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The National Swine Registry formed in 1994 as a result of the consolidation of the American Yorkshire Club, the Hampshire Swine Registry and the United Duroc Swine Registry. In January 1998, the American Landrace Association joined the NSR.

This consolidation effort allowed for increased efficiency in the services offered to purebred breeders through the elimination of duplicated resource allocation, and established a unified approach to the future development of programs and services for each of the four breeds.

These four-breed organizations are located in one central office in West Lafayette, Indiana. The NSR's services include litter registrations, performance pedigrees, breed promotion, junior department activities and marketing assistance.

In the last issue of the Seedstock EDGE, the candidates for the upcoming board of director elections of their respective breeds were given the opportunity to outline their thoughts and opinions on what their respective breed and the NSR’s responsibilities are to the active members.

There was a core theme expressed by nearly all of the candidates. Here are several different statements relating to this core theme, “We need to record and maintain breed purity. We need to continue to focus on the importance of ethics and things such as breed purity and breed character. To provide producers of all sizes with a traceable pedigree that allows them to market their stock in various forms of sales with predictability and integrity that both buyer and seller can be confident in when improving the genetic base.”

Several years ago, the NSR started the process of exploring different avenues in the genomic arena to utilize the latest DNA technologies to maintain breed purity. We were looking to eliminate the physical testing mating procedure that took a minimum of 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days. A program was developed for the Hampshire breed that found more than just the red gene but also the spotting gene. This program worked well for the time period. As we moved forward in our search for a program equivalent for the Yorkshire and Landrace breeds, we developed a working relationship with Michigan State University.

The first part of this new program was to establish a profile of each of our four respective breeds. Many of our breeders took part with the startup phase of this program by submitting DNA samples from a sire, a dam and one of their offspring. Referred to the Trio project, MSU was able to sort these trios into a workable format for each breed. The decision was made to move forward with the Yorkshire breed and the NSR continued to submit DNA samples on many Yorkshire sires. The MSU staff presented their results at the 2016 March AYC board meeting. The AYC board put in place as of July 1, 2016, all Yorkshire sires must be DNA tested and pass the required tests before a litter can be recorded.

The breed profile for the Landrace breed was next on the agenda. Once again, the NSR submitted samples on Landrace sires to MSU to develop a protocol for the Landrace breed. The ALA board has placed the following requirement, for all litters farrowed on or after March 1, 2018, all Landrace sires must be DNA tested and pass the required tests before a litter can be recorded.

Next on the agenda is the development of the test for the Hampshire breed to be followed the development of a test for the Duroc breed. As the NSR mission statement reads, “Enchance the value of pedigreed swine, maintain breed integrity, and provide relevant member education and youth development opportunities.”
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Many of you may have noticed I don’t typically write this editorial portion of the Seedstock EDGE, and many of you have asked me about some of the restructuring that has taken place in the last few months here at the National Swine Registry.

Following the lead of the Long Range Strategic Plan, we have developed a new layout within our Events and Education Department. We feel strongly that the updated structure will allow us to more efficiently channel our efforts on the main focal points of the NSR; education, leadership, scholarship, and outreach. Three director positions will represent the Events and Education Department, each with an emphasis on a different segment of our business. All will work with the V.P. of Operations, Clay Zwilling, to continue making the National Junior Swine Association and its affiliate programs the best the livestock industry has to offer.

As the director of junior shows, my role will allow me to work with our members and coordinate the six NJSA shows throughout the year. I will now be the main contact responsible for planning and facilitating our biggest shows, World Pork Expo Junior National and the National Junior Summer Spectacular, as well as our four regional events. You can reach out to visit with me if you have any questions regarding our affiliate shows as well; the National Western Stock Show, National Barrow Show, American Royal, North American International Livestock Expo and Arizona National.

The Director of Development, Morgan Shrader, oversees all funding activities at the NSR. This position is responsible for all sponsorship and donorship efforts; making sure enough resources are acquired to organize NJSA events and give scholarships to young swine enthusiasts. She works with our junior board of directors to continue to fund programs for the present and the future. Morgan will also work with you all in preparing the NJSA Calendar and Super Semen Auction.

The director of education and outreach is a new role that will work to orchestrate and enhance contests, as well as resources for both NSR and NJSA membership. This position will oversee our leadership events, create educational content and coordinate our Mentoring Values People program along with other important education and outreach facets of the NSR.

I am excited about this new transition and think that it will be very good for the organization. In my mind, the NSR is the greatest livestock organization in the country, and the leadership and direction the NSR is giving our youth portion of the industry and the NJSA is second to none.

Chances are, you will see at least one of the three of us at all the NSR and NJSA events. I encourage you to come introduce yourself and get to know us better. We will be happy to answer any question you might have. We look forward to working with all of you in the swine industry!

If I can be of any assistance to any of you, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to meeting many of you and working with all of you in the years to come.
Hello friends and family of Short Round Ministries here in Seedstock EDGE land. I am beyond honored to share with each of you in this publication. There is nothing like quality livestock and quality families coming together. In this edition, I want to take you to Daniel 3:25, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” Shadrach, Meschac, and Abendego had to make a tough decision. They had to decide whether they went along with what everyone else was doing or they stood for what they knew to be true. If they went along with everyone else, it seemed like it would be easier. If they chose to take a stand, they would have to face a fire that could possibly end there lives. These men chose the hard but right way. When they were thrown in the furnace, they had to be tied up. I find it amazing that verse 25 says they were unbound in the fire. You see sometimes the THING WE ARE RUNNING FROM IS THE VERY THING GOD WILL USE TO SET US FREE!! So today, I encourage each of you to run toward your destiny, even if it’s hard. There is freedom in doing the right thing!

We love each of you, and if you ever need us please feel free to give us a call at 806.790.9298.

In Him,

Ray Perryman and family
Well, here we are again at the end of the year. 2017 is fading away, and 2018 is right around the preverbal corner. The biggest surprise, at least for me, is I have been able to write an entire year of editorials that have been either:

A. Good enough that anyone who has read them, has gone “Meh...” in their own mind and not written hate e-mails about how bad they are.

— OR —

B. They have been so bad that no one has had the courage to let me know for fear that it will warp my fragile (that’s FRÁ-JILL-É, it’s Italian) little mind, and I would never recover.

For me, this has always been the time of year that makes me sigh like a child looking out the window on a winter evening and praying to the snow gods that the one-fourth inch of snow on the ground turns into six inches of school-canceling snow by morning. I dream of my childhood, with its snow forts, snowmen and snowball fights. The thing that really gets me on the nostalgia train is Christmas movies. No matter how old I get (the exact number of years shall remain anonymous), these movies send me into a trip down the ol’ memory lane. In order of importance, my go-to movies are: “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation,” “White Christmas,” “Elf,” “Home Alone,” “A Christmas Story,” “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and “The Santa Clause.” Yes, the list is extensive, and I do have more than that, but I try to keep this to one page for your sake.

