

NSIF 1980 Seedstock Producer of the Year
Arno Moenning, Dodge Center, Minnesota
Presented by John Phillips, Geo. A. Hormel & Co

Arno Moenning has been a purebred Hampshire breeder since 1939 starting with a 4-H swine breeding project. He was active in 4-H where he won many awards, was an honor student in school and attended the University of Nebraska studying mechanical engineering.

Arno moved to Dodge Center, Minnesota in the late 1950's and started his Hampshire breeding herd. He initiated an on-farm testing program where he evaluated his sow herd for litter size, and weaning weights and tested sire progeny groups for rate of gain, feed conversion, and backfat.

When the service became available in 1958, Arno tested at the Minnesota Swine Evaluation Station at New Ulm and has had pigs in the central test every season. He has achieved many top performance pen awards at the New Ulm Test Station and this past year he had the top performing pen over all breeds.

Arno has stressed performance with carcass merit. He exhibits his hogs in local shows, competes in all of the Minnesota's state production tested contests, Midwest and National Barrow Show. Arno supports his breed association, has often been Minnesota's top recorder of Hampshire breeding stock and recorded 1,150 head in 1980. He ranks among the highest nationally in number of hogs recorded.

He is active in his County, State and the National Pork Producer's Council. His leadership activities in his church, community, farm organizations, State and National Hampshire Associations are too numerous to be listed.

To further detail Arno's program we will share together a short slide presentation.

Partial listing of Arno's awards and service:

- President of Dodge County pork producers, 17 years.
- Dodge County pork producers service award
- University of Minnesota Outstanding Service to Agriculture
- Minnesota Pork Producers' Association Honorary Member Award
- University of Minnesota, Waseca Tech College Advisory Board
- Minnesota Pork Producers' Association Test Station Chairman
- Minnesota Pork Producers' Association Vice President
- Minnesota Hampshire Association Director
- National Pork Producers' Council Executive Board
- NPPC Environment and Energy Committee Chairman
- Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Advisor on Pork Producers' Concerns
- National Swine Improvement Federation Merchandizing-Performance Committee. Record Utilization and Standardization Committee. Carcass Evaluation Committee