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## **2018 Meat Products Contest Champions Announced**

Grand Champion, 1<sup>s</sup> Reserve Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion to be sold during the Governor's Blue Ribbon Meat Products Auction, benefitting Wisconsin 4-H Youth

*Madison, Wis.* (June 26, 2018) – The Governor's Blue Ribbon Meat Products Auction is back at the Wisconsin State Fair celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> year. You are invited to join us on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Case IH Coliseum for another Blue Ribbon winning year. Registration begins at 5:30pm and the live auction begins at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Office, 608-262-1597 or by going online to [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).

Stars of the evening will include the Grand Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion meat products from all categories of the 2018 Meat Products Contest, as well as the 2018 Best in Show product. Best of Show is selected from entries across the state that were judged and is announced at the auction.

We would like to congratulate all the meat processors from across the state who participated in this year's competition.

The **Grand Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Grand Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Winners** for the categories are:

**Grand Champion Flavored Bacon**  
Haen Meat Packaging Inc., Kaukauna

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Flavored Bacon**  
Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Flavored Bacon**

Roskom Meats, Kaukauna

**Grand Champion Bone-In Ham**

Haen Meat Packaging Inc., Kaukauna

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Bone-In Ham**

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Bone-In Ham**

Newton Meats Inc., Newton

**Grand Champion Flavored Summer Sausage**

Karl's Country Market, Menomonee Falls

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Flavored Summer Sausage**

Lodi Sausage Co. & Meat Market, Lodi

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Flavored Summer Sausage**

Newton Meats Inc., Newton

**Grand Champion Dried or Smoked Beef**

Sailer's Food Market & Meat Processing, Elmwood

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Dried or Smoked Beef**

Peoples Meat Market, Stevens Point

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Dried or Smoked Beef**

Louis's Fine Meats Inc., Cumberland

**Grand Champion Flavored Snack Sausages**

Wilson Farm Meats, Elkhorn

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Traditional Snack Sausages**

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Traditional Snack Sausages**

Louis's Fine Meats, Inc., Cumberland

**Grand Champion Cooked Bratwurst (smoked or cured)**

Ray's Market, Colby

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Cooked Bratwurst (smoked or cured)**

The Meat Block LLC, Greenville

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Cooked Bratwurst (smoked or cured)**

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

**Grand Champion Whole Muscle Jerky**

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Whole Muscle Jerky**

Karl's Country Market, Menomonee Falls

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Whole Muscle Jerky**

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

**Grand Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product**

Sailer's Food Market & Meat Processing, Elmwood

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product**

Sixth Street Market, Ashland

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product**

Wilson Farm Meats, Elkhorn

**Grand Champion Emulsified Ring Bologna**

Sixth Street Market, Ashland

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Emulsified Ring Bologna**

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Emulsified Ring Bologna**

Northwoods Locker LLC, Clayton

Last year, Governor Walker encouraged attendees to raise their bidder cards high for Wisconsin 4-H youth. In total, over \$130,000 was raised in 2017, and sights are set to surpass this record-breaking amount in 2018. Auction's proceeds support Wisconsin 4-H activities including 4-H conferences, teaching materials and workshops, and overall development of 4-H youth.

Please join us at the Governor's Blue Ribbon Meat Products Auction August 7, 2018 for another record breaking year.

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The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, WI, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports more than 150,000 youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, developments, and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).