



KJLS Draws Youth from 93 Counties

More than 800 youth from 93 counties have entered 2,026 head of livestock in the 86th annual Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). The total includes 125 market steers, 363 breeding heifers, 245 market hogs, 313 breeding gilts, 308 market lambs, 294 breeding ewes, 203 market goats and 175 commercial doe kids. The statewide event will be held October 5-7 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

For the fifth consecutive year, Douglas County leads the state with the most exhibitors, 34, and the largest number of total livestock entries, 90. Youth from Douglas County also have entered the most breeding gilts, 20, and market lambs, 20. Douglas and Montgomery counties are tied for the most market hog entries at 17. Linn County has entered the most steers, six. The largest number of heifers, 27, was entered by Pottawatomie County. Miami County competitors have entered the most market goats, 14, and the largest number of breeding ewes, 16. Elk County has the most commercial doe kid entries at nine.

LEAD Helps Exhibitors Develop Skills

In addition to showing livestock, KJLS exhibitors will have an opportunity to compete in the LEAD Challenge again this year. The challenge is an educational, advocacy and leadership event that provides an opportunity to learn about current industry issues, as well as production practices and animal care. The information learned is then applied in a competitive environment. Competition in the LEAD Challenge helps KJLS exhibitors develop advocacy skills and a more well-rounded knowledge of animal agriculture.

The challenge consists of four main components, including listen & learn sessions, showmanship, skill stations and an interview. Exhibitors will be divided into three age divisions: junior, intermediate and senior. There are 23 juniors, 47 intermediates and 31 seniors entered in this year's challenge.

Top Five Earn Cash Awards

Cash payouts will be awarded to the top five in both market and breeding shows in all four species. Direct cash payouts will range from \$4,000 to \$500 for steers; \$1,000 to \$300 for heifers; \$2,000 to \$500 for market hogs; \$750 to \$250 for breeding gilts; \$2,000 to \$300 for market lambs; \$500 to \$50 for registered breeding ewes; \$500 to \$100 for commercial ewes; \$2,000 to \$400 for market goats; and \$750 to \$200 for commercial doe kids.

All animals shown are non-terminal, including the grand and reserve champions of each species.

Pipkin To Judge Breeding Heifers

Jim Pipkin of Springfield, MO, will evaluate the heifer show today, which is sponsored by Merck Animal Health. The Pipkin family have raised registered Angus cattle for 85 years. Clearwater Farm, owned and managed by Jim, his wife Joann and his parents W.D. and Bonita Pipkin, was established in 1933. It is home to one of the oldest Angus herds in Missouri.

Jim has judged numerous major cattle shows across the U.S., including the National Western Stock Show. He and Joann have two children, Jera and Jace.

Make Time For Ice Cream and Dancing!

An ice cream social, sponsored by Cargill and Merck Animal Health will be held today from noon to 1:00 p.m. Due to inclement weather, ice cream will be served in each barn.

Then, tonight, get ready to kick-up your heels at the street dance! All exhibitors are welcome to attend. The dance will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the show arena in the Ad Astra Building.

Find Your Next Contender And Support Youth

Tonight's Kansas Livestock Foundation Club Calf Sale will feature steer and heifer prospects from some of the top producers in the Midwest. If you are looking for next year's contender, head over to the Prairie Pavilion. The bidding will start at 7:00 p.m.

All KLF calves making the sale will be eligible to return to KJLS next fall and compete for \$1,700 in prize money. The Kansas Shorthorn Association futurity sale will be held in conjunction with the KLF auction. Steers and heifers selling in the Shorthorn division will be eligible to return and compete for \$3,600 in prize money. Shorthorn Plus calves returning next year will compete for \$3,000.

The KLF Club Calf Sale is the major fundraiser for scholarships provided to students attending a Kansas community or senior college and pursuing a degree in agriculture. Recipients of the 2018 KLF Youth in Agriculture scholarships are Walker Clawson, Meade; Cooper Imthurn, Maple Hill; Alyssa Leslie, Inman; and Joel Nelson, Soldier. These awards are separate from those to be presented this evening.

This sale provides the perfect opportunity to select next year's project, while supporting Kansas youth!

Hoge To Judge Market Goats

Mark Hoge of Macomb, IL, will judge the market goat show, sponsored by Cargill, this morning starting at 8:00 in the Ad Astra Building. He also evaluated the commercial doe kid show and goat showmanship, which were held yesterday afternoon.

Hoge is an associate professor of animal science at Western Illinois University, where his primary responsibilities are teaching, serving as the livestock judging team coach and managing the swine and sheep units. He has a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in animal breeding from Iowa State University and a doctorate degree in animal breeding from Michigan State University. He is a nationally recognized livestock judge and speaker. Hoge has judged local, county, state and national shows across the country. In addition, he is very active at home raising kids and livestock.

Show Photos Available By Legacy Livestock

Charles and Heidi Anderson of Legacy Livestock Imaging are once again the official photographers for KJLS. Be sure to stop by one of the photo backdrops to have a picture taken with your 2018 KJLS entry while at the show this weekend. Please do not bring a camera, including cell phones, to the backdrop.

To view your photo and place your order before the completion of KJLS, head to the Legacy Livestock Imaging Photography headquarters in the Prairie Pavilion. Digital packages will be available. After the show, the Andersons can be reached at www.legacylivestockimaging.com or (785) 969-4674.



Thanks to the Kansas Livestock Association for making this newsletter possible.

