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REGISTERING AND SELLING A REGISTERED PIG

I would like to thank all the exhibitors that attended the 2010 National Show and Sale and encourage all members new and old to attend in 2011 to be held in Greencastle, IN on September 3 & 4. Come join us for a great banguet, show and sale.

An exciting addition to our 2011 show is a junior show with prize money to be given to the top 3 placing gilts in each class with additional money awarded to the Champ and Reserve. Gilts shown in the Jr. Show can not be shown in the breeding show and will not be eligible for the sale. I look forward to seeing everyone at sales this spring and shows this summer.

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In 2010
Tamworth Registration
had 1586 Registrations
and 407 Transfers



TAMWORTH NEWS

TAMWORTH SWINE ASSOCIATION

Visit our new website at <u>www.TamworthSwine.org</u>

TAMWORTH QUEENS

This year we are lucky to have two Tamworth Queens. We appreciate having these young ladies to inform the public about the Tamworth Breed of pigs. They both exhibit their Tamworth pigs at their County Fairs and also at the Indiana State Fair. They also help with the acticvities of the Tamworth Breed. — "Thanks" girls!





NATIONAL TAMWORTH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES:

The National Tamworth Association at their Annual Meeting have decided to have a **JUNIOR GILT SHOW** to be held in conjunction with the Annual National Type Conference to be held September 3rd & 4th at Greencastle, Indiana.

We are inviting all junior exhibitors to attend and be part of this show. Open to all Juinior Members of the association. membership applications may be received from the secretary.

- Age Classes are: Under 3; 4-8; 9-14; 15-21
- Ages on pigs to be shown are; Dec-March
 - Class size will be 5 plus or minus 3
 - Classes will be broken as they enter
 - •2 head per exhibitor

- Entry is \$10.00 per head.
- Prize money will be: \$25—1st place;
 - \$15—2nd Place; \$10—3rd place

Champion \$100.00; Reserve Champion \$50

Please let us know if you are coming by August 1st if you plan to attend so we may have a pen room available.

National Tamworth Swine Association 621 N 850 West Greencastle, IN 46135

Dave LaFollette, President Shirley R. Brattain, Secretary

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Remember, the gilt you show in the Junior Show may not be shown in the regular Type Conference Show. Pigs shown in the Junior Show are not to be sold.



2010 Tamworth Association NATIONAL SHOW & SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2011 Fairgrounds • Greencastle Indiana 46135 Annual Banquet and Meeting: Putnam Inn Restaurant

Social Hour: 6 - 6:30 p.m. • Dinner: 6:30 p.m. • Meeting to Follow

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th SHOW & SALE

Show: 12:00 noon • Sale: 5 p.m.

Putnam County Fairgrounds • US 231 North • Greencastle, Indiana **Motels:** College Castle Motel • 231 South • (765) 653-4167

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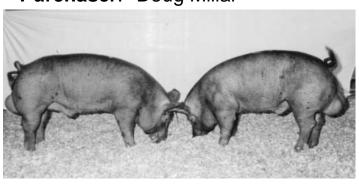
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2010 NATIONAL SHOW WINNERS

CHAMPION BOAR LMO Mac's Pride 8-2

Owner: McMullen/McClaskey

Purchaser: Doug Millar



RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR LMO Man 12-9

Owner: McMullen/McClaskey



CHAMPION GILT LMO Andi 12-1

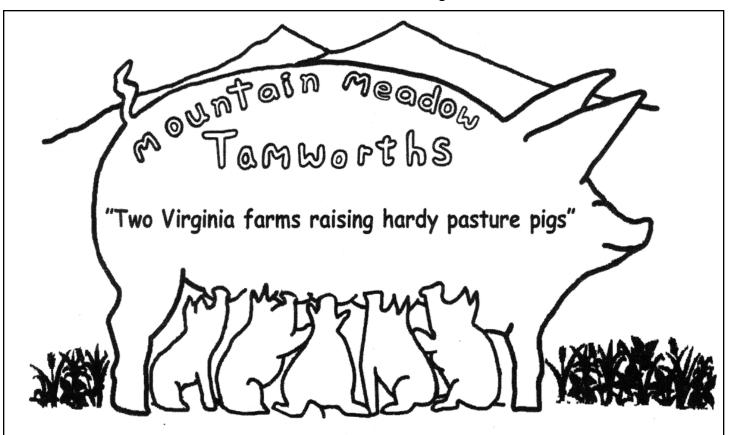
Owner: McMullen/McClaskey
Purchaser: Fenton Brothers

