

Nation's top purebreds sell for top prices at Summer Type Conference

For the third year in a row, Louisville, Ky., proved to be a profitable location for the National Swine Registry's Summer Type Conference. The high-selling boar of all breeds was a Hampshire exhibited by Tom Moyer and Family, Wauseon, Ohio. The JLM1 All She Wrote 64-3 son, farrowed Jan. 5, 2003, sold for \$36,000 to Top Cut Showpig Sires, Hollandsburg, Ohio.

Steve Malcolm and Family, Hometown, Ind., exhibited the Grand Champion Duroc boar, a KTB2 Simply Irresistible son, born Jan. 2, 2003. He sold for \$17,000 to Shaffer's Gold Rush, Albany, Ind. The Reserve Grand Champion and second high-selling Duroc boar was lot 175-1, shown by Jordan Merritt of Carthage, Ill. The HP2 HP Wow 3-3 son sold to David C. Holloway, Howell Durocs and Holloway Genetics of Glen Rock, Penn., for \$2,500. Merritt chose to donate 10 percent of his earnings to the National Junior Swine Association. The 19 boars sold for a total of \$43,825, averaging \$2,307.

Grand Champion Duroc gilt honors went to Clayton Murphy of New Paris, Ohio. Murphy's top-selling Duroc gilt, farrowed Jan. 1, 2003, was sired by 7RGS2 Just Perfect 1-7. She sold to Dick and Zach Howell, Maroa, Ill., for \$4,300. The Reserve Grand Champion Duroc gilt was entry 5-8, a LKMC2 Changing Times 9-1 daughter, born Feb. 3, 2003, exhibited by Shipley Swine Genetics, Newark, Ohio. She sold to Dick and Zach Howell, Maroa, Ill., for \$2,300. The set of 29 Duroc gilts brought in \$20,125 for a \$694 average.

The John Graber Family of Stryker, Ohio, exhibited the Grand Champion Hampshire boar. The Jan. 29, 2003, JLM1 Shut 'Em Down 64-5 boar sold to Jim McCoy and Family of Bloomingburg, Ohio, and Jerry McLemore, Ninneka, Okla., for \$4,100. Reserve Grand Champion Hampshire boar honors went to Jim McCoy and Family with their JLM1 All She Wrote 64-3 boar. This boar, entry 99-2, was purchased by Tyler Marty, Leigh, Neb., for \$2,000.

The second high-selling overall boar was shown by George and Mike Watson of Mooresville, Ind. Their JSE1 Bone Collector 20-6 son was purchased by Top Cut Showpig Sires for \$23,000. Twenty-four Hampshire boars brought \$89,750, for a \$3,740 average.

Receiving top honors in the Hampshire gilt show was entry 480-1, owned by Aaron Cain, Chariton, Iowa. The Grand Champion and high-selling Hamp-

shire gilt, a JSE1 Bone Collector 20-6, daughter was purchased by J&K Genetics, Shipshewana, Ind., for \$9,500. Kimberly Howell, West Lafayette, Ohio, showed the Reserve Grand Champion Hampshire gilt, a Dec. 12, 2003, BOLN1 Broadside 125-3 daughter. The gilt sold for \$4,250 to J&K Genetics. The second top-selling gilt was shown by Alyssa Imler, Santanta, Kan., and sold to Donnie Persall of New Castle, Okla., for \$5,000. The set of 36 Hampshire gilts sold for a total of \$39,300, averaging \$1,092.

In the Yorkshire boar show, Brady, Dustin and Jena Crone of Monrovia, Ind., claimed the Grand Champion and top-selling Yorkshire boar honors with entry 134-1, a son of ARK1 Full Alert 41-3. This Jan. 12, 2003, boar was purchased by Hi Point Genetics, Inc., Chrisman, Ill., for \$28,000. The Reserve Grand Champion Yorkshire boar was shown by Hirschfeld and Sons, Benedict, Neb. The ARK1 Full Alert 41-3 son went to Lean Value Sires, New Carlisle, Ohio, for \$13,500. The second-top selling Yorkshire boar was shown by Seth and Caleb Swenson, Newark, Ill. Sired by SLT1 Play It Again 5-12, he sold to Top Cut Showpig Sires for \$26,000. The 27 Yorkshire boars sold for \$104,400, averaging \$3,867.

