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2022 Junior Livestock Sale Raises Over \$600,000 for New Mexico Youth

Albuquerque, NM – 4-H and FFA youth from across the state, excited to return to the New Mexico State Fair last week, were rewarded for their hard work at the Fair’s Junior Livestock Sale on Friday. The Livestock shows are a culmination of considerable time and dedication spent breeding, raising, grooming, and preparing their animals for the Fair. Exhibitors compete for an opportunity to make it to the Junior Livestock Sale and earn financial recognition for their year-long efforts. Preliminary totals for this year’s sale are \$610,425, up over 9% from the total of \$524,150 raised in 2019.

“This year’s event has been three years in the making,” said general manager, Dan Mourning. “The energy and joy the exhibitors bring to the Fair is infectious and what the fair is all about. The community showed up big for these young men and women this year.”

Programs like 4-H and FFA teach the value of hard work, leadership skills, and responsibility. Students who participate in these programs are provided with opportunities to learn about careers in the agriculture and farming industries and encouraged to volunteer in their local communities. The Junior Livestock Sale has long been a tradition at the New Mexico State Fair and continues to be the premier showcase for the state’s finest livestock.

This year’s Grand Champion Steer was raised by Jordan Hamill of Eddy County. Chase Farms, Mark Ronchetti, Farm Credit, Verde Realty and Runyon Cattle Co. came together to fund the \$11,000 purchase.

Funds raised by the sale often go towards college tuition funds and future livestock purchases.

For more information about the 2022 New Mexico State Fair, visit statefair.exponm.com.

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