American Royal Honors Winners at 101st Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

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A total of 24 teams, comprised of 120 contestants representing colleges and universities from across the United States, competed for top honors in the 101st Annual American Royal Livestock Judging Contest on Oct. 28, 2001, in Kansas City, Mo.

Student teams compete in the judging of beef cattle, sheep and swine at the American Royal, as well as present orally the reasons for their placings. Winners were announced at the 56th annual awards breakfast sponsored by the Belles of the American Royal (BOTAR) on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Kansas City Club in Kansas City, Mo. The BOTARs have sponsored this educational event for youth in agriculture for 20 years.

Top team honors overall were awarded to Oklahoma State University (OSU) for their combined score of 4,759 out of a possible 5,000, the highest score ever recorded in the history of the contest. Students on the team were Heath Bush, Ninnekah, Okla.; Jeremy Cantrell, Stigler, Okla.; Terry Lockhart, Muldrow, Okla.; Angus member Cody Sankey, Council Grove, Kan.; and Justin Stacey, Oktaha, Okla. The students were coached by Mark Johnson.

Other teams placing in the top five in the competition included Texas A&M University, second, with a combined score of 4,737 points; Texas Tech University, third, with a combined score of 4,685 points; University of Tennessee-Martin, fourth, with a total score of 4,682; and Purdue University, fifth, scoring 4,669 points.

The top 10 high-scoring individuals overall in the contest were also recognized for their accomplishments. They included Julie Beaver, Cambria, Calif., first; Matt Leo, Le Grand, Calif., second; Cody Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., third; Dennis Peterson, Niles, Mich., fourth; Matt Barnes, Selmer, Tenn., fifth; Ryan Rathmann, Bastrop, Texas, sixth; Brandon Ogle, Stewardson, Ill., seventh; Tim Prunty, Allerton, Iowa, eighth; Terry Lockhart, Muldrow, Okla., ninth; and Michael Simpson, McMinnville, Tenn., tenth. **AJ**

▶ The top 10 overall contestants are (back row, from left) **Julie Beaver,** Cambria, Calif., first; **Matt Leo,** Le Grand, Calif., second; **Cody Sankey,** Council Grove, Kan., third; **Dennis Peterson,** Niles, Mich., fourth; **Matt Barnes,** Selmer, Tenn., fifth; (front row, from left) **Ryan Rathmann,** Bastrop, Texas, sixth; **Brandon Ogle,** Stewardson, Ill., seventh; **Tim Prunty,** Allerton, Iowa, eighth; **Terry Lockhart,** Muldrow, Okla., ninth; and **Michael Simpson,** McMinnville, Tenn., tenth.

▶ Oklahoma State University's livestock judging team placed first overall at the 101st American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Justin Stacey,** Oktaha, Okla.; **Cody Sankey,** Council Grove, Kan.; **Terry Lockhart,** Muldrow, Okla.; **Jeremy Cantrell,** Stigler, Okla.; **Heath Bush,** Ninnekah, Okla; (back row, from left) **Grant Turner,** Amber, Okla.; **Mark Johnson,** coach; and **Scott Stedje,** Gruver, Texas.

Table 1: Top five overall team placings

TEAM	SCORE
1. Oklahoma State University	4,759
2. Texas A&M University	4,737
3. Texas Tech University	4,685
4. University of Tennessee-Martin	4,682
5. Purdue University	4,669

Table 2: Top three overall individuals

NAME	TEAM	SCORE
1. Julie Beaver	Texas Tech University	970
2. Matt Leo	Texas A&M University	964
3. Cody Sankey	Oklahoma State University	961

Table 3: High individuals, beef cattle

NAME	TEAM	SCORE
1. Cody Sankey	Oklahoma State University	440
2. Julie Beaver	Texas Tech University	438
3. Terry Lockhart	Oklahoma State University	437
4. Mike Schilperoort	California Polytechnic State University	437
5. Erin Morrow	Texas A&M University	434

Table 4: High individuals, oral reasons

NAME	TEAM	SCORE
1. Cody Sankey	Oklahoma State University	381
2. Ryan Rathmann	Texas A&M University	379
3. Matt Barnes	University of Tennessee-Martin	379
4. Julie Beaver	Texas Tech University	379
5. Craig Spray	Purdue University	377

All tie scores, for both individuals and teams, were broken with reasons scores to determine final placings.