I watch these, year after year, and they never get old. I have to admit it – I might have a problem. Don’t worry, I’ll bring that up in therapy next time I’m there. They just bring up emotions and thoughts of things that during the rest of the year, I don’t really think about because I seem to always be so busy with everything else in my life. Sometimes it seems like there is never enough time in the day to do everything.

The holidays however, are the time when I like to take a step back and think about my past including my childhood. More importantly, I like to take the time to think about everything I have accomplished in the last year and even more excitingly, I start thinking about everything the new year is going to bring. So, bring on your challenges, trials and tribulations 2018!

To everyone who reads the Seedstock EDGE, does business with the National Swine Registry and allows me to do what I love, I thank you for the past year, and I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From all of us at the National Swine Registry, Happy Holidays!
Nebraska Farmer Named America’s Pig Farmer of the Year

CHICAGO – Oct. 3, 2017 – The National Pork Board announced today that Leslie McCuiston, a pig farmer from Columbus, Nebraska, has been named the 2017 America’s Pig Farmer of the YearSM, by achieving the highest combined score from a third-party judging panel and online voting. The award recognizes a pig farmer who excels at raising pigs using the We CareSM ethical principles and who connects with today’s consumers about how pork is produced.

“We are pleased to have Leslie represent America’s pig farmers. She embodies the very best in pig farming,” said Terry O’Neel, National Pork Board president and a pig farmer from Friend, Nebraska. “It’s important that we share with today’s consumers how we raise their food in an ethical and transparent way. Leslie’s interest in sharing her farm’s story, as well as putting a face on today’s pig farming, will help us reach this goal.”

Focusing on people is McCuiston’s main goal as a senior production manager for The Maschhoffs, LLC. McCuiston believes in equipping employees with the right tools to provide the best animal care every day. She oversees 70 employees who care for more than 18,000 sows in central Nebraska and surrounding states.

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“For me, pig farming isn’t just a job, it’s a career that I am passionate about,” McCuiston said. “I want to find new, innovative ways to show others what we do in pig farming, explain how much we care and help people understand where their food comes from.”

McCuiston was named America’s Pig Farmer of the Year following a third-party audit of on-farm practices and after taking part in a series of written and oral interviews by
subject-matter experts. She has achieved excellence in all aspects of pig farming, including animal care, environmental stewardship, employee work environment and outstanding community service.

The panel of expert judges met in early September with the four finalists. Members of the five-member panel included Brittni Furrow, Walmart’s senior director of sustainability; Robin Ganzert, president and CEO of American Humane; Kari Underly, a third-generation Chicago butcher, author and principal of Range®, Inc., a meat marketing and education firm; J. Scott Vernon, professor, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Cal Poly; and Brad Greenway, the 2016 America’s Pig Farmer of the Year and chairman of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance.

“As an animal lover and the leader of the country’s first national humane organization, I am honored to be a judge for America’s Pig Farmer of the Year,” Ganzert said. “American Humane celebrates all those, including our nation’s farmers, who care for animals and work hard to ensure they are treated humanely. Today, more than ever, it is important not only to point out where progress is needed, but to recognize when we get it right.”

To learn more about McCuiston and the America’s Pig Farmer of the Year Award, visit americaspigfarmer.com.

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DYLAN ALLAN INSKEEP

July 19, 2017

Bradley and Aimee Inskeep along with big brother, Cooper, are excited to announce the birth of Dylan Allan Inskeep on July 19, 2017. Dylan was born at 3:39 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 20 inches long. He is welcomed by grandparents Terry and Michelle Shaffer, and Greg and Tammy Inskeep.
ELBERTA AGNES HUINKER
1933-2017

Elberta Agnes Huinker, 84, of Calmar, Iowa, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Calmar with Rev. Robert Gross presiding. The Rite of Committal was celebrated in the church cemetery following the Mass.

This beautiful, faith-filled woman is cherished by many—a loving wife, caring mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, relative and friend to many. She died one week after an injury from a fall.

Elberta was born on Feb. 25, 1933, in Ossian, Iowa, daughter of Frank and Christina Moellers. She grew up on a farm near Ossian and helped deliver milk for the family business, Silver Springs Dairy. In her own documented words, Elberta said, “We lived a very family-centered life. Life was work-filled yet balanced with simple pleasures and family fun. [My parents] were very religious about church attendance but taught us so much by example about loving God and neighbor. For all the ethics and faith and goodness that our ancestors… passed on to us, I am very grateful.” She graduated from DeSales High School in 1950, attended Viterbo College in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and graduated from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1953. She taught grade school in Toledo and Ames, Iowa.

She married the love of her life, Dennis Huinker, on June 18, 1956, at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Ossian. They farmed near Decorah. Elberta was an integral part of the family business, Huinker Durocs, including managing the financial affairs. Elberta was passionate about creating family meal time with delicious homemade food that provided the setting for many joyful family occasions. As a couple they raised eight children and enjoyed spending time with friends and family, singing, dancing, playing cards, traveling, wintering in Arizona, and attending sporting and cultural events of their children and grandchildren.

Elberta was active in her church and community by serving in multiple roles. She helped plan ecumenical church services, enjoyed singing in the church choir, was a Eucharistic Minister and lector. She was also a member of the Rosary Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary, and served on the Depot Outlet and Pork Producer Boards.

She was both a life-long learner and teacher with many interests, talents and hobbies. She enjoyed book club, playing piano, writing, playing cards, cooking, baking and quilting. Hallmarks of her personality include her kindness, generosity, strength and resourcefulness. Elberta was a woman of excellence who lived a rich life, yet also lived by the mantra “everything in moderation.” She has had a positive impact on countless lives, and will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her husband Dennis. Children: Wayne (Roxanne) Huinker, Decorah, Iowa; John (Ruth) Huinker, Decorah; Mike (Kim) Huinker, Decorah; Ann (Dennis) Tressel, Dubuque, Iowa; Ed Huinker, Decorah; Jeanie Sullivan (Jim Kircher), Iowa City, Iowa; Becky Huinker, Chicago, Ill. Son-in-law: Thomas Timp, Dubuque, Iowa. Grandchildren: Julie (Drew) Rotschafer, Emily Huinker, Lisa (Jason) Rude, Lee (Kristy) Huinker, Jackie (Michael) Henning, Danielle (Noah) Balik, Steven (Courtney) Huinker, Hannah (John) Schroeder, Lydia (Brian) Black, Dana Huinker, Ben (Adrienne) Tressel, Elizabeth Tressel, Rex Huinker, Christina, Carley, Daniel and Claire Sullivan, Nolan, Alexander, Sydney and Samuel Timp. Great grandchildren: Jackson & Mason Huinker, Aunika & Tate Balik, Mara, Shea, Sloane & Evie Henning, Lauren & Ben Rotschafer, Nora & Tenley Burge, Landon & Riley Rude, Jack & Daniyal Schroeder, Levi & Will Black. Sister: Imogene Macal, Decorah; Brother and sisters-in-law: DeEtta Hemesath, Decorah; Gladys Elsbernd, Decorah; Dave & Martha Huinker Ames, Iowa; and Dorothy Huinker, Garner, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews.

