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2017 Meat Products Contest Champions Announced

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



Judges of the 2017 Meat Products Contest

Left to right are: Tim Lorang, Robert Weyker, Elton Aberle, Terry Timm, Andy Milkowski, and Duane Bunting.

Madison, Wis. (July 10 2017) – The Governor’s Blue Ribbon Meat Products Auction is back at the Wisconsin State Fair celebrating its 26th year. You are invited to join us on August 8th, 2017 in the Case IH Coliseum for another Blue Ribbon winning year. Registration begins at 5:30pm and the live auction begins at 7pm. 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.

Stars of the evening will include the Grand Champion, 1st Reserve Champion and 2nd Reserve Champion meat products from all categories of the 2017 Meat Products Contest, as well as the 2017 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, 1st Reserve Grand Champion and 2nd Reserve Champion Winners
for the categories are:

Grand Champion Bacon

Wytttenbach Meets LLC, Prairie du Sac

1st Reserve Champion Bacon

People’s Meat Market, Stevens Point

2nd Reserve Champion Bacon

Karl’s Country Market, Menomonee Falls

Grand Champion Bone-In Ham

Louie’s Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

1st Reserve Champion Bone-In Ham

Jake Sailer, Elmwood

2nd Reserve Champion Bone-In Ham

The Meat Block LLC , Greenville

Grand Champion Flavored Summer Sausage

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

1st Reserve Champion Flavored Summer Sausage

Cal Hermann, Eden

2nd Reserve Champion Flavored Summer Sausage

Maplewood Meats, Green Bay

Grand Champion Dried or Smoked Beef

Louie’s Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

1st Reserve Champion Dried or Smoked Beef

Maplewood Meats, Green Bay

2nd Reserve Champion Dried or Smoked Beef

Wytttenbach Meets LLC, Prairie du Sac

Grand Champion Traditional Snack Sausages

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

1st Reserve Champion Traditional Snack Sausages

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

2nd Reserve Champion Traditional Snack Sausages

Harry Hansen Meat Service, Stevens Point

Grand Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

1st Reserve Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst

Leroy Meats of Horicon, Horicon

2nd Reserve Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

Grand Champion Ground and Formed Jerky

Cal Hermann, Eden

1st Reserve Champion Ground and Formed Jerky

Northwoods Locker, Clayton

2nd Reserve Champion Ground and Formed Jerky

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

Grand Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product

Wytttenbach Meats LLC, Prairie du Sac

1st Reserve Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

2nd Reserve Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product

Kewaskum Frozen Foods, Kewaskum

Grand Champion Kielbasa or Polish Sausage

Geiss Meat Service, Merrill

1st Reserve Champion Kielbasa or Polish Sausage

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

2nd Reserve Champion Kielbasa or Polish Sausage

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

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 2016, sights are set to surpass this record-breaking amount in 2017. 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 8, 2017 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.