

▶ Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day and Jr. Preview Show, May 31-June 1, Cullman, continued



▶Winning peewee showmanship honors are (from left) **Carson Spears**, Auburn; **Kristin Walker**, Lexington; and **Wesley Rogers** and **Jackson Rogers**, both of Piedmont.



▶Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Carly Lindstrom**, Owens Cross Roads, first; **Clayton McGuire**, Waverly, second; and **James Barton**, Dutton, third.



▶Representing Alabama as voting delegates at the 2013 NJAS are (from left) **Clayton McGuire**, Waverly; and **Baleigh Moseley**, Eclectic.

NJAA members participate in leadership academy

Twenty Kansas high school students — including National Junior Angus Association member **Casey Craver**, Saline, Kan. — participated in the 5th annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy June 5-8 at Kansas State University's (K-State) Manhattan campus. In addition to sessions and tours on campus, participants toured livestock-related organizations and businesses in other parts of the state.

The students, who ranged in age from 14 to 18, were selected based on educational, community, and agricultural involvement. As part of the academy, they evaluated real-life livestock situations and became familiar with college life.

NJAA members, including K-State students **John Sachse**, a senior in animal sciences and industry from Easton, Kan.; and **Tyler Ottensmeier**, a senior in animal sciences from McLouth, Kan., also served as counselors

Prior to the academy, participants were given a current-event topic to research. Each gave a presentation at the end of the week on such topics as use of swine gestation crates; U.S. horse slaughter; use of anesthesia for minor farm animal surgeries; and beef steroid implants. The presentations were evaluated and scored based on content, delivery, knowledge of the topic and ability to answer questions.

"The academy was a great success and I was so proud to lead such a great group of young individuals," Kristine Clowers, youth livestock coordinator, said, adding that the academy drew more than 40 applications. "Their enthusiasm and drive to make a difference in the industry is inspiring, and I encourage them to spread their dedication."

As part of the academy, the group toured Mill Brae Ranch near Maple Hill; the Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas Beef Council, both in Topeka; and Seaboard Foods in Shawnee Mission before having dinner in the Kansas City area.

Back in Manhattan, the students toured the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and its farm units, the K-State Animal Breeding Services Unit, and the Beef Cattle Institute.

"The purpose of touring these organizations is to give the participants a glance at where their future could possibly lie after high school and/or college graduation," Clowers said. "Youth are not always aware of the different avenues they can take in the livestock industry and by seeing firsthand what these companies and organizations do, they can broaden their future plans and goals."

▶ California Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, May 25-May 26, Turlock



▶Top showmanship honors were won in each division by (from left) **Shannon Tower**, Copperopolis, senior champion; **Megan Silveira**, Denair, intermediate champion; **Colby Perry**, Prather, junior champion; and **Taylor Cardoza**, O'Neals, peewee champion. Also pictured is Brett Barber, judge.

▶ Missouri Jr. Angus Preview Show at the Missouri Cattlemen's Ass'n All-Breeds Show, June 8, Sedalia



▶Missouri Angus royalty are (from left) **Kathryn Goforth**, Savannah, 2013 princess; and **Brittany Eagleburger**, 2013 queen, and **Nathan Eagleburger**, 2013 ambassador, both of Buffalo.



▶Winning top honors in showmanship are (from left) **Jacob Heimsoth**, Cameron, senior champion; and **Kathryn Goforth**, Savannah, junior champion.

▶ North Carolina Jr. Beef Roundup, Raleigh

▶Receiving top honors in the Ultimate Beef Heifer Make-over competition are (from left) **Catherine Harward**, Richfield; **LeAnn Harward**, Richfield; **Lynae Bowman**, Germantown; and **Mattie Harward**, Richfield. Each team member received grooming clip-pers. The event was sponsored by Novartis Animal Health U.S. Inc.

