if all he has are faulty numbers? If he chooses to show those pigs and he beats the pigs with the correct age because his looks to have more mass and bone, but it is really only age, the victory will never be sweet. Mike should make the choice to just accept the fact that he will not be able to show these Hampshires. By doing this, Ely sees that even though Mike could have lied, he didn't. Mike gives Ely an example he will remember the rest of his life. Mike can still sell the babies and use the money to purchase another showpig for himself for the fair.

This is an issue that is far too common in the showpig world today. We've all seen that one hog that just makes us question the actuality of its birthday. What does it do to the owner of the pig? Immediately we begin to lose respect for the owner because they lied about the age of the pig competing for the same title and money that your correct aged one is. Raising showpigs is an extremely expensive hobby, so how would you feel if someone bent the rules and cheated you out of a victory? Just remember to always do the right thing, and put the real birthdate on your litters!

Scenario 5: Sore Footed Barrow

Answered by Kane Austin

The first thing I would tell Jackson is we've all been there before. Anyone who has been around hog shows long enough knows the unexpected can happen at any time, and usually it happens to the one you think you have a chance with. The most important thing to remember in this situation is that no matter how bad you want to win, you can't sacrifice integrity just for the sake of trying to hang a banner. We are blessed to live in a country where we have the opportunities to exhibit livestock. Those within the livestock circle understand the value and the positive impact livestock shows have on young people, but not everyone does. In fact, we as livestock folks are becoming few and far between. At a time in history when the vast majority of the population is removed from animal agriculture and have concerns about food safety, we as livestock people can ill afford to disregard withdrawal times on medications. Showing livestock is not a right, it's a privilege. One pig with a drug still in its system that goes to the plant could ruin opportunities for young people in the future. For Jackson, the choice should be simple. Think of the opportunities you've had through showing pigs, and think of the young people who look up to you. If they would not be able to show pigs in the future because of a poor decision you made, how would they look at you now? The last thing I would tell Jackson is if he is uncomfortable with the decisions his mentor is making, find a new mentor. There are plenty of people that know their way around a hog show that do it with class and integrity.

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SHOW	WHERE	WHEN	ENTRY DEADLINE
National Western Stock Show	Denver, Colo.	TBA	TBA
NJSA Southeast Regional	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 25-29, 2017	TBA
NSR Winter Type Conference	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 28, 2017	TBA
NJSA Bootcamp	TBA	TBA	TBA
NSR Southwest Type Conference	Belton, Texas	March 1-4, 2017	TBA
NJSA Western Regional	TBA	Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2017	TBA
NJSA Nat'l Youth Leadership Conf.	TBA	TBA	TBA
NSR Weanling Extravaganza	Richmond, Ind.	TBA	TBA
World Pork Expo	Des Moines, Iowa	June 6-11, 2016	CLOSED
WPX Junior National	Des Moines, Iowa	June 6-11, 2016	CLOSED
NSR Summer Type Conference	Louisville, Ky.	July 4-9, 2016	CLOSED
National Junior Summer Spectacular	Louisville, Ky.	July 4-9, 2016	CLOSED
NJSA Southwest Regional	Woodward, Okla.	Aug. 26-28, 2016	Aug. 3, 2016
National Barrow Show®	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 10-14, 2016	Aug. 12, 2016
NBS® Junior Classic	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 10-11, 2016	Aug. 12, 2016
Ak-Sar-Ben	Omaha, Neb.	Sept. 22-25, 2016	TBA
NJSA Eastern Regional	Hamburg, N.Y.	Oct. 6-8, 2016	Sept. 8, 2016
American Royal	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 21-22, 2016	TBA
NAILE	Louisville, Ky.	Nov. 5-7, 2016	TBA
NSR Fall Classic	Duncan, Okla.	Nov. 16-19, 2016	Oct. 6, 2016
NJSA Regional Leadership Conf.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Arizona National	Phoenix, Ariz.	Dec. 27-Jan. 1, 2017	Oct. 31, 2016

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WPX Open & Jr. Shows

June 6-11, 2016

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FARROWING DATES: Nov. 1, 2015 and after

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MONDAY, JUNE 6

TBD: Earliest entries may arrive

9 a.m.-9 p.m.: Registration (Cattle Barn)

2-3:30 p.m.: Youth PQA Plus Certification

4-5:30 p.m.: Adult PQA Plus Certification

6:30 p.m.: Stock Show U Clinic for Swine

8 p.m.: All WPX Junior National entries must be on grounds

9 p.m.: Crossbred Gilt weight cards due

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9 a.m.: Mandatory exhibitor meeting (Ring A)

