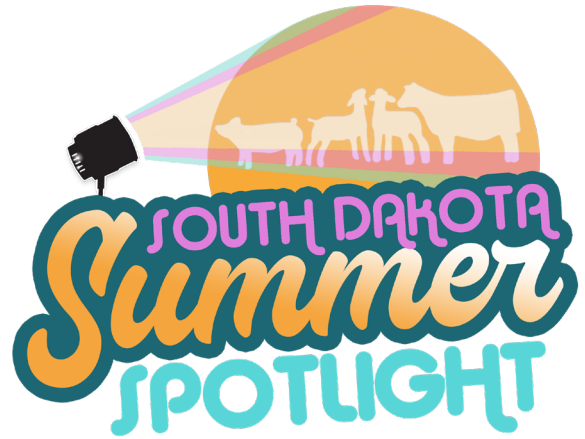


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2024 SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMER SPOTLIGHT COMES TO THE DEX

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HURON, S.D. (August 2, 2024) – The 2024 South Dakota Summer Spotlight, hosted by the South Dakota Beef Breeds Council was held July 24 - 28, 2024 in Huron, S.D. at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds. More than 2,000 entries were shown by almost 600 exhibitors across four different species – cattle, goats, sheep, and swine. These junior exhibitors are all South Dakota residents or members of the South Dakota 4-H and/or South Dakota FFA programs.

With the completion of the Dakota Events CompleX (DEX), all cattle, goats, and sheep were housed under the same roof for the first time in the history of the South Dakota Summer Spotlight. With this came small changes and schedule adjustments from previous years, but the committee plans to continue to use the DEX going forward.

Additionally, more than 80 corporate and individual sponsors from across the country help fund the Spotlight Show including Platinum Sponsors – AgTegra Cooperative, Groton Ag Partners, Huron Business Improvement District, Sullivan Supply, Inc., Trans Ova Genetics, and Werning Cattle Co. With these generous financial contributions, the South Dakota Summer Spotlight provides a family-friendly event centered on animal husbandry, fellowship and educational opportunities.

Judge Mark Hoge – Good Hope, Illinois kicked off the week’s events on Thursday, July 25, 2024 with the Commercial and Registered Breeding Doe, Wether Doe, and Market Goat Shows in the DEX. Results are as follows.

Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Doe exhibited by Elizabeth Albrecht of Howard, SD
Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Doe exhibited by Kinzlee Mette of Madison, SD
3rd Overall Commercial Breeding Doe exhibited by Harlee Heim of Wessington Springs, SD
4th Overall Commercial Breeding Doe exhibited by Eleanor Dwyer of Reliance, SD
5th Overall Commercial Breeding Doe exhibited by Drew Pederson, Garretson, SD

Grand Champion Registered Breeding Doe exhibited by Wyatt Hasper of Herreid, SD
Reserve Grand Champion Registered Breeding Doe exhibited by Jaxon Hasper of Herreid, SD
3rd Overall Registered Breeding Doe exhibited by Delaney Zoss of Forestburg, SD
4th Overall Registered Breeding Doe exhibited by Lincoln Dikoff of Wecota, SD
5th Overall Registered Breeding Doe exhibited by Cain Zoss of Forestburg, SD

Grand Champion Wether Doe exhibited by Paislee Mette of Madison, SD
Reserve Grand Champion Wether Doe exhibited by Ashlyn Tangen of Bruce, SD
3rd Overall Wether Doe exhibited by Paislee Mette of Madison, SD
4th Overall Wether Doe exhibited by Peyton Bischoff of Huron, SD
5th Overall Wether Doe exhibited by Tate Miller of Winfred, SD

Grand Champion Market Goat, Ch. Market Wether exhibited by Bennett Gordon of Whitewood, SD
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat, Reserve Champion Market Wether exhibited by Bennett Gordon of Whitewood, SD
3rd Overall Market Goat, 3rd Overall Market Wether exhibited by Gabe Miller of Winfred, SD
4th Overall Market Goat, 4th Overall Market Wether exhibited by Elizabeth Albrecht of Howard, SD
5th Overall Market Goat, 5th Overall Market Wether exhibited by Colt Johnson of Colton, SD

