

Minnesota News ...

4-H Winners Selected in Educational Seminar at State Fair

4-H students exhibiting livestock at the Minnesota State Fair were given the opportunity to take part in an educational seminar prior to exhibiting in the shows. This educational seminar consists of a learning workshop and an online test. The top ten percent of exhibitors with high scores from the online test advance to the next step, one-on-one interviews and a skill-a-thon.

The winners received a chair sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association. Among the winners were Limousin junior exhibitors Jacob Moser of Stevens County, Senior Market Beef; and Tim Anderson of Stevens County and John Weber of Ramsey County, Senior Breeding Beef. Limousin junior finalists in the competition were Amber Johnson of Wadena County, Intermediate Breeding Beef; and

Thomas Duff of Dakota County, Anna Johnson of Wadena County and Brady Wulf of Stevens County, Senior Breeding Beef.

Thanks to Rachel Marthaler, Nathan Crane and Bev Summerbell for assisting with the beef interview portion of the competition. Thanks, also, to Kami Schoenfeld, 4-H Coordinator and Rhonda Wulf for coordinating this project.

Thank You, Juniors

Members of the MN Junior Limousin Association and their families prepared and served a delicious roast beef meal with all the fixings following the MN State Fair Limousin Open Show Saturday, September 1, 2012. Thank you!

Congratulations, Will

Congratulations to Will Bolium of Northfield, MN for being named Grand Champion in the

“Calf Challenge” competition at Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H show in Omaha, NE September 29, 2012.

Will was awarded a calf last fall at Ak-Sar-Ben based on his application and performance in a skill-a-thon. He raised the calf since last November until the present time.

At this year’s show, Will was named grand champion resulting from the evaluation of his record book, showmanship, rate of gain and confirmation of the calf. Will sold the calf at the “Purple Ribbon Auction” Sunday, September 30.

Import Requirements Eased on MN Cattle

The North Dakota State Board of Animal Health has relaxed importation requirements for Minnesota-origin cattle from all areas of MN, except a small tract, formerly known as the “Bovine



The State Fair Limousin aisle was crowded with state fair goers on September 1.

TB Management Zone”.

“Minnesota’s livestock producers, the Minnesota state veterinarian, and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and Department of Natural Resources have worked hard to eradicate bovine tuberculosis and to restore Minnesota’s TB-free status,” said Dr. Susan Keller, North Dakota state veterinarian. “North Dakota is confident that Minnesota cattle can be imported without additional testing.”

Junior Beat



Randee Corns of Eureka, KS took home the **SUPREME** banner in the Kansas Junior Livestock Show September 22-23, 2012. Bob May of Mineral Point, WI evaluated the 275 head of females over the two days. This is the third time in five years that a Limousin has won this show!



Congratulations to Mara Anderson of Garner, IA for exhibiting one of the top two market animals in the 4-H Beef of Merit Show at the 2012 Iowa State Fair.



A hard days work and a short night dictated a short nap for Amy Grotsun at the Minnesota State Fair.



Emmaline Luethmers of Foley, MN obviously has bonded with her calf donated by Wulf Cattle to the Youth Beef Experience program at the Minnesota Beef Expo. Emmaline was the recipient of the heifer.



Six-year-old Grace Beck of Clay Center, Nebraska experienced her first time showing at the Nebraska State Fair. Jamie Watts of Fairfield helped Grace with her efforts.



Hey Kids, that corn is expensive! Jay and Lori Straight’s grandchildren played with the corn at the Straight/Venner sale.



Iowa Junior Advisor Brenda Anderson held the hat while Erin Summerbell drew out the winning ticket at the Iowa State Fair for the “Show a Limi-Win a Limi” competition. The winner of the heifer, donated by Lowell Hermon of Carlisle, IA was Kade Winkelmann of Lacona, IA.

