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2004 National Picture Judging Contest

REASONS

Class 1 Hampshire Boars

Official Placing: 3-4-1-2

Cuts: 5-3-5

The class of Hampshire boars offered many differences, with the top pair offering the most in terms of frame size and length of body. We're leading off with 3 over 4, as his side profiles the most balance. Furthermore he has a more-powerful look with extra depth and spring of rib – thus possessing the muscle mass to produce show-winning bluebutt barrows. We would grant, 4 stands on more substance of bone with a bigger foot, and he has a more-correct set to the hind leg. However 4 places second for lacking muscle expression and style.

The middle pair was close, even though they are vastly different in type. The longer-bodied 4 boar offers more frame size, length of cannon bone, and correctness of feet and leg structure. Yes, 1 does have more muscle mass from front to rear, and is wider based and more level from hip to tail. However, he gives up too much length of bone and extension of frame to consistently produce quality barrows.

In the bottom pair, we used the more-powerfully structured 1 boar that has more muscle down his top and through his hip and ham. Even though 2 placed last, he is clean fronted, taller at the point of shoulder, and sets more correctly on his hind leg. But this narrow-chested, shallow-ribbed boar gives up too much structure and muscle.

Class 2 Duroc Boars

Official Placing: 3-1-4-2

Cuts: 3-4-6

We placed this class of high-quality, competitive boars 3-1-4-2.

We started with 3, as he is the biggest-framed, longest-bodied, heaviest-boned boar in the class. He has the highest TSI and has the best EPDs in every category, which makes him the logical choice, given the scenario. We grant that 1 is more correctly structured, leveler hipped and more attractive.

In the middle pair, we placed 1 over 4 because he is a taller-fronted, longer-boned boar that is later in his maturity. In addition, he is longer sided and stronger topped. We would grant that 4 is wider made and deeper ribbed.

In the bottom pair, 4 easily beats 2 in overall design, width and muscle mass. 2 is last because he lacks the terminal qualities of muscle, leanness and volume, and he has the poorest EPDs.

Class 3 Yorkshire Boars

Official Placing: 1-4-3-2

Cuts: 4-5-4

This is a very placeable class of Yorkshire herdsire prospects that all possess some valuable traits and outstanding EPDs.

We place 1 over 4 for his outstanding balance and correctness. He is clean fronted and long, and displays a more-correct, higher tail setting with a more-desirable rear leg set.

We do appreciate 4's bigger forearm, additional depth of rib, more-prominent underline and greater testicular development.

Moving to our middle pair of prospects, 4 places over 3 and displays more size, scale and strength of top. He certainly stands on more bone and cannon extension, while displaying a more-correct front pastern set.

We realize 3 has a more-desirable MLI and a more-correct set to his rear legs.

Coming to the bottom pair, we used 3 over 2 for his additional leanness and cleanness throughout, combined with more muscle expression and eye appeal, considering current emphasis of the buying public.

We admire the growth, volume and sterling MLI of 2. However, we leave him last because he is the fattest sire that is especially soft on his front pasterns.

Class 4 Landrace Boars

Official Placing: 2-4-3-1

Cuts: 3-3-6

We place this class of Landrace boars 2-4-3-1, feeling that we have a logical top and an easy bottom.

In the top pair we prefer 2 over 4 for his outstanding NBA, LWT, SPI and days. He is the most correct in terms of structure and design. He is longer rumped and very good off his rear legs. He has more-than-adequate muscle and more spring and depth of rib. We would grant that 4 is taller fronted.

In the middle pair, we place 4 over 3 because he is sounder fronted and more correct in the placement of his shoulder. He also is wider based and stronger topped. We would grant that 3 is super for NBA and has the highest SPI in the class. He is also leveler rumped than 4.

3 easily places over 1 in the bottom pair for his advantage in volume, bone and numbers. 1 is sounder fronted but is the narrow-made, frail boar in the class that has the lowest SPI.

Class 5 Hampshire Gilts

Official Placing: 2-1-3-4

Cuts: 5-3-6

We place this class 2-1-3-4, feeling we have an easy top and bottom and a close middle pair. 2 is the combination gilt that puts together frame, length, muscle and production to the highest degree. She is longer bodied and longer muscled than 1. We would grant that 1 is heavier and more-expressively muscled.

In the middle pair, 1 places over 3 because 1 is a wider-chested, thicker-made, thicker-muscled gilt. She has more spring and arch to her rib, is heavier boned and is very attractive in her look. We grant that 3 is a bigger-framed, longer-boned gilt. She also is softer ribbed and longer muscled, with more depth to her rear flank.

In the bottom pair of 3 over 4, 3 overwhelms 4 in frame size, length and femininity. We would grant that 4 is more expressively muscled but lacks the frame and length to place any higher.

Class 6 Duroc Gilts

Official Placing: 4-1-3-2

Cuts: 4-4-4

A very good class of Duroc gilts. While there are differences in individual EPDs, the MLIs are all very similar, so in this class, you just need to judge the gilts.

