

Market Hog Terminology

Muscle

Desirable

- ❖ More productive appearing
- ❖ He offers a larger quantity of muscle
- ❖ Comes at me wider and goes away with the same advantage
- ❖ Worked a bigger blade
- ❖ More pulled apart at his blades
- ❖ More natural thickness down his top
- ❖ More natural width and dimension
- ❖ More shape to his shoulder and ham when viewed from behind
- ❖ Wider at the blades and carried this advantage back to a wider squarer top and thicker hip and ham
- ❖ More 10th rib muscle
- ❖ More width and dimension of muscle of top
- ❖ Maintains more width and expression of top
- ❖ More outward turn to ham
- ❖ More natural shape and groove to top
- ❖ More correct shape from blade to hip being more correctly turned over his loin
- ❖ More bulge to his stifle
- ❖ More flare and dimension to his rump
- ❖ Expressed more width at blades
- ❖ Showed more bulge to ham and stifle
- ❖ He was heavier muscled and naturally thicker as he expressed more width through his blades, while also working a greater volume of muscle through his ham and stifle, thus he comes and goes off a wider base
- ❖ He has more dimension to his top and stifle and this is complimented by him being leaner at his 10th and from his sheath back
- ❖ He is extreme in terms of dimension of muscle down his top

to compliment this
underline texture

- looser structured
- harsher appearing

- in relation to my
class winner
- simply a better kind
- I make this call

- differ + type +
kind.

- ❖ More explosive in his ham-loin junction
- ❖ More prominent at ham-loin junction
- ❖ Projects more muscle mass from hip to hock
- ❖ More noticeable dimple above his tailhead
- ❖ More shape and dimension to all portions of his ham
- ❖ More meat animal shape
- ❖ Works more content and shape of muscle from blade to hip
- ❖ Opens up with more shape of muscle behind his shoulder and maintains this advantage out through his hip
- ❖ More product driven barrow
- ❖ As I study him from behind, he is a bigger hipped barrow that offers more flare and dimension of muscle through the center and lower portion of his ham
- ❖ More powerfully designed
- ❖ Offers a crisper, more muscular shape to his loin edge
- ❖ He is a wider skeletoned barrow that offers a squarer turn down his top
- ❖ Channels more true shape of muscle down his top
- ❖ Opens with more power behind the backside of his blade
- ❖ Offers more dimension over a wider skeletal foundation and should harvest more pounds of product
- ❖ Opens up with more genuine shape from blade to hip
- ❖ Projects more muscle mass from hip to hock
- ❖ Views with a bigger, squarer loin edge laying down his top
- ❖ In my opinion this lays the foundation for the added muscle content seen on the topside of her skeleton

Undesirable

- ❖ Flatter, more non-descript
- ❖ Plain topped
- ❖ Least descript in muscle shape
- ❖ Tapers to the lower portions of his ham
- ❖ Bland in his shape

- ❖ Modest in his muscle
- ❖ Flattens thru his lower ham
- ❖ Gives up the basics of muscle and width
- ❖ Plain and bland in his top shape/ round and non-descript

Leanness

Desirable

- ❖ Terminal oriented
- ❖ More market weight versatility
- ❖ Revealed more blade action on the move
- ❖ Trimmer conditioned, leaner made gilt that was trimmer down her loin edge and over her shoulder, evidenced by more blade action on the move
- ❖ Freer of fat along his loin edge
- ❖ Reads less fat at the 10th rib
- ❖ He has a leanness advantage at his 10th
- ❖ He is extreme in terms of his dimension of muscle down his top
- ❖ Cleaner in his lower body and jowl region
- ❖ He is totally free of fat and explodes with shape through his hip and ham
- ❖ He is truly a lean muscular market hog, as his more defined top shape coupled with width of structure contribute to make him the percent muscle hog of the drive
- ❖ Rawer designed
- ❖ He reads significantly leaner as I study him from the side
- ❖ Cleaner throated
- ❖ Freer of fat through lower 1/3
- ❖ Cleaner from his sheath back
- ❖ Freer of fat through his jowl, elbow pocket, and the seam of his ham
- ❖ Reads trimmer along his jawline
- ❖ Cleaner bladed
- ❖ More compositionally correct

Undesirable

- ❖ Most excessively finished hog
- ❖ Most compositionally incorrect market hog in the class with the least muscular shape
- ❖ Pushed excess fat down his loin edge
- ❖ Reads wider at the 10th than at its base
- ❖ He is a higher conditioned as indicated by his width of top in relation to his width of base
- ❖ Barrow with most total body waste
- ❖ Fatter and lighter muscled, and thus cannot be readily accepted by today's consumer driven pork industry
- ❖ Quicker maturing, wastier made barrow
- ❖ More compact/conventional in design
- ❖ He's much narrower based than his upper body would indicate (counterfeit hog)
- ❖ He's shelfy over his loin edge and he gets progressively narrower down to his base/ from there down

Scale, Length, and Growth

Desirable

- ❖ He combines a thick long muscle design on an extremely big skeleton
- ❖ More uniform depth from fore to rear rib
- ❖ With her combination of frame and leanness, I would expect her to stay leaner to heavier weights and rail an advantage in fat free lean value
- ❖ More dynamic rib shape
- ❖ More expansive through his chest
- ❖ Puts a more correct composition on a larger skeleton
- ❖ Appears to be faster growing
- ❖ Appears to have experienced more lean gain (scale coupled with leanness)
- ❖ Has an apparent weight per day of age advantage
- ❖ Appears to have taken fewer days to 250
- ❖ More skeletally extended barrow that is taller fronted, stronger behind his blades and leveler rumped

