

SimGenetics Claim Top Four at Agribition Junior Show

Three of the top four females over all breeds at the Tennessee Beef Agribition Junior Show March 9 in Lebanon were registered with ASA. Taylor Hale of Galatia, Illinois exhibited the top ranked female, a half blood SimAngus sired by CNS Pays To Dream which was crowned Champion Percentage Simmental Female before claiming Supreme Champion honors.

The Champion Purebred Heifer exhibited by Kayla Jackson of Lebanon was chosen Reserve Supreme Female and also awarded the Mickey Hartsfield Memorial Trophy as the top heifer owned by a Tennessee junior exhibitor.

TENNESSEE BEEF AGRIBITION JUNIOR SHOW

March 9, 2014 - Lebanon, TN
Judge: Doug Satree, TX

PUREBRED HEIFER SHOW

Class 66 - Exhibited by Sydney Brady; sired by Mr NLC Upgrade.

Class 67 - Exhibited by Molly Odell; sired by HPT/SVF In Dew Time.

Class 68 - Exhibited by Addison Wilson, Crossville; sired by Remington Lock N Load.

Class 69 Winner, Reserve Champion Purebred, and 4th Overall - Exhibited by Morgan Lehnert of Lawrenceburg; sired by JF Milestone .

Class 70 - Exhibited by Emily Ivey of Loudon; sired by MCM Top Grade.

Class 71 - Exhibited by Alexis Wilson of Crossville; sired by SS Upscale.



Class 72 Winner, Champion Purebred Simmental, Reserve Supreme Champion Overall, and Champion Tennessee Owned & Winner of the Mickey Hartsfield Memorial Trophy - Exhibited by Kayla Jackson of Lebanon; sired by HTP/SVF Duracell.

PERCENTAGE HEIFER SHOW

Class 73 - Exhibited by Emily Ivey of Loudon; sired by Gibbs 1084Y Tux & Tails.

Morgan Lehnert exhibited the third and fourth place heifers over all breeds; her registered crossbred Maine out of a Simmental dam was crowned Champion AOB before she was selected third overall in the show, and Morgan's Reserve Champion purebred Simmental heifer sired by JF Milestone was chosen fourth overall.

Fifth place over all breeds went to the Champion Angus Female exhibited by Jake Smith from Cullman, Alabama.

Class 74 - Exhibited by Amy Ann McCormick; sired by ZKCC Chopper.

Class 75 - Exhibited by Layna Bond; sired by Monopoly

Class 76 - Exhibited by Peyton Hix; sired by SVF Steel Force.



Class 77 Winner, Champion Percentage Female, and Supreme Champion Overall - Exhibited by Taylor Hale; sired by CNS Pays To Dream.

Class 78 - Exhibited by Madison Martin of Madisonville; sired by JS Optimizer.

Class 79 - Exhibited by Emily Ivey; sired by MF Yosemite.

Class 80 Winner and Reserve Percentage Simmental Female - Exhibited by Morgan Lehnert of Lawrenceburg; sired by Mr HOC Broker.



Morgan Lehnert of Lawrenceburg exhibited her registered Maintainer heifer whose dam is Simmental to claim the Chamion AOB and 3rd place honor over all breeds.

Agribition photos courtesy of Ben Meriwether Livestock Photography

Scholarships Offer Youth Free Simmental Heifers

Application Process Encourages Youth Creativity and Initiative



Martin Farms of Lyles began breeding Simmental in 1971. With ASA member 5390, the father-son team of Neil and Chris Martin operate one of the oldest active Simmental herds in Tennessee and have encouraged youth involvement in beef programs for a number of years.

Working with extension staff, Neil began a heifer chain in Hickman County that lasted a number of years after Chris had graduated high school. In 2006, the Martins hosted their first "Open House at the Farm" and decided to begin a new tradition.

Since it's beginning, the program has taken on the name of the agent who worked in Hickman County where Martin's children were 4-H members. Now dubbed the William Kenneth Ambrose Memorial Heifer Scholarship, the Martins and their supporters

have chosen eleven scholarship winners and awarded several thousand dollars to alternates who have used the money to get their start in Simmental.

Finalists are chosen based on an application and project chosen by the applicant. Interviews take place on the eve of Martin's annual open house and production sale. Winners use their scholarship to purchase a qualifying heifer before the sale, and alternates not receiving a scholarship get vouchers to help purchase a heifer at the open house.

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