IMELDA MAE "MILLIE" HUSEMAN
1930-2017

Imelda “Millie” Mae Huseman, 87, of West Lafayette, Ind., passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 2, 2017, surrounded by her family. She was born May 9, 1930, in Cook, Indiana, to the late Mathias and Elizabeth (Fiegle) Klein. She married the late Leo P. Huseman on Oct. 22, 1949. Together they were in the farming business in Lake County, Ind., eventually moving to Brookston, Indiana. There they raised purebred swine. Millie served as president of the Indiana Pork Council and was inducted into the White County Agricultural Hall of Fame. She was a member of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament where she taught CCD and was involved in other church ministries.

Surviving are five children, James (Ellen) Huseman of Munster, Roger Huseman of Coal City, Dean Huseman of Brookston, Pat (Paul) Cochran of Coal City, Julie (Dan) Bowman of Lafayette; eight grandchildren, Brian (Kim) Huseman, Shane Cochran, Jessica Cochran, Kara Cochran, Sara (Wesley) Werner, Heather Christopher, Cody (Katie) Christopher, Jaron Huseman; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Huseman, her parents, Mathias and Elizabeth Klein; five brothers, Jerome, Marvin, Denis, Carroll, and Fred; four sisters, Marjorie, Valentina, Germane, Ramona.

Funeral Mass was held on Oct. 6, 2017, at Church of the Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette, Ind., with Father Ted Dudzinski officiating. Interment followed at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

Memorial Contributions in Millie’s name may be given to Franciscan Health Hospice or to Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Share memories, leave condolences and sign the guest book at soller-baker.com.

VIRGLE BRYAN MASSEY
1927-2017

Funeral services for Virgle Bryan Massey were held Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Parks Brothers Funeral Home Chapel in Okemah. Interment followed at the Highland Cemetery in Okemah.

Virgle Bryan Massey was born Sept. 9, 1927, to Bryan and Julia (Cowen) Massey. He passed away Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, at his home in Okemah, Oklahoma, at the age of 90.

Virgle was born and raised in Midway, north of Paden, Okla. In 1944, he enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17 and was stationed in Nome, Alaska. After being discharged from the Army in 1946; he rode bulls on the Rodeo Circuit. From 1947-1950, Virgle moved to Sunnyvale, California, where he worked at the Libby’s Cannery and played baseball for the San Jose Red Sox (an affiliate team for the Boston Red Sox). In 1950, he returned to Paden and worked construction.

In 1951, Virgle married Jervis Aileen Milam and they made their home in Okemah, Okla., where they raised five children. Through the 50’s and 60’s, he operated drilling rigs, pulling units and service rigs for various oil companies.

From 1970-1982, he was employed by Cornell Oil Company as an associate pumper, then worked for the U.S. Postal service until retirement.

Virgle was renowned all over the country for breeding and raising show pigs for the last 50 plus years, still raising pigs up until his death. He was a major influence in the pig industry, making a significant contribution to the genetic improvement of the Yorkshire breed. Pigs were his obsession and passion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Stanley Massey; one sister, Barbara Kerns; his first wife and mother of his children, Jervis Massey; second wife, Phyllis Leybas Massey and son in law, Alan Howell.

Survivors include three sons, Randy Massey and wife Leonda of Henryetta; Virgle Massey, Jr. and wife Karen of Welch and Mick Massey of Okemah; two daughters, Amanda Haley and husband Duke of Seminole and Rosemary Howell of Seminole; step-son, Bennie Leybas of Tulsa; grandchildren, Jason Massey, April Duncan, Claire Massey, Taylor Massey, Dylan Massey, Shane Howell, Fawn Zahn, Klein Haley and Brody Haley; 16 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bobby Massey and wife Kim of Okemah, Ronald Massey and wife Karen of Prague and Steve Massey and wife Jeannette of Stroud; three sisters, Pat Aaron of Okemah, Alecia Hill-Hynson of Midwest City and Grace Holt of Sacramento, Calif., his work buddy and nephew, Seth Neal and a host of other nieces, nephews and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons and great-grandsons, Jason Massey, Taylor Massey, Dylan Massey, Shane Howell, Klein Haley, Brody Haley, Foster Duncan, Spencer Duncan and Xander Duncan.

BOUND ISSUES FOR SALE
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NSR Northwest Field Staff, Michael Lackey (l) and Olsen Yorks owners Chuck (c) and Ben (r) study a pen of Yorkshire gilts. Olsen’s have been involved with Yorkshires since 1953 when Chuck’s father, Charles, started raising purebred hogs.
The sow determines which barrow wins, which gilt wins and which boar wins. Sows make the difference. Everyone has access to the same boars, so make sure your sows are the difference makers.

If you’ve ever been in the market for a bred-gilt around June or December in the last 15 years, you might have stumbled upon a diverse breed offering supplied by Olsen Yorks, South Dakota. With a little further investigation on the Buyers Choice Auction website you can read a note from father-and-son business partners, Chuck and Ben, explaining the importance of females.

Olsen Yorks is a 100-sow operation that began its existence in 1953 with Charles Olsen, Chuck’s father, and has continued its goal of providing their customers with quality livestock no matter if it is in the form of a showpig, bred gilt or boar.

“My philosophy my entire life is to make sure we have fundamentally good, basic hogs with the extras to make them sellable,” Chuck Olsen says.

Their consistent female sales started in 2003 through live auctions in locations such as Indiana and Oklahoma. In 2006, the live sales merged over to Internet and telephone auctions through the Buyers Choice Auction website.

“We started having an online sale, which provided us with unbelievable exposure throughout the country,” Ben says. “You didn’t take pictures back then for every lot with the live auctions, you just took the hogs there and hopefully people would show up. Our first online sale was crazy good; I can remember that quite clear.”

The two annual bred-gilt sales are Olsen’s way of providing a chance for other breeders to own Olsen’s
best females. Ben says it’s a way to offer everyone an opportunity to purchase their elite females.

“Every keeper is up for sale, and there are different starting prices for all of them depending on their value to us,” Ben says. “We expect some of our elite gilts not to get a bid because of our starting price, but that’s OK with us.”

Farrowing 11 months out of the year allows Olsen’s to select replacements from other groups and offer up their best females in their June and December sales, which both average 30 to 40 lots.

“We put a strong emphasis on keeping strong replacements from groups that are out of age for June and December sales so we are able to offer our best in the sales,” Ben says. “There is no secret to our strategy, and we tell all our customers this is how we do it.”

For Chuck, he believes some clientele depend on their bred-gilt sales.

“We have always offered our very best ones in a particular age group, however, the elite females are priced significantly higher because they have a lot of value to us,” Chuck says. “Many of the gilts that have had a high starting price and did not get a bid have been very influential in the development and maintenance of our breeding herd.”

When breeding season rolls around, the majority of their females are bred to their own boars, with an occasional sampling of boars from other firms.

