



## MEDIA RELEASE

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## TWENTY-FIVE YOUTH RECOGNIZED IN 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DAIRY SHOWCASE

St. Paul, MN (8/29/10) - Minnesota's dairy industry recognized the involvement, dedication and passion of their 4-H dairy youth during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase. Twenty-five youth were recognized during the event held Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Minnesota State Fair.

Selected youth received a monetary award for their accomplishments. State Fair 4-H dairy exhibitors who received a blue or purple ribbon in their respective class were eligible to apply for the Showcase. A scorecard determined the Top 25 and included the completion of an online Leadership Profile. Those recognized included:

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Award</u>
1	Michael Schmitt	Mark and Natalie Schmitt	Rice	Benton	\$1,500
2	Labecca Johnson	Richard and Linda Johnson	La Crescent	Houston	\$1,250
3	Jonathon Schmitt	Mark and Natalie Schmitt	Rice	Benton	\$1,000
4	Annie Achen	Craig and Cindy Achen	Sauk Centre	Stearns	\$900
5	Kelsey Mussman	Michael and Julie Mussman	Claremount	Steele	\$850
6	Rebecca Groos	Sean and Linda Groos	Howard Lake	Wright	\$800
7	Paul Johnson	Richard and Linda Johnson	La Crescent	Houston	\$725
8	Christy Achen	Craig and Cindy Achen	Sauk Centre	Stearns	\$650
9	Jacob Achen	Craig and Cindy Achen	Sauk Centre	Stearns	\$575
10	Haely Leiding	Todd and Stacy Leiding	Fountain	Fillmore	\$500
11	Kelsey Petit	Bob and Barb Petit	Plainview	Wabasha	\$400
12	Kayley Lain	Christina Bemboom & Doug Lain	Sauk Rapids	Benton	\$400
13	Roxann Achen	Craig and Cindy Achen	Sauk Centre	Stearns	\$400
14	Kayla Leiding	Todd and Stacy Leiding	Fountain	Fillmore	\$400
15	Boston Portner	Tom and Mary Portner	Sleepy Eye	Brown	\$400
16	Andrew Plumski	Lawrence and Denise Plumski	Little Falls	Benton	\$300
17	David Hanson	Michael and Linda Hanson	Goodridge	Pennington	\$300
18	Rachel Achen	Craig and Cindy Achen	Sauk Centre	Stearns	\$300
19	Alan Barka	Randy and Judy Barka	Watkins	Meeker	\$300
20	Austin Davis	Loring and Carol Davis	Cokato	Wright	\$300
21	Luke Johnson	Richard and Linda Johnson	La Crescent	Houston	\$200
22	Jacob Sjostrom	Steve and Deb Sjostrom	Lafayette	Nicollet	\$200
23	Reba Van Beusekom	Tim and Lisa Van Beusekom	Delano	Wright	\$200
24	Jordan Evans	Jim and Mary Evans	Pipestone	Pipestone	\$200
25	Mary Liebenstein	Paul and Barb Liebenstein	Dundas	Rice	\$200

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The Profile included the individual's project leadership, dairy-related activities, and community involvement. Bonus points were given to individuals receiving champion and reserve champion honors. The Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase is a joint effort between the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and the Minnesota 4-H Dairy Project Development Committee.

In the program's second year, generous sponsors provided just over \$16,500 to be dispersed to youth and twenty percent of funds raised being set aside for 4-H animal science education purposes. Sponsors at the **Milk Can** level, donating greater than \$1,000 included the Gopher Dairy Club at the University of Minnesota, and Wolf Creek Dairy and I.B.A. Dairy Supplies. **Gallon** level sponsors donating between \$500 and \$999 included Midwest Dairy Association, Minnesota DHIA, AgStar Financial Services, ADM Alliance Nutrition, Alpharma Animal Health, Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Minnesota Select Sires, Minnesota Farmer's Union and Accelerated Genetics. **Quart** level sponsors donating between \$200 and \$499 include Minnesota Brown Swiss Cattle Association, Lucas and Alise Sjostrom, Sjostrom Farms, Ruth Klossner, Olmsted ADA, Rice County 4-H Boosters, Minnesota Jersey Cattle Association, Bongards' Creameries, Minnesota Holstein Association, Minnesota Junior Holstein Association, AMPI, Elanco, Minnesota Milking Shorthorn Association, Minnesota Guernsey Breeders Association, K5 Ranch, Hammell Equipment-Eitzen, Kwik Trip, Schultz Milk Hauling, Apple Acres, Loren and Laura Olson Family, First District Association, Genex/CRI Cooperative, Organic Valley, Vita-Plus Corporation and the Brown County 4-H Livestock Committee. **Pint** level sponsors donating between \$50 and \$199 include Winona County ADA, Houston County 4-H Federation, Rock County 4-H Federation, Up the Creek Dairy, Marcia Woeste, Minnesota Ayrshire Association, Washington County ADA, Swiss Valley Farm, International Protein Sires, ABS Global, Upper Midwest Dairy Industry Association, Stanley Diers, John and Karyl Dierson, Devoine and Linda Kruse, Champion Milking Systems LLC, Elanco Animal Health – St. Peter, Feed Co., Inc., First Choice Repair LLC, McLeod County ADA, Modern Farm Equipment, NFO, Polk County ADA, Portland Prairie Embryo Services, Region 7 Dairy Show Committee, Rieland Locker LLC, John and Patty Rosenhammer, Schrupps Meat & Sea Food LCC, The Schwan Food Company, V & S Acres, Washington-Ramsey County Farm Bureau, Roger and Phyllis Zummach. The **Media Sponsor** for the event was the Dairy Star.

*Photos on the 2010 Minnesota 4-H Shows at the State Fair can be found at <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/fairresults>*

*Additional information on the Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase can be found at <http://www.mnlivestockbreeders.org>.*