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

August 20, 2019, 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 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. The Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions presented by the Indiana State Fair Foundation awards 4-H youth for achievement, scholarship and hard work. This year, the Indiana State Fair Board and Indiana State Fair Commission approved the addition of breeding females to the Celebration.

Nearly \$250,000 was raised by the Indiana State Fair Foundation to provide monetary awards and to present the 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 for hosting the largest and most diverse 4-H competitions.

The 4-H exhibitors honored at the 2019 Celebration of Champions include:

Non-Animal Exhibits

4-H Exhibit Hall Best of Show: Haniah Kring, Jefferson County

Grand Champion Garden Exhibit: Madison Bollenbacher, Adams County

Grand Champion Cache of Honey: Courtney Juengel, Adams County

Market Lambs

Grand Champion Market Lamb: Lane Slaton, Hamilton County

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Gabrielle Raute, Hamilton County

5th Overall Market Lamb: Madalynn Brewsaugh, Decatur County

6th Overall Market Lamb: Wyatt Nixon, Whitley County

7th Overall Market Lamb: Jordyn Leininger, Kosciusko County

9th Overall Market Lamb: Mackenzie Larson, Tipton County

Market Barrow

Grand Champion Market Barrow: Erika Newhouse, Grant County

Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow: Vade Dishman, Henry County

3rd Overall Market Barrow: Noah Kitterman, Blackford County

5th Overall Market Barrow: Keaton Woods, Tipton County

6th Overall Market Barrow: Johnnie Anne McDonnell, Wayne County

7th Overall Market Barrow: Ryan O'Farrell, Carroll County

Market Beef

Grand Champion Market Beef: Harlee Henney, Steuben County

Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef: Hadley Hendrickson, Randolph County

3rd Overall Market Beef: Hayley Jarck, Grant County

5th Overall Market Beef: Ashlyn Kelly, Howard County

7th Overall Market Beef: Cohl Van Meter, White County

Dairy Steer

Grand Champion Dairy Steer: Whittlee Singleton, Marshall County

Beef Heifer

Supreme Champion Beef Heifer: Clint Main, Jackson County

Reserve Supreme Champion Beef Heifer: Payton Farmer, Jackson County

Rabbits

Grand Champion Best of Show Rabbit: Marley Heritier, Whitley County

Grand Champion Meat Pen of Rabbits: Jessica Gauck, Decatur County

Poultry & Waterfowl:

Grand Champion Show Poultry: Connor Calloway, Tipton County

Grand Champion Meat Type Chicken: Klayton Dorrel, Franklin County

Grand Champion Commercial Waterfowl: Morgan Waggoner, Hendricks County

Goats

Supreme Senior Champion Dairy Goat Doe: Reagan Birr, Kosciusko County

Supreme Junior Champion Dairy Goat Doe: Travis Arney, Hendricks County

Supreme Champion Full Blood Doe: Evan Trent, Boone County

Supreme Champion Percentage Doe: Nash Hensley, Madison County

Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Spencer Goettemoeller, Randolph County

Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Skyler Michel, Wabash County

Supreme Drive

Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe: Jackson Ritter, Hamilton County

Supreme Junior Champion Dairy Female: Katelan Godwin, Delaware County

Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Dairy Female: Caylee James, LaGrange County

Supreme Senior Champion Dairy Female: Dalton Freeman, St. Joseph County

Reserve Supreme Senior Champion Dairy Female: Ellie Bollenbacher, Marshall County

Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt: Emily Myers, Jasper County

Members of 4-H frequently credit the organization with helping them to learn the value of hard work and dedication. They also express appreciation for the opportunity to participate in 4-H at the Indiana State Fair not only for the life skills learned or the chance to compete, but also for the chance to make life-long friends from across Indiana. Honoring agriculture education and youth development has long been a top priority for the Indiana State Fair.

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 which promotes agriculture education and leadership through recognizing the 4-H youth with monetary awards, personalized banners, and a dinner program for 4-H youth 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 a 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 2019 Indiana State Fair will be held August 2-18. To pay tribute to the heroism of everyday Hoosiers, this year's Indiana State Fair theme is HEROES IN THE HEARTLAND presented by Indiana Donor Network. Throughout the 17-day event, the Indiana State Fair will salute Hoosier farmers, first responders, educators, members of the Armed Forces, and many others who keep us safe and make us proud. Additionally, each day during the fair, Marvel Character and DC Comics Superheroes will be highlighted. For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

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