

2025 Beef Interview Champions and Finalists

Animal Science Interviews at the State Fair are designed to further enhance educational opportunities for young people exhibiting livestock. The interview process offers a visual philosophy of recognizing 4-Hers who have utilized their livestock project to grow and develop as young people. Livestock Interviews emphasize many life skills such as communication, responsibility, decision making, and problem-solving. The interview process is seen as a step to help insure the stability of youth livestock shows as a positive form of youth development.

Interview Champions receive a chair sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association.

Interview Finalists receive coupons redeemable at the Gopher Dairy Bar and Northwest Designs.

Breeding Beef - Grades 6-8

Champions

Levi Marthaler - Dakota
Ava Resler - Steele
Trevin Dicke - Goodhue

Finalists

Alicia Schoenthaler
Aubrey Nagler
Audrey Hollenkamp
Brayden Twedt
Cole Paplow
Dylan Larson
Eli Doehling
Eliza Aggen
Emery Marthaler
Hallie Lanning
Isabella Stang
Jorja Holm
Julianna Martin
Justin Klejeski
Kendra Rangaard
Krystian Visser
Lillian Bauman
Mariah Berg
Max McGunegill
Olivia Brobst
Parker Atkinson
Payson Grinager
Peyton Kilker
Rita Thesing
Shadley Bunkowski
Sophia Nagler
Wacey Weber
Weston Leaver

Breeding Beef - Grades 9-13

Champions

Mikayla Skiba - Isanti
Tyler Reith - Murray
Mya Moore - Becker

Finalists

Jaxon Hilbrands - Stevens
Lilly Ostile - Swift
Ryan Walcheski - Morrison
Drew Bremer - Wabasha
Clare Landrum - Rice
Ava Larson - Clearwater
Matalyn Martinson - Mille Lacs
Amelia Tersteeg - Renneville
Craig Thomas - Beltrami

Breeding Beef - Grades 9-13 cont.

Andrew Timm - Mower
Emma Walcheski - Morrison
Kayla Geske - Pennington
Ella Horn - Otter Tail - East
Ernest Jibben - Big Stone
Berdine Kleindl - Stevens
Kelsey Kronebusch - Winona
Hallie Laures - Olmsted
Brady Mitchell - Becker
Yasha Sleiter - Lyon
Adrianna Franke - Olmsted
Breckyn Horton-Schumann - Olmsted
Ally Kilker - Nobles
Kelly Willegal - Sibley
Kennedy Blair - Pope
Jake Jackson - Cottonwood
Mitchell Olson - Sibley
Kendra Schroeder - Cottonwood

Market Beef - Grades 6-8

Champions

Keagan Steck - Pipestone
Elisabeth Brown - Washington
Maddi Beissel - Dakota

Finalists

Thea Axness - Otter Tail - West
Kallie Kenyon - Mower
Triston Latzke - Sibley
Otilia Chandler - Beltrami
Bennett Kohls - McLeod

Cora Svingen - Swift
Jack Heeler - Otter Tail - West
Allie Anderson - Le Sueur
William Blair - Pope
Cecelia Ende - Wright
Koriana Hackett - Benton
Malakai Montana - Stevens
Corbyn Sinn - Martin
Chase Cordes - Goodhue

Market Beef 9-13

Champions

Aubree Paplow - Cottonwood
Sidney Erickson - Polk
Andrew Revier - Renville

Finalists

Kevin Casper - Big Stone
August Ende - Hennepin
Ellison Kutney - Isanti
Cayden Goslee - Mower
Bryce Helberg - Clearwater
Caylee Kuehne - Todd
Gavin Salvetti - Winona
Evan Thune - Clay
Taylor Christensen - Mille Lacs
Emily Hass - Isanti
Lawson Jax - Mower
Jadah Kroening - Olmsted
Izaak Morken - Houston
Morgan Morrow - Mille Lacs
Cody Ostertag - Goodhue
Brennir Peterson - Sibley
Gavin Salvetti - Winona
Dylan Schuett - Nobles
Leo Smith - Mower
Jackson Wills - Nicollet
Bo Zwiener - Steele
Odin Axness - Otter Tail - West
Lylah Becker - Martin
Michael Crompton - Norman
Madalynn Crompton - Norman
Olivia Johnson - Waseca
Eva Olson - Douglas
Marshall Zapzalka - Morrison