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Indiana State Fair Foundation's Celebration of Champions honors 4-H youth at Indiana Farmers Coliseum

August 20, 2018, INDIANAPOLIS, IN – As the 2018 Indiana State Fair drew to a close Sunday night, one major event remained for 4-H youth whose hard work and dedication had earned them the right to attend the Celebration of Champions in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. The Indiana State Fair Foundation's Celebration of Champions awards 4-H youth for achievement, scholarship and hard work.

These young Hoosiers have spent the last year working hard to raise livestock of various species, weights and classes, while others have grown crops and cultivated bee colonies. Another notable accomplishment came from the best of show recipient, Adrienne Spieth, who converted a 1930s washing machine into a cooler. Their work was rewarded during the Celebration of Champions dinner and program where each received a coveted purple banner.

Nearly \$200,000 was raised by the Indiana State Fair Foundation to provide monetary awards and to present Celebration of Champions dinner to honor the accomplishments and work ethic of Hoosier youth. The Indiana State Fair is known throughout the country as having one of the best agricultural fairs and hosting the largest and most diverse 4-H competitions.

In total, 25 deserving youth were honored, including each of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions.

Grand Champions:

- 4-H Exhibit Hall Best of Show: Adrienne Spieth, Woodburn
- Grand Champion Garden Exhibit: Gwen Brubaker, Hometown
- Grand Champion Cache of Honey: Lucas Juengel, Decatur
- Grand Champion Meat Pen of Rabbits: Brooke Kneubuhler, Greensburg
- Grand Champion Commercial Waterfowl: Morgan Waggoner, Hendricks County
- Grand Champion Meat Type Chicken: Audrey Bischoff, Huntington
- Grand Champion Dairy Steer: Kale Beer, Berne
- Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Spencer Goettemoeller, Winchester
- Grand Champion Market Lamb: Lane Slaton, Noblesville
- Grand Champion Market Steer: Hadley Hendrickson, Farmland

Reserve Grand Champions:

- Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Maxwell Scamihorn, Terre Haute
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Gabrielle Raute, Carmel
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow: Lakyn Mauck, Gaston
- Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer: Harlee Henney, Angola

ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

The Indiana State Fair Foundation raises funds to support year-round agriculture education, youth development and campus stewardship of the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. The Foundation was established in 2011 to raise private funding to renovate the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. More than \$10 million was raised for the iconic building. Annually, the Foundation raises over \$195,000 for the Youth Development Fund which promotes agriculture education and leadership through recognizing the 4-H Youth with monetary awards, personalized banners, and a dinner program at the Celebration of Champions. These Hoosier youth represent the best of the best at the Indiana State Fair. The Foundation also helps fund year-round agriculture education field trips hosting 10,000 school children each year at the Fairgrounds through The BARNs Global Learning Initiative. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.IndianaStateFairFoundation.org/donate.

ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premier facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. The 2018 theme pays homage to Indiana's rich circus heritage by offering a world-class Big Top Circus presented by Bee Window. The new family-friendly Big Top Circus is FREE with paid State Fair admission and features acrobats, clowns, jugglers and more. For information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

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