State Fair's Sale of Champions raises nearly $120,000

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The Missouri State Fair celebrated Youth in Agriculture Day this past Saturday. The annual Sale of Champions was a highlight of the day in the raising of $119,900, which will be used to support Missouri youth involved in agriculture.
The opening lot was the Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Laurin Dilly of Deerfield and a member of the Clayton 4-H Club. The 1,300 pound steer brought $21,000, purchased by Edward Jones & Associates (Roger Bennett, Trenton; Matt Peiter, Boonville; Lance Reynolds, Boonville; and Matt Kueny, also of Boonville; John Skinner, Blue Springs; Kevin Brown, Bowling Green; Lon Luckert, Brookfield; Carl Simpson, Butler; Mark Harrison, Chillicothe; and Jim Bonderer, also of Chillicothe; Dennis Sieger, Clinton; Ann Echelmeier, Columbia; J. R. Lawless, Columbia; Joe Edde, Columbia; and Bill Fretwell, also of Columbia; Brian Yarbrough, Excelsior Springs; David Reid, Higginsville; Cliff Jones, Independence; Doug Hammer, Independence; Mark Kliethermes, Independence; and Adam Kliethermes, also of Independence; Patrick Goodknight, Joplin; and Bill Hudson of Kansas City; Paul Kissick, Kirksville; Cole D. Merrill, Macon; Diane Dudenhoeffer, Marshall; Ryan Beumer, Marshall; David Clapp, Mexico; Shane Adrian, Moberly; Mark Saunders, Monroe City; Tom Hissink, Nevada; Bill Phillips, Ozark; Travis Bartlett, Peculiar; Joe Fluty, Sedalia; and Virgil McDonald, also of Sedalia; Michael Bode, Shelbina; Mark Matthews, St. Joseph; Rich Lawson, Warrensburg; Alan Kimbel, Warrenton; George Morse, Harrisonville), and Pattison Family Foundation-C, Phillip and Mary Jane Pattison, Weston.

Additional funds for the Grand Champion Steer were contributed by Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The steer was donated to the University of Missouri-Columbia Livestock Judging Team.

The Grand Champion barrow was exhibited by Troy Sloan of Cameron. The 263-pound hog sold for $19,000, purchased by BTC Bank-Bethany and the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The hog was donated to the FFA Leadership Fund.

Troy Sloan of Cameron also exhibited the 146 pound Grand Champion market lamb that was purchased for $14,000 by the Missouri State Fair Concessionaires and Commercial Exhibitors (Allen Dennis Concessions, Inc.; BK□s; Brick Front Grill; Budweiser Stage/Mark□s Brothers; Chuck & Dee□s; Creamy Rich; Exclusive Home Products; Good Time Charlie□s; Jackson□s; Kim-Laine Fun Foods, LLC; The Last Glue; M & M Concessions; McKinney Food Services; Mid-America Ice; Mid-MO Feed/Livestock Grooming Supplies; My Pillow; N D P Enterprise; Shallow Concessions; Signs by L & J; Subway; Versa Products; W C Foods; Webster Products; and Westmoreland Concessions), and Lewis Hybrids (Scott Lewis, Ursa, IL; A & W Dealership, Odessa; BJ Scott Enterprise, Appleton City; Brooke Seed Services, LLC, Braymer; Bruce Buck, Rothville; Paul Burkemper, Old Monroe; Central Elevator, Inc., Silex; David Copeland Dealership, Miami; Darrell Aldrich Dealership, Excelsior Springs; Davis Creek Stock Farm Dealership, Higginsville; Donald Finkeldei, Corder; Gastler Seeds, Martinsburg; Hans Hill Top Farms, Inc., Jonesburg; Ronald Hoffman, Lexington; Humphrey Feed & Seed, Monticello; JBM Agronomics, Marshall; KMT Services, LLC, Adrian; Charlie Riechers, Rush Hill; Saunders Farms, LLC, Shelbina; Scot Boschert Dealership, Wentzville; and Dick Shively of Shelbyville), along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

The Grand Champion Pen of Meat Rabbits was exhibited by Brayde Adam of Lathrop. The rabbits were purchased for $2,200 by the MU Sigma Alpha Sorority and American Family Insurance, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The rabbits were donated to the University of Missouri-Columbia Livestock Judging Team.