10 a.m.: Showmanship

• Ring A: Novice followed by Intermediate

• Ring B: Junior followed by Senior

Immediately following Showmanship:

Junior Crossbred Gilt Show (Rings A and B)

Noon: Barrow weight cards due

7 p.m.: Open show entry arrival closed for evening

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

7 a.m.-7 p.m.: Open show entries may arrive

8 a.m.: Team Purebred Skillathon Quiz

Opens (Team Purebred Booth)

8 a.m.: Purebred Gilt Show

• Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire

• Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland and Spot

9 a.m.-6 p.m.: Open show registration
(open show office in swine barn)

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

6-8 a.m.: Open show entries may arrive – all open show entries must be on grounds by 8 a.m.

7 a.m.: Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman (Ring A)

8-10 a.m.: Open show registration
(open show office in swine barn)

8 a.m.: Purebred Barrow Show

• Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire

• Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland and Spot

**Immediately following the selection of the Champion Spot Barrow, the Crossbred Barrow Show will begin in Ring B. The Crossbred Barrow Show will break for the selection of the Overall Grand Champion Purebred Barrow in Ring A at the conclusion of the Champion Yorkshire Barrow selection.*

8:30 a.m.: Scanning of NSR open show
boars (east side of swine barn)

5 p.m.: Team Purebred Quiz Closes (Team Purebred Booth)

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7-8:30 a.m.: Judging Contest registration

7:30 a.m.: Open Show – Yorkshire gilt and boar show followed by Landrace, Hampshire, Duroc and Crossbred boars (Ring A)

8 a.m.: Open Show – Berkshire show followed by Poland, Spot and Chester White (Ring B)

**Immediately following the Chester White Show: Open Crossbred Gilt Show in Ring B*

9 a.m.: Judging Contest

11:30 p.m.: Novice Judging Contest

2 p.m.: All WPX Junior National Hogs are released, but are encouraged to stay through Saturday for the WPX Sale

**Awards Ceremony location and time will be determined based on the open show*

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9 a.m.: Open Sale - Yorkshire boar and gilt sale followed by Landrace, Hampshire, Duroc and Crossbred boars and gilts (Ring A)

9:30 a.m.: Open Sale – Berkshire sale followed by Poland, Spot and Chester White (Ring B)

JUDGES

Duroc: Bill Range

Hamps: Shane Brinning, Iowa

Landrace: Brandon Ogle, Ill.

Yorks: Ben Bobell, Ill.

Cross Boars: Jason Lackey, Texas

Cross Gilts: Ryan Watje, Calif.

NJSA Purebred Gilts: Charles Hodde, Texas

NJSA Purebred Barrows: Russell Pedrett, Calif.

Junior Cross Gilts: Levi Canales and Chris Fischbacher, Texas

Junior Cross Barrow & Nov./Int. Showmanship: Al Schminke, Iowa

Junior & Senior Showmanship: Brady Crone, Ind.

Additional Jr. Show Information

Contests: Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Sweepstakes Contest.

Note: This is a joint event held in conjunction with Team Purebred. There will be no market hog loadout available.

Limit per Exhibitor: Two entries, per sex, per breed. You must show one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow and one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt.

Weight Limit Barrows: 215-290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back

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MONDAY, JULY 4

3 p.m.: Earliest hogs may arrive (Junior and Open)

TUESDAY, JULY 5

12 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Registration
(Junior and Open Shows, Showmanship, Skillathon,
State Scrapbook and Speech Contests)

3-4 p.m.: MVP Celebration (Showing B)

4:30 p.m.: Barnyard Olympics (Showing A)

6 p.m.: Corn Toss Tournament (Youth and adults welcome)

6 p.m.: Premier Breeder interviews

6 p.m.: The Maschoffs, Inc., Scholarship interviews

7 p.m.: All Junior hogs must be in place

8:30 p.m.: Barrow weight cards due (Registration Area)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

8-11 a.m.: Skillathon

8-9:30 a.m.: Adult PQA Plus Training

8:30 a.m.: Prepared and Extemporaneous
Speech Contestant Meeting

9 a.m.: Speech Contests Begin

9 a.m.-Noon: Breed Eligibility Checks
(wash racks/scales closed)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Open show registration (open show office)