Summer Marie Fagg, Clay City, Ind., exhibited the Grand Champion Yorkshire gilt. Her JGR1 Option 313-10 daughter sold for \$7,600 to Triple B Sires of Eufaula, Okla. The Reserve Grand Champion Yorkshire gilt was entry 166-2, shown by Hirschfeld and Sons. The ARK0 The Solution 30-9 daughter sold to Austin Langemeier, Sidell, Ill., for \$1,700.

The high-selling Yorkshire gilt, also the National Junior Swine Association Foundation Female, was donated by Grimm Purebreds of Maynard, Iowa, and sold to J&K Genetics and Day-Planalp, Tipton, Ind., for \$11,000. All proceeds from this sale were donated to the NJSA.

The 48 Yorkshire gilts brought a total of \$59,600, for an average of \$1,242.

This impressive set of purebred genetics brought in a total of \$357,000, with hogs going to 19 states. The Summer Type Conference was sponsored by the National Swine Registry, West Lafayette, Ind., and was held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, July 2-5.

It coincided with the National Junior Summer Spectacular, which was also a record-breaking event with more than 650 exhibitors.

National Barrow Show Schedule

The National Barrow Show is held at the Mower County Fairgrounds, Austin, Minn., and is sponsored by the National Association of Swine Records. The schedule follows:

Monday, Sept. 8

- 8 a.m. FFA/4-H/Junior/Senior College Judging Contest - Crane Pavilion
- 1 p.m. *Judging of Individual Barrows
- 3 p.m. Judging of truckloads

Tuesday, Sept. 9

- 8 a.m. Judging of **Yorkshire** boars and gilts
- Immediately following preceding judging:
Judging of **Hampshire** boars and gilts
- 3 p.m. Premier Sire awards, and sale of **Yorkshire** boars and gilts
- Immediately following preceding sale:
Premier Sire awards, and sale of **Hampshire** boars and gilts

Wednesday, Sept. 10

- 8 a.m. Judging of **Landrace** boars and gilts
- Immediately following preceding judging:
Judging of **Duroc** boars and gilts
- 3 p.m. Premier Sire awards, and sale of **Landrace** boars and gilts
- Immediately following preceding sale:
Premier Sire awards, and sale of **Duroc** boars and gilts

New features at the 2003 National Barrow Show

- All hogs will be penned in brand-new facilities surrounding Crane Pavilion. All new pens will be available, eliminating bailing wire and broken wooden panels.
- The 1st Annual Pork Cookoff (Whole Hog) will be held Sunday, Sept. 7.
- The NBS Judging Contest will be held Monday, Sept. 8. Junior and senior college participants will judge eight classes. 4-H and FFA contestants will place four classes of market hogs and two classes of gilts. For information on the contest, contact the National Barrow Show at Box 367, Austin, MN, 55912, or call (507) 437-5306. E-mail inquiries may be made to Chairman Julie Grass at jjgrass@hormel.com.
- A reception will be held for judging contestants on Monday evening at the JC Building, featuring pork sandwiches and beverages.

Individual Market Hog Show added to NBS

A new feature at this year's National Barrow Show (NBS) is the individual market hog show. Purebred and crossbred barrows and gilts are eligible to compete for \$500 grand champion barrow and \$500 grand champion gilt premiums in the NBS Terminal Market Hog Show on Monday, Sept. 8. The specific rules are as follows:

- Barrows and gilts are eligible and will be shown in separate classes.
- Purebreds and crossbreds are eligible and will be shown separately.
- Farrowing date is March 1 or after and hogs must weigh between 220 and 270 pounds.
- All purebreds must have pedigrees from their respective breed association.
- Individual animals from the Truckload Contest are eligible.
- Entry fee is \$20 per head.
- All animals must meet the same health requirements as breeding stock.
- Class winners will receive \$50, 2nd place - \$30, and 3rd place - \$20.
- Grand Champion Gilt and Barrow will each receive \$500. Reserve Grand Champions will receive \$250.

Reserve your date in the NJSA calendar

Consider the opportunity to showcase an upcoming event in the 2004 NJSA Calendar. For \$35, you can reserve a date on the calendar. Calendar listings can be reserved until Oct. 1, 2003, when we will close the listings.

Get your listing in early, because a maximum of three listings will be allowed on each date of the calendar. Dates are available on a FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED basis.

Contact Jennifer at (217) 485-5315 or (765) 463-3594, or e-mail at jennifer@nationalswine.com to reserve your dates today.

New sire summaries available

The 2003 Summer Across-Herd Sire Summaries are now available. Call the National Swine Registry office at (765) 463-3594 to request your copy.