Ten Kansas Students To Receive Scholarships Tonight

More than 25 years ago, KJLS implemented a scholarship program designed to reward the efforts of exhibitors who excel academically, in community service and in 4-H/FFA. The scholarship application focuses on the student's work ethic, career goals and leadership activities. Since 1993, \$431,000 has been awarded to 313 exhibitors.

"The board of directors is dedicated to making KJLS an event that rewards outstanding individuals, and the scholarship program has been a key ingredient in accomplishing that goal," said Lois Johnson, KJLS scholarship committee chairwoman.

This year, \$19,900 will be presented to 10 outstanding individuals, including Grace Aust, La Cygne; Tessa Beeman, Hamilton; Makenzie Cox, Cheney; Taylor Dieball, Little River; Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland; Becca Paine, Hutchinson; Brandy Rigg, Douglass; Rylee Schrock, Brookville; Michael Wright, Olsburg; and Scuyler Zenger, Washington. Scholarship presentations will be made this evening at 6:30 in the Prairie Pavilion show arena.

This program would not be possible without the generosity of Cargill, Merck Animal Health, Seaboard Foods, INTRUST Bank, Coonrod Family Foundation, Shane and Kianne Prill, Frontier Farm Credit, KJLS Drovers and Beekeepers.

Supreme Commercial Doe Led by Sprague

The commercial doe kid show was held yesterday afternoon in the Ad Astra Building. A total of 134 head were shown.

Julianna Sprague of Kincaid exhibited the supreme champion commercial doe kid. Sprague's doe weighed 106 lbs. Reserve honors went to a 108 lb. entry from Kami McComb of Pratt.

In senior showmanship, champion showman went to Luke Falkenstein of Oswego, and Brody Nemecek of Iola claimed reserve. Finishing out the top five, from third to fifth, were Becca Paine, Hutchinson; Jillian Keller, Piqua; and Kami McComb, Pratt.

Jaci Falkenstein of Oswego won the intermediate showmanship division, with Alyssa Clark of Copeland coming in second. Rounding out the top five, in order of finish, were Karli Neher, Pfeifer; Carson Keller, Piqua; and Ashley Peters, Lehigh.

In the junior showmanship division, Kaycee Clark of Copeland took champion showman, with Kalyn Ifland of Gaylord earning reserve. Following grand and reserve, in order of finish, were Shelby Sprague, Kincaid; Lakyn Rookstool, Wamego; and Abigail Morales, Garden City.

Taylor To Evaluate Market, Breeding Sheep

Corey Taylor of Cypress, TX, will evaluate the commercial breeding ewes and market lambs today in the Sheep and Swine Barn. Taylor is an ag teacher at Cypress Falls High School. He received his bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M, where he also served on the livestock judging team.

Taylor spends his spare time raising club lambs with his family and traveling the country judging livestock shows. He has judged numerous jackpot, county fair and state shows in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and California.

The registered breeding ewes showed last night. The sheep show is sponsored by Cargill.

K-State Tops Senior Division In Judging Contest

More than 472 students representing 36 different junior and senior colleges from 13 states participated in yesterday's Mid-America Classic Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest, which is held in conjunction with KJLS each year.

A team from Kansas State University won the senior college

competition. Butler Community College (BCC) won the sophomore division in the junior college contest. A team from Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) won the freshman division.

Second place in the senior competition went to a team from Iowa State University (ISU). A team from Hutchinson Community College finished second in the sophomore division. Casper College placed second in the freshman division.

Payton Dahmer with K-State was the top scoring senior college individual. He was followed by Macy Marek from ISU. High individuals in the junior college sophomore contest were Skyler Scotten from BCC in first and Daniel Dobbs, also with BCC, in second. Andrew Anderson from NOC outscored all other freshmen. The second-place freshman was Walker Hemphill from South Plains College.

Be An Advocate

As you go about the business of caring for your animals, a television, radio or print reporter may approach you this weekend. This presents an opportunity to put a positive "face" on livestock production for the general public, so take these encounters seriously.

Producers, both young and old, underestimate their ability to convince consumers beef is safe or animals receive excellent care. The most effective way to convey these important messages is to use personal examples as illustrations. Tell the reporter feeding livestock and caring for the animals' needs is a daily priority. Let them know your animals produce nutritious, wholesome meat fit for consumption by your family and other consumers around the world.

Kansas Livestock Association staff will be available in the Prairie Pavilion if you need assistance preparing for an interview or a reporter has further questions.

KJLS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 6

LEAD interviews begin.....	7:30 a.m.
Cargill Commercial Breeding Sheep Show, with market lambs to follow (Sheep & Swine Barn).....	8 a.m.
Cargill Market Goat Show (Ad Astra Building).....	8 a.m.
Breeding Heifer Show sponsored by Merck Animal Health (Prairie Pavilion).....	8 a.m.
Trade Show open.....	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
KLF Futurity Show & Prospect Club Calf Show (Dairy Tie Barn).....	9:30 a.m.
Swine Showmanship (Sheep & Swine Barn)	4 p.m.
Announcement of KJLS scholarship winners (Prairie Pavilion).....	6:30 p.m.
KLF Prospect Club Calf Sale (Prairie Pavilion).....	7 p.m.
Exhibitor Street Dance (Ad Astra Building)	7 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

Trade show open	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Beef Showmanship, with Market Steer Show sponsored by Merck Animal Health to follow (Prairie Pavilion).....	8 a.m.
Pedigreed Gilt Show sponsored by Seaboard Foods (Sheep & Swine Barn).....	9 a.m.
<i>Market barrow show sponsored by Seaboard Foods will start 15 minutes after conclusion of gilt show</i>	



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