

# Market Barrows

**Placing: 2-1-4-3**

**Cuts: 3-5-3**

I liked the market barrows 2-1-4-3. The 2 barrow easily sorts his way to the top of the class as the hog that best combines muscle and body with balance and design. Certainly, I'd like to see my class winner stand stronger on his front pastern and taller at the shoulder, but all the same he is the longest, levellest designed barrow in the class. But more importantly, the predominantly white barrow combines his advantage from the profile with being the hog that is built wider from the ground up. And as a result of this additional skeletal width, it allows him to come out of his blade with more shape and dimension through his center rib cage. Certainly, 1 is a taller fronted, stout designed hog that sets down on a bigger foot and more substance of bone. Yet he's the shorter bodied, steeper hipped barrow of the pair.

Nonetheless, the speckled hipped hog is still the more powerfully constructed hog of the middle pair that is more productive and contemporary in his rib design. 1 is the wider chested hog that is more pulled apart from blade to hip, while spreading more volume of muscle through his loin and out his ham, and in turn, would rail a carcass that would yield more total pounds of product. I realize that 4 is a trimmer designed barrow that is cleaner and more extended about the front 1/3 of his skeleton, but at the same time is a harder ribbed, narrower based hog that is flatter through the center and lower portion of his ham.

Still, though, 4 is the softer ribbed, sounder structured hog of the bottom pair. He's the barrow that is deeper, and more uniform in his depth from forerib to flank, and at the same time is the leveler hipped hog that is more correct in the set to his rear hock and sets down more comfortable on his rear pastern. Absolutely, 3 is a tremendously expressively muscled barrow that has more shape over his loin edge, dimension through the lower portion of his ham and excels the class in terms of cutability. Unfortunately, the extreme hog of the class is also the shallowest and hardest in his center rib shape, while being the straightest out of his shoulder and hock.

Thank you,  
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