Grand Champion Market Doe exhibited by Ellie Olsen of Irene, SD
Reserve Grand Champion Market Doe exhibited by Colt Johnson of Colton, SD
3rd Overall Market Doe exhibited by Paislee Mette of Madison, SD
4th Overall Market Doe exhibited by Carley Crist of Wakonda, SD
5th Overall Market Doe exhibited by Colt Johnson of Colton, SD

Leah Amstutz of Richwood, Ohio judged the Market Lambs on Friday, July 26th in the DEX. Results are as follows.

Grand Champion Market Lamb, Champion Hampshire exhibited by Wyatt Fairley of Gayville, SD
Reserve Champion Market Lamb, Champion Crossbred exhibited by Maverick Rule of Hawarden, IA
3rd Overall Market Lamb, Champion Natural exhibited by Coy Stephenson of Faulkton, SD
4th Overall Market Lamb, Reserve Hampshire exhibited by Tyson Miller of Estelline, SD
5th Overall Market Lamb, Reserve Crossbred exhibited by Wyatt Fairley of Gayville, SD

Bright and early Saturday morning, July 27, 2024 the Beef Cattle entered two show rings in the DEX. Two judges – Jenna Craft of Anadarko, Oklahoma and Kyle Vehige of Billings, Missouri selected the breeding heifer and market animal champions. Results are as follows.

Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer, Champion Angus exhibited by Kianna Hazel of Beresford, SD
Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer, Champion MaineTainer exhibited by Hollis Fawcett of Ree Heights, SD
3rd Overall Breeding Heifer, Champion Chianina exhibited by Harlee Heim of Wessington Springs, SD
4th Overall Breeding Heifer, Champion Purebred Simmental exhibited by Thatcher Werning of Emery, SD
5th Overall Breeding Heifer, Champion Charolais exhibited by Kenidey Effling of Highmore, SD

Supreme Champion Market Animal, Champion Charolais exhibited by Croix Reimann of Ree Heights, SD
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Animal, Champion Market Heifer exhibited by Kinsly Altena of George, IA
3rd Overall Market Animal, Champion Simmental exhibited by Sutton Murphy of Arlington, SD
4th Overall Market Animal, Champion Crossbred exhibited by Cassandra Twedt of Beresford, SD
5th Overall Market Animal, Champion Chianina exhibited by Makynna Heim of Wessington Springs, SD

The Breeding Sheep Show began later in the day on Saturday, July 27, 2024 in the DEX. Randell Von Krosigk of Sioux Falls, South Dakota sorted through the Breeding Ram and Breeding Ewe entries. Results are as follows.

Supreme Champion Breeding Ram, Champion Fitted Hampshire exhibited by Wyatt Marshall of Arlington, SD
Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Ram, Champion Targhee exhibited by Carissa Scheel of Alpena, SD
3rd Overall Breeding Ram, Champion Natural exhibited by Anissa Knippling of South Shore, SD
4th Overall Breeding Ram, Champion Southdown exhibited by Kaycee Scheel of Alpena, SD
5th Overall Breeding Ram, Champion Babydoll exhibited by Tenley Olinger of Woonsocket, SD

Supreme Champion Breeding Ewe, Champion Commercial Black Face exhibited by Maverick Rule of Hawarden, IA
Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Ewe, Reserve Champion Commercial Black Face exhibited by Elizabeth Albrecht of Howard, SD
3rd Overall Breeding Ewe, Champion Slick Hampshire exhibited by Kamden Junck of Hinton, IA
4th Overall Breeding Ewe, Champion Commercial White Face exhibited by Kamden Junck of Hinton, IA
5th Overall Breeding Ewe, Champion Fitted Hampshire exhibited by Wyatt Marshall of Arlington, SD

The 2024 South Dakota Summer Spotlight Show wrapped with the Swine Shows held in the Swine Complex. The Breeding Gilts, Market Barrows and Market Gilts all showed under judge Kyle Baade of Plymouth, Nebraska. Results are as follows.

**Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt, Champion Crossbred exhibited by Melanie Calmus of Canova, SD
Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt, Champion Spot exhibited by Andrew Moe of Bruce, SD
3rd Overall Breeding Gilt, Reserve Champion Crossbred exhibited by Kate Nelson of Baltic, SD
4th Overall Breeding Gilt, Champion Berkshire exhibited by Lauren VonEschen of Wagner, SD
5th Overall Breeding Gilt, Champion Duroc exhibited by Brooklyn Jeratowski of Madison, SD**

**Supreme Champion Market Hog, Champion Crossbred Barrow exhibited by Cayson Bratland of Willow Lake, SD
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Hog, Champion Crossbred Gilt exhibited by Melanie Calmus of Canova, SD
3rd Overall Market Hog, Reserve Champion Crossbred Gilt exhibited by Jonathan Moe of Bruce, SD
4th Overall Market Hog, Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow exhibited by Kate Nelson of Baltic, SD
5th Overall Market Hog, Third Overall Crossbred Barrow exhibited by Ryker Johnke of Madison, SD**

Several educational and fellowship opportunities were available throughout the weekend for the youth exhibitors and their families, including Coffee and Donuts sponsored by Rock Creek Embryonics, Ice Cream Social hosted by the South Dakota Farmers Union and additional Sales Talk, Public Speaking and Cattlemen's Quiz contests for the South Dakota Junior Simmental Association members.

A scholarship program was created in 2019, and scholarships have been given every year since. These awards are based on leadership, career goals and community involvement. Five scholarships, sponsored by Martin-Trudeau Insurance and Texkota Gate and Panel, were announced at the 2024 South Dakota Summer Spotlight Show.

**Cattle: Cash Lehrman of Spencer, SD
Cattle: Paton Coyle of Orient, SD
Goats: Kacy Goehring of Parkston, SD
Sheep: Carissa Scheel of Alpena, SD
Swine: Carter Ross of Lennox, SD**

Sullivan Supply, Inc. conducted Stock Show U Showmanship and Fitting Clinics for all species (cattle, goats, sheep and swine) throughout the weekend. Sullivan Supply also provided prizes for the Top 5 Senior (ages 14-21), Junior (ages 11-14), Beginner (ages 8-10), and PeeWee (ages 7 and under) showmen for each species.

BREEDING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – Judge: Mark Hoge of Good Hope, Illinois

**Grand Champion Senior Showman, Delaney Zoss of Forestburg, SD
Reserve Champion Senior Showman, Elizabeth Albrecht of Howard, SD
3rd Overall Senior Showman, Drew Pederson of Garretson, SD
4th Overall Senior Showman, Harlee Heim of Wessington Springs, SD
5th Overall Senior Showman, Carley Crist of Wakonda, SD**

**Grand Champion Junior Showman, Tenley Olinger of Woonsocket, SD
Reserve Champion Junior Showman, McKinley Roudabush of Mitchell, SD
3rd Overall Junior Showman, Hannah Jo Skovly of Aurora, SD
4th Overall Junior Showman, Jaelynn Jansen of Arlington, SD
5th Overall Junior Showman, Ericka Albers of Lennox, SD**

**Grand Champion Beginner Showman, Kennedy Stern of Garden City, SD
Reserve Champion Beginner Showman, Hayden Grace of Salem, SD
3rd Overall Beginner Showman, Mayli Forman of Cavour, SD
4th Overall Beginner Showman, Sawyer Grace of Salem, SD
5th Overall Beginner Showman, Landry Eschenbaum of Lake Preston, SD**

**Grand Champion PeeWee Showman, Kinzlee Mette of Madison, SD
Reserve Champion PeeWee Showman, Harper Johnson of Garretson, SD
3rd Overall PeeWee Showman, Eleanor Dwyer of Reliance, SD
4th Overall PeeWee Showman, Lane Dwyer of Reliance, SD
5th Overall PeeWee Showman, Ackley Bell of Salem, SD**

MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – Judge: Mark Hoge of Good Hope, Illinois

Grand Champion Senior Showman, Carley Crist of Wakonda, SD
Reserve Champion Senior Showman, Talissa Tangen of Bruce, SD
3rd Overall Senior Showman, Peyton Bischoff of Huron, SD
4th Overall Senior Showman, Carissa Scheel of Alpena, SD
5th Overall Senior Showman, Jovie Wirt of Lennox, SD

Grand Champion Junior Showman, Alana Olsen of Irene, SD
Reserve Champion Junior Showman, Brooklyn Jeratowski of Madison, SD
3rd Overall Junior Showman, Tosten Tangen of Bruce, SD
4th Overall Junior Showman, Paislee Mette of Madison, SD
5th Overall Junior Showman, Coy Peterson of Pukwana, SD

Grand Champion Beginner Showman, Ellie Olsen of Irene, SD
Reserve Champion Beginner Showman, Sawyer Grace of Salem, SD
3rd Overall Beginner Showman, Kennedy Stern of Garden City, SD
4th Overall Beginner Showman, Mayli Forman of Cavour, SD
5th Overall Beginner Showman, Elijah Bach of Watertown, SD

Grand Champion PeeWee Showman, Oakley Olsen of Irene, SD
Reserve Champion PeeWee Showman, Brittany Heinje of Wilmot, SD
3rd Overall PeeWee Showman, Gentry Stern of Garden City, SD
4th Overall PeeWee Showman, Sawyer Johnson of Garretson, SD
5th Overall PeeWee Showman, Holden Tostenson of Highmore, SD

CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP – Judges: Ty and Kaleigh Krebs of Gordon, Nebraska

Grand Champion Senior Beef Showman, Memphis Peterson of Pukwana, SD
Reserve Champion Senior Beef Showman, Kenidey Effling of Highmore, SD
3rd Overall Senior Beef Showman, Jady LeDoux of Harrold, SD
4th Overall Senior Beef Showman, Talen Hazel of Beresford, SD
5th Overall Senior Beef Showman, Brianna Duerre of Bristol, SD

Grand Champion Junior Beef Showman, Creighten Werning of Emery, SD
Reserve Champion Junior Beef Showman, Lyla Bothe of Aurora, SD
3rd Overall Junior Beef Showman, Macey Josephsen of Arlington, SD
4th Overall Junior Beef Showman, Hollis Fawcett of Ree Heights, SD
5th Overall Junior Beef Showman, Jessie Coyle of Orient, SD

Grand Champion Beginner Beef Showman, Thatcher Werning of Emery, SD
Reserve Champion Beginner Beef Showman, Bayler Hurlbut of Raymond, SD
3rd Overall Beginner Beef Showman, Remington Yost of Gann Valley, SD
4th Overall Beginner Beef Showman, Paisley Johnson of Montrose, SD
5th Overall Beginner Beef Showman, Scarlett Radke of Mitchell, SD

All PeeWee Showmen were given banners sponsored by 605 Sires + Donors.
Buckles, donated by 605 Sires + Donors, were given to the Grand Champion Showman of each age division.

MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP – Judge: Leah Amstutz of Richwood, Ohio

Grand Champion Senior Showman, Raina Johnson of Harrisburg, SD
Reserve Champion Senior Showman, Maliya Mikkelson of Watertown, SD
3rd Overall Senior Showman, Taya Chelmo of Kimball, SD
4th Overall Senior Showman, Elizabeth Albrecht of Howard, SD
5th Overall Senior Showman, Landon Berg of Emery, SD

Grand Champion Junior Showman, Havana Mikkelson of Watertown, SD
Reserve Champion Junior Showman, Kade Sweeter of Worthing, SD
3rd Overall Junior Showman, Jake Reppe of Alcester, SD
4th Overall Junior Showman, Brooke Howard of Stickney, SD
5th Overall Junior Showman, Chanel Mohrhauser of Crooks, SD

