



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **2017 MINNESOTA 4-H LIVESTOCK ENCAMPMENT**

St. Paul, MN (8/27/17) – Minnesota 4-Hers from 87 counties arrived with over 2843 animals at the 2017 “Great Minnesota Get-Together” for this year’s 4-H livestock encampment held Wednesday, August 23rd – Sunday August 27th. The number of livestock exhibits over the weekend included:

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| • Beef:    | 628 exhibits | • Rabbits: | 334 exhibits |
| • Dairy:   | 465 exhibits | • Sheep:   | 399 exhibits |
| • Goats:   | 365 exhibits | • Swine:   | 487 exhibits |
| • Poultry: | 247 exhibits | • Lama:    | 76 exhibits  |

Minnesota 4-H’ers have been preparing for this event all summer long. There are several components a member considers when they decide to exhibit livestock, including selection and preparation of the animal, educational programming, scholarship applications, and participation at county fairs.

Education is integral in the “learn by doing” philosophy of 4-H. As part of the educational component, Minnesota 4-H requires every youth participating in the livestock encampment to part in a livestock interview. Examples of the interview process include an on-line knowledge test, skill-a-thons, and personal interviews about their project area.

Along with interviews, all 4-H youth participating in livestock programming are required to complete the Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics (LQA&E) Training. Through this certification, youth are educated on bio-security, educating the public on the role of livestock, and caring for their animal’s welfare.

Returning for the again this year is the peer mentor program, Speaking Up For Agriculture. This program assists in preparing youth in understanding the role of livestock not only as a project, but as products that ultimately consumers purchase and use. As 4-H exhibitors share their animals with the general public, they use the opportunity to educate consumers about all stages of livestock production.

Many 4-H participants also have the opportunity to finance their education as recipients of scholarships. This year the Dairy Project will continue with the 9th annual Dairy Showcase and award special recognition and scholarships to 25 outstanding participants based on their dairy industry knowledge, 4-H dairy project involvement, along with state fair dairy show results. The annual Purple Ribbon Auction sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association (MLBA) presents 41 scholarships to youth with well-rounded leadership, community service and livestock involvement throughout their 4-H career.

4-H not only produces purple ribbon animals, but more importantly is focused on producing purple ribbon kids!

Exhibitor Name	Class	Ribbon	Awards	Club
Andersen, Brady	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Andersen, Brady	Swine - Berkshire, Registered - March Gilt	Purple		Acoma Acorns
Bayerl, Mackenzie	Goat - Meat - Class 5B - Senior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe - B	Blue		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Bayerl, Randilynn	Beef - Shorthorn, Registered Junior Yearling - Class A	Red		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Becker, Eddie	Dairy Goat - Nigerian Dwarf - Milking Doe - Five Years and Older	Purple	Champion Nigerian Dwarf Senior Doe	Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Becker, Eddie	Dairy Goat Showmanship	Blue		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Becker, Emma	Dairy Goat - Nigerian Dwarf - Senior Doe Kid	Red		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Becker, Emma	Dairy Goat Interview	Finalist		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Becker, Emma	Dairy Goat Showmanship	Blue		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Becker, Jack	Swine - Market Barrow - Crossbred - Light Weight 3	Blue		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Blasen, Orion	Chickens - Egg Production - Brown Egg Layers - Class 3	Blue		Bergen Busy Bees
Blasen, Orion	Poultry Interview	Finalist		Bergen Busy Bees

Breyer, Jordan	Chickens - Egg Production - Brown Egg Layers - Class 3	Blue		Lake Marion Lakers
Byron, Anna	Rabbit - Holland Lop - Senior Buck	Red		Acoma Acorns
Dolezal, Kianna	Rabbit - Satin - Senior Doe	Purple		McLeod County 4-H Riders
Donnay, Benjamin	Dairy - Holstein, Registered - 2-Year Old	Purple	Champion Registered Holstein Cow	Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Fasching, Shelby	Dairy - Guernsey Summer or Spring Yearling	Purple	Reserve Champion Guernsey Heifer	Winsted Jolly Juniors
Fasching, Shelby	Dairy Interview	Winner		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Fasching, Shelby	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Friauf, Arthur	Swine - Market Barrow - Crossbred - Heavy Weight 1	Blue		Otter Lake Royal Juniors
Friauf, Emma	Dairy - Holstein, Registered - Four Year Old Cow	Purple	Reserve Champion Registered Holstein Cow	Otter Lake Royal Juniors
Friauf, Emma	Dairy Judging - Senior Team	Participation		Otter Lake Royal Juniors
Frick, Justin	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Frick, Justin	Swine - Market Gilt - Class 6 (266 - 276 lbs.)	Blue		Acoma Acorns
Frick, Samantha	Meat Goat - Class 4 - Junior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe	Purple		Acoma Acorns
Frick, Samantha	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Grams, Ethan	Dairy - Guernsey 2 Year Old	Purple	Champion Guernsey Cow	Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Grams, Ethan	Dairy - Total Merit	Purple	Champion Total Merit Guernsey Cow	Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Grams, Mason	Swine - Duroc, Registered - February Gilt - Class 1	Blue		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Hacker, Katherine	Rabbit - Mini Lop - Senior Doe	Red		Otter Lake Royal Juniors
Headlee, Jessica	Dairy - Crossbred & Other Breeds Fall Calf	Purple	Champion Crossbred Heifer	Acoma Acorns
Headlee, Jessica	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Jeurissen, Grace	Beef - Steer - Shorthorn, Registered - Show Class 1	Red		Winsted Jolly Juniors

