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Livestock winners from N.C. Mountain State Fair announced



The N.C. Mountain State Fair saw a record number of junior livestock entries in competitions.

Results were announced for several livestock shows held during the 2022 N.C. Mountain State Fair. Following is a list of winners named in the livestock shows held during the first weekend of the fair, Sept. 9-11:

Youth Poultry Show

Overall Champion - Poultry Standard, Commercial Egg Layer, Guinea, and Geese Show: Anthony Jackson, Henderson County

Youth Standard Poultry Champion: Anthony Jackson, Henderson County

Youth Standard Poultry Reserve Champion: Madilynn Miller, Henderson County

Youth Commercial Class Egg Layers Champion: Beulah Crain, Buncombe County

Youth Commercial Class Egg Layers Reserve Champion: Beulah Crain, Buncombe County

ADGA Youth Dairy Goat Show Showmanship Champions

Junior Fitting and Showing, 9-12 year olds: Abigail Gabriel, Oglethorpe County, Ga.

Senior Fitting and Showing, 13-18 year olds: Rachel Glass, Lee County, Va.

Youth Junior Doe Show Champions

Nigerian Dwarf – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Abigail Gabriel, Oglethorpe County, Ga.

Nigerian Dwarf – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Abigail Whitney, Oglethorpe County, Ga.

Oberhasli – Junior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Alyssa Glenn, Cleveland County

Saanens – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Anson Cranford, Randolph County

Saanens – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Genevieve Cranford, Randolph County

Toggenburgs – Junior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Rachel Glass, Lee County, Va.

Alpines – Junior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Devin Stillwell, Harnett County

LaManchas – Junior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Genevieve Cranford, Randolph County

Nubians – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Morgan Buckner, Buncombe County

Youth Senior Doe Show Champions
Nigerian Dwarf – Senior Doe Grand Champion: Abigail Gabriel, Oglethorpe County, Ga.

Nigerian Dwarf – Senior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Landon Poole, Rowan County

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Nubians – Grand Champion: Alexis Quesinberry, Surry County

Best Doe In Show Overall: Devin Stillwell, Harnett County

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Open Junior Doe Show

Nigerian Dwarf – Junior Doe and

Reserve Grand Champions: Morgan Buckner, Buncombe County

Oberhasli – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Alyssa Glenn, Cleveland County

Oberhasli – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Maggie Arnold, Transylvania County

Recorded Grades – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Jessica Bell, Anderson County, SC

Recorded Grades – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Jennifer Stillwell, Harnett County

Saanens – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Christine Owen, Madison County

Saanens – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Andi Setser, Macon County

Toggenburgs – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Noah Johnson, Rowan County

Toggenburgs – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Noah Johnson, Rowan County

Alpines – Junior Doe Grand Champion: Maggie Arnold, Transylvania County

Alpines – Junior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Maggie Arnold, Transylvania County

LaManchas – Junior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Terri Sines, Alamance County

Nubians – Junior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Glenda Noble, Rowan County

Open Senior Doe Show Champions

Nigerian Dwarf – Senior Doe Grand and Reserve Grand Champions: Josie Kirby, Caswell County

Nigerian Dwarf – Champion Challenge: Josie Kirby, Caswell County

Nigerian Dwarf – Premier Exhibitor: Abigail Gabriel, Oglethorpe County, Ga.

Oberhasli – Senior Doe Grand Champion: Lindsey Cobb, Harnett County

Oberhasli – Senior Doe Reserve Grand Champion: Lindsey Cobb, Harnett County

Oberhasli – Champion Challenge: Lindsey Cobb, Harnett County

Oberhasli – Premier Exhibitor: (See Livestock, pg. 5)

Pilot program

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a huge challenge for landowners trying to remove them one or two at a time; a mature, pregnant sow that eludes capture can produce as many as 12 piglets in one litter, and those piglets can reach sexual maturity in as little as three months.

“Because they reproduce so quickly, protecting the land from feral swine isn’t really about how many you can remove, but rather how many you miss and are left to multiply,” said Falyn Owens, the Wildlife Commission’s representative on the N.C. Feral Swine Task Force. “True success requires removing the entire group of pigs, which is exactly what these traps are designed to do.”

Decades of sport hunting has had no impact on reducing feral swine populations. Instead, their presence on the landscape has increased, both through intentional releases and management practices that support them. In North Carolina, transporting any swine without approved identification from the NCDA&CS is against the law and can carry a fine of \$5,000 per animal.

Information about feral swine in North Carolina and applications for the trap loan program are available at ncferalswine.org. Officials with the N.C. Wildlife Commission are asking people to report feral swine sightings, harvests and damage at ncferalswine.org/report-feral-swine. The data collected will be sent to the Feral Swine Task Force and used to develop resources and guide future management efforts.

November AgroTips

-- Remember the new fee structure for soil testing and waste analysis.

New agronomic testing fees approved by the State Legislature and the Board of Agriculture this past summer go into effect this fall. All soil samples received during the lab’s peak season (from 6 p.m. November 27, 2013, through March 31, 2014) will incur a \$4-per-sample fee. This fee should be paid online via credit card or escrow account before sample shipment. Beginning December 3, 2013, fees for analysis of in-state waste samples increase from \$5 to \$8.

-- Give appropriate care to plants you bring indoors for the winter.

By November, most houseplants should be brought inside to protect them from cold temperatures. Indoors during the winter, plants need less fertilizer and may get too much or too little water. Fertilizing once every four to six weeks with a soluble or time-release fertilizer should provide plenty of nutrients. Fertilizing too often can stress plants as excess fertilizer salts build up in the media.

Check plants frequently to see if they need water instead of watering on a schedule. Overwatering can be a problem in winter months when light is low and growth is slow. Underwatering can also occur as increased use of the home furnace tends to dry both the air and potting media at the same time.

-- Check source water used for agricultural purposes.

Water used for agricultural purposes—such as irrigation or fertigation, livestock and poultry watering, aquaculture and fish production—should be analyzed every year. Testing is especially important after an extended wet or dry period. For a fee of only \$5 per sample, solution analysis measures concentrations of 13 minerals plus pH, electrical conductivity, alkalinity and hardness. The solution report indicates whether any of these parameters could lead to production problems (such as clogged nozzles or reduced medication efficiency) and provides recommendations to correct any apparent problems.