10:30-11:30 a.m.: Youth PQA Plus Training

11-11:45 a.m.: Skillathon Review

Noon: Wash racks opened

Noon: Opening Ceremony

1 p.m.: Showmanship Preliminaries

- Ring A: Junior followed by Senior
- Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

**Top Ten Finals held Thursday morning*

Immediately following Showmanship
Preliminaries: Junior Barrow Show

- Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire
- Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

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THURSDAY, JULY 7

8 a.m.: Showmanship Finals

- Ring A: Junior followed by Senior
- Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

9 a.m.: All Open entries must be penned and checked-in

9 a.m.: Scanning of boars

10 a.m.: Junior Gilt Show

- Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire
- Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

**Special award presentations will be awarded prior to the Grand Champion
Gilt and Grand Champion Bred and Owned Gilt selection*

FRIDAY, JULY 8

7:30-8:30 a.m.: Judging Contest Registration

7:30 a.m.: Open Show: Crossbred Boar Show
followed by the Yorkshire, Landrace, Hampshire
and Duroc gilt and boar shows

9 a.m.: Judging Contest (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)

11:30 a.m.: Novice Judging Contest

**Judging critiques will be delivered at the conclusion of the Junior, Intermediate and
Senior contest. An announcement will be made with the time and location.*

1 p.m.: State Food Drive Counting

5 p.m.: Pizza Party and Ray Perryman Inspirational Service

Immediately following Inspirational
Service: Awards Ceremony*

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Amazing Advertising Contest, Swine is Fine Contest, Skillathon,
Judging Contest, Speech Contests, Sweepstakes Contest)*

**Drawing winners announced*

**Premier Breeders awarded*

**2016-2017 Junior Board announced*

9-11 p.m.: Dance

**All Junior hogs are released at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony*

SATURDAY, JULY 9

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

JUDGES

Open Duroc: Earl Cain, Iowa

Open Hampshire: Ben Moyer, Ohio

Open Landrace: Brett Vickrey, Ind.

Open Yorkshire: Garry Childs, Ga.

Open Crossbred Boars: Aaron Cobb, Ark.

NJSA Duroc and Hampshire Barrows: Brandon Yantis, Ill.

NJSA Yorkshire and Landrace Barrows: Justin Rodibaugh, Ind.

NJSA Duroc and Hampshire Gilts: Rick Whitman, Texas

NJSA Yorkshire and Landrace Gilts: Brad Mortensen, Mich.

NJSA Novice/Intermediate Showmanship: Ryan Orrick, Ill.

NJSA Junior/Senior Showmanship: Jamey Meyer, Ind.

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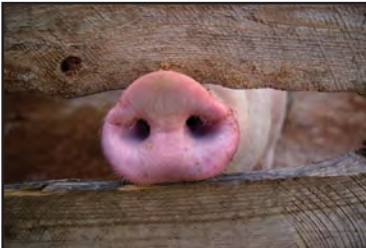


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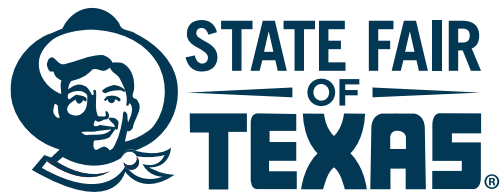
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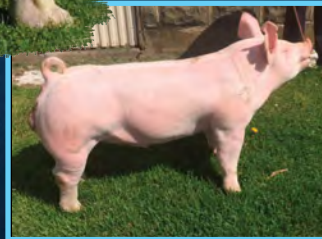
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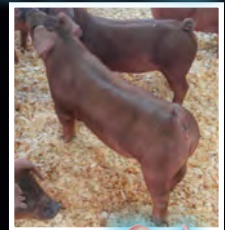
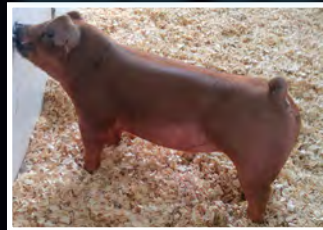
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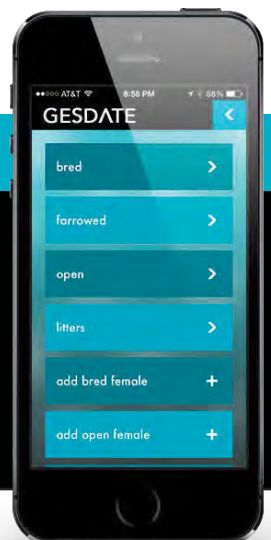


