

**Junior Winners Named at North American Angus Show** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 73**Sale of Champions features youth achievement**

Six youth from six states sold six champion and reserve champion animals for a total of \$96,000 at the 2013 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Sale of Champions. Hosted to honor young people for the work they have done throughout the year to raise their champion entries, the sale features the top two animals from the NAILE junior steer, wether and swine shows. To qualify to compete in the junior shows, and subsequently in the Sale of Champions, showmen must be 21 years old or younger. This year's champions hailed from New Mexico, Indiana, Arkansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Proceeds from the Sale of Champions are used by the young people for a variety of purposes, ranging from reinvestment in their livestock operations, payment of college expenses, farm land purchases, equipment purchases and much more. The honor of

winning in junior showing is in itself a lifetime achievement, and the Sale of Champions adds luster and wealth to the honor since youngsters take home big money. This year's champion steer, sold by Sutton Bellar of Wisner, Neb., brought \$25,000; while the reserve champion steer, shown by Baylor Bonham of Newcastle, Okla., brought \$21,000.

Each year, 10% of the sale money is withheld to promote the sale and the philanthropy of all buyers — this year as a contribution to "Blessings in a Backpack," which provides food to needy school children in Louisville. Young sellers receive the balance of sale proceeds.

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