

Vickland, Barber

Grant Vickland, Longmont, Colo., exhibited the grand champion steer and Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas, showed the champion prospect steer at the 2009 VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Tulsa, Okla., July 8.

Judge Chris Skaggs, College Station, Texas, judged the 90-head show and said he was impressed with the high-quality set of steers presented by an outstanding group of young people. He said he was looking for balanced steers with a lot of muscling and eye appeal that were also structurally correct.



Judge Chris Skaggs

Skaggs found that combination in Vickland's champion steer sired by TH JWR SOP 16G 57G Tundra 63N that weighed 1,214 lb. Skaggs followed with the reserve champion steer shown by Montana Deppe, Maquoketa, Iowa. He was a 1,274-lb. steer by DB Hard Drive ET.

The sister-brother Barber duo topped the prospect steer division. Rylee Barber's champion prospect steer was



Judge Skaggs evaluates the steers during the championship drive.



Vickland steer
Grand champion steer on hoof, by Grant Vickland, Longmont, Colo., with a 1,214-lb. son of TH JWR SOP 16G 57G Tundra 63N.



Deppe steer
Reserve grand champion steer on hoof, by Montana Deppe, Maquoketa, Iowa, with a 1,274-lb. son of DB Hard Drive ET.



Barber steer
Champion prospect steer, by Rylee Barber, Channing, Texas, with a 860-lb. son of BH MR Cutter 3011E.



Barber steer
Reserve champion prospect steer, by Bryden Barber, Channing, Texas, with a 755-lb. son of BR DM Bodacious ET.

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by BH MR Cutter 3011E and weighed 860 lb. Bryden Barber showed the reserve champion 755-lb. prospect steer sired by BR DM Bodacious ET.

At check-in ultrasound data was collected on all steers, including ribeye area, backfat and marbling score. Yield grade and carcass weight were estimated.

Based on those predictions, Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb., earned champion carcass steer honors with her 1,182-lb. steer by SBH L1 Domino 426. The steer scanned a ribeye area of 16.1, .57 backfat, 6.49 marbling score with a calculated 2.26 yield grade and a carcass weight of 733 lb.

The reserve champion carcass steer was shown by Maranda Kegley also of Kearney, Neb. Her KT Top Secret 1030 son weighed 1,295 lb. and scanned a 14.6 ribeye area, .28 backfat and a 4.08 marbling score, resulting in a 2.28 yield grade and an 803-lb. carcass.

See Page 110 for class placings and data on the top 10 carcass steers. Visit Hereford.org for complete results. **HW**



Williams steer

Champion carcass steer, by Hannah Williams, Kearney, Neb., with an 1,182-lb. son of SBH L1 Domino 426.



Kegley steer

Reserve champion carcass steer, by Maranda Kegley, Kearney, Neb., with a 1,295-lb. son of KT Top Secret 1030.