

The 2020 Tehama District Fair Beef Carcass contest results were announced at an Ice Cream Social hosted by Tehama County Cattlemen and Tehama District Fair on June 17th in the Tehama Room, with **Aiden Flood, Bowman 4-H**, receiving a \$ 1,000 check from TCCA & Tehama District Fair, a trophy from Tri Counties Bank, and **\$ 100 check plus belt buckle from Tehama County CattleWomen.**

The California Beef Cattle Improvement Association Carcass Awards results were prepared by Josh Davy, U. C. Cooperative Extension, and the Flood steer graded Choice+, hot carcass weight of 779 lbs, marbling grade of moderate plus, a rib eye area of 15.7 inches, backfat inches of .36, a Yield Grade of 1.84 and a Gold Merit Certificate from California Beef Cattle Improvement Association. The steer, ear tag # 162 in the sale order, was purchased by California Walnut Company.

2nd place to Cole Walker, Westside 4-H, receiving a check for \$ 500 from TCCA & TDF. The Walker steer was ear tag # 160 and sold to Laura Burlison. He was Prime-, hot carcass weight of 841 lbs, a rib eye area of 15.3 inches, backfat inches of .60, a yield grade of 2.80 and a Merit certificate.

3rd place to Kara Beckwith, receiving a check for \$ 400 from TCCA & TDF. The steer was ear tag # 122 and sold to Yori Niculescu. A Merit Certificate. He was Choice +, hot carcass weight of 848 lbs, a rib eye area of 14.8 inches, backfat of .4 inches, a Yield Grade of 2.69.

4th place to Frances Peterson, Mercy FFA, receiving a check for \$ 300 from TCCA & TDF. Her steer was ear tag # 103 and sold to AgLandInvestment Brokers. A Gold Merit Certificate. He was Choice +, hot carcass weight of 805 lbs, a rib eye area of 16.3 inches, backfat of .44 inches, and Yield Grade of 2.14.

5th place to Ethan Gilbert, Los Molinos FFA receiving a check for \$ 200 from TCCA & TDF. His steer was eartag 112 and sold to Rhonda Micke. A Merit Certificate. He was Choice+, hot carcass weight of 780 lbs, rib eye area of 14.3 inches, backfat of .44 inches, Yield Grade of 2.69.

6th place to Samantha Prouty, Corning 4-H, receiving a check for \$ 100 from TCCA & TDF. Samantha is a Tehama County Beef Ambassador. Her steer was lot 150 and sold to Hat Creek Construction. A Gold

Merit Certificate. He was Choice, hot carcass weight of 750 lbs, rib eye area of 14.9 inches, backfat of .32 inches, Yield Grade of 1.88.

The Backfat measurement is important because it keeps the carcass from chilling too fast, protects meat from drying out, and yields a more tender cut of beef.

A Gold Seal carcass has a Yield Grade of 2.5 or less, Choice grade or higher, hot carcass weight of 650-900 lbs. While a Carcass of Merit has a Yield Grade 3.0 or less and grades a minimum of Choice minus, hot carcass weight of 600 to 950 lbs.

There were 49 steers in the 2020 Jr. Livestock Virtual Auction, and 30 received either a Gold Certificate or Carcass of Merit Certificate from CBCIA.

7th place to Savannah Jones, Mercy FFA, ear tag 104, whose steer did not qualify for a certificate because it had a yield grade of 3.19, but Choice +, selling to AA Cattle Corp; and 9th place to Desiree Valenzuela, Red Bluff FFA, ear tag 131, yield grade 3.13, selling to John Wheeler Logging Co.

Gold Merit certificates to 8th- Elizabeth Mathews, Mercy FFA, ear tag 102 selling to Basin Enterprises. 10th – Aireona Scheffler, Red Bluff FFA, ear tag 130, selling to Ross Constructors. 12th Colbie Delong, Independent, ear tag 105, selling to Devany Paiba.

The Certificate of Merit placings were: 11th – Gabe Long, Independent, tag 111 selling to Shuffleberger Construction. 13th – Daniel Sutfin, Corning 4-H, tag 156 selling to J C Partners. 14th - Paisley Heitman, Los Molinos FFA, tag 113 selling to Triple R Gas. 15th -Brayden Schenk, Flournoy/Paskenta 4-H, tag 107, selling to Arrowsmith & Sons Apiaries.

16th –Logan Darst, Red Bluff FFA, tag 149 selling to Hat Creek Construction. 17th Jocilyn DeSmet, Antelope 4-H, tag 134 selling to Taco Bell. 18th – Ethan Sutfin, Westside 4-H., tag 18 selling to Fisher Oil Company. 19th – Lexi Kanakis, Independent, tag 101 selling to Walberg, Inc. 20th – Lil DeSmet, Red Bluff FFA, tag 135, selling to Green Waste of Tehama.

21st - Andrea Monteon, Westside 4-H, tag 161, selling to Shufleberger Construction. 22nd- Devin Kerr, Westside 4-H, tag 139, selling to Andersen & Sons Shelling. 23rd - Charleigh Merkley, Corning FFA, tag 154, selling to Bell Carter Foods LLC. 24th Jessie Mueller, Red Bluff FFA, tag 132 selling to California Walnut Company. 25th - Maia Mayer, Antelope 4-H, tag 145, selling to Hat Creek Construction.

27th – Mason Thomas, Independent, tag 109 selling to Mangrum and Associates. 28th - Holley Lindeman, Westside 4-H, tag 159 selling to Tehama Angus Ranch. 29th – Blake Drake, Los Molinos 4-H, tag 142 selling to Tehama Angus Ranch. 30th - Hannah Endres, Corning FFA Champion Market Steer, tag 121, selling to Seven Open A Cattle Co; hot carcass weight of 885 lbs, rib eye 17.9, marbling grade small, Quality grade Choice minus, backfat .56. and yield grad 2.14. 31st – Jayce Carter, Fournoy/Paskenta 4-H, tag 141 selling to Hat Creek Construction. 32nd – Jake Pflager-Ellis, Reserve Grand Champion Steer, El Camino 4-H, tag 119 selling to John Wheeler Logging Co. 40th – Eli Sutfin, Grand Champion Steer, Corning 4-H, tag 157 selling to All American Emergency Services. He had hot carcass weight of 906 lbs, Quality grade Choice -, 17 inch rib eye, Marbling grade of small minus, Backfat .56 inches, and Yield Grade 2.60.

The other steers had a quality grade of Select +, Select, or Select minus, or if they graded Choice +, Choice, Choice minus their yield grade was greater than 3.

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During the awards presentations Gabe Long, Independent, received a belt buckle and check for \$ 250 from Tehama Co. Cattlemen plus \$ 300 from Hamilton Ranch for his steer that had won the TCCA Producer's Market Steer Award at the recent Tehama District Fair.

“The steer must be born and bred by a Tehama Co. Producer who is a member of TCCA and California Cattlemen Assn. Placing in Group 1 or Group 2 “ in the livestock show. The steer was bred by Seth Stroing of the Dave & Seth Stroing membership.

2nd place and \$ 150 to Colbie DeLong, Independent. 3rd and \$ 50 to Brayden Schenk, Fournoy/Paskenta 4-H. The DeLong and Schenk steers were bred by Clara DeLong under the Doug White & Son membership.