“We go out every year and sample some boars that are relevant to what is going on or that offer some unique genetics that could propel or take us a step ahead,” Chuck says. “We also do it to see if all the hype is real or if it’s just smoke and mirrors, and typically most of the time it’s our own herd boars that we generate the most off of in the end. But we keep reaching out for something different.”

If you ask Chuck and Ben to describe their ideal replacement female candidates, both will tell you they look at the foundation of the hog and for indicators of longevity.

“Of course it all starts structurally with feet, legs and design,” Ben says. “They have to have a generating look to them with emphasis on what their mother was. If there is a unique pedigree then we might want to sample and experiment with that to see what we can create.”

Chuck adds that their operation does work on creating some research and development projects with gilts that don’t fit the typical mold of what Olsen’s are known to have.

“It is intentional for us to have those hogs that are outside of the box to go in slightly different directions, and sometimes a different direction than what the popular thing is to do,” Chuck says. “I’ve never been one that just sits, follows and sees where things are going. I would rather go a different direction to have hogs that will be able to fix current problems.”

Along with their well-known bred-gilt auctions, Olsen’s hold three online showpig sales in February, March and April to provide clients with pigs for all summer shows.

“With our location not being on the beaten path for the fall sale season, we have a lot of sight-unseen deliveries to Duncan and other places, and that is a huge part of our business,” Ben says. “We put a lot of importance on making those sight-unseen sales represent what we say, and our word means everything.”

For 64 years, Olsen’s have placed importance on maintaining the integrity of their word, whether it’s on the hogs they raise or how they treat their customers.

“It’s very simple, the day the hogs are born is the day we write down,” Chuck says. “The goal has never been to sell the highest dollar boar in the world but to always have a whole bunch of really good ones. Hopefully, people see our integrity and we want people to get something for their money at our place. We try to stand behind that.”
For Ben, integrity is something he says he has learned from his dad and believes that is what it takes to be in the business for a long time. “Sure we could make more money in the short run doing things different, but to be in it for the long haul, which I hope I am able too, he taught me to do things the right way,” Ben says.

Ben hopes to preserve Olsen’s reputation as being an integral role in the showpig industry as he inherits more ownership of the operation year after year.

“There are a lot of good breeders out there, but our ability to maintain a high level of success, whether it is in the show ring or selling hogs consistently for a lot of years has set us apart,” Ben says. “We just really have been fortunate to not have a slump all of these years.”

Chuck agrees that their breeding program and their customers have experienced consistent success from year to year. As the years go on Ben, who now serves as the general manager of the operation, is gaining more ownership of the operation.

“Right now we are equal partners, and I am going to phase out in a couple of years, and he will have majority of ownership and I will see if I have a job or not,” Chuck laughs.

Although Ben grew up in the showpig industry and helping his dad, he wasn’t allowed to immediately return to the farm after college.

“Dad wanted me to see some other things in the world rather than come straight back home,” Ben says. “So I did end up being an ag loan officer out of college, but after two years he gave in and let me come back.”

“But there were a few stipulations Chuck had in order for Ben to come back.”

“He wanted to come back and I said, Ben, you have to agree to a couple of things,” Chuck says. “One of those things is I don’t ever want to hear you ask me, ‘dad what are we going to do today?’ or that you don’t have time to get all the work done.”

As Chuck looks back on the progression of the showpig industry during his time involved, he says:

“Years ago when breeders used their own herdboars, the guys with the best sow herds were the dominate breeders,” Chuck says. “Now, you just never know who is going to have that next record-selling boar out there because all the boars are available, and it’s whoever has the best individual female is going to win.”

Even though Chuck and Ben’s roles and responsibilities of the operation have changed over the years they still spend time together picking out the replacement gilts, selection of sight-unseen hogs to deliver or what males to keep as boars. When it comes to picking out their favorite females who’ve made an impact on their herd, they both agree there isn’t one they can narrow it down to.

“We put a big emphasis on attending those type conferences whether we have hog there or not just to keep us educated in the business,” Ben says. “We try to raise pigs we like, but at the same time you have to make money doing it. You can’t ignore what customers are wanting if you want to sell hogs.”

As long as Ben agreed, he could return.

“Now when I go out to the farm office in the morning to meet I’ll say Ben what are we going to do today? And he’ll tell me, and then I say I don’t have time to get that done,” Chuck laughs. “You see I didn’t have to agree to those. But he’s the one that puts 12 plus hours in a day, and I don’t.”

While both Olsen’s have had the opportunity to work alongside their fathers in an industry they are passionate about, their favorite aspects of raising hogs differs slightly.

For both, it’s the artistic challenge that comes with lining up genetics and the unknown surprises that are associated with the outcomes. Chuck also adds the additional freedom he has of running his own operation.

“Sometimes you are just tied down where you have to get things done and you have to be there for 24 hours,” Chuck says. “Sometimes you do things in the middle of the night so you can go somewhere in the day time. There is no one there to check in on you and you can be independent.”

While the showpig industry has experienced numerous hog type trends, Olsen’s try to not steer too far off from raising the type of hogs they like. The best way they find to stay up-to-date on trends in the industry is to attend national and type conference shows.

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‘Tis the season for ham! If you love ham then Christmas season is for you. In addition to Easter, more ham is served during the winter holidays than any other time of year.

Here are some rules for preparing and purchasing ham from the USDA website, as well as a selection of recipes from porkbeinspired.com that will bring out the holiday spirit for family and friends!

**TYPES OF HAM**

- Cured ham is leg meat that has been dry- or wet-cured. Hams are labeled according to the amount of water added to the ham during the curing process.
- Hams are dry-cured by rubbing salt and spices into the meat’s surface. Wet-curing involves a brine solution that contains water, salt, sugar and spices. Dry-cured hams are known as ‘country-style.’ Wet cured hams are most common.
- Wet-cured hams are most commonly available in three varieties.
  - Ham with natural juices. This type of ham has had little water added during the curing process. Its velvety texture and attractive appearance make it an idea choice for holiday meals.
  - Ham with water added retains more water during the curing process. This type of ham is ideal for steaks, thin-slicing and shaving.
  - Ham and water product is a common type of ham, most often found at the deli counter. This type of ham has the most water added of all the ham varieties. It is a great choice for ham that’s intended to be served cold.
- A specialty of the southern U.S., old-fashioned, country-style or Southern-style ham is dry cured and contains no added water. It is extremely salty and usually served in small portions, very thinly sliced.
- All varieties of cured ham are either boneless or bone-in.

**GLAZED HAM WITH PECAN CRUST**

20 servings

**INGREDIENTS**

- 10 pound bone-in fully-cooked ham
- 2 cups apple cider
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon dijon-style mustard
- 1 ½ cups pecans, finely chopped

**COOKING DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Insert meat thermometer into center of ham without touching bone. Place ham in baking dish and pour cider over. Roast in oven, basting with cider every 30 minutes for a total cooking time of 2½ hours (about 15-18 minutes per pound), or until thermometer registers 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

Meanwhile, in bowl, combine brown sugar, mustard and pecans.

