

Final Day of the 39th Edition of Canadian Western Agribition

(Regina): Today will mark the final day of Canadian Western Agribition, the country's premier agricultural show and marketplace taking place in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Organizers, visitors and exhibitors are deeming the 39th edition a success. The eight day, new look Agribition began on Saturday, November 21st and featured an expanded trade show focus, new entertainment activities, strong livestock entries and impressive livestock sales.

As the foundation for Canadian Western Agribition's success each year, Agribition's world-class purebred beef show attracted a four-year high in entries and the largest participation by exhibitors from the United States since 2003.

Evidence of the business conducted in 2009 was present in the Agribition auction rings. Highlight sales included a \$67,500 half interest in a Charolais Bull Calf; a \$26,000 Red Angus Bull; \$25,000 for a two-thirds interest in a Black Angus Bull Calf; \$16,250 for a half interest in a Hereford Bull, and a Simmental Bull that sold for \$20,000.

International visitors representing countries as diverse as Russia, Norway, Finland, Scotland, Mexico and the United States have also been actively pursuing Canadian livestock genetics, both in the sales ring and through private treaty in the barns.

Highlight International Sales Include:

- In the Angus Sale, an embryo flush sold to a New Zealand purchaser for \$10,000; a Red Angus Heifer Calf was sold for \$7,000 to a North Dakota producer, and a bred Black Angus Heifer was sold to a purchaser from Scotland for \$2,400.
- In the Shorthorn Sale, a Bull Calf sold to a South Australia partnership for \$6,400.
- In the Charolais Sale, a Heifer Calf sold to a South Dakota breeder for \$5,500.
- The National Hereford Sale also saw sales of a Bull to a Maryland breeder for \$5,000 and a Heifer Calf to Indiana for \$2,000.
- In the National Bison Sale a Yearling Heifer sold for \$4,750 to Dr. Gerald Parson's Canadian River Bison, Stratford, Oklahoma.

"Each year we work extremely hard to provide a marketplace venue that showcases the very best the Canadian agricultural industry has to offer", said Agribition President Marilyn Charlton. As this year's slogan 'Build the Connection' indicates, we know that we have assisted our livestock and trade show exhibitors, as well as our visitors make valuable contacts that will continue for many years."

With one full day still on the Agribition schedule total attendance figures and total auction sale figures are not available at this time.

Today will feature the final two performances of the 2009 Canada Cowboys' Association (CCA) Finals Rodeo with the 2 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. evening performances determining this year's CCA Finals Champions. The popular Agri-Ed Showcase will be open today in the Canada Centre Exhibit Mall allowing for families, both urban and rural alike, to learn through fun and educational exhibits about the Canadian food industry. Additionally Agribition's trade show featuring over 600 exhibits and encompassing over 225,000 square feet opens at 10 a.m. today.

Agribition livestock events will feature the Junior Beef Extreme, the Prospect Steer & Heifer Show and Sale, Commercial Cattle Sale, Sheep events, and the RBC Beef Supreme Challenge.

Charlton stated that planning is well underway for the 40th Anniversary of Canadian Western Agribition which includes strategically reviewing the exciting opportunities that will be available to the organization with the addition of facilities currently under construction at Evraz Place.

The 40th edition of Canadian Western Agribition will be held Saturday, November 20th to Saturday, November 27th at Evraz Place, Regina Saskatchewan.

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