RESERVE CHAMPION GILT

AHF 4-7 • Owner: KCR Smith

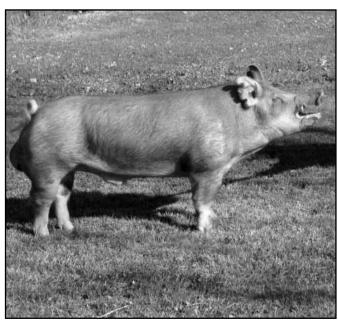
2010 Scholarship Gilt donated by Fenton Brothers - Purchased by Quint Harnacke. **FUN AUCTION:** Thanks to all who joined our Fun Auction, the proceeds of which go to the SCHOLARSHIP we award every year. Bring an item and it will be auctioned off just before the sale starts.





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Sire was 2007 Type Conference Champion Boar!

Sire is 1/2 sib to 2008 Type Conference Champion Boar!

Dam was class-winning gilt at 2006 STC!

Terrific boar with broad shoulders, width & muscle!

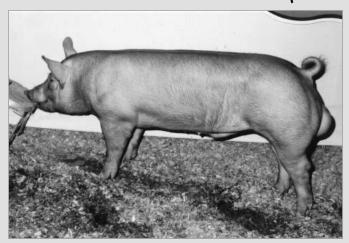
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Thanks to all our buyers at the farm. — We have some very nice prospects for 2011 sired by a littermate to the above boar.

Please contact us for your barrow and breeding stock needs.

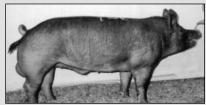
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Congratulations to our children, Cameron and Brooke, on your success last year.

Watch for pigs out at our State Fair Champion Boar and Sow purchased from Tom Fenton at National Show.

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All-in-one litter registration animals after 90 days (Members)	25.00
All-in-one litter registration animals after 90 days (Non - Members)	40.00
Each transfer (any sale, except pigs in dam) including all transfers on original ap	plication3.00
Duplicate Certificate of Registration	3.00
Changing name of recorded animal	3.00
Transfer forms - (Can download on-line)	
All-in-one litter registration Form - (Can download on-line)	20 for 5.00
Life Membership Fee	10.00
Transfer of Membership	1.00
Annual Maintenance Fee (due January 1st every year)	

ANY RUSH WORK NEEDED WITHIN 7 DAYS, FEES WILL BE DOUBLED

Junior membership free to a bona fide 4-H and FFA member up to age 21. Application blanks available from Association Office. Must be signed by Advisor or Leader.

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TAMWORTH INFORMATION:

- The National Tamworth Association is busy promoting our great grazer hogs and they are the best tasting meat for the Farm Markets. They are recognized for their great taste at these markets.
- They are super hogs for the small scale farmer, as they don't require an expensive set up and can make do with older facilities. They can farrow outside except in extreme cold. Some bedding and a shed will do.
- Tamworths have a really nice temperment and like being around people and the little pigs are lots of fun to watch as they run and play.
- We registered over 200 litters and 1700 pigs this past year—many of whom went to 4-H club members for county shows and state fairs. Tamworths have breeders in several states.
- The National Tamworth Type Converence was held August 30-31. We had attendees from 7 states.
- There were 88 hogs entered one even farrowed at the show.

If you are thinking of buying some pigs for the family farm, to do Farmer's Markets with good tasting meat—BETTER GIVE TAMS A TRY!

The show this year will be at 12:00 noon on Sunday to give more time between the end of the show and the start of the sale. entries must be at the fairground by 5 p.m. on Saturday.

if you can't make it, please call David LaFollette and let him help you to make plans. Remember January pigs can be in the Jr. Champion classes if they were so mated at their State Fairs. motion made that if you are selling a boar in the sale that isn't a Junior Champion, you must bring a gilt to sell also. — you do not have to bring a boar to sell a gilt in the show or sale. Junior members may sell a gilt without selling a boar. Each member may sell 12 pigs—2 boars and 8 gilts. We wanted everyone to know we would like to have you join us for the National Tamworth Type Conference show and sale this year. REMEMBER—SEPTEMBER 3/4—Greencastle, Indiana. Banquet—6:30 this year.



