

Lean and Marbled

Low-Prime, Yield Grades 1 and 2 win carcass contest.

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The carcass steer contest at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) allows Angus youth the opportunity to learn about the beef industry outside of the showring. More than 25 contestants entered 34 carcass entries at the 2005 NJAS July 17-23 in Denver, Colo.

The contest was started in 1985 in an effort to increase awareness of the role that Angus cattle play in the beef industry. After being discontinued in 1991, the contest was reinstated in 1993.

Prize money is awarded to first through 10th places. The first-place winner receives \$1,000; second, \$750; third, \$500; fourth, \$400; fifth, \$350; sixth, \$300; seventh, \$250; eighth, \$200; ninth, \$150; and tenth, \$100. All owners whose cattle meet *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®)

carcass requirements receive an additional \$50. The champion state group receives \$100, and the reserve champion state group receives \$75.

Glen Mommsen, De Witt, Iowa, entered the grand champion carcass steer, which was sired by Bon-View New Design 1407. The steer weighed 1,262 pounds (lb.) and had a carcass weight of 755 lb. The carcass had a ribeye area (REA) of 15.3 square inches (sq. in.), a dressing percentage of 60 and a USDA Yield Grade (YG) of 1.27. With a USDA Quality Grade (QG) of low-Prime, the carcass qualified for the CAB program.

"The steer was initially selected to be a show calf, but we later decided because of his ultrasound numbers he would make a better carcass steer," Mommsen said.

Mommsen said this was his first year to enter the carcass contest. He planned to use his prize money to attend the 2005 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference in Boise, Idaho.

Flinton McCabe, Elk City, Kan., owned the reserve grand champion carcass steer. The calf had a live weight of 1,133 lb. and a carcass weight of 691 lb. The carcass had a 13.7-sq.-in. REA and dressed at 61%. The carcass also qualified as CAB, with a 2.04 YG and a low-Prime QG.

The McCabes continued their winning tradition by winning the state group. Group members included siblings Ethan and Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.

Reserve grand champion state group was awarded to James and John Pfeiffer of Mulhall, Okla.



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► **Above:** Junior members and their parents load their steers onto the semi Wednesday morning. Some of the steers competed in the live steer show earlier that morning.

► **Right:** Colorado Brand Commissioner Gary Shoun reviews the paperwork as the carcass steers are weighed and checked in.

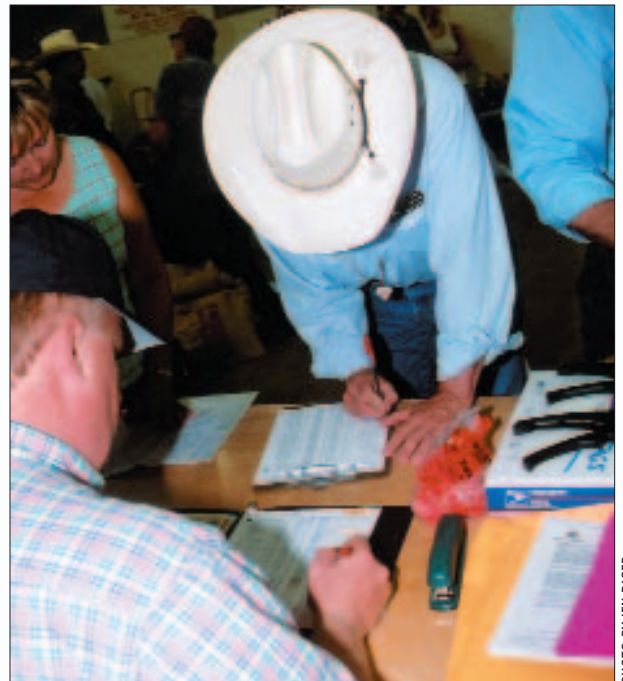


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► Above: Glen Mommsen (left), De Witt, Iowa; and Flinton McCabe, Elk City, Kan., claimed grand champion and reserve grand champion carcass steers, respectively. Both winning carcasses graded low-Prime.



► Left: Oklahoma won reserve grand champion state carcass group. Pictured are (from left) James and John Pfeiffer, Mulhall, Okla.

► Below: Kansas won grand champion state carcass group and third-place state carcass group. Pictured are (from left) Ethan and Esther McCabe, grand champion state group, and Hannah and Flinton McCabe, third-place state group. All are from Elk City, Kan.

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Table 1: Top five state groups

Rank	State group
1	Kansas 4
2	Oklahoma
3	Kansas 1
4	Kansas 2
5	Minnesota

Table 2: Top 15 placings in the 2005 NJAS carcass contest

Rank	Exhibitor	Entry	Wt., lb.	HCW, lb.	Dress, %	FT, in.	REA, sq. in.	KPH, %	QG	YG	CAB®	Index	Group
1	Glen Mommsen	18	1,262	755	59.83	0.20	15.3	1.5	PR ⁻	1.27	Y	119.20	
2	Flinton McCabe	33	1,133	691	60.99	0.40	13.7	1.5	PR ⁻	2.04	Y	117.87	KS-1
3	James Pfeiffer	25	1,321	854	64.65	0.45	15.3	2.0	PR ⁰	2.37	Y	111.12	OK
4	Cortney Bromenshenk	27	1,332	824	61.86	0.45	15.2	1.5	CH ⁺	2.19	Y	110.56	MT
5	Hannah McCabe	21	1,124	688	61.21	0.40	12.2	1.5	PR ⁻	2.51	Y	110.48	KS-1
6	James Pfeiffer	19	1,181	700	59.27	0.35	15.0	1.5	CH ⁻	1.54	N	110.00	OK
7	Lauren Schroeder	14	1,161	736	63.39	0.40	12.0	1.5	PR ⁻	2.76	Y	106.84	
8	Esther McCabe	36	1,122	689	61.41	0.40	13.5	2.0	CH ⁰	2.20	Y	105.95	KS-4
9	Ethan McCabe	38	1,051	642	61.08	0.35	13.2	1.5	CH ⁻	1.89	N	102.47	KS-4
10	Matt Wilson	34	1,376	846	61.48	0.40	14.3	1.5	CH ⁰	2.44	Y	101.74	
11	Kelsey Repenning	28	1,107	678	61.25	0.35	12.3	2.0	CH ⁰	2.42	Y	101.31	
12	Jessica Jallo	2	1,219	726	59.56	0.40	12.9	2.0	CH ⁰	2.53	Y	100.94	
13	Hannah McCabe	29	1,149	699	60.84	0.20	12.8	1.5	CH ⁰	1.86	Y	100.05	KS-3
14	Jessica Jallo	11	1,167	679	58.18	0.20	13.3	1.5	CH ⁻	1.62	N	98.28	
15	Flinton McCabe	20	1,092	675	61.81	0.30	12.1	2.0	CH ⁻	2.34	N	96.40	KS-1