

**ALFRED E. DUNN, West Milton, Ohio**

Nominated by the Ohio Pork Improvement Association. As a lifelong resident of Miami County, Ohio, Alfred started his purebred Landrace seedstock operation in 1959. He started a testing program in 1961 and has continued to use the Central Test Station for herd improvement. Every season he will enter boars and will buy some of the top central test boars to be used in his herd. Through this testing, he has numerous Landrace test station records and has shown winners at both state and national shows. Al has served as the President of the Ohio Pork Improvement Association, Ohio Landrace Association and American Landrace Association. In a national effort, Al has supported the national breed programs by serving on several national committees. In addition, he has entered boars in every national Landrace boar test that has been held. Through these activities, he has furthered the use of outstanding performance tested Landrace.

**DON GINGERICH, Parnell, Iowa**

Nominated by the Iowa Swine Test Station, Northeast Iowa Test Station and Farmland Swine Test Stations. For some 41 years, Don has been a farmer, and a commercial pork producer since 1959. He farms 560 acres, maintains a 100-cow herd and raises 4,000 pigs per year. His 200-sow herd is primarily a 3-breed cross of Duroc, Yorkshire and Hampshire, but Spot boars also have been used. Most of his herd sires are selected from breeders who test at the Ames and Lisbon test stations. He studies the test station records to decide which breeders to buy from, with special emphasis on feed efficiency. Replacement gilts are selected on their mothering abilities and rate of gain. All pigs are ear notched, and complete records on all sows are kept. Since the Gingerich operation is a continuous flow with farrowing practically every day of the year, the whole family is involved in the total program, and decisions are jointly made to change the operation. The quality of pork production is reflected in his winning several of the Iowa Production and Spring Market Derby Contests. Don has served as President of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, is responsible for Ames Test Station activities and is a leader in the Mennonite Church.

NSIF 1981 Commercial Producer of the Year was Don Gingerich, Parnell, Iowa.