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REASONS

Class 1 Hampshire Boars
Official Placing: 1-2-4-3   **Cuts: 6-2-2**

In the Hampshire boar class we found a boar that best combines muscle, balance and eye appeal. The 1 boar is the best designed, by being level topped, long bodied and stout featured; while still attractive through his front end. He should produce Hampshire hogs with eye appeal, balance and structural soundness. We realize that 2 is bold about his rib, heavy boned and still thick about his hip. However, he is in second, as he is shorter bodied and steeper in his hip.

The middle pair was close, and the boars were different in type. We found more spring and depth to 2. He is also more correct in his front knee and is larger framed. We can see that 4 is expressive in his muscling and clean about his front end.

In the bottom pair we find more muscle shape and mass in the 4 boar over 3. He has more thickness to his top, is wider chested and leveler out of his rump. Even though 3 is longer bodied, better about his knee and stronger in his EPDs, he is just too steep in his hip, too narrow chested and shows the least sign of muscle in his rump.

Class 2 Duroc Boars
Official Placing: 1-4-2-3   **Cuts: 2-6-2**

We find the Duroc boars to sort into a top pair in 1 and 4 and a bottom pair of 2 and 3.

1 and 4 are stronger in their data and just a higher-quality pair of boars. We feel 1 is very well balanced, long bodied and heavy boned, and should sire derby pigs that are fast growing and still the leanest. He is also structurally correct and longer about his hip. We can see that 4 is a thick-made boar that has shape to his rib. Yet he is also shorter bodied, especially shorter in his hip. He also becomes smaller in his kind.

In the middle pair, 4 places over 2. 4 is the boar with more muscle mass through his chest floor, down his top and throughout his rump. He also shows us more shape to his rib and is deeper in his flank. We recognize that 2 is long bodied and longer about his hip. He simply is too weak in his EPDs, tighter in his flank and lighter muscled.

In our final pair, we chose the length of body and frame size found in 2 over 3. 2 not only is the later-maturing, tall-fronted boar, but is also much stronger in his data, especially his EPD for pounds. We like that 3 is level made and has some rib, but he is the only boar with a negative EPD for pounds and is the smallest framed.

Class 3 Yorkshire Boars
Official Placing: 3-2-4-1   **Cuts: 4-3-4**

We found the Yorkshire boar class very placeable. The 3 boar, in our minds, was the most complete. He is level in his design, thick and expressive made, shows depth to his rib and should sire bluebutts with eye appeal, balance and structural correctness. He is also very strong in his EPDs. We like the muscle volume and shape, especially in his lower ham.

In the middle pair, it is 2 over 4, as 2 is taller fronted and more defined in his muscle shape. He is bigger about his forearm, while being better balanced. 4 is a long-bodied, stout-boned boar that is the best in his EPDs for days. He just runs downhill, lower at the point of his shoulders.

4 easily places over 1 in the bottom pair, as he excels in muscle and body volume. He is heavier boned, stronger topped, has a stronger pastern and is clearly heavier muscled. 1 is long sided and level about his hip, but he is the lightest muscled, weakest out of his shoulders, and softest about his pasterns.

Class 4 Landrace Boars
Official Placing: 4-3-2-1   **Cuts: 2-2-6**

We placed the Landrace boars 4-3-2-1, feeling that we have an easy bottom in 1.

We started with 4, as he is the big-volume, large-framed, thick-made boar that is heavy boned. He is also structurally correct and should produce a functional offspring for grandparent stock. We realize 3 is a bold-ribbed, thick-made boar that is stronger in his LWT and MLI EPDs. However, he is smaller framed, earlier maturing and higher in his condition.

In the middle pair, we liked the strength of top found in 3 over 2, as he was bolder about his rib, deeper in his flank and more expressive and stouter about his hip. We can see that 2 is leaner in his appearance, longer bodied and higher in his NBA EPD. 2 is also weaker topped, lighter muscled and softer in his pasterns.

Structure clearly sorts 2 over 1, as 2 is leveler in his rump and has a more correct angulation to his front and rear legs. We admit that 1 is lean designed and the highest in his NBA EPD, but he is simply the poorest-structured, frailest-made boar, who is tight flanked and lighter muscled.

Class 5 Hampshire Gilts
Official Placing: 3-2-1-4   Cuts: 4-2-5

We found this Hampshire gilt class to have a logical top and easy bottom, as we place the class 3-2-1-4.

3 is the high-quality female that's bold ribbed, heavy muscled and stout boned, along with being attractive on the profile and strong in her EPDs. We admit 2 is thick made, long bodied and strong out of her shoulder. However, she is lower fronted and steeper in her rump. Even so, in a closer middle pair, we find 2 as being long bodied and longer rumped. We admire 1 for her thickness to her top and throughout her rump. She still maintains depth and spring to her rib. She becomes smaller in her hip and shorter bodied.