Codi Coats of Braymer sold the Grand Champion pen of chickens. Her Cornish Cross broilers weighed an average of 6 pounds and were sold for $2,200 to the Monsanto Company and Heimer & Associates, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The chickens were donated to the University of Missouri-Columbia Livestock Judging Team.

The Grand Champion meat goat was exhibited by Sara Gillum of Unionville. The 84-pound Boer meat goat was bought for $5,500 by AT&T and the Missouri Meat Goat Producers Association, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.
Shelby Lane of St. Catharine exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer. The 1,295-pound steer was purchased for $19,500 by Edward Jones & Associates and the MU Independent Aggies, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.

Amy McAlexander of Archie showed the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow. The 268-pound Duroc barrow was purchased for $14,500 by Elite Swine Program, Inc., the Monsanto Company, and Wheeler Auctions and Real Estate, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The animal was donated to the University of Missouri-Columbia Livestock Judging Team.

Troy Sloan of Cameron showed the Reserve Champion Market Lamb. The Hampshire lamb weighed 130 pounds and was purchased for $10,500 by Pioneer Hi-Bred and the Missouri Sheep Producers, along with Youth in Agriculture Committee and hometown supporters. The lamb was donated to the Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Fund. In addition, in an unprecedented action, Troy Sloan donated $5,000 of the sale price back to the Youth in Agriculture Fund to be used for scholarships.

The Reserve Champion Pen of Meat Rabbits was exhibited by Kelby Moore of Wellsville. His rabbits sold for $3,100 to the Missouri State Rabbit Producers Association and Gunther Salt Company-St. Louis, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The rabbits were donated to the Missouri Food Bank Association.

Andrew Littlefield of Diamond showed the Reserve Champion Pen of Chickens. The Cornish cross broilers weighed an average of 6 pounds and sold for $1,500 to SOMO Farm & Ranch-Springfield, and RIBUS, Inc.-St. Louis, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters. The meat birds were donated to the Missouri Food Bank Association.

The Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat was exhibited by Gage Porter of Mercer. The 83-pound Boer meat goat was purchased for $5,200 by BTC Bank-Bethany and the Wayne Stowers Consortium: Ameristar Casino/Hotel, Kansas City; Dr. C. Phillip and Mary Jane Pattison, Pattison Family Foundation; Dr. Jeffery Jorgensen, Ellis Fischel Hospital; Mike Schneider, Drive Now Auto Credit; Sean Prideaux, C.A.R.S.; Gary Montoya, Gary Crossley Ford; Thi Bui, D.B. Hair Salon; Chris Igoe, Heartland Chevrolet; Chuck Drury, Drury Hotels; Derek Gall, Cosenewos Price Chopper; Allen Lane, Firestone Auto Care; Dennis Cordray, State Farm Insurance; Melissa Johnson, and Feldman s Farm & Home, along with Youth in Agriculture and hometown supporters.
The last lot of the sale was the Limited Edition Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Commemorative Belt Buckle purchased by Brian Boggs, Boggs Audio-Waverly, IL, for $1,700.

Wayne Yokley, Chairman of the Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Committee, and Superintendent of the Sale of Champions, said the success of the Sale is credited to the support from Youth in Agriculture sponsors. Proceeds from the Sale go to the exhibitors and Youth in Agriculture scholarships.

Since 1992, the Youth in Agriculture Committee has awarded 399 scholarships. Applications for the 2012 Youth in Agriculture scholarships will be available online in November at www.mostatefair.com , with completed forms due by February 1, 2013.

A complete listing of 2012 Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture sponsors will also be available on the Fair s website, as well as results and photographs of many of the competitions held during the

2012 Fair.