4 places over 1, as she is the stoutest, most-powerful gilt in the class. She is the widest based and highest volumed, and she has great EPDs for growth and litter weight. We would grant that 1 is longer sided.

We place 1 over 3 in the middle pair for her design and length of side. She is opened up more through her chest floor and has more center rib and muscle volume.

In the bottom pair, we place 3 over 2, because 3 is a leveler-topped gilt that is more correct in her rump and rear-leg structure. She is longer fronted and cleaner. We would grant 2 has more rib and total body capacity. She, too, is sounder fronted. However, we would like to change her rear legs and rump structure to move her up in the class.

Class 7 Yorkshire Gilts

Official Placing: 4-1-2-3

Cuts: 3-4-5

We begin with two more-correct, balanced gilts that can compliment those heavy-muscled Hamp boars that can sometimes be structurally deficient.

4 leads off over 1, as she is a stouter, stronger-topped, heavier-structured brood sow prospect. Her additional width and correct vulva bring her to the top.

We admire the femininity, length and performance profile of 1.

1 excels 2 in our middle pair with greater length of neck and body. In addition, she possesses a more-desirable muscle pattern and dominant EPDs to back up our visual appraisal.

We grant 2 has greater body width and substance of bone.

In our final pair of lower-MLI gilts, 2 places over 3, being a longer, leveler gilt that is more correct in her hip and hind leg and certainly more uniform in her depth from chest to rear flank.

3 does appear to be a bigger-framed, feminine gilt, but she lacks the correctness for longevity and performance for production of the other three promising brood sow prospects.

Class 8 Landrace Gilts

Official Placing: 4-2-1-3

Cuts: 3-5-3

Realizing that length of body, correct feet and leg structure and smooth muscle patterns are important to the production of maternal grandparent stock, 4 and 2 easily are the top pair in

this class. In a close placing, we choose 4 over 2, noting the superior EPDs for days and backfat, which compute to the higher MLI index. 4 also gets your attention as a long-bodied, feminine, super-sound, productive-looking female.

You have to admire the depth of rib, volume and correct muscle pattern of 2. But, you must also recognize 2 as being short and wasteful fronted, and lacking the prominence of underline.

Placing 2 over 1 is logical, noting the length of neck, top, and rump of the 2 gilt. The smooth muscle pattern and correct feet and leg structure further enhance the 2 gilt's placing.

Yes, 1 is stouter about her bone work and has more width of base, yet we fault her for being shorter bodied and too terminal in her muscle structure.

In the bottom pair of similar-type gilts, 1 offers more elevation to her front end, with a longer, leveler rump and a more-correct set to her rear leg. Although 3 is a wider-based gilt, she lacks length of frame and correctness of structure.

Class 9 Yorkshire Barrows

Official Placing: 4-1-3-2

Cuts: 5-3-4

A good class of Yorkshire barrows. Cuts are a result of pair comparisons and compromise of officials involved.

4 places over 1 in our top pair of long, balanced barrows. 4 is the most correct and balanced of any of the barrows, and he is relatively fault free.

1 does appear to be more raw in his blade and expressive in his ham; however, he is lower fronted and weaker topped.

In our middle pair, 1 follows type and kind being longer, leveler and certainly more correct in his tail setting. This structural superiority usually relates to the ability to convert a pound of feed to a pound of gain more efficiently.

3 is stronger in his ham-loin junction. Although he displays an extra dew claw, we place our bottom pair 3 over 2 because he is trimmer jowled and cleaner in his elbow pocket. 3 exhibits more muscle expression and should hang a higher percent lean carcass.

The 4 barrow does show more length of neck and levelness to his top and rump, but being straight fronted and the heaviest conditioned, we placed this lowest-cutability barrow last.

Class 10 Crossbred Market Hogs

Official Placing: 1-2-4-3

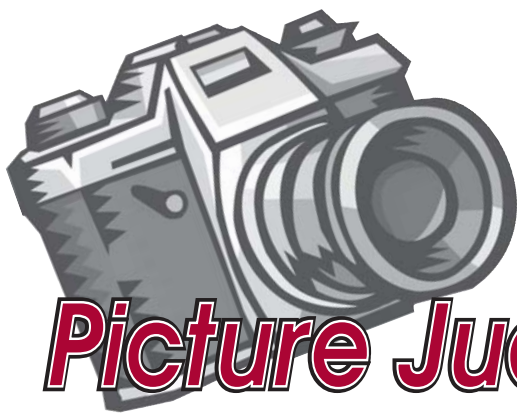
Cuts: 3-3-6

An excellent class of crossbred barrows with a close top pair. The extra power and flexibility of structure elevates the 1 barrow to the top. The combination of frame, muscle and balance further supports the placing of 1 over 2. Yes, you have to recognize the clean, tall-fronted 2 barrow that has style and eye appeal. But 2 places second as he lacks the width of base and volume of muscle through his hip and ham.