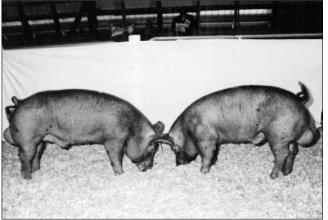
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2010 — National Champion Boar

2010 — Reserve National Champion Boar

2010 — National Champion Gilt

2009 — National Champion Boar

2009 — Littemate put in stud at Prairie State

2008 — National Champion Boar

2008 — Reserve National Champion Boar

2008 — Indiana Swine Circuit Champion Tam Gilt, 1st place Indiana State Fair

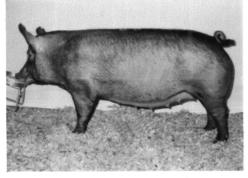
2008 — Indiana State Fair Open Champion

2006 — Indiana State Fair Jr. Champion Tam Barrow (shown by Wethington family)

2005 — National Champion Tam Boar

2002 — Indiana State Fair Jr. Champion Tam Barrow (shown by Wethington family)

Several County Fair Champions and Reserves



Champion Bred Gilt at the 2010 National Tamworth Show and Sale.

Club Pig and Lamb Sale

Saturday, April 2, 2011 Hog Sale at 6:00 PM EST Viewing at 4:00 PM EST

We will be offering eight different breeds plus crossbreds: Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Spots, Tamworth, Yorkshire, and Crossbreds.

Auctioneer: Bob Moore Terms: Cash, Check, MasterCard, Visa

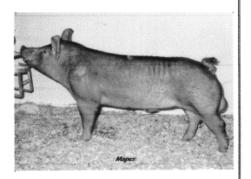
Please call for specific breed quantities. All announcements made sale day take precedence over printed material. Not responsible for accidents. Sale located 6.5 miles east of New Carlisle, IN or 2 miles west of the US 31 bypass on US 20 to the flashing light (Quince Rd.), north 1 mile to Darden Rd., west 1.5 miles to sale.

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Champion Junior Boar at Wisconsin State Fair.





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*LP9 Candy 2-8 (daughter of 2008 National Grand Champion Boar, LM8 Master Chas 4-7)



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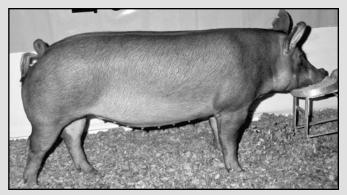
We strive for genetics that produce large uniform litters.



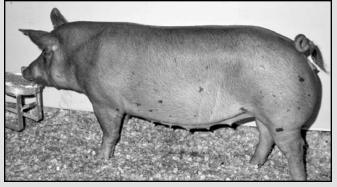
Res. Ch. Boar Ohio State Fair 2009 Sold to Boucher Tamworths, Ill.



Res. Sr. Ch. Boar Indiana State Fair 2009 Sold to Brattain Farms, LaFollette & Koopman, Gulick Family



Res. Ch. Gilt Ohio State Fair 2009



Res. Ch. Gilt Indiana State Fair 2009

Special thanks to the Heavilin Family, Oh. and Larry McMullen, Ind. for purchase of the Ch. and Res. Ch. Bred Gilt 2009 National Show and Sale respectively.

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby make application for Junior Membership in the Tamworth Swine Association. I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

	Signature of Applicant	
	Address	
	Date of Birth	-
The above applicant is	a member of the	
lame of 4-H or FFA Chapter_		Date
Signature of FFA Advisor, 4-H	Club Leader County Ext. Agent or 4-H Ext Agent	
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TAMWORTH ORIGIN AND HISTORY

The Tamworth originated in Ireland where they were known as "Irish Grazers", being given that name due to the fact that they were such wonderful foragers. About 1812 Sir Robert Peel, being impressed with the characteristic of these hogs imported some of them to his estate at Tamworth, England. It is from this place they derived their name.

An English authority, who calls it the "Mahogany" or "Grizzly" pig, says it was extensively bred in several of the midland counties of England early in the nineteenth century. When the droves were mainly kept in the woods and forests. They are not a composite breed, and are thought by many to be one of the oldest and purest breeds in Britain.

