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New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Sale Once Again Sets Fair Record

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – FFA and 4-H youth from across the state gathered together for the prestigious New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Sale on Friday, Sept. 13. This event is the culmination of considerable time and effort spent breeding, raising, grooming and preparing their animals for the Fair. That hard work paid off, as the Junior Livestock Sale set a New Mexico State Fair record with \$743,945 in sales. This number represents a 4.7% increase in sales over the previous record of \$710,000, set at the 2023 New Mexico State Fair.

“These kids work incredibly hard caring and nurturing their animals to prepare for the sale,” said State Fair General Manager Dan Mourning. “This record-breaking sale is a testament to their hard work and illustrates the community’s dedication to programs such as FFA and 4-H.”

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 are 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.

A comprehensive list of the Grand Champion sale is as follows:

Grand Champion Jr. Market Steer \$21,000 | Harper Dunn | Lincoln County
Grand Champion Jr. Market Lamb \$8,000 | Bentley Poe | Sierra County
Grand Champion Jr. Market Swine \$8,050 | Tristan Salopek | Dona Ana County
Grand Champion Jr. Market Goat \$17,100 | Creed Hughes | Eddy County
Grand Champion Jr. Dairy Heifer \$10,000 | Sophie Schapp | Curry County

The New Mexico State Fair runs through Sept. 15th. Download the New Mexico State Fair app for your Apple or Android devices or visit statefair.exponm.com for more information about this year’s Fair.