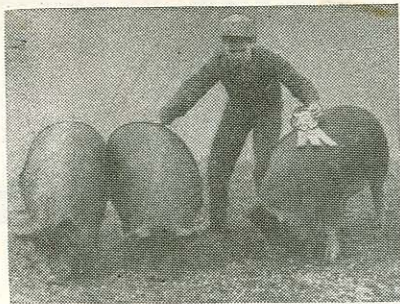
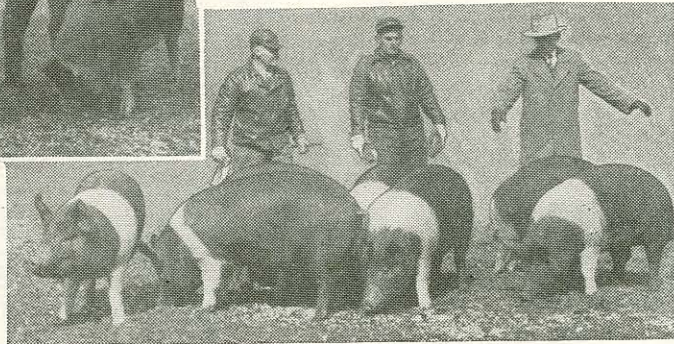


Hoosier Spring Barrow

SHOW



Ted C. Hunt, above, with his champion pen; right, Craycraft's winning ton litter.



THE 2nd annual Hoosier Spring Barrow and Ton Litter Show, held at the State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, on March 20 and at the Kingan packing plant (carcass show) on March 24, came right up to its 1950 counterpart in numbers, and showed improvement in quality. More than 1,000 head were entered and, had not a snowstorm struck the state the day before, this year's entry would have exceeded that of last year. As it was, 825 head were exhibited—a really top-notch show.

In the on-foot show, pens-of-three were topped by a Berkshire-Duroc crossbred group shown by TED C. HUNT, Lafayette. This 12-year-old boy deserves first mention among the winners because of his good showing in hot competition with adult showmen. This pen, which topped the purebred and crossbred Berkshires, came from Ted's ton litter entry, which also won 2nd in that division of the show. Incidentally, it was a litter of full-brothers and sisters to these that won second place for Ted in the 1950 Summer Ton Litter Show. Ted has two Duroc sows, breeds them to a neighbor's Berk boar. He is ready for his fourth year in 4-H Club and the hogs are a minor project, for Ted has 20 Herefords on his father's 30-acre farm. These include a small breeding herd of all ages and several steers being fed as Club projects. Ted's brother, now in the Navy, was a good 4-H'er before him and bought the cow from which most of the herd is descended.

Top place in the Ton Litter Show went to Hampshires shown by C. T. CRAYCRAFT, Judson; while 3rd went to a purebred Berkshire litter shown by HOWARD MANLOVE, Shirley. Polands shown by CHESTER MEAL, Waldron, were in fourth place.

Going back to the pens-of-three, reserve championship went to Poland Chinas shown by JOHN L. FOX, Shelbyville. Hampshires took both individual purples, champion honors going to WM. NASH, Sharpsville, on his heavyweight, and reserve to EARLHAM FARMS, Richmond, also on a heavyweight which stood second in class to the champion.

The 1st prize winners of all classes were slaughtered and entered in the carcass contest, as were the top ten winners of the largest class of the show, the lightweight

Hampshires. By the time the crowd of 1500 began to pass through the coolers to view the carcasses, Kingan & Company's efficient force, headed by LEWIS B. PEGGS, had prepared sheets showing complete data and value for the visitors.

In the carcass class last year, the 1950 on-foot champ landed in 19th. This year's on-foot champion was 20th in carcass. Although his dressing percentage of 72.1 was better than the 71.4% of the top carcass, excess fat reduced the value of the carcass sufficiently to put it in 20th.

The Champion Carcass was a lightweight (196-lb.) barrow sired by a Tamworth boar and out of a Hampshire dam. He was shown by HOMER LANNERD, Hagerstown, and his value per cwt. on foot, based on cut-out value of carcass, was \$21.05.

Only 2c behind the champion in live value per cwt. was a heavyweight (250-lb.) Yorkshire barrow shown by ROBT. MURPHY, Indianapolis, son of "PAT" MURPHY, Marion County's Assistant Agricultural Agent.

Purebreds and crossbreds divided the top ten placings equally, with Tamworths, Yorkshires, Berkshires and Spotted Polands scoring twice; Hampshires and Chesters, once each in the top ten. A lightweight Hamprace cross stood in 19th and a heavy Minnesota cross in 33rd.

With the object of improving the general quality of the more than 8,000,000 hogs marketed annually from Indiana farms, the Spring Barrow Show is sponsored jointly by Kingan & Co., Indianapolis packers; Purdue Extension Service, the Indiana Swine Breeders' Ass'n; and the various state swine breed associations. Kingan puts up over \$5,000 in prize money, with special prizes and trophies being offered by state breed associations and individuals. HARRY CALDWELL, well-known livestock farmer of Connersville, managed the show, assisted by JOE JUDGE of Kingan and BOB PARKISON, Chester White breeder of Francesville.—RALPH W. POULTON.

In the Mississippi Valley Spring Market Hog Show at Davenport, Ia., a 223-lb. Hamp-Poland barrow was grand champion single and 3 Yorkshire-Durocs the champion pen.

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