Remove ham from oven during the last 40 minutes, and firmly pat the sugar pecan mixture all over the ham. Return to oven, and continue roasting until crust is brown and ham is done. Slice and serve with sauce. Some of the topping falls into the sauce, making it the perfect accompaniment to ham.

**SERVING SUGGESTIONS**

Traditional ham meets Southern inspiration. Complete the meal with Sweet Potato Casserole, Creamed Spinach, and buttermilk biscuits.
BUYING A HAM
• 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below is the safe temperature when buying refrigerated hams.
  ✗ Take perishable ham home and refrigerate it within two hours. Bacteria grow rapidly in the temperature “Danger Zone” between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
• When picking up a hot, cooked ham at a store or restaurant, keep it hot—at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
  ✗ Take it home and keep it at this temperature until serving. If you are serving it later, divide portions into shallow containers or packages and refrigerate it to eat cold or reheat later to 165 degrees Fahrenheit.
• Canned hams are safe on the shelf as are dry country hams.

STORING A HAM
Some people believe that because most hams are “cured,” they can be safely refrigerated longer than other types of meat.
• While some hams do have a longer shelf life than raw poultry, ground meats, and raw meat, ham does not stay safe forever.
• Dates on packages of ham are “purchase” dates, not safe storage time in home refrigerators—unless the ham is vacuum sealed at a USDA-inspected plant.
• You can store perishable ham safely according to these time limits: Uncooked ham, fully cooked spiral-sliced or unsliced ham, 3 to 5 days; ham after home cooking, 3 to 4 days.
• Ham of any kind may be frozen indefinitely; however, for best quality, use frozen ham in 1 to 2 months.
• A whole, uncut country ham can be stored safely at room temperature for up to 1 year. The ham is safe after 1 year, but the quality may suffer.
• An unopened shelf-stable, canned ham may be stored at room temperature for 2 years.

COOKING A HAM
Cook all raw fresh ham and ready-to-eat ham to a minimum internal temperature of 145 °F as measured with a food thermometer before removing meat from the heat source.
• To see estimated cooking times, go to www.porkbeinspired.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/2924.pdf and view the PDF.
• Most hams are fully cooked, as noted on the label. Cooked hams can be served cold or after warming in the oven. Uncooked hams should be heated to an internal temperature of 165 °F.

HAM BAGUETTE WITH CHEESE BUTTER
2 servings

INGREDIENTS
• 8 oz. ham, thinly sliced
• 4 tablespoons strawberry jam
• 2 small baguette
• 2 cups arugula, lightly packed
• 2 lemons
• 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

CHEESE BUTTER
• ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
• ½ cup spreadable brie cheese
• to taste salt and pepper

COOKING DIRECTIONS
For the cheese butter: bring both the cheese and butter to room temperature. Remove the rind from the cheese and whisk together with the butter until thoroughly incorporated. Season with salt and pepper. The Cheese Butter will hold in the refrigerator for up to a week.

To assemble the sandwich: Slice the baguettes in half and place in a broiler, cut side up and toast until golden brown. Lightly dress the arugula with lemon juice and olive oil and hold. Spread a couple tablespoons of the Cheese Butter evenly on the bottom half of the toasted baguettes and spread the strawberry jam evenly on the top half. Place half of the ham slices on the bottom half of the sandwich; top with the lightly dressed arugula and the top half of the baguette.

FIVE RECIPE IDEAS FOR LEFTOVER HAM
Ever wonder what to do with all of that leftover ham? Whether you roasted, grilled or slow cooked your ham, there are many ways you can keep enjoying its goodness. Don’t just settle for a basic ham and cheese sandwich – take your leftover ham further as a flavorful twist for recipes.

Here are a few ideas to get you cooking with leftover ham.

RECIPE IDEAS
• Ham & Rigatoni Casserole
  Pasta, diced ham, Swiss cheese and spinach.
• Shaved Brussels Sprouts with Frizzled Ham
  Brussel sprouts, crisped ham strips, orange zest, shallots, garlic, pine nuts and balsamic vinegar.
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If you ask a breeder the best way to describe making mating selections, they might say it takes a form of unexplainable artistry or others might say it’s a logical science. But when it comes to deciding what gilts make it into the keeper pen and what sows get culled, for some breeders it could be comparable to Kenny Rogers’ song, “The Gambler” with some strategic planning behind it. Derek Bartholomew, Bartholomew Durocs, Tenn., Mike Day, Day Farms, Okla., and Mark Peter, Peter Farms, Ill., provided their feedback when it comes to retaining females for their operations.
He said, if you’re gonna play the game, boy you gotta learn to play it right

For Bartholomew, the starting point for breeders is to find sows and gilts that are truly productive, and he believes this tends to be overlooked in the showpig industry. “We need to look to keep sows that milk and raise pigs,” Bartholomew says. “Our sows are getting too small because everyone wants that barrow, and so we are giving up on reproductive traits. I hear of people pulling pigs and automatically planning a C-section, and I can’t go along with that. That is not animal agriculture.”

The secret to survivin’ is knowin’ what to throw away and known’ what to keep

To no surprise, structure is a main concern to all three breeders when looking at what females to keep, and when they look at a pen of gilts, they study structural quality in their feet and legs and then they take it a step further and study underlines.

“You need to not pick females on the hype, but find one that is structurally correct and maternal,” Bartholomew says. “You can go anywhere with them. If you start with a barrow oriented one then your options are limited.”

Bartholomew adds that no matter the number of sows you have, if it’s 10 or 100, you still know what ones your top ones are.

“We keep our productive sows as long as they are productive,” Bartholomew says. “Once they generate daughters better than them, it’s time to replace.”

Peter agrees with identifying your key sows because those traits are timeless. He adds that studying their ancestry is very important and to retain females out of your best sows.

Cause every hand’s a winner and every hand’s a loser

Peter says that breeding hogs isn’t rocket science, but you must have patience. You need to have a plan in mind and it doesn’t have to be what’s most popular in the show ring, and Bartholomew agrees.

“We have got to have patience as we live in this fast paced society because breeding livestock isn’t always easy,” Bartholomew says. “Be prepared for failures and successes.”

And in his final words I found an ace that I could keep

Breeders need to understand that you can make little sows out of big hogs, says Peter, but you can’t make big hogs out of little ones. “Don’t be afraid to breed for the long-term outcome verses what is currently popular,” Peter says. “That is just my long-time observations.”

All three breeders will agree that it is important when purchasing a foundation female to locate a breeder who has a strong sow herd.

“Go to a breeder that their objective is to make females,” Day says. “That will give you a base because if you don’t have a strong sow herd to work around, you aren’t getting anywhere. A sow can over up a lot of mistakes.”
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Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) – An EPD is the best estimate of a sire’s or dam’s genetic worth, given the information available. It is the actual difference in performance a producer can expect from future progeny of a sire or dam, relative to the future progeny of an average tested parent.

