

PRESS RELEASE – 2008 Briggsdale Classic “A Huge Success!”

On July 11th & 12th, 2008, in the sleepy northeastern Colorado town of Briggsdale, over 600 people attended the fifth & sixth annual Briggsdale Classic Open Jackpot Market Beef, Market Lamb & Market Goat Show. In mid-July, one might expect the extreme heat, *but never 116 exhibitors showcasing 208 animals over the 2 day event.* The emphasis at the Briggsdale Classic was in the area of showmanship. Two prominent members of the Northeastern Junior College Livestock Judging Team judged 3 species: Todd Ostermiller did a fine job judging the beef and



Stephanie Lebsock did a great job judging not only the market lambs, but also the market goats as well. The money generated from the show will help fund the Briggsdale Citizenship Washington Focus Group’s trip to Washington D.C. in 2011 and scholarships for the Briggsdale FFA. The Flapjack Feed that was held on Saturday morning by the Briggsdale Lions Club will benefit their organization who provides assistance in the surrounding communities in a multitude of ways.



The Briggsdale Classic was open to all youth 19 & under. Donald Johnston, member of the Briggsdale Classic Committee who also owns Windee Ridge Boer Goats of Grover, Colorado, said, “besides showmanship, we wanted kids 8 & under to take an more active role in the show. Because, let’s face it, until they are enrolled as 4-H members, they can’t show anywhere else in Colorado except at the Weld County Goat Extravaganza. The Briggsdale Classic was set-up to encourage those younger kids to experience the thrill of exhibiting animals and learning showmanship.” Entry fees for the Briggsdale Classic were \$10 per animal for lambs & goats and \$15 for beef. Out of the entry fee, 50% was paid back in jackpot monies to the exhibitors in class premiums. The total money paid back, in cash & prizes was over \$3000! One neat aspect of the show was that premiums were paid down through 5th place and then each exhibitor below 5th place received \$1, instead of a participant ribbon. Every exhibitor was encouraged to enter showmanship, for a \$5 entry fee. Beautiful belt buckles were awarded to the beef, lamb & goat senior showmanship championship winners.

Those that attended the Briggsdale Classic were also treated to a concession stand that was sponsored by the Briggsdale FFA Chapter. The money generated from concessions help fund the chapter’s trips to State & National FFA Conventions. The food was fantastic and went fast.

The organizers of the Briggsdale Classic left no stone unturned, they were even provided with the extraordinary talents of professional photographer Mr. Emmett Jordan. Mr. Jordan donated his time and labor in support and honor of the youth involved in this event. The pictures rival photos of the major livestock shows in the country. In order to see these photos, you will just have to become a sponsor for next year’s Briggsdale Classic to see them! These photographs do prove the old adage that “a picture is worth a thousand words.”

The 2008 Briggsdale Classic was a huge success. On behalf of the Briggsdale Citizenship Washington Focus, the Briggsdale FFA Chapter and the members of the Briggsdale Classic Committee, we would like to thank everyone who participated, attended and sponsored this year’s event! We invite everyone back next year...the dates have already been set for July 10th & 11th, 2009!

To view pictures and to obtain a copy of the Market Beef Ultrasound Results, log on to <http://www.BriggsdaleClassic.com>

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2008 Briggsdale Classic Results

Showmanship Winners

Senior – ages 15& over

Market Beef Champion – Kammi Adams of Grover, Co.
Market Beef Reserve Champion – Kyle Hatch of Kersey, Co.
Market Lamb Champion – Jace Rogers of Yuma, Co.
Market Lamb Reserve Champion – Julia Cothren of Gill, Co.
Market Goat Champion – Ryan Throckmorton of LaSalle, Co.
Market Goat Reserve Champion – Marissa Bartmann of Greeley, Co.

Intermediate – ages 10-14

Market Beef Champion – Dustin Warboys of Snyder, Co.
Market Beef Reserve Champion – Megan Thormodsgard of Briggsdale, Co.
Market Lamb Champion – Jace Mortensen of Brush, CO.
Market Lamb Reserve Champion – Lindsay Miller of LaSalle, CO.
Market Goat Champion – Megan Seltzer of Briggsdale, Co.
Market Lamb Reserve Champion – Kathleen Heupel of Fort Morgan, Co.

Junior – ages 8 –10

Market Beef Champion – Amber Thiormodsgard of Briggsdale, Co.
Market Beef Reserve Champion – Parker Gilliland of Briggsdale, Co.
Market Lamb Champion – Derek Miller of LaSalle, Co.
Market Lamb Reserve Champion – Alex Vickers of Fort Morgan, Co.
Market Goat Champion – Maddie Brashears of Fort Morgan, Co.
Market Goat Reserve Champion – Tanner Fetzer of Kersey, Co.

Overall Market Beef Winners

Grand Champion & \$150

Dustin Warboys of Snyder, Co.

1414# Tag #63 from Class 3 (1st Show Ring+ 2nd in Ultrasound=4)

Reserve Champion & \$100

Megan Thormodsgard of Briggsdale, Co.

918# Tag #4681 from Class 1 (3rd in Show Ring + 1st Ultrasound = 4)

Overall Market Lamb Winners

Grand Champion + \$150

Jace Rogers of Yuma, Co.

126# Wether Tag #466 from Class 5

Reserve Champion + \$100

Amber Thormodsgard of Briggsdale, Co.

105# Tag #7086 from Class 2

Overall Market Goat Winners

Grand Champion + \$150

Ryan Throckmoprton of LaSalle, Co

70# Wether Tag #517 from Class 5

Reserve Champion + \$100

Tanner Fetzer of Kersey, Co.

70# wether Tag #7175 from Class 5