We liked the muscle and bone found in 1 over 4, as we think she will produce the higher-quality, more-competitive gilts for the National Junior Summer Spectacular. She has more body volume, is thicker made and stands on a bigger foot. We realize 4 is longer bodied and is still big in her kind. She is also the straightest in her rear leg, lightest muscled and low fronted.

Class 6 Duroc Gilts
Official Placing: 3-1-4-2   Cuts: 3-5-2

The Duroc gilts broke into a two-pair class, with 3 and 1 in the top and 4 and 2 in the bottom. In the top pair of higher-quality females, we like 3 over 1. 3 is a more correctly balanced gilt that is longer bodied, deeper flanked and still very thick made. We like the eye appeal and leanness that 1 has. She gives up the body volume and length found in 3.

It is still quality that sorts 1 over 4 in many areas. 1 is the thicker-made female who is more expressive about her forearm, deeper in her flank and simply better balanced. We grant 4 is long bodied and is higher in her EPD for pounds. However, she is the shallowest in her rib, tightest flanked and lightest muscled.

In the final pair, leanness place 4 over 2, as 4 is leaner designed over her loin edge and the lower one-third of her body. She also is longer bodied and smoother out of her shoulder. We like the rib found in 2, but she is also the poorest-balanced, lightest-conditioned gilt in the class.

Class 7 Yorkshire Gilts
Official Placing: 2-4-1-3   Cuts: 2-4-3

We find the Yorkshire gilts to have a close top pair, as we placed the class 2-4-1-3.

We see 2 as the most complete, and she best combines muscle, body volume and frame. She is leveler hipped and has more muscle through the lower portion of her hip. We like the muscle expression and length of body found in 4. Yet she is steeper in her rump and smaller framed.

In the middle, we think that 4 is larger and stouter made. She is deeper in her rib and smoother in her ham-loin junction. We like the long-tailed 1 gilt for being long bodied and expressively muscled with a high-quality underline. Yet she is smaller framed and lower fronted, while being more pinched in her ham-loin junction.

In the final pair, structure finds 1 over 3, as 1 is leveler in her rump, stronger on her pasterns and stands on more substance of bone. I admit that 3 is larger framed and is the best in her NBA EPD, but she is too steep in her rump, the poorest balanced and has the softest pasterns.

Class 8 Landrace Gilts
Official Placing: 4-1-2-3   Cuts: 2-4-5

In our Landrace gilt class, we have two higher-quality females and an easy bottom, as we placed the class 4-1-2-3.

We feel that 4 is a well-balanced, large-framed gilt that shows spring and depth to her rib. This female is also heavy muscled and stands on more substance of bone than our 1 gilt. We realize that 1 is high in her body volume and is long bodied. However, she is second, as she is smaller framed and frailer boned in relation to 4.

We see the 1 female being able to raise structurally more-correct F1 gilts. She has stronger pasterns, is longer bodied and has more muscle. 1 is also stronger in her LWT EPD. We grant that 2 is bold in her rib and strong in her top. But she is too weak on her pasterns and is short bodied.

In the final pair, body volume sorts 2 over 3, as she has more spring and depth to her rib. She is also a thicker-made gilt that is wider chested and heavier boned. 3 is a longer-bodied, level-rumped female. However, she is also the tightest ribbed and lightest muscled, along with being frail made.

Class 9 Yorkshire Market Hogs
Official Placing: 4-3-1-2   Cuts: 2-2-5

We thought the Yorkshire barrows offered many differences. We felt that 4 was the most-complete, correctly balanced barrow in the class. We like the 3 barrow from a standpoint of muscle, mass and expression, while still having rib and eye appeal. This barrow is too straight off of his hind leg.

The middle pair is a close pair, and we like the rib and depth of flank found in 3 over 1. 3 is a very thick-made barrow that is clean through the lower one-third of his body. We like 1 for being longer-bodied and having a better set and angle to his rear legs. He also becomes tighter in his flank.

Muscle places 1 over 2, as he is just a stouter-made barrow. He has a larger top and more thickness through all portions of his ham. He still maintains more spring to his rib as well. We can see 2 is long sided and level designed. Yet he is also the lightest-muscled, flattest-ribbed barrow in the class.

Class 10 Crossbred Market Hogs
Official Placing: 1-4-3-2   Cuts: 3-2-5

This class of crossbreds has some different thing to look at. We liked the muscle and bone found in 1. He has the most volume of muscle over his loin edge and through all portions of his ham, while still being clean fronted.

Yes, 4 is expressively muscled and has some mass in his forearm and his hip. But, 4 is also shorter bodied and gives up the mass found in 1.

