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## 2016 Meat Products Contest Champions Announced

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



Judges of the 2016 Meat Products Contest

*Madison, Wis.* (July 5, 2016) – The Governor's Blue Ribbon Meat Products Auction is back at the Wisconsin State Fair celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year. You are invited to join us on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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.

Stars of the evening will include the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion meat products from all categories of the 2016 Meat Products Contest, as well as the 2016 Best in Show product. Best of Show is selected from the over 150 entries that were judged and is announced at the auction.

We would like to congratulate all who participated in this year's competition. The meat processors who entered the contest include: Almena Meat Company, Brandon Meats & Sausages, Inc., Country Fresh Meats, Eden Meat Market, Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly Inc., Geiss Meat Service, Haen Meat Packing Inc., John

Straka, Kewaskum Frozen Foods, Inc., Lake Geneva Country Meats, LeRoy Meats of Horicon, Lodi Sausage Co. & Meat Market, Louie's Finer Meats, Inc., Maplewood Meats, Newton Meats, Inc., Nolechek's Meats, Inc., People's Meat Market, Ray's Market, Rick Kastenson, Sailer's Food Market & Meat, Sixth Street Meat, Wilson Farm Meats, Wisconsin River Meats and Wyttenback Meats.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Winners for the categories are:

**Grand Champion Bacon**

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

**Reserve Grand Champion Bacon**

People's Meat Market, Stevens Point

**Grand Champion Bone-In Ham**

Wyttenback Meats, Prairie du Sac

**Reserve Grand Bone-In Ham**

Nolechek's Meats, Inc., Thorp

**Grand Champion Flavored Summer Sausage**

Maplewood Meats, Green Bay

**Reserve Grand Flavored Summer Sausage**

Haen Meat Packing Inc., Kaukauna

**Grand Champion Dried or Smoked Beef**

Sailer's Food Market & Meat, Elmwood

**Reserve Grand Dried or Smoked Beef**

People's Meat Market, Stevens Point

**Grand Champion Flavored Snack Sausages**

People's Meat Market, Stevens Point

**Reserve Grand Flavored Snack Sausages**

Wilson Farm Meats, Elkhorn

**Grand Champion Specialty Cooked Bratwurst**

Kewaskum Frozen Foods, Inc., Kewaskum

**Reserve Grand Specialty Cooked Bratwurst**

Country Fresh Meats, Weston

**Grand Champion Whole Muscle Jerky**

Eden Meat Market, Eden

**Reserve Grand Whole Muscle Jerky**

Louie's Finer Meats, Inc., Cumberland

**Grand Champion Cured Specialty Meat Product**

Lake Geneva Country Meats, Lake Geneva

**Reserve Grand Cured Specialty Meat Product**

Kewaskum Frozen Foods, Inc., Kewaskum

**Grand Champion Ring Bologna**

Maplewood Meats, Green Bay

**Reserve Grand Ring Bologna**

People's Meat Market, Stevens Point

Last year, Governor Walker encouraged attendees to raise their bidder cards high for Wisconsin 4-H youth. In total, over \$110,000 was raised in 2015, sites are set to surpass this record-breaking amount in 2016. 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 9, 2016 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.wis4-hfoundation.org](http://www.wis4-hfoundation.org).