

## **Livestock to go on block today: Annual event features Fair's top animals raised by 4-H youngsters.**

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Aug. 28--The Junior Livestock Sale, where 4-H youngsters sell the steers, lambs, goats and hogs they have nurtured all year long, is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. today at the Colorado State Fair Events Center.

Several buying groups vie to purchase the champion animals, and the highest price always goes to the champion steer.

The grand champion steer this year was shown by Lisa Reid, 15, of Brighton. Other grand champions belonged to Shelby Teague, 11, of Fort Morgan, who had the winning goat in a field of 240; Trey Morris, 14, of Meeker, who had the best hog; and Kelly Knight, 18, of Longmont, who had the best lamb.

Those champions and about 100 more animals will be in the spotlight before hundreds of buyers, most of them organized into bidding groups.

The Denver Rustlers, a powerful combination of businessmen and politicians, is the largest buying group. Others are the Fair Ladies, a women's group that started several years ago to make sure every animal's owner gets a "fair" price; the Pikes Peak Posse; the Pueblo Range Riders; and the Colorado Counties Inc. group featuring county commissioners from the Front Range and Arkansas Valley.

There are new groups this year, including the Colorado Boys Ranch Hands and the Pigskin Buckaroos. The Buckaroos seem to be an interlocking directorate with the Friends of Football at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Another new buying group is TIC Corp., among several businesses that support the sale.

One of the smallest bidding groups, but one that always seems to come up with at least one champion animal, is the Sam Brown family of Pueblo. The Friends of the Fair and the Patron Buyers are other small groups.

Last year, the livestock sale generated \$285,000 for 114 young people, including \$46,000 for the grand champion steer.

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