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Uno Got Nothing but First in This Year's Sale of Champions

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Louisville, KY- November 17, 2011- Brenden Kuesel of Victor, Iowa sold his Grand Champion Wether Lamb in the Sale of Champions at the 38th Annual North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE).

Brenden, 20, is the son of Mike and Sherrie Kuesel. It is Brenden's first year back to the NAILE after being away for the past few years. But overall this has been Brenden's second time showing at the NAILE. Brenden attends the University of Iowa as a sophomore where he studies accounting.

Brenden was near speechless when asked about how he felt when he realized he won Grand Champion. "The feeling is hard to describe; I came here to have fun, but was excited when I realized I won." He likes meeting new people while at the expo. One new friend Brenden made at the show was with Samantha Raute, who was this year's Reserve Champion wether Lamb. But the competition of the show is what Brenden really enjoys.

Brenden's sheep, Uno, a 152 pound Hampshire crossbred wether, sold for \$13,000 in a matter of minutes.

The money from the sale of his wether lamb will go towards his college tuition, he says. And Brenden can't wait until his family's Thanksgiving dinner now that the NAILE has come to an end.

Brenden's aunt and uncle, Jennifer & Brad Dale, have been a huge influence on his showing career. He said his uncle, Brad, is the one who cares after his sheep while he is away at school. But every day in the summer he puts in long hours with his lamb. When asked about coming back to the NAILE Brenden says, "This year I plan to just go out with a bang."

Buyers of Brenden's wether were Feeders Supply, Proof of Main, both from Louisville, KY; Stitzlein Club Lambs, Ashland OH; Ketcham's Sheep Equipment Company, Edwardsville, IL; Mike and Carol Hancock & Family, Eubank, KY; Joe McCrumb, Portlan, MI; Koetter & Smith, Borden, IN; and Cox's Shavings, Campbellsville, KY.

The NAILE is produced by the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY, under the direction of the Kentucky State Fair Board. During the Expo's two week run, the facility's entire 1,200,000 square feet of climate-controlled exhibit space is used. More than 200,000 visitors and exhibitors attend the event annually.



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