When evaluating market hogs, there are six general things to evaluate. They are expected carcass desirability, size, correctness of finish, muscle, productive type and design. Following each characteristic are appropriate phrases for describing the attribute.

**EXPECTED CARCASS DESIRABILITY**

**GENERAL**
- higher yielding
- meater
- heavier muscled
- heavier carcass

**DESIRABLE**
- meatier & less trimmable waste
- higher yield of loin and ham
- larger loineye area
- higher percent muscle
- more pounds of edible product
- more pounds of red meat
- higher percentage of the four lean cuts

**CRITICISMS**
- wastier
- lighter muscled
- lighter weight
- least saleable product
- fatter

Should go to the rail with a meatier carcass with more pounds of saleable product.
Should send to the rail a cleaner, trimmer carcass with a greater percentage of the four lean cuts.
Should hang a carcass with a higher percent muscle as indicated by his trimness about the jowl, rib and loin edge.
Should kill a more consumer oriented carcass with a higher lean to fat ratio.
Should hang a trimmer, meatier carcass that is more packer preferred.

**MUSCLE**

**GENERAL**
- thicker made
- heavier muscled
- meater
- wider made
- looser muscled

**DESIRABLE**
- larger and smoother muscle pattern
- greater volume of ham
- more natural thickness
- wider at the stifle & more shape over the top
- widertopped & squarer top
- fuller rump & wider over the loin
- more expression of muscle

**CRITICISMS**
- narrow topped
- tight round muscled
- light muscle
- narrower tracking

Was heavier muscled, displaying more natural thickness down the top, having more dimension to the ham.
Was heavier muscled, having more width over the top, with more width from stifle to stifle.
Was meater, thicker made, having a widertop, fuller rump and more width through the stifle.
Was thicker made, displaying more natural thickness down the top and a greater volume of ham.
Was thicker made with more volume to the ham, displaying a deeper tying muscle pattern.

**CORRECTNESS OF FINISH**

**GENERAL**
- higher yielding

**DESIRABLE**
- less trimmable waste
- higher yield of loin and ham
- greater percent lean cuts
- more pounds of red meat

**CRITICISMS**
- wastier
- fatter
- lighter weight
- lowest cutability

Should go to the rail with a meatier carcass, with more pounds of saleable product.
When sent to the rail, should hang a cleaner, trimmer carcass with a greater percent of lean cuts.
Should hang a trimmer carcass yielding more pounds of lean edible product.
Should send to the rail a heavier muscled carcass with more pounds of ham and loin.
Should kill a more consumer oriented carcass with a higher lean to fat ratio.
### General Desirable Criticisms

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<td>More weight per day of age</td>
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Was stretchier, longer sided and longer over the loin and rump.
Was a growthier, longer sided, stretchier hog, that was longer over the loin and rump.
Was a growthier, heavier weight hog, with stouter features.
Was a massive hog that overpowered the class in terms of size and scale.
Was a growthier hog that exhibited more weight per day of age.

### Productive Type

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<td>Higher volume</td>
<td>More production oriented</td>
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<td>Wider chested &amp; bolder fronted</td>
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<td>Looser designed</td>
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<td>Broodier</td>
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<td>Deeper ribbed &amp; deeper bodied</td>
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She was a broodier, higher volume gilt that had more width through her chest floor and more depth and expansion of rib.
She was a higher volume, roomier middled gilt that was wider at the blades and deeper ribbed.
He was a stouter fronted, stronger featured barrow that was heavier constructed and stood on a larger hoof.
She was a bolder fronted gilt that displayed a wider chest floor and greater depth and spring of rib.
He was a more durable barrow that was greater in his inner dimension with a wider blade and a deeper, squarer rib.
She was a gilt that stood on more substance of bone and displayed greater arch and expansion of rib.
She was a stouter headed gilt that stood on more substance of bone and displayed greater depth and squareness of side.

### Structural Correctness and Skeletal Design

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<td>Freer moving</td>
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<td>Freer wheeling</td>
<td>Uneven toe length</td>
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<td>More mobile</td>
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<td>Wider tracking</td>
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<td>Greater cushion to pastern</td>
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<td>Larger hoof</td>
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<td>More uniform length of toe</td>
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<td>More desirable angularity to shoulder</td>
<td>High top and or steep rump</td>
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She was a more mobile, freer wheeling gift that walked on more cushion both front and rear.
She was a freer moving, wider tracking gift with a more correct set to her hocks and greater cushion to her pasterns.
He was a more flexible, freer moving barrow, with a longer stride both front and rear.
He was a more structurally correct barrow that displayed a more desirable angularity to his shoulder set and more flex and cushion to the pasterns.