

## **The Giddings News**

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### **BOYS SELL PIGS AT PROFIT**

Wilbert Birnbaum of Mannheim sold 7 hogs this week that were 5 mos. three wks. old that averaged 237 pounds. These hogs grossed \$244.10. Wilbert bought all his feed and charged his litter of seven at \$4.00 a piece. After deducting his feed bill of \$94.75 and \$28.00 for his litter, Wilbert had a profit of \$101.25 for his labor.

Last month Wilbert was awarded a gold watch-fob for being the outstanding 4H club boy in the county during 1941 in meat production. Wilbert will probably be remembered at the boy who exhibited 12 fat hogs at the County Fair last September.

Last week Wilbert and his brother Isbell, also a 4H club boy, sold 5 registered Duroc pigs for \$13.50 a piece or \$67.50. These boys have on feed at the present time 20 more pigs that will be ready for market in September.

Monroe Karcher, Lincoln 4H club boy, marketed 5 hogs this week that were approximately 6 months of age averaging 272 pounds. These hogs were purchased as grade pigs from native stock that has been bred up with 4H club Duroc males at Lincoln. Monroe bought these pigs from a neighbor when they were 8 weeks o'd and paid \$4.00 a piece for them.

Monroe was like many other Lee County folks, he had no feed. His feed bill was \$75.00 for the five hogs running his total expenses to \$95.00 leaving him a net profit of \$89.00 for his labor. Monroe demonstrated clearly what can be done when one has neither hogs nor feed. His \$89.00 well paid him for his trouble and labor of feeding his pigs over a period of four months.

Monroe is just one of many Lee Co. farmers that are feeding hogs. On Tuesday of this week at Giddings over 100 head of hogs were marketed grossing over \$3,000.00. This weekly market has been grossing around \$2,000.00 every week and is greatly appreciated by the farmers in this section as is shown by the numbers of hogs marketed.

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