Grand Champion Beginner Showman, Coy Stephenson of Faulkton, SD
Reserve Champion Beginner Showman, Maverick Rule of Hawarden, IA
3rd Overall Beginner Showman, Kamden Junck of Hinton, IA
4th Overall Beginner Showman, Palmer Nielson of Howard, SD
5th Overall Beginner Showman, Cashlynn VanDerVliet of Humboldt, SD

Grand Champion PeeWee Showman, Cambri Stehenson of Faulkton, SD
Reserve Champion PeeWee Showman, Shally Muller of Agar, SD
3rd Overall PeeWee Showman, Kolt Carter of Vermillion, SD
4th Overall PeeWee Showman, Kelon James of Caputa, SD
5th Overall PeeWee Showman, Ava Larson of Langford, SD

BREEDING SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP – Judge: Randall Von Krosigk of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Grand Champion Senior Showman, Carissa Scheel of Alpena, SD
Reserve Champion Senior Showman, Elizabeth Albrecht of Howard, SD
3rd Overall Senior Showman, Landree Callies of Howard, SD
4th Overall Senior Showman, Katelyn Dorsey of Highmore, SD
5th Overall Senior Showman, Teagan Scheel of Alpena, SD

Grand Champion Junior Showman, Emerson Wirt of Lennox, SD
Reserve Champion Junior Showman, Brooke Howard of Stickney, SD
3rd Overall Junior Showman, Wyatt Marshall of Arlington, SD
4th Overall Junior Showman, Kaycee Scheel of Alpena, SD
5th Overall Junior Showman, Tenley Olinger of Woonsocket, SD

Grand Champion Beginner Showman, Henry Nielson of Alexandria, SD
Reserve Champion Beginner Showman, Kamden Junck of Hinton, IA
3rd Place Beginner Showman, Maverick Rule of Hawarden, IA
4th Place Beginner Showman, Palmer Nielson of Howard, SD
5th Place Beginner Showman, Cashlynn VanDerVliet of Humboldt, SD

Grand Champion PeeWee Showman, Shally Muller of Agar, SD
Reserve Champion PeeWee Showman, Aurorah Gottlob of Salem, SD
3rd Overall PeeWee Showman, Evangeline Wachter of Huron, SD
4th Overall PeeWee Showman, Harley Eichstadt of Wolsey, SD
5th Overall PeeWee Showman, Hasten Hiemstra of Woonsocket, SD

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP – Judge: Christine Flaspohler-Smit of Boyden, Iowa

Grand Champion Senior Showman, Melanie Calmus of Canova, SD
Reserve Champion Senior Showman, Jovie Wirt of Lennox, SD
3rd Overall Senior Showman, Kalli Grong of Milbank, SD
4th Overall Senior Showman, Jocelyn Wagner of Redfield, SD
5th Overall Senior Showman, Liza Krueger of Groton, SD

Grand Champion Junior Showman, Clayton Weber of Rutland, SD
Reserve Champion Junior Showman, Kase Callies of Winfred, SD
3rd Overall Junior Showman, Nolan Eichler of Lake Preston, SD
4th Overall Junior Showman, Kendra Grong of Milbank, SD
5th Overall Junior Showman, Callie VanderWal of Brookings, SD

Grand Champion Beginner Showman, Lauren VonEschen of Wagner, SD
Reserve Champion Beginner Showman, Thatcher Werning of Emery, SD
3rd Place Beginner Showman, Andrew Moe of Bruce, SD
4th Place Beginner Showman, Brock Connor of Winfred, SD
5th Place Beginner Showman, Carson Eichler of Lake Preston, SD

Grand Champion PeeWee Showman, Charlotte VanderWal of Brookings, SD
Reserve Champion PeeWee Showman, Hayes Burggraff of Mound City, SD
3rd Place PeeWee Showman, Macy Smith of Hitchcock, SD
4th Place PeeWee Showman, Camie Johnson of Montrose, SD
5th Place PeeWee Showman, Lacey Connor of Winfred, SD

Overall Champion Swine Showman, Melanie Calmus of Canova, SD

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