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Perrier, Greenwood County Team Win Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

Greenwood County 4-H Member Lyle Perrier and the Greenwood County 4-H Team topped the 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Aug. 19-20.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Approximately 300 Kansas 4-H members from 66 counties participated in the 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Aug. 19-20. The event was hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

Throughout the weekend, 4-H members participated in the state livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon and livestock quiz bowl.

Individual 4-H members who participated in all three activities (livestock and meat judging and skillathon) were entered in the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes. Lyle Perrier from Greenwood County was named the 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes High Individual.

Also placing in the top 10 were:

2nd – Hayden Stubbs, Sunflower District

3rd – Tate Crystal, Southwind District

4th – Reegan McDaniel, Southwind District

5th – Tanner Himmertzheim, Sedgwick County

6th – Lillian Hulse, Central Kansas District

7th – Tyler Gillespie, Frontier District

8th – Caylin Luthi, Greenwood County

9th – Carly Dreher, Southwind District

10th – Hannah Perrier, Greenwood County

Greenwood County won the Livestock Sweepstakes Champion Team Award with the best combined team performance in livestock judging, livestock skillathon, livestock quiz bowl and meat judging. Teams in the top five included: Southwind District No. 1, second; Sedgwick County, third; Wildcat District No. 1, fourth; and Frontier District No. 1, fifth.

Individual and team placings are posted to the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program website <https://bit.ly/sweepstakesresults> and the Judging Card website www.judgingcard.com.

The team champions for the livestock skillathon and livestock quiz bowl will represent Kansas at their respective national 4-H contest, all of which will occur later this fall. Again this year, Kansas will be represented by an all-star team at the national 4-H livestock judging contest in Louisville. Based on their performance in the state livestock judging contest, a talented group of 15 young people were selected to advance to the team selection process. This will include a series of livestock evaluation workshops and opportunities provided by the K-State Livestock Judging Team. This is the third year Kansas will be represented by an all-star team at the national 4-H meat judging contest during the American Royal. The top 13 kids will participate in several educational opportunities and meat evaluation workshops with the K-State Meat Judging Team throughout the fall as part of the all-star team selection process.

The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes program is also sponsored by Lyons Ranch, Kansas Pork Association, Kansas State University College of Agriculture, Ag Tech, Judd Ranch and *Farm Talk*.

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Cutline for Top 10 Sweepstakes Individuals:

Top 10 Livestock Sweepstakes Individuals pictured (l to r) are: Lyle Perrier, Greenwood County, first; Hayden Stubbs, Sunflower District, second; Tate Crystal, Southwind District, third; Reagan McDaniel, Southwind District, fourth; Tanner Hommertzheim, Sedgwick County, fifth; Lillian Hulse, Central Kansas District, sixth; Tyler Gillespie, Frontier District, seventh; Caylin Luthi, Greenwood County, eighth; Carly Dreher, Southwind District, ninth; and Hannah Perrier, Greenwood County, 10th.

Cutline for Champion Sweepstakes Team:

2023 Champion Sweepstakes Team representing Greenwood County. Pictured (l to r) are: Addison Westerman, Caylin Luthi, Lyle Perrier, Cody Johnson, Hannah Perrier and Brooke Gaines.