



Northern International Livestock Exposition

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Laura Frazee Named Top Herdsman in 2010 NILE Merit Heifer Program

BILLINGS, MONT.- The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Stock Show is proud to announce Laura Frazee, of Stevensville, MT, as the 2010 Top Herdsman in the NILE Merit Heifer Program. Frazee also took top honors in Merit Heifer Showmanship. Twenty-six 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 15.

The top four Herdsmanship individuals included:

1. Laura Frazee – Stevensville, MT
Donor – Felton Angus Ranch – Springdale, MT
2. Kensey Mikkelson – Hobson, MT
Donor – Sidwell Land & Livestock – Columbus, MT
3. Kevin Murnin – Miles City, MT
Donor – Mydland Angus – Joliet, MT
4. Ashley Hartman – Lewistown, MT
Donor – Klompien Red Angus – Manhattan, MT

Jackpot Show Champion:

1. Brooke Vincent - Moccasin, MT
Donor – Pingetzer Six Iron Ranch – Shoshoni, WY

Showmanship Champion:

1. Laura Frazee - Stevensville, MT
Donor – Felton Angus Ranch – Springdale, 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 North Dakota. This year's donors were the K G Ranch, Mytty Angus, Felton Angus Ranch, K 2 Red Angus, Green Mountain Angus Ranch, Sidwell Land & Cattle, Mydland Angus Ranch, Holden Herefords, Bullis Creek Red Angus, Currant Creek Angus Ranch, Pingestzer's Six Iron Ranch, Padlock Ranch, Beery Land & Livestock, Powder River Angus, Paint Rock Angus Ranch, Angelo Cattle Co., Clark's Fork & 3C Livestock, C & A Cattle Co, Rock Creek Red Angus, Hilltop Angus, Gardner Angus Ranch, Redland Red Angus, Klompien Red Angus, Walborn Cattle Co, and Indreland Angus.

The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit www.thenile.org

Photo Caption Merit Heifer Top Herdsman:

2010 NILE Merit Heifer Top Herdsman, Laura Frazee of Stevensville, MT, donated by Felton Angus Ranch of Springdale, MT. *Courtesy of Show Champions.*

Photo Caption Merit Heifer Show Champion:

2010 NILE Merit Heifer Show Champion, Brooke Vincent of Moccasin, MT, Donated by Pingetzer Six Iron Ranch of Shoshoni, WY. *Courtesy of Show Champions.*

Photo Caption 2009-2010 Merit Heifer Recipients:

2010 NILE Merit Heifer Program Participants. *Courtesy of Show Champions.*