

NEWS RELEASE
National Western Stock Show
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DENVER - Results of the annual Premier Exhibitor and Carcass Contest Awards for junior show exhibitors at the 96th National Western Stock Show last January were announced today by James Goodrich, livestock show manager.

Cole Danner, Muscatine, Iowa, earned the champion Premier Exhibitor award in the beef competition and Joe Max Freeman, Hobart, Okla., was the Reserve Champion winner.

In the lamb division, Cody Hebert, Lawton, Okla., was judged Champion Premier Exhibitor and Jenni Williams, Clovis, N.M., was the Reserve Champion.

Champion Premier Exhibitor honors in the swine competition went to Chad Blocker, Newcastle, Okla., and the Reserve Champion winner was Brody Ward, Newcastle, Okla.

The champion exhibitors were awarded \$2,000 scholarships and the use of a Featherlite trailer for one year. The reserve champions each received \$1,000 scholarships.

Scoring in the Premier Exhibitor Awards was based on live and carcass placing of the animal, personal interviews and a prepared speech.

Champion and Reserve Champion Carcass Contest winners, respectively, were Cole Danner, Muscatine, Iowa, and Clayton Parker, Uvalde, Texas, for beef; Courtney Schmidt, Belan, N.M., and

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Brenden Sullivan, Las Cruces, N.M., for lambs; and Stevie Frank, Milliken, Colo., and Chad Blocker for swine.

Champion and Reserve Grand Champion premiums for the Carcass Contest winners were \$3,500 and \$2,500, respectively, in the beef competition and \$1,250 and \$750 for the hogs and lambs.

In the 2002 Junior Auction of Champions, the Grand Champion Steer, exhibited by Tara Shepard of Wheatland, Wyo., sold to Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House for \$57,500, the Reserve Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Brian Elliot of Greenview, Ill., sold to Colorado Business Bank for \$23,000, the Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Cody Hebert sold to Five-R Trucks and Trailers for \$20,000, the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Blake Meyer, Douglas, Wyo., Sold to Rocky Mountain Gamma Knife Center for \$7,000, the Grand Champion Hog exhibited by Chad Blocker sold to Transwest Trucks for \$17,500, the Reserve Grand Champion Hog exhibited by Scott Beck, Pearce, Ariz., sold to Meriel, Ltd. for \$17,500, the Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Jocelyn Helus, Kersey, Colo., sold to the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce for \$8,000 and the Reserve Grand Champion Goat exhibited Crystal Morgan, Greeley, Colo., sold to Mike Shaw Chevrolet for \$5,250.