

2009 SALE OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS

GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET STEER

Nolan Ferguson – New Sharon, IA

Parent: Kent and Renee Ferguson

Nolan Ferguson returns to the winner's circle for the second time with his Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer. Nolan has been enrolled in the market beef project for eight years as a member of the Adams Champs 4-H Club in Mahaska County. Football is Nolan's favorite sport, and he also finds time to work for Rodgers Cattle Co. fitting and showing cattle. Ferguson plans to attend Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo this fall to major in ag studies.

RESERVE CHAMPION 4-H MARKET STEER

Josh Becker – Charles City, IA

Parents: Darwin and Becky Becker

Josh Becker earned the Reserve Champion 4-H Market Steer award with his 1,320 lb. Shorthorn Plus steer. Josh has been exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair for seven years. Becker belongs to the West St. Charles Feeders in Floyd County and is enrolled in the market and breeding beef projects. Josh was a four-year varsity starter on the Charles City High baseball team, was academic all-state baseball, second team all-state baseball, two-year varsity football, and a member of the National Honor Society. Josh will be attending Wartburg College in the fall to play baseball and major in business.

GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HEIFER

Ross Wasson – Colfax, IA

Parents: Dan and Annie Wasson

Ross Wasson has been enrolled in the 4-H market beef project for eight years and has also been exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair for eight years. He has exhibited his market beef projects at the Jasper County Fair, Iowa State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, Louisville, Denver, and American Royal. Ross has also been an active member on the Jasper County Judging Team. Football, track, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, class vice-president, and student council keep Ross busy at Colfax – Mingo High School. Ross also finds time for many community activities including: Adopt-A-Highway, Meals on Wheels, and Make a Difference Day. Ross will be attending Iowa State University where he is enrolled in Ag Studies this fall.

RESERVE CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HEIFER

Mandy Kohlhaas - LuVerne

Parents: Allan & Shelly Kohlhaas

Mandy Kohlhaas captured the Reserve Champion 4-H Market Heifer title with her 1,233 lb. home raised market beef project. She has been exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair for nine years and exhibited the Champion 4-H Market Heifer in 2007 and Reserve Champion 4-H Market Heifer in 2008. Mandy is a member of the Riverdale Rustlers 4-H Club in Kossuth County and graduated from Bishop Garrigan High School in Algona. She lettered in basketball, volleyball and golf where she is a three-time State Qualifier, two-time team champion, and three-times top ten finisher in State Golf. Mandy will be attending DMACC in Boone on a golf scholarship this fall to study business and communications.

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GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HOG

McKenna Brinning – Keota, IA

Parents: Shane and Kathleen Brinning

McKenna Brinning is a first time exhibitor at the Iowa State Fair and earned her way into the Sale of Champions with her home raised 266 lb. barrow named "Frosty". At St. James Elementary school McKenna keeps busy with dance, band, music choir, basketball and volleyball. As a member of the Prairie Pride 4-H Club in Washington County, her projects include market hogs, market beef, food and nutrition, photography and home improvement. Brinning also enjoys working for her parents and spending time with her animals. McKenna hopes to attend Iowa State University in the future.

RESERVE CHAMPION 4-H MARKET HOG

Calli Beeler – Truro, IA

Parents: Dennis and Roxanne Beeler

As a seven year veteran of the Iowa State Fair, Calli has earned the 2009 Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog title. She has been active in the Ohio Future Feeders 4-H club in Madison County serving as club president, 2008 Madison County Fair Queen, 2008 Madison County Pork Queen. Calli enjoys showing pigs and cattle at the county and state fair level and at AK-SAR-BEN. She has been exhibiting pigs since she was in kindergarten and showed her first carcass pig. At Interstate 35 High School, Calli has participated in volleyball, softball, golf and was a wrestling statistician, student council vice president and National Honor Society chapter president. She has also been an employee of the Iowa State Fair Open Class Swine Office and exhibited at the Iowa State Fair for seven years. Calli will be a freshman this fall at Iowa State University.

GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET HOG

Logan Ferguson – New Sharon, IA

Parents: Brett and Carrie Ferguson

Logan is a member of the North Mahaska FFA in Mahaska County where he has been involved in showing hogs, beef cattle and tractor restoration. He has been exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair for nine years. His crossbred market gilt weighed in at 244 lbs. and was also named the Champion Light Weight in the FFA Division. Logan is attending Iowa State University and will be a junior this fall in Ag Studies and Ag Systems Technology. Ferguson has a part-time job at Cargill in New Sharon and also helps on the family farm. Other interests of Logan's include hunting, fishing, and truck and tractor restoration.

