

Worrell and Mouser top the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout

Now in its fifth 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 2021 contest, 41 members from 15 states entered 133 steers. Powered by BioZyme Inc., 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) Annual Membership Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

"Besides the opportunity to collect individual carcass data on cattle, this program provides young people first-hand experience in the cattle feeding industry," says Trey Befort, AHA director of commercial programs.

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

The top three contestants, in both the junior and senior divisions, were selected from the submitted portfolios and had the opportunity to compete for the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout junior and senior of the year. At the AHA Annual Membership Meeting and Conference, these young people 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.

Jarrett Worrell of Mason, Texas was the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout Junior Contestant of the Year,

after completing his performance portfolio and his speech in front of a distinguished panel of judges. Haley Mouser was the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout Senior Contestant of the Year after a rigorous interview and presentation process.

This year's award winners

Overall grand champion steer —
Nicholas Jones, Darlington, Wis.

Champion purebred pen of three —
Jayna Blume, Pierre, S.D.

Reserve champion purebred pen of three —
Kora Hawkins, Jane Lew, W.Va.

Champion purebred individual —
Macy Reed, Green Ridge, Mo.

Reserve champion purebred individual —
Katherine Krauss, Russell, Kan.

Champion commercial pen of three —
John Dauer, Panhandle, Texas

Reserve champion commercial pen of three —
Jarrett Worrell, Mason, Texas

Champion commercial individual —
Nicholas Jones, Darlington, Wis.

Reserve champion commercial individual —
Judd Daniels, Dalhart, Texas

Highest Marbling Score Purebred Division —
Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif.

Highest Marbling Score Commercial Division —
Elizabeth Pribil, Hennessey, Okla.

Highest Average Daily Gain Purebred Division —
Katherine Krauss, Russell, Kan.

Highest Average Daily Gain Commercial Division —
Katherine Krauss, Russell, Kan.

Largest Ribeye Area Purebred Division —
Katherine Krauss, Russell, Kan.

Largest Ribeye Area Commercial Division —
Jake Drost, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Junior division top three individuals —
Jayna Blume, Pierre, S.D.; Hardy Edwards, Winterfield, Ga.; and Jarrett Worrell, Mason, Texas

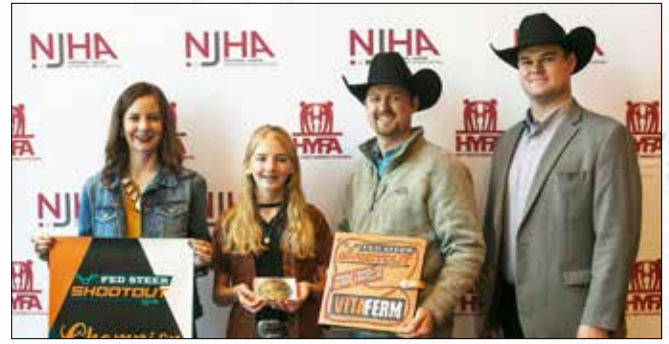
Senior division top three individuals —
Kade Boatman, Rockford, Ill.; Kendall Boatman, Rockford, Ill.; and Haley Mouser, Tenstrike, Minn. **HW**



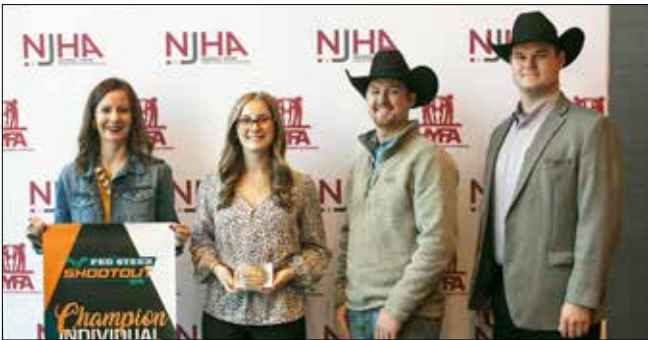
The top three in the senior division are **Haley Mouser**, Tenstrike, Minn., **Kade Boatman**, Rockford, Ill., and **Kendall Boatman**, Rockford, Ill. **Haley Mouser** was the overall senior division winner. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Haley Mouser, Kade Boatman, Kendall Boatman, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



Nicholas Jones, Darlington, Wis., received the overall champion steer and champion individual commercial steer. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Nicholas Jones, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



Jayna Blume, Pierre, S.D., was awarded top three junior and received the champion pen of three purebred steers. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Jayna Blume, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



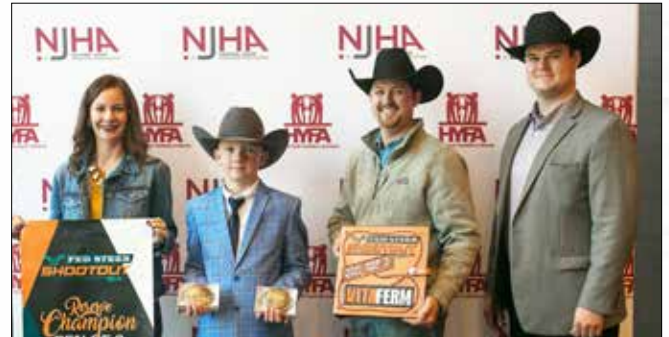
Macy Reed, Green Ridge, Mo., received honors for the champion individual purebred steer. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Macy Reed, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



Katherine Krauss, Russell, Kan., was awarded the reserve champion individual purebred steer, highest average daily gain in the purebred division, highest average daily gain in the commercial division and largest ribeye area in the purebred division. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Katherine Krauss, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



John Dauer, Panhandle, Texas, was awarded champion pen of three commercial steers. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, John Dauer, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



Jarrett Worrell, Mason, Texas, was named the overall junior winner and received reserve champion pen of three commercial steers. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Jarrett Worrell, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif., took the title of highest marbling score in the purebred division. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Bailey Morrell, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.



Elizabeth Pribil, Hennessey, Okla., received highest marbling score in the commercial division. Pictured (l to r) are: Ashley Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth Pribil, Shane Schaake and Trey Befort.