

Umatilla County Fair

NEWS RELEASE

Umatilla County Fair Announces 2020 Youth Livestock Auction Results

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the animals were dropped off at the fairgrounds, shown by a handful of masked volunteers and judged live to determine a Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and the sale order. In lieu of a fair, the Fair Board, Sale Committee, 4-H, FFA and Umatilla County Commissioners created a modified event to allow the market animals to sell while remaining Covid compliant.

The 2020 Umatilla County Fair Youth Livestock Auction grossed over \$585,000 on 208 lots, just slightly off the 2019 record of \$615,000 on 265 lots! Sale Superintendent Marie Linnell-“It is just amazing to see the support of our communities throughout the county and beyond!”

There are many ways to look at the reason for the success of this year’s auction. The UCF Sale Committee reached out to last year’s buyers during the week prior to the auction and it was evident on those calls that the community was ready to support the kids. While some who have been impacted by COVID-19 weren’t able to support as much as previous years, others indicated that they would be able to commit additional funds. The virtual option saw significant bidding, but the option for buyers to proxy their bidding to onsite volunteer Sale Staff who were able to attend the live auction on their behalf, really helped the sale to gain the momentum needed for the sale prices that were seen this year. The bump program added a record \$65,000 and impacted 169 of the 208 lots! Add-on donations also broke their record coming in at over \$72,000!

Congratulations to our Grand and Reserve Champions!

Species	Title	Seller	Buyer
MARKET SWINE	Grand Champion	Broc Erickson	Elmer's Irrigation
MARKET SWINE	Reserve Grand Champion	Lydia Vander Stelt	AgriNorthwest
MARKET RABBITS	Grand Champion	Kaitlynn Bombela-Post	Mid Columbia Producers (MCP)
MARKET STEER	Grand Champion	Alyson Terry	Helena Chemical
MARKET STEER	Reserve Grand Champion	Blake Betz	Simplot Grower Solutions
MARKET TURKEY	Grand Champion	Carter Keys	Les Schwab Hermiston & Pendleton
MARKET TURKEY	Reserve Grand Champion	Tanner Miller	Gregory Smith & Company, LLC
MARKET GOAT	Grand Champion	Kelli Nelson	Threemile Canyon Farms
MARKET GOAT	Reserve Grand Champion	Quinn Duff	Copeland Show Calves
MARKET SHEEP	Grand Champion	Michael Rosselle	Nutrien Ag Solutions
MARKET SHEEP	Reserve Grand Champion	Gavin Bolen	Bank of Eastern Oregon

For more information and photos, visit <https://www.umatillacountyfair.net/youth-livestock-auction>

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