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2024 Minnesota State Fair 4-H Swine Championship Show

St. Paul, MN (8/23/24) - There were 403 swine exhibits shown this year including both market and breeding animals during the 4-H Market Swine Show at the Minnesota State Fair on Aug. 23, 2024. The judges for the Swine Show were Clay Kretzmeier of Indiana, Brant Smith of Illinois, Walker McDermott of Iowa and Justin Mosher from Illinois.

The Overall Grand Champion Market Barrow was a lightweight crossbred barrow shown by **Landen Purdy of Freeborn County**. The Overall Reserve Grand Champion was a middleweight crossbred barrow shown by **Audrey Redalen of Fillmore County**. The Market Gilt Show offered extremely high quality animals for the judges to work from and in the end the Grand Champion was exhibited by **Macy Sonnek of Faribault County** and the Reserve Grand Champion honors were awarded to **Colby Darling of Nobles County**.

The Overall Grand Champion Breeding Gilt shown by **Reilly Hubin of Cottonwood County** with a Spot gilt and the Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt exhibited by **Brooklyn Sommer of Steele County** with a Crossbred gilt.

The swine showmanship competition took place following the championship shows. Participants were called back from the morning to come and compete to be named the top showman in each type of the swine project.

This year in the market barrow showmanship competition results were: Champion Intermediate was **Jace Ignaszerski of Freeborn County**, Champion Senior was **Olivia Vorpapel of Mower County**, and Champion Advanced was **Preston Welling of Meeker County**. The gilt showmanship competition results were: Champion Intermediate was **Brooklyn Sommer of Steele County**,

Champion Senior was **Nevaeh Nielsen** of **Freeborn County**, and Champion Advanced was **Ava Schoenfeld** of **Lincoln County**.

In addition to a quality animal, 4-H youth must demonstrate their knowledge about the swine industry. 4-H'ers learn important development and leadership skills throughout their involvement with their projects and communities.

Use the "Locate Entries and Results" links for specific results information on 4-H youth and 4-H judge biographies. Searches can be done by exhibitor name, county, or division/show for specific story needs.

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