

Market Swine Show Names Champions

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The selection of animals for the 1991 Sale of Champions has begun.

The grand and reserve champions of the Junior Market Swine Show, held last week at the North American International Livestock Exposition, are the first two of six animals to be auctioned at the sale of champions. The sale took place November 21 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Winners of the Junior Market Wether Show and Junior Market Steer Show were added to the lineup of champions.

Exhibiting the grand champion hog was Jason Michael, 19, of Farmersville, Ohio. Taking reserve champion honors in the show was Cammie Johnson, 15, from Natchitoches, La.

This year's show marks the highest number of entrants since its beginning in 1976. Exhibitors representing eight states brought 600 entries to comprise the show.

To qualify for showing, exhibitors must be 21 years old or younger and must have the animals entered in their name. All breeds show together in classes divided by weight.

The Junior Market Swine Show consists of two divisions — on-foot and carcass. Each individual, except the two winners, must enter their hogs in both divisions. Because the hogs in the carcass contest will be slaughtered, the two champion hogs can't participate.

The on-foot division is judged in the show ring. Preparation of the hogs and showing techniques help determine the success of the animal.

Justin Rexing, 10, from Fort Branch, Ind., works hard to prepare his animals for the ring. "You first have to wash your pig and scrub real hard to get the tattoo ink off," he said. Justin beds his animals with wood chips and brushes them and sprinkles them with water to make them shiny before entering the ring.

Showing animals in the on-foot division is hard work, according to Chris Trotter from Manchester, Ohio. "You want to the judge to

get the best look at your hog," he said.

Exhibitors must make sure to show the animal's good points.

"If your animal has a long back, you want the judge to see the side view," Trotter said. "You also need to keep your animal moving."

What do judges look for in a hog? "The animal with the most meat and leanness and length," said Robert Hines, professor of animal sciences at Kansas State University, judge of the show.

Swine Show Superintendent Dennis Liptrap, a swine specialist from the University of Kentucky, said, "You evaluate the pigs and try to pick the ideal market hog. One that has a high percentage of lean meat in the carcass and a high growth rate."

Unlike the on-foot judging, which takes a lot of preparation and work from the exhibitors, placings in the carcass division are determined by formulas.

"After the show, the hogs are taken to market and slaughtered,"

said Liptrap. At the locker, the carcasses are evaluated by the procedure recommended by the National Pork Producers Council with "percent of lean" being the final determining factor.

"The winner has the largest loin area on the smallest carcass with the least amount of fat," Liptrap said.

Throughout the years, Liptrap said he has been pleased with the quality of animals exhibited in the show.

92 Herefords Compete In SOP Show

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — 4WF Eclipse 31Y and RWF NFF Rockin Robin emerged as the grand champions in the American Royal Polled Hereford Standard of Perfection Show. The competition was held recently in Kansas City, Mo., and the 92-head lineup was judged by Wes Hudson, Harrison Ark. The show was dedicated to the Eddie Valek Family, owner of Walnut Grove Farm, Agenda, Kan.

In the female show, which included 62 heifers and 2 cow-calf pairs, Rindy Willoughby, Ada, Okla., captured the grand champion honors with her junior division winner, RWF NFF Rockin Robin. She is an April 1990 daughter of JSN 44 Magnum 44X.

Taking home the reserve grand champion title in the female show was Coyote Ridge Ranch, Longmont, Colo., with CRR R203 Elle 103. She was the show's calf champion who is a March 1991 daughter of JR CRR N61 Nick

R203.

The senior champion bull, 4WF Eclipse 31Y, claimed the grand champion title in the bull show. He is a March 1989 son of 5E SF 4WF 38 Special. His owners include Four Winds Farm, Berlin, Conn., and Overlook Farm, Peterborough, N.H.

The reserve grand placing in the bull show went to the reserve senior champion, FSL Mach One 10Y, a January 1989 son of G&R AJS Raceway 1900. He is owned by K-Lou Farm, Kingwood; W. Va., Greene Briar Farm, Sycamore, Pa.; and Flat Stone Lick, Marianna, Pa.

Later in the show, Tammy Riffel, Enterprise, Kan., placed first

in the best-six-head class and was also named premier exhibitor. The blue ribbon in the get-of-sire class went to Flat Stone Lick, Marianna, Pa., on a foursome by G&R AJS Raceway 1900, while Spring Bottom Farm, Fairfield, Pa., won the calf get-of-sire competition with their foursome by OHF Trifecta 410X.

Other divisional winners and their owners include:

Reserve Calf Champion Heifer: Tennessee River Music Inc., Ft. Payne, Ala.; Skaggs Farms, Hernando, Miss.; and Pine Row Farm, Dickson, Tenn., on TRM SF PRF Sassey 0104, by SF 4WF Vigilante W63

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: Tammy Riffel on MH Ms Betty Boop ET 784Z, by Trustmark

Senior Champion Heifer: Tammy Riffel on PVF Trusting Lady 994, by Trustmark

Reserve Senior Champion Heifer: Pine Row Farm on PRF Miss Dana 12Z by TOP MSU Knight Rider

Cow-Calf Champion: Martha Behrends, Mason City, Ill., on OHF MS Butler 820X, by BT Butler 452M, and January bull calf by Beau Donald Rival

Reserve Cow-Calf Champion: Melvern F. Deckard, Atchison, Kan., on MFD Mis Beaulo Blast 2, by MKP GP Blastoff, and twin bulls by HCJ Beau Rollo W704

Calf Champion Bull: Delaney Herefords, Inc., Lake Benton, Minn., on JDH 29Y 8A, by JDH Raceway 29Y

Reserve Calf Champion Bull: Skaggs Farm, Four Winds Farm and Holly Creek Farm, Newnan, Ga., on SF HCF 4WF Warrior Z70, by Tex Prime Time

Junior Champion Bull: Wilkerson Polled Hereford Farm, Leonard, Mo., on WPHF Spec Transaction 54Z, by 5E SF 4WD 38 Special

Reserve Junior Champion Bull: Tammy Riffel on PVF Invest High 065 by JR P183 Wallstreet T56

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