

Yorkshire Boar Class January 2015

Placings: 3-2-1-4

Cuts: 4-2-5

This York boar class we are presented with is a very interesting one, as it possesses a few different types of boars that a breeder/producer could use. My placing for the class is as follows: 3-2-1-4

I chose to lead off the class with the number 3 boar as he offers the most complete overall package and is designed in the way in which the show pig industry is headed. Great pigs are built from the ground up and this boar sits square on all four hooves with a great pastern and tail set. He provides a nice up headed look with a very clean neck, elevation at the point of his shoulder, and flexible skeleton. He is a boar that is powerful both coming and going and provides a very clean ham-loin junction. I would like to see a little more depth of body and spring of rib but I believe he wins this class going away.

I viewed the number 2 and number 1 boars as the closest pair in the class and chose to put number 2 in second place. This boar is very deep bodied and profiles nicely from the side. He possesses good bone circumference and an opened up chest floor, but seems to get a little on the leaner side up top, but I still feel he offers the better overall breeding package as compared to boar number 1.

Boar number 1 in third is similar to the boar in second place, however he is not as quite as opened up and turns in slightly on his back right leg when walking away from you. He does offer nice body condition and power, just in a shorter made package.

Boar number 4 comes in fourth for me due to his overall structure. When viewing this boar's side profile, he really seems to sit down on his front pasterns and is rather short bodied for a pure Yorkshire boar. He offers some positives in term of muscle shape from the side profile and a nice level back, but really lacks the power and structure of the 3 boars ahead of him.

Thank you,

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