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Passion for Feeder Steers Still Alive

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LOUISVILLE, KY – November 15, 2014 – The Junior Feeder Steer show was in full swing at 2 p.m. November 15th at the 2014 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). According to Feeder Steer superintendent Tim Deitrich, entry numbers have been steadily decreasing over the past few years, but the passion for the show remains alive for Cooksy Farms located in Circleville, Ohio. They have won top honors for several years, and did it again this year.

Kendra Gabriel, 17, of Stoutsville, Ohio was grinning ear-to-ear after being named Grand Champion Single Steer. Kendra has been showing cattle for Cooksy Farms for six years. Of the past six years that Cooksy Farm has entered the Feeder Steer Show at the NAILE, they have won the Single Steer division four times and the Steer Pen division twice.

Superintendent Tim Deitrich states that many families have lost interest in the Feeder Steer Show because they prefer to sell their cattle either online or off-the-farm. Four years ago the NAILE added the Pen Heifer Show in order to increase entry numbers. This year the show had four steer pen entries and seven heifer pen entries.

“I like showing in the Feeder Steer Show because I like to see my steers sold to juniors that are active in the cattle industry,” says Kendra, “We typically follow families that buy our cattle to see how they do at shows and help them out when we can so it’s nice to get to know them here at the NAILE.”

The Feeder Steer Show is very different from a typical cattle show. In this show, exhibitors show a single steer first to vie for Grand Champion Single Steer honors. Then the showmen pair their steer with two other steers and show them as a pen. The pen is then sold at auction to another junior to be shown the following year.

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