OKEMOS – The 25th Annual Michigan Beef Expo gave seedstock cattle producers the opportunity to showcase some of the best genetics available. This year’s event included shows and sales of the Angus, Hereford, Limousin, Chianina, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn and Simmental breeds. There was also an extensive indoor trade show, youth contests and the MSU Block & Bridle Junior Steer and Heifer show.

Approximately 68 consignors exhibited 112 head of cattle and embryo lots from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The high selling female of the Expo was Lot #126, consigned by Vaassen Angus Farm from Ann Arbor, MI. The heifer was sold for $7,000.00 to Omega Farms in Williamston, MI. The high selling bull was the Simmental bull consigned by Rich Beef & Grain, Sandusky, MI. He sold to Raymond Farms of Mayville for $8,750.00. Cattle and embryo consignments grossed $293,350. The females averaged $2,427 on 73 lots and 35 bulls averaged $3,264. In addition, four embryo lots averaged $475.

**Breed Champions**

**Angus** – Vaassen Angus from Ann Arbor, MI had the champion female and the Champion Bull was awarded to Single Tree Farm, Charlotte, MI.

**Chianina** – The Champion Chi Female was consigned by VKR Cattle Company from Dorr, MI and the Champion Chi bull was from KVO Chiangus Farm, Hamilton, MI.

**Hereford** – Hanson’s Double G Herefords of Stephenson, MI consigned the Champion Hereford Female and Herman Family from Edgerton and Continental, OH had the Champion Hereford Bull.

**Limousin** – The Champion Limousin Bull was exhibited by Red Rock Limousin from Ionia, MI.

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Maine-Anjou – The Champion Female was consigned by DeLong Cattle Company of Cass City, MI and the Champion Maine-Anjou Bull was consigned by Slavik Show Cattle, Lansing, MI.

Shorthorn – Dutch Acres Farm of Kendallville, IN exhibited the Champion Shorthorn Female and the Little Cedar Cattle Company from Beaverton, MI had the Champion shorthorn Bull.

Simmental – Campbell Farms of St. Johns, MI was awarded both the Champion Female and Champion Bull of the Simmental Breed.

The Beef Expo, a project of the Michigan Cattlemen’s Association, is designed to promote the beef industry through shows and sales, displays of seedstock genetics, focus media attention on the beef industry, unite various breeds and provide an opportunity to share in a statewide promotional event.

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