



## **Northern International Livestock Exposition**

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### **Beau Bromenshenk Named Top Herdsman in 2011 NILE Merit Heifer Program**

BILLINGS, MONT.- The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Stock Show is proud to announce Beau Bromenshenk, of Billings, MT, as the 2011 Top Herdsman in the NILE Merit Heifer Program. Bromenshenk also took top honors in Merit Heifer Showmanship. Twenty-five individuals were awarded donated heifers to compete in this year's program. The Top Herdsman award was determined on three categories: monthly reports, an interview during the NILE, and a jackpot show held October 21.

Results are as follows:

#### Showmanship:

1. Beau Bromenshenk – Billings, MT  
Donor – Oedekoven Angus – Sheridan, WY
2. Dan Johnson – Dillon, MT  
Donor – KG Ranch – Three Forks, MT
3. Crystal Schuhmacher – Chadron, NE  
Donor – Mydland Angus – Joliet, MT
4. Riley McKenny – Big Timber, MT  
Donor – Sidwell Land & Livestock – Columbus, MT

#### Phenotype:

1. Cierra Lamey - Dillon, MT  
Donor – Green Mountain Angus Ranch, Ryegate, MT
2. Seth Kraft – Billings, MT  
Donor – Pingetzer's Six Iron Ranch, Shoshoni, WY
3. Beau Bromenshenk – Billings, MT  
Donor – Oedekoven Angus, Sheridan, MT
4. Ashley Werner – Carson, North Dakota  
Donor – Redland Red Angus, Hysham, MT

The purpose of the NILE Merit Heifer Program is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17, who is a 4-H or FFA member may apply. During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the Nile Stock Show.

In addition, all heifers were donated by generous ranches from around Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. This year's donors were Berry Land & Livestock, Angelo Cattle Co., Klompien Red Angus, Werner Ranch Shorthorns, Laubauch Red Angus, Sidwell Land & Livestock, Walborn Cattle Co., Ehlke Herefords, Y Lazy Y Shorthorns, Currant Creek Angus Ranch, Pingetzer's Six Iron Ranch, Padlock Ranch, Gardner Angus Ranch, Redland Angus Ranch, Paint Rock Angus Ranch, K2 Red Angus Ranch, Christensen Red Angus, Catherine Callantine of Timberline Ranch, Green Mountain Angus, Hilltop Angus, Bull Mountain Ranch, KG Ranch, Beef Unlimited, Oedekoven Angus, and Veltkamp Angus.

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**Photo Caption Merit Heifer Grand Champion:**

2011 NILE Merit Heifer Grand Champion, Cierra Lamey of Dillon, MT, donated by Green Mountain Angus of Ryegate, MT. *Courtesy of Show Champions.*

**Photo Caption Merit Heifer Reserve Champion:**

2011 NILE Merit Heifer Reserve Champion, Seth Kraft of Billings, MT, donated by Pinegetzer's Six Iron ranch of Shoshoni, WY. *Courtesy of Show Champions.*