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- Number Weaned (NW): A genetic predictor of the total number of pigs weaned within a given parity. Daughters of sires with positive (+) EPDs for NW will wean a greater number of pigs than daughters of sires with lower genetic values for NW.
- Loin Eye Area (LEA): Expressed in square inches, this EPD is a predictor of an individual’s genetic merit for 10th rib loin eye area adjusted to a 250-pound live weight. Animals with a positive (+) EPD for LEA will produce progeny with more loin muscle when compared to the offspring of animals with negative (-) genetic values for LEA.
- Wean to Estrus Interval (WTE): Expressed in days, this EPD is a genetic predictor of the number of days required for a female to return to a serviceable heat after weaning. Daughters of sires with negative (-) EPDs for WTE will require fewer days to return to estrus after weaning than daughters of sires with higher EPDs. This EPD is the most efficient selection tool for genetic improvement of fertility and non-productive sow days.
- Sow Productivity Index (SPI): An economic index that ranks individuals for reproductive traits. SPI weights the EPDs for Number Born Alive, Number Weaned and Litter Weight relative to their economic values. Each point of SPI represents $1 per litter produced by every daughter of a sire. When sow efficiency is the primary concern, SPI may be the most effective selection tool for simultaneous improvement of maternal traits.
- Maternal Line Index (MLI): An economic index designed for the selection of seedstock used to produce replacement gilts for crossbreeding programs. MLI weights EPDs for both terminal and maternal traits relative to their economic values, with approximately twice as much emphasis on reproductive traits relative to post-weaning traits. Each point of MLI represents $1 per litter produced by every daughter of a sire.
- Terminal Sire Index (TSI): An economic index designed for the selection of seedstock for use in a terminal crossbreeding program. Animals selected for high TSI are designed to excel in lean growth and efficiency from weaning to harvest. TSI weights EPDs for Backfat, Days to 250 Pounds, Pounds of Lean, and feed/pound of gain relative to their economic values. Each additional index point difference is equal to $0.10 per market hog.

Actual Data:
- Weight Per Day of Age (Wda): Based on actual weight and age, this measure is the weight gained per day of age averaged over the life of the pig.
- 10th Rib Backfat (BF): Expressed in inches, this is an actual ultrasound measure of backfat at the 10th rib and is adjusted to 250 pounds.
- Loin Eye Area (Lea): Expressed in square inches, this is the actual ultrasound measurement of the loin eye size at the 10th rib and is adjusted to 250 pounds.
- Intramuscular Fat (IMF): Expressed as a percentage, this value is an ultrasound measure of the lipid content of the loin muscle. Higher levels of Intramuscular Fat (IMF) are desired for meat quality based markets.
- Actual Number Born Alive (Nba): This value is the actual number of pigs born from the dam’s parity when the pig was born and are measurements taken from the pig’s dam.
- Actual Number Weaned (Nw): This value is the actual number of pigs weaned from the dam’s parity when the pig was born and are measurements taken from the pig’s dam.
- Litter Weight (Lwt): This is the actual cumulative weight of all pigs weaned from the pigs birth litter. This weight is recorded on the pig’s dam and is adjusted to 21 days of lactation.
Class 1 – Duroc Boars  
Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be utilized in a commercial operation to generate potential terminal sires to be marketed to international clientele.

Class 2 – Hampshire Boars  
Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be utilized on Hampshire and crossbred sows to produce purebred barrows & gilts and crossbred barrows eligible for the Hampshire Sired Class at the World Pork Expo Jr. National.

EPDs: -3.1 DAYS, 0.00 BF, +1.25 LBS, 132 TSI

EPDs: -3.5 DAYS, +0.01 BF, +1.34 LBS, 140 TSI

EPDs: -2.8 DAYS, -0.04 BF, +1.09 LBS, 125 TSI

EPDs: -3.0 DAYS, -0.01 BF, +1.26 LBS, 133 TSI
Class 3 – Landrace Boars
Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be selected for use in a purebred operation that primarily focuses on producing Landrace females for the purpose of F1 female production.

1. EPDs: +0.36 NBA, -0.20 WTE, 119 MLI

2. EPDs: +0.20 NBA, +0.10 WTE, 108 MLI

3. EPDs: +0.34 NBA, +0.15 WTE, 115 MLI

4. EPDs: +0.40 NBA, -0.22 WTE, 121 MLI

Class 4 – Yorkshire Boars
Scenario: Rank these boars as they would be purchased by a showpig producer who plans to utilize these Yorkshire boars on his purebred sows to generate gilts for the World Pork Expo Jr. National and National Junior Summer Spectacular.

1. EPDs: +0.20 NBA, +0.10 WTE, 108 MLI

2. EPDs: +0.34 NBA, +0.15 WTE, 115 MLI

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**Class 5 – Duroc Gilts**

Scenario: Rank these gilts as replacements in a purebred Duroc operation that places special emphasis on growth and has built a local niche market for high quality pork.

1. EPDs: -2.5 DAYS, +0.01 IMF, 110 TSI

2. EPDs: -3.2 DAYS, +0.23 IMF, 118 TSI

3. EPDs: -2.4 DAYS, -0.01 IMF, 112 TSI

4. EPDs: -3.5 DAYS, +0.18 IMF, 120 TSI

**Class 6 – Hampshire Gilts**

Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be purchased by a NJSA member who is establishing a herd to compete in the NJSA Premier Breeder program.

1. EPDs: -2.5 DAYS, +0.01 IMF, 110 TSI

2. EPDs: -3.2 DAYS, +0.23 IMF, 118 TSI

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4. EPDs: -3.5 DAYS, +0.18 IMF, 120 TSI
Class 7 – Landrace Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be selected as replacements in a large multiplier that utilizes Landrace and Yorkshire genetics as the maternal foundation of their production herds.

1. EPDs: +0.21 NBA, -0.02 WTE, 112 SPI

2. EPDs: +0.27 NBA, -0.01 WTE, 117 SPI

3. EPDs: +0.31 NBA, -0.11 WTE, 119 SPI

Class 8 – Yorkshire Gilts Scenario: Rank these gilts as they would be selected as replacements for a purebred Yorkshire operation that utilizes NSR Type Conference events to market breeding stock.

1. EPDs: +0.33 NBA, -0.08 WTE, 122 SPI
Class 9 Grand Drive Barrows

Class 10 Crossbred Market Hogs
SEEDSTOCK EDGE SHOW RESULTS

Kansas State Jr. Fair
Sept. 8-17, 2017

Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
Sept. 29- Oct. 1, 2017

Georgia National Fair
Oct. 5-15, 2017

Eastern Regional
Oct. 5-7, 2017

KILE
Oct. 7-8, 2017
2017

NJSA Eastern Regional
Hamburg, N.Y. • Oct. 5-7, 2017
102 Barrows | 209 Gilts | 311 Total
160 Exhibitors from 14 States

EVENTS: Purebred and crossbred gilt and barrow shows, showmanship, skillathon and sweepstakes
JUDGE: Jordan Leatherman, Ind.

WINNINGS
Champion Purebred Gilt Overall: One-year trailer lease from Exiss Trailers
Champion Purebred Barrow Overall: $750
Res. Purebred Gilt Overall: $500
Res. Purebred Barrow Overall: $500
Breed & Crossbred Champions: $250*
Breed & Crossbred Res. Champions: $100*

*If less than eight pigs per breed, the champion and reserve champion will receive half of the published premiums.

