

Canadian Western Agribition Beef Shows Underway

The Canadian Western Agribition calendar of thirteen purebred beef shows got underway today with the Simmental, Gelbvieh, and Speckle Park breeds being the first to move into the showring. The Speckle Park Show was the first of eight National Shows which will take place this year.

In the Simmental showring, Alberta breeders won all of the Grand and Reserve Grand Championships. Remington Land & Cattle, Del Bonita, AB co-owned the Grand Champion Simmental Bull with Canterra Cattle Co. while Czech-Mate Livestock, Carstairs, AB and Mader Ranches were the exhibitors of the Grand Champion Female. The Reserve Grand Champion Bull was exhibited by Sun Star Simmentals, Sedgewick, AB and the Reserve Grand Champion Simmental Female was an entry of Rancier Farms, Killam, AB and Reays Unlimited.

In the Gelbvieh showring, Saskatchewan breeders dominated. Davidson Gelbvieh, Ponteix, SK exhibited the Grand Champion Bull with Thackeray Gelbvieh Farms, Weyburn, SK exhibiting the Reserve Grand Champion. The Grand Champion Gelbvieh Female was an entry of McCoy Cattle Co., Milestone, SK. Royal Western Gelbvieh, Innisfail, AB and Pin To Point Gelbvieh co-owned the Reserve Grand Champion Gelbvieh Female.

River Hill Farm, Neilburg, SK exhibited both Grand Champion Bull and Female in the National Speckle Park Show. River Hill Farm also exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Bull. The Reserve Grand Champion Speckle Park Female was an entry of Six Star Speckle Parks, Neilburg, SK.

BISON SHOW & SALE:

The 17th Canadian National Bison Show and Sale was a 2009 Canadian Western Agribition feature. A two-year old Bull consigned by Wolverine Bison Company, Humboldt, SK was named the Grand Champion Bull and was also the high-priced lot in the Sale. The bull sold for \$6,900 to Prairie Land & Bison, Windthorst, SK. The Grand Champion Female was also an entry of Wolverine Bison Company. The Yearling Heifer was the second high seller overall, bringing a price of \$4,750. Dr. Gerald Parson's Canadian River Bison, Stratford, Oklahoma was the purchaser.

Both the Reserve Grand Champion Bison Bull and Female were entries of Bison Spirit Ranch, Oak Lake, MB.

BOER GOAT SALE:

The Boer Goat Sale was the final event on this year's Agribition Goat Show schedule. The high selling individual lot was a purebred Buck consigned by Kae-Ronne Goats, Calder, SK. Kenneth Ehmann, Holdfast, SK was the purchaser of the \$650 Buck. Ehmann also purchased the high selling lot, a \$1,725 set of three Commercial Does consigned by R-Country Goats, Moose Jaw, SK.

HEAVY HORSE PULLS:

Agribition's Canadian Heavy Horse Pull Finals were held on one exciting day of competition Tuesday. A pair of Alberta teams and one from Saskatchewan took home top honours in three divisions. Stan Grad, Airdrie, AB and Dennis Weinberger, Calgary, AB and their teams won the Heavyweight and Middleweight Divisions respectively. Ron Sebastian and his team from Lumsden, SK took home honours in the Lightweight Division.

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP & TEAM GROOMING:

Agribition's efforts to provide youth with a competitive and educational outlet during the show includes the popular Youth Showmanship Competition and a Youth Team Grooming Competition for three-person teams.

In the Showmanship Competition, the Junior (age 9-12) Championship was won by Laurie Morasch, Bassano, AB. The Intermediate (13-15 years) Championship went to Katie Wright, Meskanaw, SK while the Senior (16-21) Champion was Nadya McKim, Milestone, SK.

The Junior Team Grooming winners were Cheyenne & Tye Catley and Lauren Blair, Regina, SK. Shae-Lynn & Shelby Evans and Emma Sparrow, Kenaston, SK won the Intermediate Team Grooming Competition. Justin Babey, Kyle Payne, and Colton Draves, Lloydminster, SK were the Senior Team Grooming winners.

Complete details of Canadian Western Agribition, including the schedule of events and results, can be found at Agribition's website www.agribition.com.

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