THE TAMWORTH BEFORE IMPROVEMENT

They were long of limb, long in the snout and flat in the rib. They were active, hardy, good rustlers, and very prolific, but they were slow feeders and late in maturing.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF TAMWORTHS

This has been almost entirely effected through selection, judicious breeding, and management. It is now pretty generally conceded that the blood of other breeds has not been used to any extent in the improvement of Tamworths. Tamworths have been used in developing other breeds in the United States.

WHEN IMPROVEMENT WAS EFFECTED

They appear to have been improved to a considerable extent before the middle of the 19th Century, as they were given First Honors at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show when competing with large breeds as early as 1847. But subsequent to this period they sank into obscurity, and were only known in some local districts. About 1877 a demand grew up for more hogs of the bacon type, and breeders of Tamworths brought their favorites to the front in England.

THE FIRST TAMWORTHS IN THE UNITED STATES

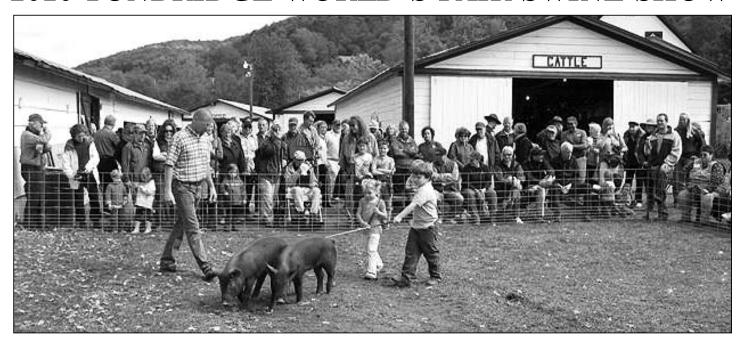
The first Tamworths in the United States were those imported by Thomas Bennett of Rossville,Illinois in 1882. In the following decade, Tamworths were also imported into Canada and the breed gradually became known in both countries. The Tamworth has two characteristics for which it was entitled to preeminence; i.e.; an unusual proportion of lean meat, and large litters of pigs; also that Tamworths will make as many pounds of gain, largely lean meat, from a given weight of feed as will hogs of any other breed. From these early imports, the Colorado agricultural College's three year farm average for all sows was ten live pigs to a litter. A two-year old sow weighing 750 pounds had 18 live pigs at one farrowing, and a Tamworth at the lowa Agricultural College raised 33 pigs in one year.

ORGANIZATION

Tamworth Swine are protected by registration in Great Britain, the United States and Canada. The American Tamworth Swine Record Association was organized in 1897.

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2010 TUNBRIDGE WORLD'S FAIR SWINE SHOW



In September of 2010 the third annual swine show took place at the Tunbridge World's Fair in Tunbridge, Vermont. Fifteen exhibitors brought a total of twenty five hogs with two litters of piglets. Of the twenty five entries ten were Registered Tamworth. For those unaware of the significance of this show, It is the only show in Vermont and one of three in New England. Our judge this year was Dr. Steven Moeller from Ohio State University. Dr. Moeller found our show to be quite refreshing with the emphasis on participation rather than competition. This year there were quite a few young juniors making their first trip into the show ring. This was likely the highlight of the show with twelve juniors competing, seven of whom had never shown before.

The Grand Champion for the Junior division was a Tamworth Sow, WF Tracy, owned and shown by Daniel Caterino of Weir, New Hampshire. The Grand Champion of the Jr. showmanship class was Aidan Merriam of Braintree, VT. The Grand Champion of the Sr. showmanship class was Daniel Caterino of Weir, New Hampshire. In the Open division the Champion Commercial gilt was a Tamworth owned and shown by Michael Whalen of Tunbridge, VT. The Champion Registered gilt was a Tamworth owned by Matt & Michelle Whalen and family and shown by Addienna Luke-Currier. Both Champion Market Hog classes were won by Alethia Bahnk of Middlebury, VT. The Champion Sow was BF7's Anna, owned by Matt & Michelle Whalen and family. Anna was also the Reserve Grand Champion of the Open division. The Champion Boar and overall Grand Champion of the Open division was a registered Tamworth Boar, Green Mountain 10 Rocket, owned and shown by Matt & Michelle Whalen and family of Chelsea, VT.

