

Indiana State Fair Announces 2023 4-H Grand Drive, presented by Farm Credit Mid-America Grand and Reserve Champions

Monday, August 7, 2023 - The Indiana State Fair 4-H Grand Drive is the Super Bowl of the livestock show season for 4-H exhibitors from across Indiana. After tight competitions, several of the exhibitors were crowned Grand and Reserve Champions Sunday evening during the 2023 Indiana State Fair Grand Drive, presented by Farm Credit MidAmerica. During the event, 4-H members showed livestock of various species, weights, and classes on the prestigious dirt in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Categories included Dairy Steer, Meat Goat Wether, Meat Goat Wether Dam, Market Lamb, Market Barrow, Beef Heifer, and Beef Steer.

The Grand Champions for each species are as follows:

- Grand Champion Dairy Steer: Joshua Marker, Class 5, Whitley County
- Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether: Chaynee Tennant, Middleweight, Wabash County
- Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam: Tanner Hollis, Lightweight, Monroe County
- Grand Champion Market Lamb: Colton Kephart, Johnson County
- Grand Champion Market Barrow: Harper Yoder, Elkhart County
- Grand Champion Beef Heifer: Houston Ferree, Angus, Sullivan County
- Grand Champion Beef Steer: Tyler Patterson, Chianina, Monroe County

Reserve Champion (2nd place) was awarded to the following:

- Reserve Champion Dairy Steer: Natalie Warner, Class 4, Cass County
- Reserve Champion Meat Goat Wether: Caroline Sullivan, Heavy Weight, Hancock County
- **Reserve Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam:** Stiles Stauch, Lightweight, Putnam County
- Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Chaynee Tennant, Wabash County
- Reserve Champion Market Barrow: Brody Everhart, Madison County
- **Reserve Champion Beef Heifer:** Harlee Henney, Maintainer, Steuben County
- **Reserve Champion Beef Steer:** Catelynn Hockemeyer, Crossbred, Allen County

Approximately \$150,000 was raised by the Indiana State Fair Foundation, the Indiana State Fair's nonprofit organization, to provide monetary awards for the winners of tonight's competition. Top placing 4-H members will be recognized for their hard work at the Celebration of Champions event, held in September at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The Celebration of Champions provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievement, scholarship, and hard work of these 4-H exhibitors. To learn more about donation opportunities available with the Indiana State Fair Foundation, visit www.IndianaStateFairFoundation.com .

About the Indiana State Fair:

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 18 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing 4-H youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premier facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2023 Indiana State Fair will be held July 28 - August 20 (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For more information, visit <u>www.indianastatefair.com</u>.

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