Muscle places 4 over 3 in the middle pair, as 4 has more volume down his top and more mass out through his hip. We like the way 3 balances up and has some rib. He is also the lighter-muscled barrow that's wastier through his front end.

In the bottom pair, structure places 3 over 2. 3 has a better angle to his shoulder, is leveler hipped and heavier boned. We grant that 2 is long bodied and tall fronted. He is also the poorest-balanced, finest-boned barrow that is narrow made.

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RESULTS

Team Competition

FFA Team Division (83 teams)
2,000 points possible

1st Place — Total Score – 1,836
Texhoma FFA, Texhoma, Okla.
Tiffany Jones, Kade Shoulders,
Alex Holquin, Skyler Crippen

2nd Place — Total Score – 1,828
**Clinton Central "Bulldog" Team,
Michigantown, Ind.**
Austin Walker, Matt Dunham,
Kinzie Selker, Zac Wilson

3rd Place — Total Score – 1,814
Fargo FFA Team 4, Fargo, Okla.
Devan Brewer, Austin Stone,
Trevor Long, Ashley Flores

4th Place — Total Score – 1,814
**Clinton Central "Will Wynn" Team,
Michigantown, Ind.**
Troy Walker, Brant Smith,
Brent Dunham, Alyssa Smith

5th Place — Total Score – 1,808
Fargo FFA Team B, Fargo, Okla.
Joseph Berends, Chance Wadsworth,
Cody Burdette, Luke Meyer

4-H Team Division (34 teams)
2,000 points possible

1st Place — Total Score – 1,846
Jamaica Flatlanders, Sidell, Ill.
Reagan Langemeier, Madison Langemeier,
Mackenzie Langemeier, Austin Langemeier

2nd Place — Total Score – 1,836
Rambler's 4-H Club #1, Marissa, Ill.
Lindsay Otten, Justin Dressel,
Ryan Kinzinger, Kelsey Behrmann

3rd Place — Total Score – 1,822
Rambler's 4-H Club #2, Marissa, Ill.
Drew Schilling, Steven Kinzinger,
Danielle Dressel, Spencer Range

4th Place — Total Score – 1,819
Fargo 4-H Team D, Fargo, Okla.
Cody Eastabrook, Dylan Baker,
Naomi Everett, Shelby Hamilton

5th Place — Total Score – 1,815
Fargo 4-H Team E, Fargo, Okla.
Nicole Coffey, Amanda Hamaker,
Daylon Bergeron, Toni Allison

College Team Division (24 teams)
2,500 points possible

1st Place — Total Score – 2,312
Black Hawk East #5, Kewanee, Ill.
Nathan Ray, Katie Dillon, Jason Duff,
Ashley Schnoor, Jeremiah Geiger

2nd Place — Total Score – 2,288
Black Hawk East #2, Kewanee, Ill.
John Jacobs, Brandon Houser,
Wravenna Phipps, Jeremy Lacy,
Megan Quaka

3rd Place — Total Score – 2,287
Lake Land College #1, Mattoon, Ill.
Natasha Helton, Blane Olson,
Phillip Rincker, Gary Rodgers,
Matt Troxell

4th Place — Total Score – 2,284
Black Hawk East #1, Kewanee, Ill.
Blake Bloomberg, Chad Horsley,
Eric Brunton, Katie Castel,
Jon DeClerck

5th Place — Total Score – 2,271
Lake Land College #2, Mattoon, Ill.
Sara Barker, Josh Campbell, Laura
Stollard, Doug Toepper, Zach Virgin

Individual Competition

Senior Division (104 contestants)
500 points possible

1st Place — Total Score – 474
Wes Barone, San Jose, Calif.

2nd Place — Total Score – 468
Burt Williams, Spearman, Texas

3rd Place — Total Score – 467
Kelly Burch, Casper, Wyo.

4th Place — Total Score – 466
Ashley Harrison, Fargo, Okla.

5th Place — Total Score – 464
Merle Nickelson, Guyman, Okla.

College Division (124 contestants)
500 points possible

1st Place — Total Score – 475
Megan Quaka, Macon, Ill.

2nd Place — Total Score – 473
Alyssa Brashear, Hanford, Calif.

3rd Place — Total Score – 470
Sidney Thayne, Casper, Wyo.

3rd Place — Total Score – 470
Sky Boyden, Mattoon, Ill.

5th Place — Total Score – 467
Katie Dillon, Martinsville, Ind.

Junior Division (615 contestants)
500 points possible

1st Place — Total Score – 472
Austin Joostberns, Dorr, Mont.

2nd Place — Total Score – 470
Austin Walker, Kirklin, Ind.

3rd Place — Total Score – 469
Jordan Flanagan, Texhoma, Okla.

4th Place — Total Score – 468
Steven Kinzinger, New Athens, Ill.

4th Place — Total Score – 468
Kelsey Behrmann, St. Libory, Ill.