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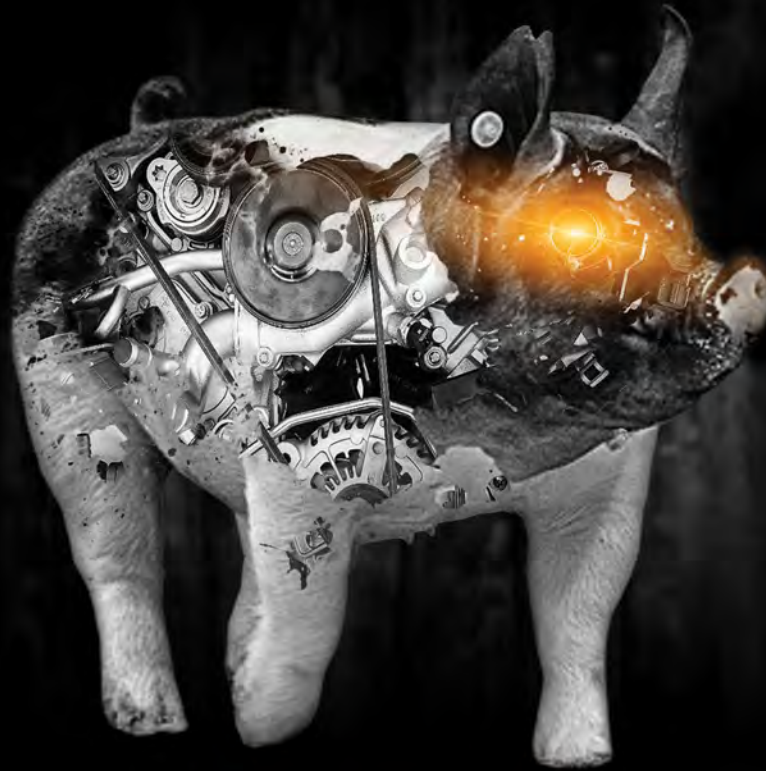
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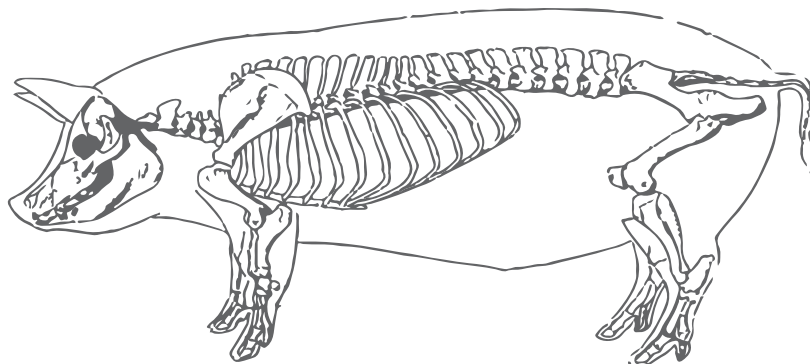


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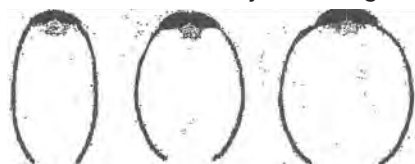


Figure 1

Refer to **Figure 1** to see what is really behind the shape of a pig. The left image shows very little arch or spring of rib, with a chest floor to match. The middle image shows excellent spring or arch of rib and would be attached to a wide breast plate or sternum. The right image is even more extreme in the arch or spring of rib and would attach to a massive chest floor or breast plate. Now, is the right image too extreme? We must always be aware of the indicators.

It is absolutely necessary that one evaluates width of chest in prospect pigs as well as more mature breeding or market hogs. Since we have leveled the topline out in our present day hogs, it is much easier to evaluate and observe chest floor width than it was when the top lines were arched.

Wide-bodied animals with excellent spring of rib must have

some width of chest, some width at the knee and some width at the hoof, as pigs are viewed from the front. The feet should point forward, preferably no more than a 10 to 15-degree turn to the outside. The front legs should descend out of the outside of the shoulder, not the center of the shoulder. The two visual traits that determine the degree of difference in animal shape are width of chest and spring or arch of rib. Very little time is spent viewing pigs from the front view; however, this is the very best indicator of width of body and internal dimension.

