American Royal Names Winners at 102nd Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest

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A total of 21 teams comprised of 97 contestants, representing colleges and universities from across the United States, competed for top honors in the 102nd Annual American Royal Livestock Judging Contest held Oct. 26, 2002, in Kansas City, Mo.

Student teams competed in the judging of beef cattle, sheep and swine, and presented orally the reasons for their placings. Winners were announced at the 57th annual awards breakfast sponsored by the Belles of the American Royal (BOTAR) on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kansas City, Kan.

Top team honors overall were awarded to the University of Illinois for their combined score of 4,691 points out of a possible 5,000. Students on the team were Brad Faber, Sublette, Ill.; Brian Postin, Lewistown, Ill.; Brock Tarr, Newton, Ill.; Adam Swigart, Farmer City, Ill.; and Carrie Bertelsen, Little York, Ill. The team was coached by Dan Shike.

Other teams placing in the top five in the team competition included Texas Tech University, second; Iowa State University, third; Michigan State University, fourth; and Oklahoma State University, fifth.

The top five high-scoring individuals in the contest were also recognized for their accomplishments. They included Jason Byrd, Fort Sumner, N.M., first; Michael Lash, Allerton, Iowa, second; Andy VanAernam, Exira, Iowa, third; Carrie Bertelsen, Little York, Ill., fourth; and Nolan Frantz, Hillsboro, Kan., fifth.

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► The University of Illinois livestock judging team placed first overall at the 102nd American Royal Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured (from left) are Dan Shike, coach; **Brad Faber,** Sublette, Ill.; **Brian Postin,** Lewistown, Ill.; **Brock Tarr,** Newton, Ill.; **Adam Swigart,** Farmer City, Ill.; and **Carrie Bertelsen,** Little York, Ill.

► The five top contestants overall are (from left) **Jason Byrd,** Fort Sumner, N.M., first; **Michael Lash,** Allerton, Iowa, second; **Andy VanAernam,** Exira, Iowa, third; **Carrie Bertelsen,** Little York, Ill., fourth; and **Nolan Frantz,** Hillsboro, Kan., fifth.

Table 1: Top-five team placings, overall

Team	Score
1. University of Illinois	4,691
2. Texas Tech University	4,679
3. Iowa State University	4,670
4. Michigan State University	4,632
5. Oklahoma State University	4,629

Table 2: Top-five individuals, overall

Name	Team	Score
1. Jason Byrd	Texas Tech University	954
2. Michael Lash	Iowa State University	952*
3. Andy VanAernam	Iowa State University	952
4. Carrie Bertelsen	University of Illinois	948
5. Nolan Frantz	Kansas State University	948

Table 3: High individuals, swine

Name	Team	Score
1. Brad Faber	University of Illinois	290
2. Jason Byrd	Texas Tech University	290
3. Ben Elliott	Colorado State University	289
4. Nolan Frantz	Kansas State University	289
5. Jake Grass	University of Minnesota	289

Table 4: High individuals, beef cattle

Name	Team	Score
1. Andy VanAernam	Iowa State University	439
2. Josh Cody	Texas Tech University	436
3. Michael Lash	Iowa State University	436
4. Jason Byrd	Texas Tech University	435
5. Mark Hassebrook	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	434

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