The show continues to gain popularity at the Fair. Many of the folks working at the Fair made sure to stop by and watch the majority of the show, especially the young juniors. One group of dedicated fans even closed down the fair's administrative office for the afternoon so as not to miss the big event! The young juniors, a class of four, five and six year olds, stole the show with smiles and laughter throughout the crowd. We have heard many times from spectators that the Swine show is one of the best parts of the Fair. The growth of the show is very steady with the expansion from

last summer being completely utilized in its first year. Once again we would like to thank the exhibitors one and all for pitching in behind the scenes, Dr. Steven Moeller for an outstanding educational presentation to both the crowd and the exhibitors and to Shirley Brattain for always being there to offer guidance. One of these years I think we might just convince her to come see this great little show she helped get started.

Submitted by Matt Whalen
Superintendent of Swine
Tunbridge World's Fair



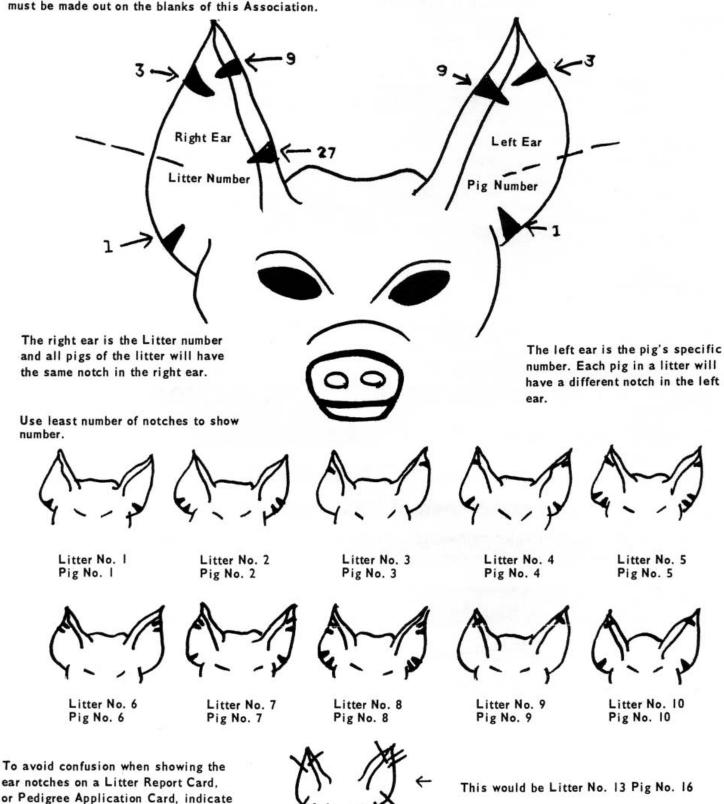
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TAMWORTH EAR NOTCHING SYSTEM

Guide for showing location and value of ear notches for marking litters and individual pigs. Breeders may change over to this system in 1966.

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notches by a single straight line thusly:



the 'bacon pig'



Heritage hogs have earned a mouthwatering reputation

by Marilou Suszko

Most people would rather spend their time eating crispy, smoky strips of bacon than studying the breed it came from, but when a pig has earned the nickname "the bacon pig," it deserves a closer look.

Ohio Farm Bureau members Paul and Marilyn Morrison raise this special "bacon" breed called the Tamworth on their 350-acre Darke County farm as show pigs and breeding stock for pork producers throughout Ohio, New York and as far west as Missouri and Arkansas.

"I've raised just about every breed of meat pig over the past 20 years," Morrison said. "What makes Tamworths special is that they grow slowly so they are leaner with just the right amount of belly fat." That's what you look for in good bacon: lean, finely grained meat balanced with ribbons of fat running throughout.

The Tamworth originated from central England and was imported to America in the early 1800s. Considered a heritage breed, it is the result of centuries of breeding to preserve unique and desirable genetic traits including ones that help it resist disease and tolerate local environmental conditions.

On Morrison's farm, 10 hefty Tamworth sows, between 500 and 600 pounds each, keep company with other heritage breeds like Poland Chinas and Herefords, all valued for quality meat production. Morrison and other small-scale producers regard these breeds as hardy and perfectly suited for outdoor production. Morrison routinely crossbreeds Berkshires — another heritage breed, quite fatty and a historical favorite of Britain's Royal family — with the Tamworth. The result is an animal with superior meat tenderness and palatability.