Champion Purebred Overall Barrow and Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Sophie Popejoy, Ind.

Res. Champion Purebred Overall Barrow and Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Madelyn Fearon, Ohio

Champion Purebred Overall Gilt and Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Sadie Popejoy, Ind.

Res. Champion Overall Gilt and Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Mollie Ratkowski, Mich.
Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Alaina Webster, Pa.

Champion Landrace Barrow
Shown by Riley Phillips, Ohio

Reserve Champion Landrace Barrow
Shown by Emma Olivia New, Md.

Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Katelynn Bennett, Pa.

Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Lilly Underberg, N.Y.

Champion Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Jacob Batson, Ill.

Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Lydia AcMoody, Mich.

Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow
Shown by Annie Robinson, Mo.

Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Duroc Gilt
Shown by Peyton Hill, Okla.

Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Aaron Zundel, Pa.

Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Yorkshire Gilt
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Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt

Reserve Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Vinny Smolkovich, Ill.

Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt

Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Carter Arbuckle, Mich.

Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Landrace Gilt
Shown by Avery Arbuckle, Mich.

Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Joe Espey, Pa.
SHOWMANSHIP JUNIOR

Novice
1. Aaron Zundel, Pa.
2. Kayly Cline, Ind.
4. Eli Pitts, Ohio
5. Nathan Prezzano, N.Y.
6. Colton Popejoy, Ind.
7. Alana Brabson, Ohio
8. Nathan Clum, N.Y.
9. Sadie Popejoy, Ind.

Junior
2. Jake Batson, Ill.
5. Lane Mazich, Mich.
6. Lilly Underberg, N.Y.
7. Lauren Phillips, Ohio
8. Trenton Stadtmaier, Pa.
9. Seth Freon, Ohio

Intermediate
1. Madelyn Fearon, Ohio
2. Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.
8. Bobby Batson, Ill.
10. Gabby Line, Ind.

Senior
3. Derek Barker, Ohio
4. Micah Smock, Ohio
5. Peyton Hill, Ohio
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8. Gus Mitchem, Ohio

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Junior
1. Erin Hayes, N.Y.
3. Corbin Winkle, Ohio
4. Kamryn Harper, N.Y.
5. John Smock, Ohio
7. Annie Robinson, Mo.
9. Wyatt Nover, Md.

Intermediate
1. Hailie Stratton, Del.
2. Liza Klingenberg, Mich.
3. Sydney Gebhardt, W.V.
4. Abbygaye Bartholomew, Tenn.
6. Mackenzie Hodupp, Ind.
7. Sara Storlif, N.Y.
8. Gabby Line, Ind.
9. Alice Hargrave, N.Y.
10. Morgan Depue

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5. John Smock, Ohio
7. Corbin Winkle, Ohio
8. Annie Robinson, Mo.
10. Lane Mazich, Mich.
Kansas State Fair Jr. Show
Hutchinson, Kan. • Sept. 8-17, 2017
JUDGE: Andy Rash, Ill. • PHOTOGRAPHY: Legacy Livestock Photo

Champion Market Hog
Shown by Shelby Werth

Reserve Champion Market Hog
Shown by Andrew Anderson

Champion Gilt
Shown by Luke Prill

Reserve Champion Gilt
Shown by Campbell Martin

Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
Hutchinson, Kan. • Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2017
JUDGE: Galen McCune, Okla. • PHOTOGRAPHY: Legacy Livestock Photo

Champion Market Hog
Shown by James DeRouchey

Reserve Champion Market Hog
Shown by Gracie Ferguson

Champion Gilt
Shown by Briggs Kerr

Reserve Champion Gilt
Shown by Airika Frey

Georgia National
Perry, Ga. • Oct. 12-13, 2017
MARKET HOG JUDGE: A.J. Genter, Ohio
BREEDING GILT JUDGE: Brandon Yantis, Ill.
PHOTOGRAPHY: Mapes Livestock Photography

Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Ginger Mitchell

Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Sasser Bulloch

Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Tiffany Frawley

Reserve Champion Hampshire Gilt
Shown by Joe Smith

Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Brantley Hall

Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by Aaron Clary

Champion Market Hog
Shown by Rhett Turner

Reserve Champion Market Hog
Shown by Ainsley Sanders

Champion Gilt Overall & Champion Crossbred
Shown by Savannah Page

Reserve Champion Gilt Overall & Reserve Champion Crossbred
Shown by Taylor Dobson
Keystone Int’l Livestock Expo
Harrisburg, Pa. • Oct. 7-8, 2017

JUDGE: Ken Fetterolf, Pa. • PHOTOGRAPHY: Mapes Livestock Photography

Champion Duroc Boar
Shown by Gap Mills, W.V.

Champion Hampshire Boar
Shown by James Parlett & Son, Pa.

Champion Landrace Boar
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio

Champion Yorkshire Boar
Shown by Eric VanValkenburg, N.Y.

Champion Duroc Gilt
Shown by Kyle Schulze, Md.

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Shown by Allison Parnish, Md.

Class 1 Duroc Boars
1 Sophia McDaniell, W.V. (BNMW5 Yeti 2-2)
2 Jon Lee Harrison, Md. (TSP6 He’s The Wildcard)
3 Wolf Creek Show Pigs, W.V. (KLKG4 Red Label)

Class 2 Duroc Boars
1 Amy Lorene Benneccoff, Pa. (All Inclusive 5-3)
2 Amy Lorene Benneccoff, Pa. (CDHE San Quentin 224-4)

Class 1 Duroc Gilts
1 Justin McClements, Del. (DCHH6 Lifetime 9-4)
2 Colby Hough, Md. (TSP6 He’s The Wildcard 10-11)

Class 2 Duroc Gilts
1 Kyle Schulte, Md. (TSP6 He’s The Wildcard 10-11)
2 Wolf Creek Show Pigs, W.V. (KLKG4 Red Label)
3 Daniel Seaman, Pa. (JVF6 TCG Let ‘Em Run 11-6)

Class 3 Duroc Gilts
1 Donald Jonas, Pa. (TSP6 He’s The Wildcard 10-11)
2 Meghan Hirak, Pa. (JLBS Timex 5-3)
3 Amy Lorene Benneccoff, Pa. (BDKN King Pappy 12-2)

Class 1 Hampshire Boars
1 James Parlett & Son, Pa. (DCHH6 Ne Debate 12-2)
2 Daniel Seaman, Pa. (CDAM5 TCG Hard Truth 21-3)
3 Justine Ann Benneccoff, Pa. (GRUS Power Point 4-4)

Class 2 Hampshire Boars
1 Wolf Creek Show Pigs, W.V. (SFST Clydesdale)
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Class 1 Hampshire Gilts
1 Jon Lee Harrison, Md.
2 Justine Ann Benneccoff, Pa. (GRUS Power Point 4-4)
3 Colby Hough, Md. (Ne Debate 12-2)

