



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet North American International Livestock Exposition

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Sale of Champions Celebrates Youth Exhibitors at the North American International Livestock Exposition

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (November 20, 2017) —The North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Sale of Champions raised \$64,500 during a live auction Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steers, hogs and lambs in the junior show division are auctioned off to the highest bidder during the auction. Ten percent of the sales are donated to charitable organizations. The remaining 90 percent of the proceeds are split, with 10 percent going to promote the expo and 80 percent given to the youth exhibitors.

More than \$1.75 million has been raised through the auction to further promote youth involvement in agribusiness and fund charitable endeavors.

The 2017 NAILE Sale of Champions exhibitors, purchasers and sale prices are:

GRAND CHAMPION STEER – \$16,500

Exhibited by: Mikala Grady, Grandview, TX

Purchased by: Kentucky Cattleman's & Cox's Shavings

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER - \$ 14,000

Exhibited by: Jesse Hoblyn, York, NE

Purchased by: Levy Restaurants, Agribusiness Industry Network and Farm Credit Mid-American

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG - \$10,000

Exhibited by: Kylie Barnard, Von Ormy, TX

Purchased by: Kentucky Pork Producers, Ehrler's Ice Cream

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG - \$7,500

Exhibited by: Lucia Abreu, St. Helena, CA

Purchased by: Farm Credit Mid-American, Louisville Ag Club

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB - \$9,000

Exhibited by: Alexandra Raute, Carmel, IN

Purchased by: Feeders Supply, Top Bedding Richmond Quebec, Smith Creek

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB - \$7,500

Exhibited by: Sam Schmillen, Marcus, IA

Purchased by: Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Kentucky Aquaculture, Ruth's Catering

Photos available upon request. For more information, visit <https://www.livestockexpo.org>.

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Owned and produced by Kentucky Venues, the [North American International Livestock Exposition](#) is the world's largest purebred livestock show. Held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, the event generates \$8 million in economic impact annually.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking is \$8 per vehicle.