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2016 MINNESOTA 4-H SHEEP CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

St. Paul, MN (8/26/16) - There were 380 sheep shown at this year's Minnesota State Fair 4-H Breeding and Market Lamb Show held on Aug. 26, 2016. The Breeding Ewe judge this year was Cody Sloan of Cameron, Missouri. The Market Lamb judge this year was Travis Hoffman of Fargo, North Dakota.

The Grand Champion Market Lamb was exhibited by **Riley Arthur** of **Steele County** with his Champion Middleweight Market Lamb. The Reserve Champion Market Lamb was exhibited by **Trey Baustian** of **Rock County** with her Champion Lightweight Market Lamb.

Parker Benda of **Jackson County** and his Registered Suffolk Yearling Ewe received the coveted title of Supreme Champion Breeding Ewe. The Reserve Supreme Ewe was **Macoy Thiesen** of **Stearns County** with his Registered Columbia Ewe Lamb. The third place Supreme Ewe was shown by **Sydney Poquette** of **Goodhue County** with a Registered Dorset Yearling Ewe. **Nate Bobendrier** of **Pipestone County** was fourth overall with his Registered Hampshire Ewe Lamb and **Riley Donkers** of **Rice County** was fifth overall with his Registered Dorset Ewe Lamb.

The Grand Champion Fleece exhibitor this year was **Elizabeth Padula** from **Chippewa County**. **Tracy Rheingans** from **Swift County** was the Reserve Grand Champion Fleece exhibitor. The judge for the Fleece competition this year was Grady Ruble of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

In addition to a quality animal, 4-H youth must demonstrate their knowledge about the sheep 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 and 4-H judge biographies. 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