

**Special News Release
By Marlin Eisenach, Extension Livestock Agent**

The end of the livestock portion of the Morgan County Fair was marked by the Lamb, Goat and Swine Ultrasound Contests along with the Beef Carcass Contest. This year was the fourth year for the goat carcass contest, ninth year for the lamb and swine contests and the seventh year for the beef contest. These events were made possible with the cooperation of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) meat graders, Cargill Meat Solutions, the Morgan County Fair Board, the Morgan County Extension Office, and Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences.

Tim Gibbs, USDA Meat Grader, presented an informative program on beef grading for the 200 youth, parents, leaders and sponsors that were in attendance. Marlin Eisenach, visited with the group about evaluating lamb, goat and swine carcasses.

Champion lamb ultrasound winner was Ellen Baughman and Reserve Champion was Shelby Teague. Baughman, received \$100 from the Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks, a belt buckle from Bruce and Sheila Bass and a jacket from Kelly and Carisa Carmin. Teague received \$50 from the Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks and a belt buckle from the Wade Megel family. Colorado Wool Growers donated awards for the top lamb carcass participants as well.

Champion swine ultrasound winner was Ryan Probasco and Reserve Champion went to Erica Dardanes. Bill Hammerich, CEO of the Colorado Livestock Association and Colorado Pork Producers presented the top individuals with jackets. Probasco, received \$100 from the Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks, a belt buckle sponsored by Kent Pflager of

MKT Commodities and a jacket sponsored by Keith and Amy Walker. Dardanes received \$50 from the Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks and a belt buckle from Jerry and Monica Wolfswinkle.

Champion goat carcass was awarded to Chelsea Linton, with Reserve Champion honors going to Maddie Brashears. Linton received \$100 from the Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks and a belt buckle along with a jacket from David and Stacie Ritchey. Brashears received \$50 from the Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks and a belt buckle from the Gary Teague Family.

Champion beef carcass was exhibited by Kaleb Staley. He received two \$250 cash awards sponsored by Superior Livestock - Tom Odle and Pinneo Feedlot – Joel Chism. Staley was also awarded a belt buckle from the Donald Seewald Family, a jacket sponsored by Brush Livestock of Colorado and a jacket sponsored by Cargill Meat Solutions – Mike Lawrence.

Reserve Champion beef carcass was awarded to Alison Pogorelz. She received a \$250 cash award and a jacket sponsored by Lorrie Boyer, KSIR Radio. Pogorelz, also received a jacket sponsored by Cargill Meat Solutions – Mike Lawrence and a belt buckle sponsored by Ted Wright. Kent Hall had the third best beef carcass and received \$100 from Tim and Becky Gibbs and a jacket from Cargill Meat Solutions – Mike Lawrence.

Champion Catch-It Calf carcass was owned by Katie Kitzman. She received \$100 from the Morgan County Cattlewomen's Association as well as a jacket sponsored by Alan and Jody Meyer.

There were 42 carcasses qualifying for a Branded Beef Program. Selected for the Certified Angus Beef Program were: Alison Pogorelz, Charlee Teague, Shelby Teague, Tucker Teague, Ethan Staley, Wyatt Wolfswinkel, Jacob Gerken, Kent Hall, Merritt Singley, Sarah

Carlson, Megan Griffith, Joelle Gibbs, Joshua Gibbs, Luke Nichols, Jacob Nichols, and Justin Bass. These individuals received aprons and caps from the Certified Angus Beef Program.

In the Sterling Silver Program were: Kaleb Staley, Tyler Carmin, Corey Ritchey, Sheyanne Warboys, Raylene Wolever, Drew Gerken, Skyler Seewald, Katie Kitzman, Ubaldo Cruz and Leon Sherwood. Cargill Meat Solutions presented caps to these award winners.

In the Angus Pride Program were: Courtney Bass, Makenzie Griffith and Maverick Seewald. Caps were presented to these participants by Cargill Meat Solutions.

In the Safeway's Ranchers Reserve Program were: Carli Nichols, Lynnette Bass, Austin Chalk, Mandy Columbia, Alicia Nichols, Rebecca Walker, Austin Nichols, Austin Risner, Jennifer Malone, Jared Wacker, Dustin Warboys, Carlos Montes and Kelsey Malone. All of the participants received caps provided by Jason Lujan, Fort Morgan Safeway Store.

Special thanks to Mike Chabot, General Manager of Cargill Meat Solutions for allowing us to have the Beef Carcass Contest. Assisting with the contest were USDA Meat Graders; Dave Szabo - Supervisor, Heath Dewey and Tim Gibbs. Cargill Meat Solutions personnel; Phil Quarles- Kill Floor Manager, Mike Lawrence- Cooler Supervisor, and Donna Stone. Also, thanks to David Ritchey and Tim Gibbs for acquiring awards for the carcass contest.

To finish the day ice cream sandwiches were served to the attendees, which were donated by Morgan County Family Dairies.