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Class 3 Hampshire Gilts
1 Justine Ann Benneccoff, Pa. (DIL Bonus 22-6)
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Class 1 Landrace Boars
1 Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio (Evacuation 12-1)

Class 1 Landrace Gilts
1 Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio (Evacuation 7-6)
2 Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio (France 6-5)

Class 1 Yorkshire Boars
1 Bradley Jaeger, Mo.
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3 Wolf Creek Show Pigs, W.V. (BUC5 Cruise Control)

Class 2 Yorkshire Boars
1 Eric VanValkenburg, N.Y. (News Flash)
2 Katherine McCormick, Md. (BBT46 GRUS Power Stroke 6-1)

Class 1 Yorkshire Gilts
1 Colby Hough, Md. (HBEB6 The Godfather 8-3)
2 Thomas Fisch, Md. (JWHA4 Proven Journey 1-3)
3 Sophia McDaniell, W.V. (CDAM5 TCG Trademark 4-5)

Class 2 Yorkshire Gilts
1 Allison Parnish, Md. (FQRG6 Gain Access 9-5)
2 Wolf Creek Show Pigs, W.V. (BUC5 Cruise Control)
3 Kayla Burkett, Pa. (BDFS7 Touch ‘N Go 1-9)

Class 3 Yorkshire Gilts
1 Eric VanValkenburg, N.Y. (News Flash)
2 Eric VanValkenburg, N.Y. (News Flash)
3 Andrew Knatz, Md. (IRAH4 Dixie Waltz)
# SEEDSTOCK EDGE SHOW SCHEDULES

## FALL CLASSIC

**ARIZONA NATIONAL**

**WTC**

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL**

**NSR SOUTHWEST TYPE CONFERENCE**

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**SCHEDULE**

**NSR Fall Classic**

Nov. 15-18, 2017
Stephens County Fairgrounds
Duncan, Okla.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Oct. 5, 2017

**PUREBRED ENTRIES FARROWED:** On or after April 1, 2017

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**Wednesday, Nov. 15**
8 a.m.: Earliest entries may arrive

**Thursday, Nov. 16**
9 a.m.: All entries must be in the barn
5 p.m.: Weanling Pig Sift

**Friday, Nov. 17**
Main Arena (Ring A)
7:30 a.m.: Hampshire show followed by Duroc, Landrace, Crossbred Boar
Main Arena (Ring B)
8 a.m.: Chester show followed by Spot, Poland & Berkshire
5:30 p.m.: Selection of the champion
Weanling Pig Prospect Sale (Ring A)
Fabulous Female Sale to follow (All gilts selected will be sold in this sale.)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**
8 a.m.: Livestock staging begins North lot

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**
6 a.m.: Barns open
4 p.m.: Junior swine check-in begins

**TBA:** Mandatory Jr Swine Orientation – followed by Inspection of all Swine at each pen by Show Officials
8 p.m.: Check-in Closed

**Thursday, Dec. 28**
7:30 a.m.: Pedigree and Crossbred Gilt Show
9 a.m.: Junior Swine weight cards due
Noon: Junior Swine Showmanship
5:30 p.m.: Barnyard Olympics

**Friday, Dec. 29**
7:30 a.m.: Jr. Crossbred Gilt Show – followed by Mandatory Gilt Sale meeting
6 p.m.: Gilt Sale

**Saturday, Dec. 30**
7:30 a.m.: Junior Market Barrow Show
2:30 p.m.: Grand Champion Market Show

**Sunday, Dec. 31**
1 p.m.: Sale of Champions

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**SCHEDULE**

**Arizona National**

Dec. 27, 2017-Jan. 1, 2018
Arizona State Fairgrounds
Phoenix, Ariz.  
[www.anls.org](http://www.anls.org)

**ENTRY & OWNERSHIP DEADLINE:** Oct. 31, 2017

**ENTRIES FARROWED:** April 1, 2017 and after

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NSR Winter Type Conference
NJSA Southeast Regional
Jan. 24-28, 2018
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter • Perry, Ga.

ENTRIES DUE: Dec. 14, 2017

ENTRIES FARROWED: On or after June 1, 2016

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: Dec. 1, 2017

JUDGES:

| Duroc: TBA | Hampshire: TBA | Landrace: TBA | Yorkshire: TBA |

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, Jan. 24

6 p.m.: Earliest entries may arrive

Thursday, Jan. 25

SHOW ARENA*

7 a.m.-Noon: Junior Show Registration*

11 a.m.: All Junior entries must be in place

11 a.m.-Noon: Youth PQA Plus Training*

Noon-1:30 p.m.: Adult PQA Plus Training*

1:45 p.m.: Exhibitor Meeting*

2 p.m.: Showmanship Preliminaries* (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice)

OPEN SHOW OFFICE (LOWER BARN)****

4 p.m.: Crossbred Gilt weight cards due**

Friday, Jan. 26

SHOW ARENA*

7:30 a.m.: Showmanship Finals* (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice)

Following Showmanship Finals:

Junior Purebred Gilt Show*

(Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire)

Immediately following

Junior Crossbred Gilt Show*

Immediately following

Junior Crossbred Gilt Show MVP (Mentoring Values People) Activity*

OPEN SHOW OFFICE (LOWER BARN)****

9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Open Show Registration****

LOWER BARN****

10 a.m.: Open crossbred boar Weigh-in****

10 a.m.: All Open entries must be in place****

OPEN SHOW OFFICE (LOWER BARN)****

Noon: Open crossbred gilts, crossbred & purebred barrow weight cards due****

Saturday, Jan. 27

SHOW ARENA*

7:30 a.m.: NSR Winter Type Conference Open

Show: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and crossbred gilts and boars*

Following Open Show:

Junior Crossbred Barrow Show*

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8:30 a.m.: Skillathon Facilitator Meeting***

9 a.m.-Noon: Skillathon***

At the conclusion of Skillathon (Announcements will be made):

Skillathon Review***

Family Pizza Party ***

(Free to all exhibitors and their families)

5 p.m.: Corn Toss Tournament Registration***

(Youth and Adults Welcome)

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(Youth and Adults Welcome)

SHOW ARENA*

Winter Type Conference Sale: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire and crossbred gilts and boars*

6 p.m.: Junior Gilts Released*

Sunday, Jan. 28

SHOW ARENA*

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

7 a.m.: Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman*

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

15 minutes following the conclusion of the barrow show the Silent Auction will be closed

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

All Southeast Regional hogs are released after the Awards Ceremony

Judges:

Duroc: TBA
Hampshire: TBA
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ENTRY DEADLINE: Feb. 7, 2018

PUREBRED ENTRIES FARROWED: On or after July 1, 2017

• The NSR shows include purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire boar and gilt and crossbred boar genetics.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**Wednesday, Feb. 28**

12 p.m.: Earliest entries may arrive

**Thursday, March 1**

9 a.m.: Check-in begins and scanning
10 a.m.: All hogs must be in barn

**Friday, March 2**

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

**Saturday, March 3**

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

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WINTER TYPE CONFERENCE
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Dec. 14, 2017

Farrowing Dates: June 1 or after

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