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Meinhardt, Jacobs Win Junior National Hereford Expo Steer Show

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — William, Emily and Rylie Meinhardt, Marysville, Kan., showed the grand champion steer and Ella Jacobs, Frederick, Md., exhibited the reserve grand champion steer at the 2018 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Grand Island, Neb., July 5. The steer show was sponsored by Upstream Ranch, Taylor, Neb.

Judge Ryan Rathmann, Lubbock, Texas, sorted 99 steers to find the champion.

Meinhardt's grand champion steer, GLM A152 Newtavian 1719, weighed in at 1,354 lb. for a WDA of 2.7, and is a son of GV CMR X161 Times Up A152.

Jacobs' reserve grand champion steer, DEP Good And Plenty Venus ET, weighed in at 1,206 lb. for a WDA of 2.7, and is a son of DEP Good & Plenty ET.

At check-in, ultrasound data was collected on the progress steers, including ribeye area, backfat thickness and marbling score, and a yield grade and carcass weight were estimated.

Based on that data, Taylor Lacek, Canby, Minn., earned champion carcass steer honors with a 1172-lb. steer by Showtime Flash 509 ET. The steer scanned with a ribeye area of 16.7, 0.2 backfat, 4.07 marbling score with a calculated 1.12 yield grade and a carcass weight of 727 lb.

Zach Strueh, Zionsville, Ind., won reserve champion carcass steer with a 1,246-lb. steer by UPS Sensation 2296 ET. The steer scanned with a 16.5 ribeye area, 0.28 backfat and a 3.54 marbling score, resulting in a 1.56 yield grade and 773-lb. carcass.

Additional results

Class Winners

- Class 015: Tiernan and Teegan Frederickson, Spearfish, SD
- Class 016: Inaya Chishti, St. Louis, Mo.
- Class 017: Tory J Miller, Lebanon, Mo.
- Class 018: Taylor Lacek, Canby, Minn.
- Class 019: Ella Jacobs, Frederick, Md.
- Class 020: Jason Baust, Rocky Ridge, Md.
- Class 021: Kaden Franklin, Meeker, Colo.
- Class 022: Alyvea Bender, Albion, Ind.
- Class 023: Morgan Huls, St. Joseph, Ill.
- Class 024: Rylie, William and Emily Meinhardt, Marysville, Kan.

Carcass placings

- Third place: Kaden Hitz, Wakefield, Kan.
- Fourth place: Kaisha Alber, Guide Rock, Neb.
- Fifth place: JD Seward, Rockville, Ind.
- Sixth place: Casey Don Jensen, Courtland, Kan.
- Seventh place: Clair Morgan, Burwell, Neb.
- Eighth place: Kendi Miigerl, Ravenna, Neb.

Ninth place: Cole Voorhees, Benson, Minn.
Tenth place: Braden West, Sheridan, Wyo.

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