RESERVE CHAMPION FFA MARKET HOG

Adair Boysen – Columbus Junction, IA

Parents: Aaron and Bambi Boysen

Adair is a member of the Wapello FFA Chapter and has been showing 4-H beef cattle and FFA swine at the Iowa State Fair for several years. Boysen's Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog was also the Medium Weight Champion Gilt. "Jigsaw" is a York/Hamp cross and weighed in at 254 lbs. Adair will be a sophomore at Iowa State University this fall where she is studying Agriculture Communications and Animal Science. She is active in the Block and Bridle Club, is an Ag Ambassador, a Peer Mentor and a member of Sigma Alpha. She volunteers at the Luisa County Fair and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wapello. Her part-time jobs have included salesperson for Kent Feeds for Native Performance Dog Food and summer intern for the Farmers Elevator and Exchange.

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GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET LAMB

Chelsea Schminke – Van Horne, IA

Parents: Al and Kandy Schminke

Chelsea Schminke is a repeat winner with the Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb for the second year. She has been exhibiting market lambs for eight years and is a seven year veteran at the Iowa State Fair. Chelsea is a member of the LeRoy Luckies 4-H Club in Benton County where she exhibits sheep, hogs, visual arts, and home improvement. She has also served as Benton County Fair Princess. At Benton Community High School where Chelsea will be a senior this fall, she is active in dance team, FFA, chair of Benton FFA Spring Sheep Show, and keeps stats for the wrestling team. After graduation next year, Chelsea is looking at earning a degree in elementary education.

RESERVE CHAMPION 4-H MARKET LAMB

Logan Stutsman – Iowa City, IA

Parents: Scott and Donna Stutsman

Logan is a member of the Sharon Center Sensations 4-H Club in Johnson County. His major projects have been market lambs and beef cattle. He has been exhibiting market lambs at the Iowa State Fair for six years and enjoys working with livestock. Logan is a junior at West High School in Iowa City this fall. He also works part-time for Eldon C. Stutsman's Inc. and is a member of the Northern Plains Club Lamb Association. Logan's Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb weighed in at 126 lbs.

GRAND CHAMPION FFA MARKET LAMB

Cody Schminke – Van Horne, IA

Parents: Al and Kandy Schminke

Cody Schminke ends his FFA career on a winning note by exhibiting the Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb for the second year in a row. He was also part of the 2007 Sale of Champions with his Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog. As a member of the Benton FFA Chapter he has shown sheep, swine, woodworking, and auto CAD design. Cody transferred from Black Hawk East and is now a senior at Iowa State University in Ag Systems Technology. Cody is active in the Block and Bridle Club, Swine Interest and Sheep Interest Groups at Iowa State. He has served as the co-chair of the Block and Bridle Lamb Sale and Pig Show. This past summer Cody did an internship at ADM Grain. He also finds time to work with youth in 4-H and FFA and do river clean-up.

RESERVE CHAMPION FFA MARKET LAMB

Dani Berry – Sac City, IA

Parents: Keith and Shelli Berry

Dani Berry has been exhibiting sheep since she was two-years-old and has participated in the Iowa State Fair for eleven years. She is a member of the East Sac FFA Chapter in Sac County where her major projects have been livestock showing and judging. During summers and college breaks for the past four years she has found time to work at the Loring Hospital in the lab. Her home raised Reserve Champion FFA Market Lamb weighed in at 132.5 lbs. and is named "Dorothy" in honor of Dani's great-grandmother who passed away last November. Dani will be a senior at Iowa State University this fall and is majoring in Health and Human Performance. Dani says "I have had the thrill of being in the Sale of Champions eight out of the eleven years I have shown here. Thank you for such an awesome experience!"

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GRAND CHAMPION 4-H MARKET BROILERS

Matthew Smith – Runnells, IA

Parents: Roger and Kyle Smith

Matthew is a member of the New Beginnings 4-H Club in Polk County and also a member of the Southeast Polk FFA. Matthew has exhibited poultry, dairy, rabbits, beef cattle, sheep and swine throughout his years in 4-H. He has also exhibited for seven years at the Iowa State Fair. Smith will be a senior this fall at Southeast Polk High School in Pleasant Hill. His future plans include earning a degree in animal science. Extra earnings come from his part-time job at the Fareway Store in Altoona. Matthew's Grand Champion 4-H Market Broiler pen weighed in at 46.25 lbs. He has been exhibiting poultry for seven years.

RESERVE CHAMPION 4-H MARKET BROILERS

Kristin Arkfeld – Earling, IA

Parents: Brian and Mary Arkfeld

Kristin is a member of the Lincoln Leaders 4-H Club in Shelby County. Her major 4-H projects have included dog, child development, food and nutrition and poultry. She has been exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair for six years and claimed the Grand Champion 4-H Market Broiler award in 2004 and the Reserve Champion 4-H Market Broiler award in 2007 and 2009. Kristin will be a freshman this fall at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, IA where she plans to study to be a veterinary technician.



Since 1988, 288 Sale of Champions exhibitors have sold their livestock totaling more than \$2,528,500