Upcoming Seedstock EDGE deadlines

ISSUE	COPY DUE
September/Show Pig Issue	August 8*
October/November Issue	September 26
Commercial Reference Issue	October 24
January 2004 Issue	December 1

*If you are showing at the State Fairs, your ad copy must be in by August 18

Commercial Services Update

UltraCROSS Breeder/Supplier Agreements due in NSR office

If you are a commercial breeder, you should have received an information packet and a reminder to submit the Agreement and relevant health and inventory information. We need to know who our suppliers are as we work to increase our market share. If you have any questions, feel free to call Rick Pfortmiller at the NSR office or Mark Meurer at (765) 427-9908.

NSR Pork Quality Alliance moving forward

We continue to evaluate breeder lines and commercial product lines at cooperating regional packers. Currently, we are evaluating pork quality at the Routh Packing Company in Sandusky, Ohio, Farmland Foods of Monmouth, Ill., and SiouxPreme Packing in Sioux Center, Iowa. Plants with tentative dates for coming months are listed below:

- Sioux Preme – July 27-28, Aug. 24-25, Sept. 28-29
(Sunday afternoon to early Monday morning)
- Routh – Aug. 4, Sept. 3
- Farmland – Call NSR for date availability

To work out details and make delivery arrangements with the packers, please confirm with Rick Pfortmiller at the NSR office at least two weeks prior to the test date.

Robin's Review

Just home from the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville; what a great event! This is a great reminder to transfer your youth's pedigrees for their summer shows and fairs.

The office is running fairly smoothly right now, but one of our biggest glitches is the confusion on the new blood banking policy. You can find the policy explanation in the current *Seedstock EDGE* or on our Web site, www.nationalswine.com. The next time you sell a boar to someone who is new to the business, or to a youth, please help them get started. Explain blood banking to them, or have them give us a call.

Our next biggest question from breeders is how to register if the AI certificate has been put online from the boar stud. You need the following information from the boar stud: the ear notch, registration number and AI certificate number. If you record online, you need to fill in the ear notch and registration number. If you mail in the recording, we need the ear notch, registration number, AI certificate number and boar stud's name.

Any time you have a question on pedigrees, please give the girls a call. For Hampshires and Landrace, call Lisa; for Durocs, call Jessica; and for Yorkshires, call Carrie or Rhonda.

Board of Director election information

The nominating process for the Board of Director elections for the four partners of NSR will soon begin. All four breeds now have boards made up of seven directors, two each from specified geographic districts, and one director at-large.

The boundaries of each district are based on membership, recordings and geography. All four breeds operate on the same fiscal year, which is the calendar year, and all breeds hold their elections during the month of November, with ballots mailed to each active member on Nov. 1.

New directors will be seated at the first board meeting scheduled in March 2004, and each term is for three years. Directors can serve two consecutive three-year terms.

Each breed has appointed a Nominating Committee that consists of the following: 1) President, 2) Vice-President and 3) one member, appointed by the President and Vice-President from each district that has a vacancy occurring that year.

The Nominating Committee will select nominees in time for their names to be published in the October/November Issue of the *Seedstock EDGE*. All eligible voting members will vote for candidates in all districts, and the candidate at-large.

There will also be space provided on the official ballot for write-in candidates.

In order to vote in the election, an active member must have registered at least one litter during the fiscal year, and must have paid their maintenance fee for the same period.

The following board members' terms are up this year:

United Duroc Swine Registry
• Doug Stewart, IA (first term)

Hampshire Swine Registry
• Dave Martin, IA (first term)

American Yorkshire Club

- Craig Good, KS (first term)
- Randal Buck, OK (first term)

American Landrace Association

- Max Waldo, NE (second term)
- Mike Wagoner, IN (second term)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

• 2003 NJSA Southwest Regional •
Sept. 19-22, 2003 • Lawton, Okla.

• 2003 NJSA Eastern Regional •
Oct. 3-4, 2003 • Harrisburg, Penn.

• 2003 Fall Classic •
Nov. 20-22, 2003 • Duncan, Okla.

• 2004 Winter Type Conference •
Jan. 8-10, 2004 • Arkansas City, Kan.

DNA requirement for all sires

The NSR Executive Committee has made the decision that all sires be DNA banked before any litters can be recorded. Effective with all litters farrowed after July 1, 2002, this new requirement provides for the establishment of an incredible DNA data bank for the four breeds represented by NSR, and helps us in our effort to maintain breed purity.

