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**2017 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



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 26<sup>th</sup> year. You are invited to join us on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](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 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Grand Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Winners**  
for the categories are:

**Grand Champion Bacon**

Wytttenbach Meets LLC, Prairie du Sac

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Bacon**

People’s Meat Market, Stevens Point

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

Karl’s Country Market, Menomonee Falls

**Grand Champion Bone-In Ham**

Louie’s Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

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

Jake Sailer, Elmwood

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

The Meat Block LLC , Greenville

**Grand Champion Flavored Summer Sausage**

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

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

Cal Hermann, Eden

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

Maplewood Meats, Green Bay

**Grand Champion Dried or Smoked Beef**

Louie’s Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

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

Maplewood Meats, Green Bay

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

Wytttenbach Meets LLC, Prairie du Sac

**Grand Champion Traditional Snack Sausages**

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

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

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

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

Harry Hansen Meat Service, Stevens Point

**Grand Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst**

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst**

Leroy Meats of Horicon, Horicon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst**

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

**Grand Champion Ground and Formed Jerky**

Cal Hermann, Eden

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Ground and Formed Jerky**

Northwoods Locker, Clayton

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Champion Ground and Formed Jerky**

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

**Grand Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product**

Wytttenbach Meats LLC, Prairie du Sac

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

Louie's Finer Meats Inc., Cumberland

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

Kewaskum Frozen Foods, Kewaskum

**Grand Champion Kielbasa or Polish Sausage**

Geiss Meat Service, Merrill

**1<sup>st</sup> Reserve Champion Kielbasa or Polish Sausage**

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).