

What is a Meat Hog Conference?

A Hampshire Meat Hog Conference to be held at Kinston January 15 and 16 is a huddle of some of the best minds in the pork industry where, with the use of live animals, these people will undertake to direct a general discussion of what constitutes a meat hog and how to recognize him, so that the thinking of people interested in hog growing will become somewhat crystallized as to a true meat hog.

Purebred breeders, commercial hog growers, packer buyers, commission company salesmen, feed company representatives, college swine specialists, county agents, farm managers, vocational agriculture teachers, FFA and 4-H club members, and even retailers should be interested in this program.

The Hampshire breed pioneered the Type Conference idea. They have held 23 annual summer conferences plus about half that many winter events like this one. Today the Type Conference idea is common among other breeds of hogs and also other classes of livestock.

Producers and breeders must have some general picture of the ideal kind of animal they are striving to produce. They must also know all the points and traits that indicate meatiness and muscling in today's meat hog if they are to be able to select breeding animals to gain improvement.

The commercial man needs to be able to recognize this ideal market hog and certainly the hog buyer or salesman must know this animal if he is to get him bought according to his value.

To carry out this program this conference will feature, in addition to this type discussion activity, several shows including bred gilts, open gilts, boars, barrows, and pairs of pigs eligible for certification.

Sponsors

The Kinston Hampshire Conference is sponsored by Hampshire Swine Registry of Peoria, Ill., the national organization for recording, promoting and improving purebred Hampshire hogs.

Co-operating with the registry is the North Carolina Hampshire Breeders Association, L. B. Outlaw, Kinston, president, and John Tart, Goldsboro, secretary; The North Carolina State University College of Agriculture Extension Service; North Carolina State Department of Agriculture; The Kinston Chamber of Commerce and other related agricultural organizations.

Attendance

People from approximately 20

states are expected to attend this Conference. Hampshire hogs consigned to the various shows and contests will probably come from a dozen different states. These conferences are held in different parts of the country each year to give hog growers and breeders in all parts of the country an opportunity to take part in one of these events at some time or another. This is the opportunity for people in the southeast.

The Program

Sunday afternoon, January 14, 1:30 P.M. This is not an official part of the conference program. This is a preparation period. Animals will be weighed where necessary. They will be numbered for identification when displayed the next two days. Some of them that are to be slaughtered will have to be tattooed. The official type committee will be working this afternoon preparing the classes that they are to use the next day for the discussion activity.

Monday, January 15

Registration of people attending will start at 7 o'clock this day. A souvenir will be given those registering before 8 A. M. First event of the day will be a hoof-carcass barrow show. All entries in this class must have attained a certain weight for age to be eligible to show.

A judge will select what is in his opinion the most valuable 10 animals shown. Spectators can make their selections. These animals will then be slaughtered and carcass data and information obtained on them as a check on how well the live appraisals were made.

Next event will be a display of pairs of pigs eligible for certified litters. Everybody will get a chance to try their hand at judging whether each pair will make the requirements. These too will be slaughtered and reports made the next day.

Then will come the actual type discussion. Seven classes of animals will be used. A judging contest will

be held. There will be divisions for adult men, the ladies, and juniors. Attractive prizes will be given to the top 5 winners in each division. That afternoon there will be a show of bred gilts, open gilts, and another show of barrows. That evening there will be a dinner banquet at the Kinston hotel.

Banquet

The Conference Banquet will be held at 7 p. m. Monday night, January 15 in the ballroom of Hotel Kinston. An entertaining program has been arranged. Chief speaker of the evening will be Sam Bundy of Farmville.

Tuesday, January 16

The program will get underway on Tuesday with a show of Hampshire boars and the naming of a champion boar. Following this the results of the judging contest will be announced. This will be followed by presentation of the carcass information obtained on the hogs slaughtered but seen alive the previous day.

There will also be a presentation of the results of the pigs eligible for certification. Some special cuts of pork from these carcasses will be available to demonstrate some of the things that were pointed out in the live animals.

That afternoon starting at 1 there will be a sale of Hampshire bred gilts in the show plus the boars and open gilts also in the show. Lunch will be served on the grounds each day.

People of Interest

The official type committee for this conference is composed of the following: Bernard Ebbing, Livestock Service Department, Rath Packing Company, Waterloo, Iowa who will also judge all barrows at the conference, is the chairman of this Type Committee. Ebbing has judged all breeds of hogs at shows all across the country. He has judged all breeds of hogs at the International Livestock Show in Chicago for the past three years. He was just this fall the recipient of

the National Hog Farmer's Outstanding Service Award for 1961.

Francis Callahan, field representative of the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill. and a long time purebred hog breeder, will judge all breeding animals at the show, as well as be a member of the Type Committee. It was Callahan's daughter Colleen that exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow over all breeds at the 1960 International Livestock Show, a Hampshire, that sold for \$4,715 in the Barrow Show Sale following the show.

Other members of this committee are Jack Kelly, North Carolina's own extension swine specialist; L. B. Outlaw, head hog buyer for Frosty Morn Meats, Inc., at Kinston; Wilbert Meinhardt, Hudson, Iowa, a Hampshire breeder that has shown many champions in both the breeding and barrow show; John Barlow, Hampshire Breeder of Smithfield, Va., a young man that this year grossed more money from 40 Hampshire sows that he did from 135 acres of peanuts; Glen Byler, Syracuse, Indiana another purebred Hampshire breeder that has shown champions at many shows.

The carcass evaluation work at this conference will be done by John Christian, meat specialist from North Carolina State University, and his twin brother, Jim Christian, swine extension and meats specialists from the University of Georgia at Athens; J. W. Cole, meat specialist from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and Dale Handlin, swine specialist from Clemson

College at Clemson, S. C. Others helping with this carcass and certified litter work are: J. R. Woodard of North Carolina State University; David Spruill, also of North Carolina State University.

The judging contest will be supervised, scored and the results presented by J. H. Gregory, North Carolina State University and coach of North Carolina Livestock Judging team.

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