Internal dimension equals the length, width and depth of an object. Length is measured in pork carcasses from the forward edge of the first rib to the forward edge of the aitch bone. There is no absolute measure for width except the stockman's eye. Depth can be measured from the spine down to the point of the elbow. These measurements or evaluations on swine should be made on some comparable basis such as weight, age or both. Everything below the point of the elbow is essentially waste. Work we did at Purdue University proved if a horizontal line was drawn from one point of the elbow to the other, the line would go directly through the middle of the breast plate or sternum, which is the bottom of the abdominal cavity.

In cattle, there is more variation in length of body and width of body and less in depth of body when measured and compared at a weight constant basis and small age variation. The same is true in sheep and appears to be true in swine.

At Purdue University, we froze market hogs standing up in a natural position after they were dehaired and eviscerated. We did not split the breast bone or the pelvis. The frozen carcasses were then cross sectioned at the 10-11th rib site to measure the loin eye area, backfat thickness and muscle quality. We did not realize at the time this would be perhaps the very best view or measure of internal dimension, and this view would confirm the width of chest and spring or arch of rib differences in swine.

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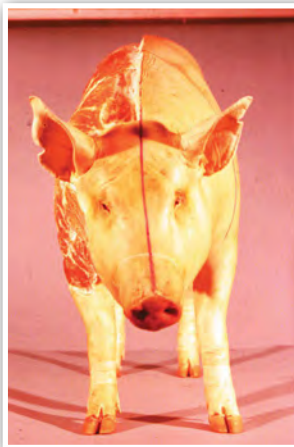
Form to Function *Continued*

Animals A and B both weighed 265 pounds at harvest, and both were crossbred barrows. Animal A was somewhat longer and much wider than Animal B, and both barrows had the same depth of body internally. On foot, Animal B appeared nearly two inches deeper bodied than Animal A. Is this explainable? Sure – look at the width of chest and spring or arch of rib differences. The chest floor differences are visible in both the front views and cross section views.

These increased internal dimensions would be desired in replacement gilts and definitely in boars selected for a breeding program.

We were amazed when we finally got an opportunity to look inside cattle, swine and sheep. The frozen carcass and cross section project provided real proof of what we're seeing visually and a whole lot more.

