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2007 Marks Another Successful Ohio Beef Expo

The Ohio Cattlemen's Association hosted the 20th Annual Ohio Beef Expo March 16-18, 2007, at the Ohio Exposition Center in Columbus, Ohio. This year's Expo was a success with attendance over 25,000 from 20 states and Canada. The Ohio Beef Expo is the ninth largest event held in central Ohio and is an annual opportunity for those involved with the beef industry to learn and enhance their businesses and operations through exhibition and sales. To help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the event, many new events took place including an Exhibitor Thank you Lunch on Thursday, the OCA Corral on Friday and an equipment consignment sale on Sunday. For complete Expo results visit the event's Web site at www.ohiobeefexpo.com.

The event began Friday morning with opening ceremonies that celebrated 20 years of the event. Ohio Director of Agriculture Robert Boggs spoke at the event and 20 year exhibitors of the Ohio Beef Expo were recognized. Twenty year trade show exhibitors included: ADM/Alliance Nutrition, ABN/Buckeye Ag Ratio Network, COBA/Select Sires, Dailey Fence & Supply, Genex/CRI, Intervet, Land O'Lakes, Ohio's Country Journal, Pfizer Animal Health, Townsend's Sales and White's Show Supplies. Twenty year breed shows and sales exhibitors included: Rains Angus, Oakridge Farms (Hereford), Ginger Natolis (Murray Grey), Maplewind Farm – Ricker & McKee Family (Maine-Anjou), Ox Valley Farm – David Garriott (Maine-Anjou), Tom Wilcox (Maine-Anjou), Maple Valley Farms – Sheeley Family (Gelbvieh & Simmental), Keith Moore (Shorthorn), Byland Polled Shorthorns, Diamond L – Herb & Margaret Litt (Simmental) and Earl Forman (Simmental). Also recognized during the opening ceremonies

were past Expo Chairmen and Friends of the Beef Expo award recipients. The 2007 Friends of the Ohio Beef Expo awards were given to Curt Hively, New Waterford; Joyce McKee, New Paris; and Jim and Jackie Murray, Xenia; for their dedication and support of the event over the years.

The Ohio Beef Expo Trade Show ran from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon in the Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center and featured over 105 exhibitors and vendors. Purina Mills, LLC of Bremen, Ohio, was the recipient of the Large Premier Booth Exhibitor award and Steyer Seeds of Tiffin, Ohio, was the Small Premier Booth Exhibitor.

The ever popular Genetic pathway was available for visitors of the Ohio Beef Expo in the main hallway of the Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center. There were 21 of the industry's most popular sires and donor prospects on display throughout the weekend.

The Ohio Beef Expo was created as an opportunity for Ohio's beef breed associations to jointly market cattle and this year seven seedstock sales held on Saturday, March 17 were an Expo highlight. The seven sales combined posted strong numbers with approximately 333 lots grossing \$732,365 for an average price of \$2,199. The Angus sale grossed \$131,825, with an average lot price of \$1,911, the Hereford sale grossed \$84,325, with an average lot price of \$1,884, the Limousin sale grossed \$51,800, with an average price of \$2,355, the Maine-Anjou sale grossed \$226,600, with an average of \$2,463, the Piedmontese sale grossed \$25,400, with an average of \$2,116, the Shorthorn sale grossed \$90,650, with an average of \$2,015, and the Simmental sale grossed \$121,765, with an average of \$2,342.

Eight different breeds of cattle were exhibited on Friday, March 16th. The Champion Angus Bull went to Kingsway Angus of Tiffin, Ohio, and Champion Angus Female was awarded to McCauley Angus Farm, Cambridge, Ohio. Champion Gelbvieh Female went to Bluegrass Gelbvieh, Shelbyville, Ky., and the Champion Cow/Calf Pair also went to Bluegrass Gelbvieh. The Champion Hereford Bull went to NS Polled Herefords, Mason, Ohio, and Lake View Acres, Pleasantville, Ohio, and Champion Female was awarded to NS Polled Herefords. Champion Limousin Bull went to Circle L Limousin of Burbank, Ohio, and Champion Limousin Female was awarded to Fawley Farms of Lynchburg, Ohio. Champion Lim-Flex Bull was awarded to Pleasant Home Cattle Company of Creston, Ohio, and Champion Lim-Flex Heifer was awarded to Circle L Limousin. Limestone Ridge Farm of Bedford, Ind., exhibited the Champion Murray Grey Bull and OSU ATI showed the Champion Murray Grey Female. Olmsted Cattle Co., Charlotte,

Mich., received the Champion Piedmontese Bull award. The Champion Piedmontese Female was awarded to Whistling Acres, Holmesville, Ohio. Champion Shorthorn Bull was awarded to Nick Steinke, Rensselaer, Ind.; Champion Female to Lehman Shorthorns, Reedsburg, Wis.; Champion Appendix Shorthorn Bull was awarded to Mooreland, Decatur, Ohio; and Champion Appendix Female went to Conley Cattle & Sam Thackery, Springfield, Ohio. Futurity Simmental Champion went to Josh Van Horn from Malta, Ohio, and Reserve Champion went to Hall's Simmental of Statts Mill, W. Va.

Breeds that were not shown but were represented on display in the O'Neil Building were Chianina, Charolais and Red Angus.

The Junior Steer and Heifer Show took place on Sunday, March 18th, with 620 head exhibited. Dr. Chris Skaggs of Texas was the heifer show judge and Jack Ward of Missouri judged the market animal show. Leah Geuy, Champaign County, received the banner for Grand Champion Market Animal, who earlier was named Crossbred Champion, followed by Zach Grauer, Ashland County, with Reserve Champion Market Animal and Reserve Crossbred Champion. Grand Champion Heifer went to Megan Hunt, Darke County, who was first named Chianina Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer was awarded to Ashlie Winegardner, Allen County, who was first named Crossbred Champion.

In the showmanship competition of the junior show, evaluated by Mark Hara, of Brookville, Ohio, and Kevin Rose, of Salem, Ill., the four top winners were, senior division, Louise Kline, Stark County; intermediate division, Lindsay Grimes, Highland County; junior division, Lauren Grimes, Highland County; and beginner division, Tyler Clark of Miami County.

An added attraction to this year's junior events was a fitting contest that was held Friday, March 16. Twelve teams, each consisting of four members, had 20 minutes to fit their animal. The teams were evaluated by Tim Suddeth of Wisconsin, Brad Hook of Iowa and Dan DeMeyer of Indiana. These three judges assessed each team on their overall fitting ability, teamwork skills and the final appearance of the animal. When the blowers and clippers stopped as time expired, the team of Opie Campbell of Cedarville, Mike Clark of Covington, and Madison and Tyler Clark of Covington was named champion. Each member of the winning team received a new blower and a Purina and eZall prize pack.

The Ohio Cattlemen's Association is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and is the state's spokesperson and issues manager for all segments of the beef cattle industry including cattle

breeders, producers and feeders. It is the grass roots policy development organization for the beef business. Through the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, cattle producers work to create a positive business environment, while providing consumers with a safe and wholesome product.

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