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### **Prestigious Pig Sets Record at North American International Sale of Champs**

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**LOUISVILLE, KY – November 19, 2009** – After many days of anticipation, the Grand Champion Hog was sold tonight during the Sale of Champions at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The Sale of Champions includes Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners of the Junior Steer Show, Junior Market Wether Show, and the Junior Market Swine Show. The owner of this year's Grand Champion Hog was 10-year-old A.J. Muegge of Greenfield, Ind., son of Jeff and Lisa Muegge.

Muegge's prize winning cross-bred market hog, weighed 270 pounds and sold for a NAILE record \$15,000. This year was Muegge's first year ever showing animals.

He attends Eastern Hancock Elementary School and loves playing sports like basketball, baseball and football. "I plan on saving the money I get from my hog for college," Muegge said.

The Grand Champion Market Hog buyers include: JBS Swift Co., Louisville, Ky., Louisville Area Broadcasters, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, family and friends of A.J. Muegge, Hampton Inn, Louisville, Ky., Residence Inn, Louisville, Ky., Springhill Suites, Louisville, Ky. and O'Bryan, Brown, and Toner, Louisville, Ky.

The NAILE is internationally respected as the finest all-breed, purebred livestock exposition in the world. Over 200,000 visitors from rural and urban areas attended the two-week expo this year in Louisville, Ky. Ten livestock species are featured at the North American, with nearly 22,000 livestock entries and over 60 buyers from around the globe.

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