Animal A



Animal B



THROUGH

the Years

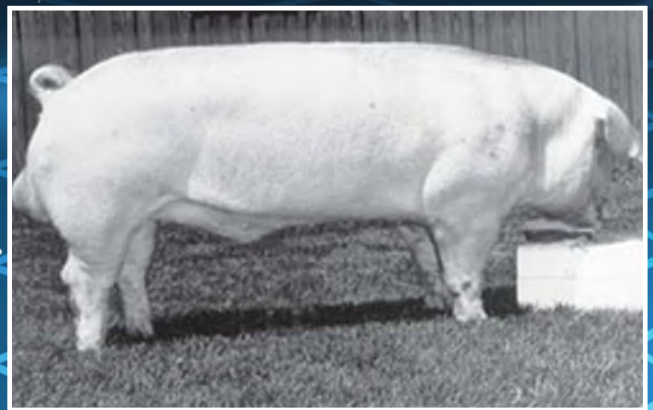
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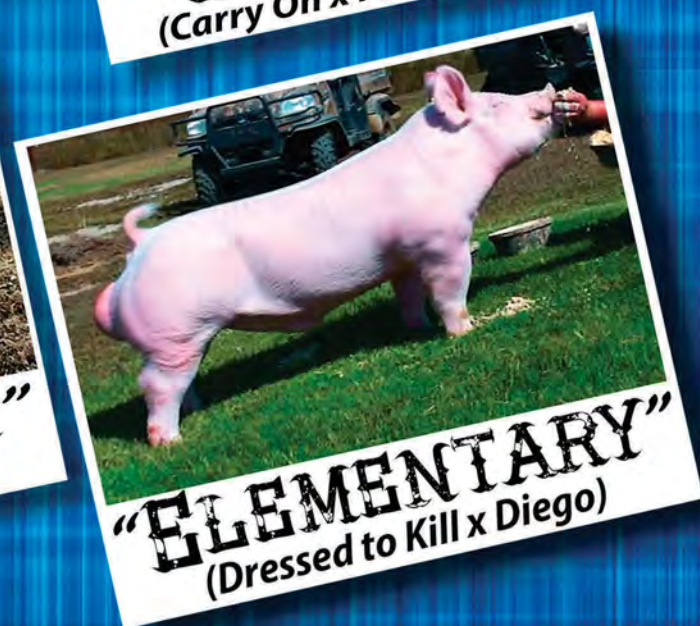
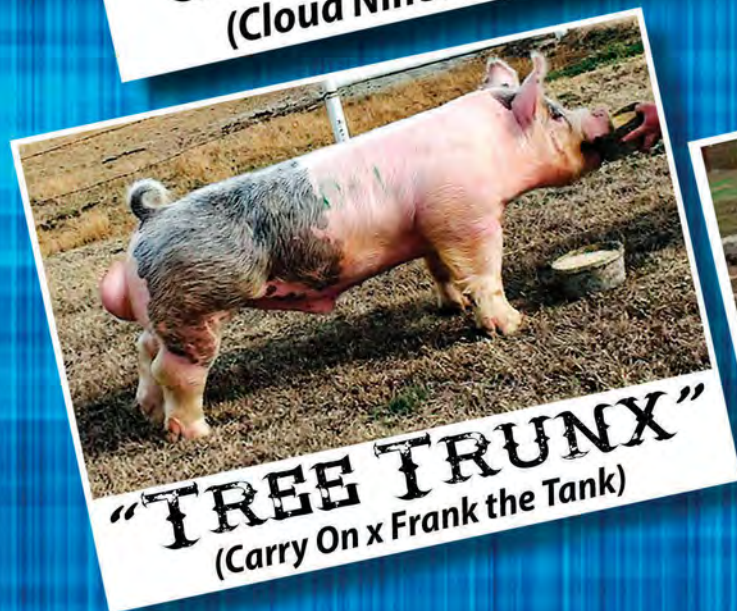
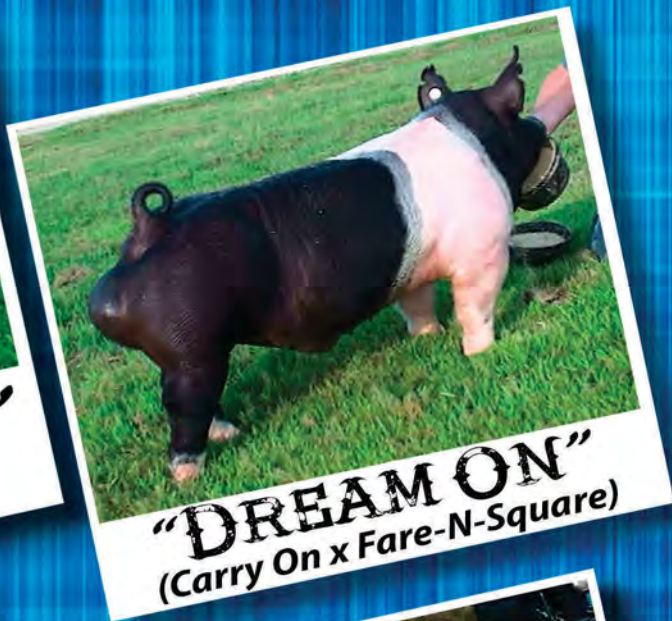
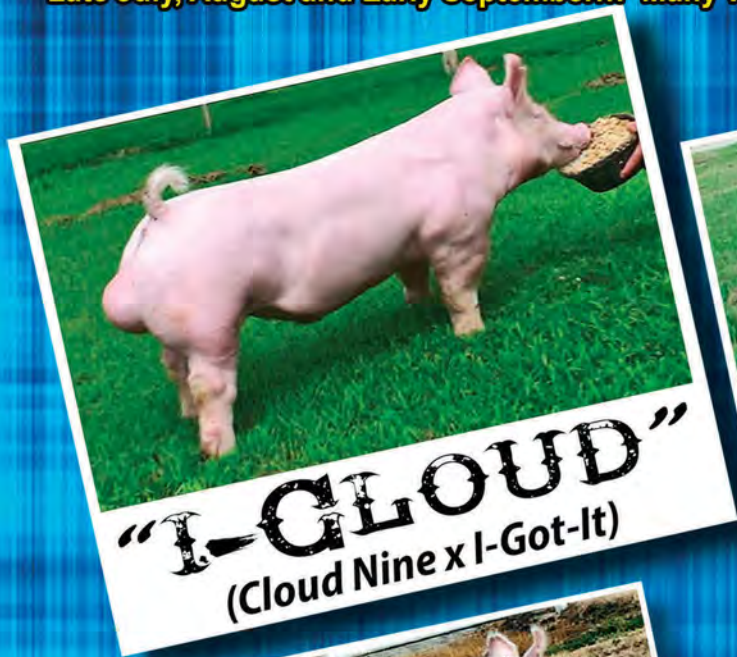
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