



## **Northern International Livestock Exposition**

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### **Sperry/Reid Horse & Cattle Co Takes 2011 NILE Championship Ranch Rodeo Title**

BILLINGS, MONT.- The fifth annual NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals were held Wednesday, October 19 in the Rimrock Auto Arena at the MetraPark. This year's rodeo had teams qualifying at six sanctioned rodeos from around the region competing head-to-head. Hailing from the states of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and North Dakota the teams were the S Ranch, the Reid Ranch, the Criss/Double 4 Ranch, the Cook Ranch, the Reversed EV, the Harrington Ranch, Sperry/Reid Horse & Cattle Co, the Nelson Ranch, Swenson/Martin Horse & Cattle Co, M Triple T, Sand Creek Cattle Co and Hyche/Starkson Ranch.

This one of a kind rodeo featured working ranch activities including bronc riding, team trailering, team branding, team doctoring, and wild cow milking.

Top three teams were:

1. Sperry/Reid Horse & Cattle Co of Poplar, MT
2. Reid Ranch of Firth, ID
3. Swenson/Martin Horse & Cattle Co of Beulah, ND

Additionally, the Top Horse award went to "Purple" ridden by KC Verhelst of the S Ranch, Pryor, MT. The Top Hand award was awarded to Robert Sperry of Sperry Reid Horse & Cattle Co, Poplar, MT. The Top Horse received a custom cowboy hat by Dorer's Hatmaker and the Top Hand received a custom saddle made by Vaquero Saddlery.

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#### **Photo caption NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals Top Hand:**

2011 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Ranch Rodeo Finals Top Hand, Robert Sperry also of the Sperry Reid Horse & Cattle Co, Poplar, MT. *Courtesy of WD Photos.*

#### **Photo caption NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals Top Team:**

2011 Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Ranch Rodeo Finals Top Team from the Sperry/Reid Horse & Cattle Co of Poplar, MT. (Pictured): Jason McNally, Wilbur Reid, Robert Sperry, Clint Neshum, Craig McKenzie. *Courtesy of WD Photos.*