Jurgenson, Cassandra	Chickens - Egg Production - White Egg Layers - Class 3	Blue		Lynn Hustlers
Jurgenson, John	Chickens - Egg Production - White Egg Layers - Class 3	Blue		Lynn Hustlers
Kaufmann, Ethan	Sheep - Market Lamb - Black Face - Lightweight Market Lamb - Class 12	Blue		Acoma Acorns
Kaufmann, Jacob	Beef - Red Angus, Registered Junior Yearling - Class A	Red		Acoma Acorns
Krienke, Elizabeth	Science of Animals - Dairy - Health	Purple		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Krienke, Elizabeth	Swine - Market Barrow - Duroc, Registered - Class 3	Blue		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Lang, Austin	Beef - Black Angus, Registered Senior Yearling	Blue		Lynn Hustlers
Lange, Nicholas	Beef - Steer - Division II Crossbred Class 1	Red		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Lickfelt, Kiley	Dairy - Holstein, Grade - Spring Yearling	Purple		Lynn Hustlers
Lickfelt, Kiley	Dairy Judging - Senior Team	Participation		Lynn Hustlers
Lilienthal, Rogan	Beef - Charolais, Registered Spring Calf	Blue		McLeod County 4-H Riders
Morton, Dayne	Sheep - Market Lamb - Black Face - Lightweight Market Lamb - Class 13	Blue		McLeod County 4-H Riders
Morton, Donnae	Sheep - Market Lamb - Black Face - Lightweight Market Lamb - Class 15	Blue		McLeod County 4-H Riders
Morton, Drayden	Sheep - Market Lamb - Black Face - Lightweight Market Lamb - Class 12	Blue		McLeod County 4-H Riders
Peck, Taylor	Dairy Goat - Recorded Grade - Junior Doe Kid	Blue		Independent
Peck, Taylor	Dairy Goat Interview	Finalist		Independent
Peck, Taylor	Dairy Goat Showmanship	Blue		Independent
Quast, Andrew	Meat Goat - Meat Market Goat - Class 6 Heavyweight	Blue		Winsted Jolly Juniors

Quast, Julia	Meat Goat - Meat Market Goat - Class 6 Heavyweight	Blue		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Rademacher, Zachary	Chickens - Bantam Breeding Pen - Class 4	Red		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Reiner, Abby	Beef - Steer - Division II Crossbred Class 1	Blue		Lynn Hustlers
Reiner, Jesse	Sheep - Market Lamb - Speckle Face - Market Lamb - Class 11	Purple	Reserve Champion Speckled Face Market Lamb	Lynn Hustlers
Ruschmeier, Zoe	Swine - Yorkshire, Registered - March Gilt	Purple		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Schmidt, Kendalyn	Dairy - Holstein, Registered - Junior 2-Year Old	Purple		Acoma Acorns
Swanson, McKenzie	Dairy Judging - Senior Team	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Swanson, Sierra	Dairy - Holstein, Registered - Spring Yearling	Blue		Acoma Acorns
Swanson, Sierra	Dairy Judging - Senior Division - Top Individuals	6th Place		Acoma Acorns
Swanson, Sierra	Dairy Judging - Senior Team	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Swanson, Sierra	Dairy Showcase	10th Place		Acoma Acorns
Uecker, Mykensi	Beef - Commercial Junior Yearling - Class B	Red		McLeod County 4-H Riders
Visser, Rachel	Dairy - Jersey Fall Calf	Purple	Champion Jersey Heifer	Acoma Acorns
Visser, Rachel	Dairy Judging - Intermediate Team	7th Place		Acoma Acorns
Visser, Rachel	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
VonBerge, Jacob	Dairy Goat - Alpine - Milking Doe - Five Years and Older	Purple	Reserve Champion Alpine Senior Doe	Independent
VonBerge, Jacob	Dairy Goat Showmanship	Blue		Independent
Wanous, Kyle	Beef - Shorthorn, Registered Junior Yearling - Class A	Blue		Glencoe Jr Pioneers

Wanous, Zachary	Beef - Shorthorn, Registered Junior Yearling - Class A	Blue		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Ward, Emily	Swine - Market Gilt - Class 1 (198 - 229 lbs.)	Red		Glencoe Jr Pioneers
Weinzierl, Kayla	Beef - Charolais, Registered Spring Calf	Purple		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Williamson, Gerri	Swine - Market Barrow - Crossbred - Middle Weight 1	Blue		Winsted Jolly Juniors
Wright, Allison	Dairy - Holstein, Grade - Fall Yearling	Purple		Acoma Acorns
Wright, Allison	Dairy Judging - Intermediate Team	7th Place		Acoma Acorns
Wright, Allison	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Wright, Breanna	Dairy - Holstein, Grade - Fall Calf	Purple		Acoma Acorns
Wright, McKenna	Minnesota Meats - Dairy	Participation		Acoma Acorns
Wright, McKenna	Swine - Duroc, Registered - February Gilt - Class 1	Red		Acoma Acorns

Congratulations to all the McLeod County 4-H youth that participated in the Livestock Encampment at the 2017 Minnesota State Fair!

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