Cattlemen Host Successful 2018 Michigan Beef Expo

E. LANSING – High quality cattle, friendly competition and rapid bidding made the 29th 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). A trade show with over 50 vendors featured a wide variety of cattle industry equipment, services and supplies. The MSU Block & Bridle Club hosted a youth livestock judging competition on Friday night with 100 youth participating along with the MSU livestock judging team, and a Junior Steer and Heifer show on Saturday with over 500 cattle entered. MI Shows sponsored a youth education contest with over 40 individuals competing in essay, photograph, graphic design, stockman or salesmanship contests.

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The high selling female was Angus Lot 112, the Supreme Champion, consigned by KB Angus of Merritt, MI. She sold for $7,000 to Craig Pollington of Marion, MI. The high selling bull was Simmental Lot 443, JDCC MS In Dew Time 219B, consigned by DeLong Cattle Co., of Cass City, MI and purchased by William Pardee of Concord, MI for $6,000.

Total consignments at the Michigan Beef Expo grossed $299,750. The bulls averaged $2,425 on 48 lots and 85 females averaged $2,016., embryo lots averaged $925, and semen lots averaged $300. Sales were made to AL, IN, IL, KS, MI, NE, and OH.

**Breed Champions**

**Angus** – Lot 112 consigned by KB Angus of Merritt, MI was the Champion Angus female. The Champion Angus bull was awarded to lot 117 of Hutchings Angus Farm of Bellevue, MI.

**Chianina** – The Champion Chi female lot 203 was consigned by Brunke Chiangus Farm of St. Joseph, MI and the Champion bull lot 202 was exhibited by KVO Chiangus of Hamilton, MI.

**Hereford** – Lot 304, exhibited by TCG Cattle Co. of Niles, MI was the Champion Hereford female and Sunnyside Stock Farms of Edgerton, OH exhibited lot 321, the Champion Hereford bull.

**Maine-Anjou** – Fox Shorthorns of Kanawha, IA exhibited the Champion Maine-Anjou female lot 607, and Muir Cattle Co. of Waynesfield, OH exhibited the Champion Maine-Anjou bull lot 603.

**Shorthorn** – Lot 509, Champion Shorthorn purebred female was consigned by Dingman Farms, of Bellevue, MI. The Champion Shorthorn Plus lot 518 was exhibited by Woodland Farms of Deckerville, MI and Champion Low% Plus female lot 515 was consigned by Holbrook Show Cattle of Hastings, MI. The Champion Shorthorn bull lot 504 was exhibited by Woodland Farms of Deckerville, MI. Dingman Farms of Bellevue, MI exhibited the Champion Shorthorn Plus bull lot 505.

**Simmental** – The Champion Simmental female lot 443 was consigned by DeLong Cattle Co. of Cass City, MI and the Champion Simmental bull lot 420 was consigned by WXC Cattle Co. of Delton, MI.

**All Other Registered Breeds** – Lot 712, consigned by Sugarbush Limousin of Allen, WI was the Champion Limousin and Champion AORB female. The Champion % Red Angus lot 718 and the Champion Charolais lot 717 were both consigned by Walnut Springs Farms of Hopkins, MI. The
Champion % Simmental female lot 720 was consigned by JMR Show Stock of Hastings, MI. The Champion AORB bull lot 705 was a Limousin Flex exhibited by 3G Ranch of Kendallville, IN.

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 [www.MICattlemen.org](http://www.MICattlemen.org)

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