



NJHA FED STEER SHOOTOUT CONTEST WINNERS NAMED



Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas, was named the 2020 National Junior Hereford Association Fed Steer Shootout junior of the year. He was also a performance portfolio top five winner.



Molly Biggs, Dixon, Ill., was awarded the performance portfolio top five.



Kade Boatman, Rockford, Ill., was awarded the performance portfolio top five.



Kendall Boatman, Rockford, Ill., was awarded the performance portfolio top five.

Now in its fourth year, the National Junior Hereford Association's (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout contest teaches juniors about the opportunities and challenges of the cattle feeding industry. In the 2020 contest, 33 youth from 14 states entered 111 steers in the contest. Powered by BioZyme® Inc. and the Feed the Future program, this year's winners received nearly \$20,000 in scholarships and awards from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and BioZyme. They were recognized for their efforts Oct. 22 at the American Hereford Association's (AHA) virtual awards ceremony during the AHA Annual Membership Meeting and Conference.

"We congratulate all of the contest winners and are proud of each and every participant for their efforts in the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout," says Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs. "As this program continues to evolve, we look forward to the education and experience provided to youth by this industry-leading opportunity."

Contestants collected actual feedyard performance and carcass merit data on the pen of three and individual entries of Hereford and commercial Hereford-influenced steers while gaining a comprehensive industry education on topics such as ultrasound technology, genetics and cattle health.

All steers were fed at Gregory Feedlots in Tabor, Iowa, and through a generous sponsorship from Texas Stardance Cattle, steers were hauled to and harvested at National Beef Packing Co. in Dodge City, Kan., as candidates for the Certified Hereford Beef® brand. Allfex USA, Ultrainsights Processing Lab, Endovac Animal



Lauren Jones, Darlington, Wis., was awarded reserve champion purebred individual with her steer. She was also a performance portfolio top five winner.



Mark Haygood, Canadian, Texas, exhibited the champion and reserve champion commercial individual steers.



Hardy Edwards, Winterville, Ga., exhibited the reserve champion purebred pen of three.



Brady Jones, Darlington, Wis., received champion purebred individual honors with his steer.



Ryan Pribil, Hennessey, Okla., received overall grand champion steer honors and exhibited both the champion and reserve champion commercial pen of three.



Jarrett Shane Worrell, Mason, Texas, exhibited the champion purebred pen of three.

Health, Geneseek and Fremont County Vet also played a vital role in the success of the program.

Additionally, contestants entered performance portfolios from data reports they received throughout the feeding period and wrote an essay about what they learned from the process. New this year, Beef Quality Assurance was an added requirement for those juniors participating in the

performance portfolio portion of the contest. The top five participants were selected from the submitted portfolios and had the opportunity to compete for the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout junior of the year honor. These juniors presented a short speech followed by a panel interview about what they learned during the contest and how they can apply this knowledge in the beef industry. **HW**

THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS ARE:

FED STEER SHOOTOUT JUNIOR OF THE YEAR

Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Ryan Pribil, Hennessey, Okla.

CHAMPION PUREBRED PEN OF THREE

Jarrett Shane Worrell, Mason, Texas

RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED PEN OF THREE

Hardy Edwards, Winterville, Ga.

CHAMPION PUREBRED INDIVIDUAL

Brady Jones, Darlington, Wis.

RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED INDIVIDUAL

Lauren Jones, Darlington, Wis.

CHAMPION COMMERCIAL PEN OF THREE

Ryan Pribil, Hennessey, Okla.

RESERVE CHAMPION COMMERCIAL PEN OF THREE

Ryan Pribil, Hennessey, Okla.

CHAMPION COMMERCIAL INDIVIDUAL

Mark Haygood, Canadian, Texas

RESERVE CHAMPION COMMERCIAL INDIVIDUAL

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PERFORMANCE PORTFOLIO TOP FIVE

Mason Allan, Nocona, Texas

Molly Biggs, Dixon, Ill.

Kade Boatman, Rockford, Ill.

Kendall Boatman, Rockford, Ill.

Lauren Jones, Darlington, Wis.

