

Missouri Cattlemen's Association News

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Junior Cattlemen attend Missouri Cattlemen's Association's *All-Breeds Junior Show*

(Columbia, MO) – Missouri Cattlemen's Association hosted their 27th Annual All-Breeds Junior Show June 12-14 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Mo.

"The 2009 MCA All Breeds Junior Show was a huge success," said Rachel Bartholomew, MJCA Vice President of Activities and MCA intern, "not because of any planning or any one person winning, but because of the amazing group of young people we had exhibiting and participating in the weekend's events. Missouri really is blessed to have such excellent leaders emerging in the cattle industry. No matter who wins or loses, it's the experience of exhibiting an animal that you've worked hard with and having fun at the same time that truly matters."

The Missouri Cattlemen's Association All-Breeds Junior Show is one of the largest of its kind in the state. Around 260 young exhibitors attended and brought with them 485 head of cattle. Judges Chris Sankey of Council Grove, Kan. and Garrett Parsons of Manhattan, Kan. judged 18 breeds of cattle. Showmanship, champion and reserve champion awards were selected from each of the 18 breeds.

Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer and Steer awards were selected at conclusion of Sunday's show. Paige Wallace received Champion Heifer with her bred and owned Angus heifer. Reserve Champion went to Kaitlyn Lee with her Simmental Solution heifer. Lexie Nolting received Champion Steer with her Maine Anjou steer. Jessica Weigand took Reserve Champion Steer with her Crossbred steer. These winners received belt buckles representing their titles.

The show began Friday, June 12 with registration from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Saturday, the show began at 10 a.m. and concluded at 5 p.m. Following the show, the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association (MJCA) held their annual meeting. A barbecue, sponsored by the Pettis County Cattlemen, was open to all exhibitors and their families and began at 7 p.m. The show resumed at 9 a.m. Sunday morning and concluded by 1 p.m.

At their annual meeting, 50 MJCA members elected new board members for 2009-2011. New board members are as follows: Kathryn Coon, Bethel - northeast representative; Tyler Erickson, Maysville - northwest representative; Parker Henley, Eugene - southeast representative; Cooper Black, Deepwater - southwest representative; Joel Butler, Republic - at-large representative; Elaine Martin, Centralia - at-large representative; and Morgan Kueckelhan; Boonville - at-large representative.

MCA would like to say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellison, Pearl and Greg Wathal, Pettis County Cattlemen, Amy Iman Bellis, Jimmy Long and Rodney Flower, and all other volunteers that helped make the event a success.

For more information, please contact the Missouri Cattlemen's Association at (573) 499-9162.

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