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## Cattlemen Host Successful 2017 Michigan Beef Expo

E. LANSING – High quality cattle, friendly competition and rapid bidding made the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Beef Expo a success for Michigan's cattle industry. As the state's largest cattle industry event, the Michigan Beef Expo included seedstock shows and sales for the Angus, Hereford, Chianina, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Simmental and all other registered breeds (AORB's). An indoor trade show featured a wide variety of cattle industry equipment, services and supplies while youth competed in various skills contests, livestock judging competitions and exhibited cattle at the MSU Block & Bridle Club's Junior Steer and Heifer show.

Breeders consigned 137 Lots, including bulls, females, embryos and semen from breeders in Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The Supreme Champion Female was AORB Lot 712, WSCF Natalia 5A 42D, a Simmental and Angus crossed heifer consigned by Walnut Springs Farms of Hopkins, Mich. The Supreme Champion Bull was Hereford Lot 317, SSF 3542 Hometown 623, a 10Y son consigned by Sunnyside Stock Farm of Edgerton, Ohio. Exhibitors of the Supreme Champion bull and female will receive \$500 courtesy of Rupp Seeds.

The high selling female was Lot 712, the Supreme Champion consigned by Walnut Springs Farms. She sold for \$5,300 to Carl Seidelman of Ionia, Mich. The high selling bull was Lot 104, STF United 6232, consigned by Single Tree Farms of Charlotte, Mich. He was the Champion Angus bull and sold to Boss Lake Genetics of Alberta, Canada for \$7,000.

Total consignments at the Michigan Beef Expo grossed \$284,035. The bulls averaged \$2,816 on 47 lots and 60 females averaged \$2,344. Nineteen embryos averaged \$329, ten units of semen averaged \$258 and one Pick of the Herd lot grossed \$2,200.

## **Breed Champions**

**Angus** – Vaassen Angus Farm of Ann Arbor, MI exhibited the Champion Angus female. The Champion Angus bull was awarded to Single Tree Farms of Charlotte, MI.



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**Chianina** – The Champion Chi female was consigned by KVO ChiAngus of Hamilton, MI and the Champion Chi bull was exhibited by Triple P Farms of Lone Rock, WI.

**Hereford** –The Gale Laudeman Farmily of Bremen, IN consigned the Champion Hereford female and Sunnyside Stock Farms of Edgerton, OH exhibited the Champion Hereford bull.

**Maine-Anjou** – Kruger Cattle Company of Ionia, MI exhibited the Champion Maine-Anjou female and Pusheta Show Cattle of Wapakoneta, OH exhibited the Champion Maine-Anjou bull.

**Shorthorn** – Dingman Farms of Bellevue, MI exhibited the Champion Purebred Shorthorn female and Bal Family Farm of Norway, MI exhibited the Champion Purebred Shorthorn bull. The Champion Shorthorn Plus female was exhibited by Twin Oak Farms, LLC of Perrysville, OH and the Champion Shorthorn Plus bull was exhibited by Lakeside Farm of Evart, MI.

**Simmental** – JRM Show Stock of Hastings, MI consigned the Champion Simmental female and Campbell Farms of St. Johns, MI exhibited the Champion Simmental bull.

**All Other Registered Breeds** – Lot 712, consigned by Walnut Springs Farm of Hopkins, MI was the Champion AORB female. The Champion AORB bull was Lot 710 a Percentage Simmental bull exhibited by Brink Show Cattle of Caledonia, MI.

The Michigan Beef Expo is hosted annually by the Michigan Cattlemen's Association and affiliated breed associations at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. The Expo unites various breeds and provides an opportunity to share in a statewide promotional event that showcases Michigan's beef industry through shows and sales, displays of seedstock cattle, and youth educational competitions. Additional details are available at <a href="https://www.MICattlemen.org">www.MICattlemen.org</a>

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