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2017 MINNESOTA 4-H BEEF CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

St. Paul, MN (8/25/17) - There was a total of 628 beef cattle shown at the 2017 Minnesota 4-H Beef Show. The 4-H Beef show was held on the first and second day of the Minnesota State Fair, Aug. 24-25. The beef show judge was Dr. Dave Duello from Pine Bluffs, Wyoming. The dairy steer judge was Matt Smoker from Wanatah, Indiana.

The Supreme Champion Market Beef was shown by **Gavin Mulder** of **Jackson County** and was the Champion Division III Steer. **Stephanie Krause** of **Olmsted County** took overall Reserve Champion with her Charolais Steer. **Marin Eeg** of **Roseau County** took third overall market beef with her Division II Crossbred Steer. Fourth overall market beef was shown by **Dalton Boesl** of **Dodge County** with his Maine Anjou Steer. The fifth overall market beef was shown by **Thomas Netzke** of **Redwood County** with his Division III Steer.

The Grand Champion Dairy Steer was shown by **Emily Orban** of **Freeborn County**, the steer was the champion from Division II. The Reserve Champion was a steer from the Crossbred Division and was shown by **Caleb Merkouris** of **Freeborn County**.

The Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer was exhibited by **Tyler Lacek** of **Lincoln County** and was a Herford Heifer. **Shayna DeGroot** of **Pipestone County** took overall Reserve Champion with her Shorthorn Plus Heifer. The third overall breeding heifer was shown by **Mikayla Wetzel** of **Rice County** with a Shorthorn Heifer. **David Hassing** of **Faribault County** took fourth overall with his Angus Heifer. The fifth overall breeding heifer was shown by **Jackson Bjorklund** of **W. OtterTail County** with a Red Angus Heifer.

The Supreme Champion Cow/Calf was shown by **Adam Bierstedt** of **Pipestone County** and with a Black Angus Cow/Calf Pair. **Alayna Schuler** of **Chippewa County** took overall Reserve Champion with her Red Angus Cow/Calf Pair. Third Overall was shown by **Tyler De Groot** from **Pipestone County** who showed a Shorthorn Cow/Calf pair.

The Grand Champion Prospect Calf was shown by **Mary O'Sullivan** of **Wright County** with her Prospect Steer Calf. **Addison Boesl** of **Douglas County** took overall Reserve Champion with her Prospect Heifer Calf.

In addition to a quality animal, 4-H youth must demonstrate their knowledge about the beef industry. 4-H'ers learn important development and leadership skills throughout their involvement with their projects and communities. Use the "Locate Entries and Results" links for specific results information on 4-H youth. Searches can be done by exhibitor name, county, or division/show for specific story needs. <http://www.4-h.umn.edu/fair-results>

The 4-H program is funded through a partnership of federal, state, county and private resources and is part of the University of Minnesota Extension. Additional 4-H information can be found at www.4-h.umn.edu/fair-results