- ❖ He displays the rib and body design needed to make the rapid turns necessary in today's finishing barns
- ❖ He's the most powerfully constructed barrow who's the most pulled apart at his blades
- ❖ She drives at me with more width of chest, projects more outward curvature to her rib and leaves me more impressive from behind

Undesirable

- ❖ Potentially pounds lightest
- ❖ She is a short structured gilt who reads the quickest in her kind
- ❖ Narrow chested gilt who is too closed up underneath and narrow at her base

Bone

- ❖ Stands on a greater diameter of bone
- ❖ A market hog that stands on a flatter, cleaner bone and is particularly cleaner jointed
- ❖ Heavier footed with more toe spread

Carcass Projections

Desirable

- ❖ He is a better combination of production and carcass characteristics
- ❖ More industry acceptable
- ❖ Rail with more fat free lean
- ❖ Rail the highest percent lean
- ❖ More desirable percent estimated lean meat yield
- ❖ Leaner, thus demanding a higher premium when taken to rail
- ❖ When sold on a lean value system, should generate more premiums
- ❖ Would likely hang a shapelier, heavier carcass with more total muscularity
- ❖ Due to his advantage in width of top, he would likely rail a carcass with a larger LEA
- ❖ Cut open a larger LEA
- ❖ Yield a carcass with a higher percentage of the four lean cuts

- ❖ Due to his combined advantage in muscle, leanness, and growth, he would potentially go to rail with more pounds of lean product
- ❖ Potential advantage in cutability
- ❖ More profit to cooler
- ❖ With emphasis on cutability,
- ❖ When processed, should produce more total pounds of lean muscle product
- ❖ Hang a carcass with a more desirable fat free lean index
- ❖ More ideally represented of the efforts of today's commercial swine producers
- ❖ Should take to the plant an advantage in cut out value
- ❖ Due to his leanness advantages, he should generate more incentive to the producer when marketed on a lean-value basis
- ❖ Should generate a higher carcass value in a percent lean marketing system
- ❖ Generate a carcass that measures leaner at it's tenth

Undesirable

- ❖ Most costly trimmable waste
- ❖ And when processed he will warrant the most amount of packer attention while hanging the fewest total pounds of meat
- ❖ Hang the least shapely carcass with the most amount of fat trim
- ❖ Hang a carcass with the lowest percent of lean tissue
- ❖ Lower cutability carcass

Structural Correctness and Production

Desirable

- ❖ More functionally designed
- ❖ More flexible in spine
- ❖ More mobile/cushion off both ends of his skeleton
- ❖ Took a longer more correct stride of rear legs
- ❖ More desirable angle to the shoulder and more cushion to his front end
- ❖ Especially looser hipped, thus, allowing him to take a longer, more correct stride off his hind legs

- ❖ Stood down and traveled wider behind
- ❖ He is a unique barrow that is long bodied, level designed and possesses an abundance of raw muscle down his top and through his ham -
- ❖ More durably designed
- ❖ Took the ring with more comfort on both ends
- ❖ Easier striding
- ❖ More correct in the angle to his shoulder and consequently is more flexible on the drive
- ❖ Pushes his chine deeper into his blades
- ❖ Fresher topped barrow that sets his chine deeper into his blade and is deeper loined
- ❖ Widest constructed barrow that's the boldest bladed and boldest sprung
- ❖ Sounder barrow who's shoulder is set more comfortably onto his body
- ❖ Looser in his skeletal construction
- ❖ Offers more reach up front
- ❖ Covers the ring with more flex and cushion
- ❖ More dimension to center body
- ❖ More internal dimension
- ❖ Pried open thru entire skeleton
- ❖ Drives with more width of chest and comes back out of his sternum with more dimension to his center cavity
- ❖ More athletic
- ❖ Approaches me wider thru his chest and blades
- ❖ I just don't see the practical production character in 3
- ❖ He's just more rugged and durable in his basic build
- ❖ Simply put, he looks like the type of hog who could still be profitable/ competitive in an industry that is seeing diminishing profit margins

Undesirable

- ❖ Steep rumped/hipped
- ❖ Off in his hip
- ❖ Tapers to his lower rib and foundation

- ❖ Hollow flanked
- ❖ Tight moving
- ❖ Straight fronted
- ❖ Straight in hock set
- ❖ Upright in shoulder/blade
- ❖ Rigid in pasterns
- ❖ Concise in his step
- ❖ Forward in knee
- ❖ Uncoordinated in movement
- ❖ His skeletal design limits him to the bottom pair, this frail boned tight structured barrow is upright in his shoulder and knee and flat in his rib

Balance and Eye Appeal

Desirable

- ❖ Impressive from the side
- ❖ Pleasing from the profile
- ❖ More elevated in his tailset
- ❖ Hooks his spine more correctly into the backside of his blade
- ❖ More extended thru her front end and maintains this thru her spine, while being more elevated in her front end and tail set
- ❖ The more attractive profiling, leveler designed barrow who's cranked higher at the base of his tail
- ❖ Nicer balanced barrow who is stronger in his ham-loin juncture and leveler out of his hip
- ❖ He's truer in his topline offering more strength behind his blade

Undesirable

- ❖ Poorer balanced
- ❖ Weak behind blades
- ❖ Low fronted
- ❖ Broken behind blade/shoulder