

July 2011 Market Hogs

Placing: 3-4-1-2

Cuts: 3-2-6

My placing of the market hogs is 3-4-1-2

Finding a commanding winner that most effectively combines structural width, muscle, and body while maintaining an intriguing look from the side. I realize she is not the stoutest boned however in my initial pair of more carcass driven hogs I preferred 3 over 4. The belted gilt is the more attractive, higher quality hog that's sounder and more correctly designed. 3 is the taller fronted leveler topped gilt that when set in motion should have more flex and give off both ends of her skeleton. Granted 4 is the stouter featured barrow that's bigger boned and boulder bladed. But unfortunately, he is a low and strait fronted barrow that needs to be leveler and sounder for me.

Of course, in a more controversial middle pair I preferred the barrows added mass and muscularity. 4 is the stouter featured heavier muscled hog that's not only stouter headed and bigger boned, but also he is the wider chested bigger bladed barrow that has more width down his top and through his ham and when sent the rail the he should hang the shapelier carcass that opens larger at the tenth. I agree that the blue butt gilt in pair is the sounder structured leveler designed hog that's much more attractive but for me she needs more width and power to break into the top pair.

Now, I do realize that 1 easily beats 2 in my bottom pair of gilts. The blue masked gilt is not only the larger scaled hog that would harvest more pounds of product but also, she is the more practically designed gilt that's bigger ribbed, sounder structured, and more attractively designed. I appreciate 2 for her muscle shape and expression but unfortunately she is the hardest ribbed poorest designed gilt that is simply the wrong kind.

Thank You,

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