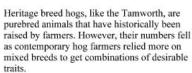
While Morrison feeds his herd soybeans and corn from his fields, he describes them as excellent foragers. "A hundred years ago, Tamworths lived on wild acorns and berries," he said. Their wiry, ruddy red coats protected them from the sun and helped them adapt to a variety of weather conditions, and strong, sturdy legs helped them walk long distances to forage for their food. Despite these ideal traits, Tamworths began to fall out of favor with some producers. "They didn't do well in confinement and put on weight too slowly," Morrison said.

Morrison points out that the Tamworth is considered a threatened breed, a concern supported by the Manuelland: American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect and conserve rare and historic breeds of livestock and poultry. But the swine with a reputation all wrapped up in bacon is making a comeback. The Tamworth Swine Association reports that approximately 2,500 Tamworths exist through the world with the vast majority found in the United States. Many producers are paying renewed attention to the merits of the breed, which include good mothering skills, their ability to be efficient grazers and high meat to bone ratio.

Consumers have also played an important role in the revival of heritage breeds including the Tamworth as they experience the rich genuine flavor of the meat, especially the bacon, which when cooked is lean, distinct and delicious. But then, it's bacon. What's not to love?

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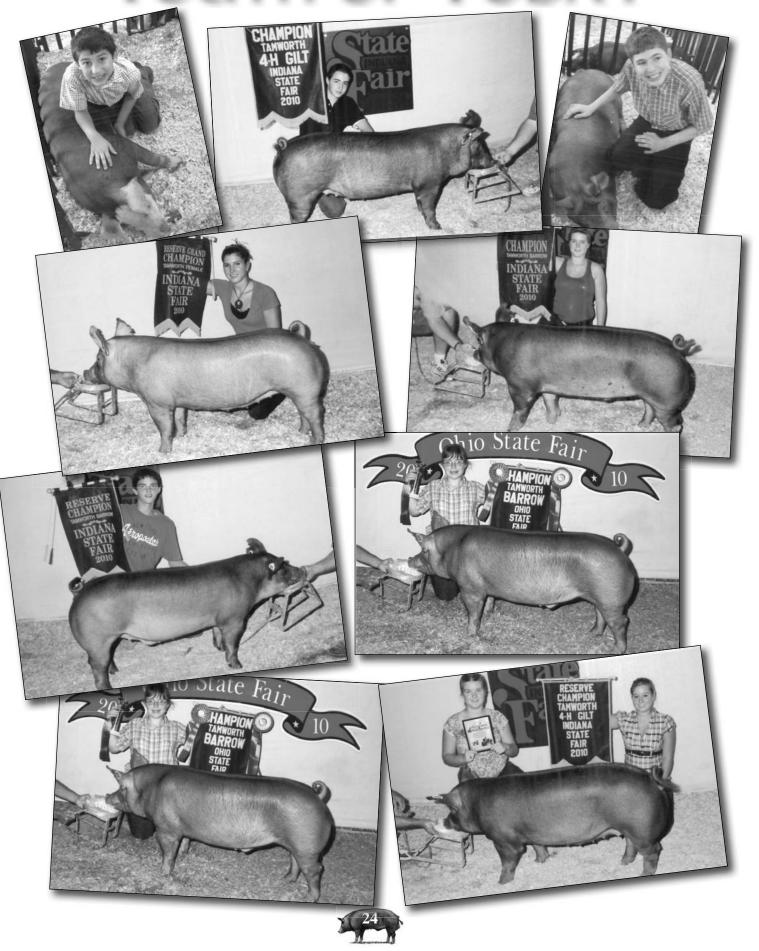


Paul and Marilyn Morrison raise hogs in western Ohio.

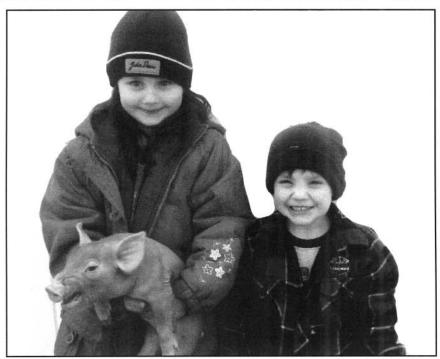
"Fairs are like beauty contests for pigs — it has a lot to do with looks." ~Paul Morrison



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