In the middle pair, 2 places over 4. 2 is the taller-fronted, longer-bodied, leveler-rumped, more-balanced barrow. However, 4 displays a wider base, thicker top and bigger forearm. We fault 4 for being low fronted and steep rumped.

In the bottom pair of two thick, heavy-muscled barrows, we place 4 over 3, as 4 is longer bodied, stouter boned and more correct in the set of his hind leg. We realize both barrows are steep rumped, and the 3 barrow exhibits a cleaner top. We fault 3 and place him last, as he is too short bodied to be used any higher.

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RESULTS

Team Competition

FFA Team Division (594 teams)
2,000 points possible

1st Place Total Score – 1,802
Payson FFA (A), Payson, Utah
Camille Rowley, Diana Rowley, Alan Thorn, Scott Thorn

2nd Place Total Score – 1,798
Guymon FFA (Black), Guymon, Okla.
Chris Hawthorne, Kyle Serna, Matt Brown, Waylen Pritchard

3rd Place Total Score – 1,784
Hardesty Public School, Hardesty, Okla.
Tauna Britton, Chelsey Parker, Beau Brewer, Britney Parker

3rd Place Total Score – 1,784
Hooker FFA (Aqua), Hooker, Okla.
Colton Gilmore, Sharla James, Brittany McBee, Nick Linder

5th Place Total Score – 1,778
Hooker FFA (Brown), Hooker, Okla.
Jose Martinez, Cutter Weiland, Bryan Paden, Kirby Ukens

4-H Team Division (59 teams)
2,000 points possible

1st Place Total Score – 1,883
Lancaster 4-H Team A, Lancaster, Pa.
Joelynn Donough, Tiffany Dean, Adam Zunn, Jevin Kready

2nd Place Total Score – 1,811
Rambler's 4-H Team #2, Marissa, Ill.
Lindsay Otten, Kelsey Behrmann, Dane Schmeiderer, Jordan Wagner

3rd Place Total Score – 1,802
Hamilton S.E. (Blue), Fishers, Ind.
Cassie Bird, Jeni Boone, Jess Lawson, Nathan Day

4th Place Total Score – 1,800
Rambler's 4-H Team #1, Marissa, Ill.
Matt Gerald, Andy Hoehner, Justin Dressel, Mike Triefenbach

5th Place Total Score – 1,772
Happy Hustlers, Garden City, Kan.
Kayla Lee, Russell Goss, Alyssa Heitschmidt, James Heitschmidt

College Team Division (36 teams)
2,500 points possible

1st Place Total Score – 2,278
Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan.
Matt Wolfe, Kiley McKinna, Evan Cooper, Kelsey Kennedy, Ashley Stull

2nd Place Total Score – 2,265
Black Hawk East #7, Kewanee, Ill.
Scott Dryer, Aaron Hahn, Brad Malory, Tyler Pierson, Chad Shute

3rd Place Total Score – 2,261
Lake Land College #2, Mattoon, Ill.
Justin Alwardt, Schuyler Boyden, Landon Flexter, Phillip Rincker, Tucker Wood

3rd Place Total Score – 2,261
Lake Land College #4, Mattoon, Ill.
Sara Barker, Emily Cramer, Blane Olson, Jessica McKinney, Jason Walker

5th Place Total Score – 2,242
Lake Land College #1, Mattoon, Ill.
Kyle Bannon, Todd Beyers, Matt Edwards, Drew Stollard, Thomas Titus

Individual Competition

Senior Division (145 contestants)
500 points possible

1st Place Total Score – 464
Jim Spake, Boise City, Okla.

2nd Place Total Score – 463
Matt Trostle, Red Lion, Pa.

2nd Place Total Score – 463
Bill Range, Marissa, Ill.

2nd Place Total Score – 463
Kay Christian, Woodward, Iowa

5th Place Total Score – 462
Paul Rickabaugh, Wilmore, Kan.

College Division (189 contestants)
500 points possible

1st Place Total Score – 480
Jon DeClerck, Aledo, Ill.

2nd Place Total Score – 468
Ashley Stull, Hays, Kan.

3rd Place Total Score – 467
Emily Cramer, Mattoon, Ill.

4th Place Total Score – 463
Brandon Yantis, Findlay, Ill.

4th Place Total Score – 463
Jeremy Scott Lacy, Seminole, Texas

Junior Division (1,108 contestants)
500 points possible

1st Place Total Score – 477
Joelynn Donough, Manheim, Pa.

2nd Place Total Score – 474
Bud Pontius, Fishers, Ind.

3rd Place Total Score – 473
Jevin Kready, Manheim, Pa.

4th Place Total Score – 469
Tiffany Sean, Strasbury, Pa.

5th Place Total Score – 466
Jeri Lynn Boone, Noblesville, Ind.