Rooney Limousin Crowned *Supreme* Champion at State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul hosted the annual Open Limousin Show September 1, 2012 at the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum on the state fairgrounds. There were 51 head from 22 exhibitors who exhibited their entries before Judge Bob Adcock of Moweaqua, IL.

The *Supreme* Drive was held Sunday, September 2 and the Limousin female exhibited by Rooney Limousin took top honors over all-breeds. The Supreme champions received an embroidered director's chair, a half-page color ad in the Business Reference Issue of *The Cattle Business Weekly*, an embryo transfer flush and either transfer or freezing of five embryos.

Female Show



Reserve champion honors went to SL Mindy's Dream Girl, a 5/1/11 daughter of MAGS Whaler out of SL Watermelon Crawl exhibited by Straight Limousin of Logan, IA. She was named junior champion female.

The reserve calf champion was CHHF Yours Truly 120Y, a 12/19/11 daughter of DHVO



Minnesota State Fair exhibitors preparing to go into the show ring.



Rooney Limousin of Maxwell, IA takes home the *Supreme* banner over all breeds with the grand champion female, TOMR 614Y, a 10/19/11 daughter of DVCL Mr. Unbelievable U03 out of TOMR 614T.

Deuce 132R out of TGRL Nevada 302N exhibited by Herman Farms of Hastings, MN.

The reserve junior female champion was MADF Yolanda 101Y, a 4/1/11 daughter of KRVN Naskar 013N out of ASRL Stardust 443S exhibited by Matthew Duff of Hampton, MN.

The senior champion female was the cow-calf entry exhibited by Thomas Duff of Hampton, MN. ASRL X Traordinary, a 2/2/10 daughter of VL U-B-Jammin' out of RO MN Tina Turner was shown with her 3/2/12 heifer calf sired by GTBR Undertaker 6U at side.

Thomas Duff also exhibited the reserve senior champion female with CHHF Xplosion 08X, a 12/5/10 daughter of CHHF Triple Bonus 308T out of CHHF Treasure 773T.

Bull Show



Wulf Cattle of Morris, MN exhibited the grand champion bull, Wulf's You First 369Y, a 4/13/11 son of Wulf's Upgrade 0500U out of ENGD Tilly Girl 339Y. He was the junior bull champion.



Straight Limousin of Logan, IA was named Premier Exhibitor at the Minnesota State Fair Open Limousin Show.

Marketing Important in Drought Year

Beef cow-calf producers likely need to evaluate their options for getting through this coming winter.

Drought and excessive heat this summer resulted in lack of pasture and hay production and the need to feed the cattle hay that would normally be saved for winter feeding. In addition to the low supplies of feed, record high feed prices are adding insult to injury.

One bright spot is cattle prices are remaining strong, so cull cows and feeder calves do have the ability to generate some revenue, according to a news release from the University of Wisconsin Extension.

The questions producers need

to consider is when would be the best time to sell. Does it make sense to hold cattle, both culls and feeder calves, past the fall run to attempt to catch the seasonal upswing in the market? Does it make sense to try to add some condition to cull cows before marketing them?

There is no "one size fits all" answer to these questions as each farm has its own unique situation as far as how they are sitting with winter feed, cash flow needs, investment in genetics and other factors.

To help beef cow-calf farmers evaluate their options, Lee Schultz, Iowa State Extension



Herrick Family Farms of Plainview, MN exhibited the reserve champion bull with DH Herrick Yogi, a 5/15/11 son of KRVN Ranger Rick 143R out of Wulf's Underlined Twice. He was the reserve junior champion bull.

The bull calf champion honors went to MSTT Young Gun 131Y, a 12/1/11 son of JSWT Wide Load 902W out of MSTT Talk to Me exhibited by Lura Limousin of Delavan, MN.

Reserve champion bull calf was GLDN War Horse 13Y, a 10/15/11 son of WBLA Woodrow 04W out of GLDN Kristin 1R exhibited by Golden Oaks Beef of Northfield, MN.

