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Junior Livestock Sale of Champions draws record \$182,500

Money goes to scholarships and winners

RALEIGH – Junior winners in the N.C. State Fair livestock shows drew a record \$182,500 for the top steers, barrows, lambs, goats and turkeys in the Junior Livestock Sale of Champions at the N.C. State Fair on Oct. 14.

“We are proud that so many businesses and organizations turned out to support the hard work of all these junior exhibitors,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “The money raised will go a long way towards college educations, scholarships and educational outreach.”

The grand champion junior market steer was shown by Jacob Burluson of Weaverville. N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance and Powers Great American Midways placed the winning bid of \$25,000 for the grand champion. The reserve champion was shown by Kadence Overby of Selma. N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance bought the reserve champion for \$16,000.

The grand champion Got to Be NC steer was shown by Nora Cave of Elkin. That steer was purchased by N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance, Powers Great American Midways, Harward Brothers Livestock Market, Carolina Stockyards and Thompson Cattle Co. for \$18,000.

Farm Credit Association of North Carolina purchased the grand champion junior market lamb, which was also the Got to Be NC lamb, for \$16,500. The lamb was shown by Audrey Glass of Belhaven. Tractor Supply Co. purchased the reserve champion lamb, shown by Hunter McMillen of Grandy for \$8,000.

Tractor Supply Co. and Iron Horse Auction Co. purchased the grand champion meat goat, which was also named the grand champion Got to Be NC meat goat, shown by Caleb Henson of

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Canton, for \$17,500. The reserve grand champion meat goat shown by Savannah Weeks of Camden was purchased by N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance for \$9,500.

Griffin Huneycutt of Albemarle showed the grand champion market barrow, which was purchased for \$19,500 by the N.C. Pork Council, Smithfield Farmland, Prestage Farms, Hog Slat, Inc., Duplin Marketing and Mt. Olive Livestock.

The grand champion Got to Be NC barrow was shown by Conner Kennedy of Pink Hill. It was purchased for \$25,500 by the N.C. Pork Council, Smithfield Farmland, Prestage Farms, Hog Slat Inc., Duplin Marketing and Mt. Olive Livestock.

The reserve grand champion barrow was shown by Hunter McMillen of Grandy. Harris Teeter purchased the animal for \$12,000.

N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance purchased the grand champion turkey shown by Kaylie Pender of Wake Forest for \$10,000. Talley Farms purchased the reserve champion turkey shown by Zya Pegg of Swannanoa for \$5,000.

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Following the auction of the grand and reserve grand champions, a truckload support auction was held, raising \$106,000 to provide additional support to the over 690 youth that participated in the junior market animal shows and sales.