This decision was made after much discussion, and was the result of a recommendation from the NSR Shows and Services Advisory Board, where it passed unanimously. All segments of our industry have weighed in on this issue, and it appears to be helpful for all members in the long run. Through the establishment of this DNA resource bank, Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire and Landrace breeders will have access to the largest and most diverse DNA parentage bank in the industry. As we continue to uncover more information about the genetic make-up of our hogs, and as the genetic map is more clearly defined, NSR members will be in a position to take advantage of any new discoveries that may impact genetic selection in the future.

Whether it might be in the area of pork quality, disease resistance or production traits, the development of new genetic markers can quickly be matched to our existing genetic lines. It will position our breeds to once again be the leader in genetic improvement.

In addition to the selection opportunities it provides, this DNA data bank will also help maintain the purity and integrity of our breeds. This data bank might be utilized to verify the parentage of a pedigreed barrow that was named champion at a major show. On the other hand, it might be used to help a breeder, who after losing his breeding records, needs to use the DNA genotypes to match up offspring on some matings. Regardless, this DNA information will be a valuable resource to all of our breeds and members.

In an effort to minimize the expense and time required for this new regulation, your NSR Executive Committee has approved the use of "blotter cards" for the collection of this DNA material.

Rather than contacting your veterinarian to draw blood from each of your sires, you will simply prick the ear of your animal and dab a small amount of blood on a blotter card, and submit to the NSR office for storage. Semen may also be used for boars. There will be a nominal fee of \$10 for each sample submitted to help defray the costs of the blotter card and storage records.

If you have any questions regarding this new requirement, please feel free to contact Darrell, Rick or Mike at the NSR office.

NSR Policy Update - New Stress Gene Policy

Following a recommendation from the United Duroc Swine Registry Board of Directors, the National Swine Registry Executive Committee adopted the following policy at their March 2003 meeting:

"AS A REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF LITTERS THAT ARE FARROWED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2004, ALL SIRES (DUROC, HAMPSHIRE, LANDRACE AND YORKSHIRE) MUST HAVE A NEGATIVE STRESS STATUS ON FILE (BY DNA TEST OR PARENT VERIFICATION) BEFORE THE LITTER CAN BE REGISTERED."

No animals will be grandfathered in with this policy.

Hampshire Swine Registry Policy Update

The Hampshire Swine Registry members voted to adopt the following by-law change and Article 13.2 now reads:

"HAMPSHIRE SWINE CLASSIFIED AS OFF-BELTS MAY BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES, WITH OFFSPRING ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE NATIONAL SWINE REGISTRY. OFF-BELTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN IN MARKET HOG CLASSES, BUT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXHIBITION IN BREEDING SWINE SHOWS."

This policy is retroactive and will allow litters to be registered that were not eligible previously, due to the Hampshire Swine Registry off-belt requirements.

Pedigree Cancellations

One of the main duties of the National Swine Registry is to maintain the purity of the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds and protect breed integrity. Due to specific breed policies, the following pedigrees have been cancelled due to the failure of the listed animal to meet stress gene requirements and/or color test mating requirements.

Yorkshire

SSLF2 PSSS Big Freeze 5-4 reg. 403007004 – stress
7DL2 Yankee 76-12 reg. 412230012 – stress

Duroc

BKEY2 Big Red 2-3 reg. 242627003 – stress
EGGF1 43 Spinner 3-2 reg. 238009002 – stress
5MSF2 Rosey 6-6 reg. 250501006 – stress
ADJN2 Update 1-10 reg. 251097010 – stress
WZW2 Tobasco 3-2 reg. 246666002 – stress
WAR2 High Noon 34-2 reg. 249516002 – stress
WAR2 High Noon 36-4 reg. 249517004 – stress

Landrace

2 Ja Mar Suring 321 m reg. 1375135 – stress

Hampshire

CAH1 F 18-10 reg. 419221010 – color
BOLN2 MS Illusive 87-4 reg. 431177004 – stress
BOLN2 Miss Wide Base 84-4 reg. 432452004 – stress
TWL1 Peggy 2-2 reg. 420023002 – color
TWL1 Peggy 2-3 reg. 420023003 – color
TWL1 Peggy 2-4 reg. 420023004 – color
TWL1 Peggy 2-5 reg. 420023005 – color
TWL1 Wayoutbak 2-6 reg. 420023006 – color
TWL2 Peggy 1-2 reg. 426892002 – color