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Junior Wether Show highlights family tradition

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LOUISVILLE, KY – NOVEMBER 15, 2014 – The South Wing at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) was filled with supportive families, participants, and their sheep all day at the Junior Wether Show. This year, there were 385 Market Wethers in the show - an increase from recent years. The large number of entries fosters popularity and keeps judges and show coordinators busy.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will make their way to the Sale of Champions in East Hall on Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. In 2013, the Grand Champion Wether sold for $12,500 and the Reserve Grand Champion sold for $11,000. The large sum of money rewarded winners and keeps junior participants enthusiastic, but focused.

The Junior Wether Show is a great example of how the North American International validates the importance of agriculture and family in daily life.

For instance, Kali Hendrix, 8, from Ranburne, Alabama is surrounded by her family during her time at the exposition. Kali posed proudly on the junior stage with her sheep and the bright, yellow participation ribbon she received. She started showing livestock at age four and has accumulated many awards throughout the years.

“Showing is important to me because I get to spend time with my family and it’s a lot of fun,” says Kali. “I also continue to learn how to take care of my animals.”

Her brother, Caleb, also joins in on the fun. He has shown for 5 years and is also showing at the exposition. Both Hendrix children followed in their father’s footsteps, who showed livestock at a young age. Ashley, mother of the family, makes sure everyone is happy and cared for during their time at the NAILE.

“Showing livestock is very family-orientated. We travel everywhere together. Every weekend from July to now we are going to shows as a family. It’s a great way for us to spend time together and do what we love,” says Ashley.

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