

INDIANA STATE FAIR MASTERS 2006





JACK RODIBAUGH AND FAMILY

Breeding Stock Swine Producer / Jasper County

"I am a strong believer in 4-H and livestock judging, because it is a family oriented thing." - Jack Rodibaugh

Jack Rodibaugh and his family operate a hog business where they produce swine for breeding, market and 4-H youth. Rodibaugh's career began when his uncle gave him two piglets during the Depression. While he admits that he did not know much about pigs those first few years, he learned from older farmers and has spent the last 63 years perfecting breeding stock and competing at the State Fair. Today, he and his family encourage the tradition by producing and selling quality hogs to 4-H youth.



BILL HARSHBARGER

Sheep Shearer and Sharpener / Clay County

"You only get one chance to say you've sheared 50 consecutive years at the State Fair. I won the oldest shearer there that day." - Bill Harshbarger

In 1952, Bill Harshbarger began showing sheep on the county and State Fair level, and continued to exhibit until the early 1960s. After going to shearing school in Warsaw, Indiana, he began shearing at the State Fair. This year will mark his 52nd consecutive year competing in the State Fair Sheep Shearing Contest. Harshbarger is also a fixture at the Sheep Barn, having helped generations of fair participants by sharpening their shears.