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Youth Santa Gertrudis Beef Heifer Champions Named

DALLAS, TX – Results for the Youth Santa Gertrudis Beef Heifer Show on Oct. 17th at the 2009 State Fair of Texas® are in! The show was judged by Jake Franke from Hereford, TX.

Champion Winners are as follows:

- Grand Champion Santa Gertrudis Heifer- Hillary Trant, Lola, TX
- Reserve Champion Santa Gertrudis Heifer- Josh Carpenter, Grand Saline, TX

The State Fair provides an annual opportunity to showcase the state's livestock industry. The hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend the show during its 24-day run include people from the nations outside the United States.

The State Fair attracts approximately 3,500 4-H and FFA students from across the state exhibiting over 4,000 animals. Students come to showcase their livestock for two separate purposes: breeding and marketing. Breeding animals are judged on characteristics to produce offspring for future animals and farm stock. Market animals are judged on characteristics to provide a quality product to consumers.

The State Fair of Texas is host to over 8,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and llamas for both Youth and Pan American shows. Total prize and premium money for the 2009 Livestock Show is in excess of \$1 million.

Climb aboard at this year's State Fair of Texas for good food and great fun! Learn about the agriculture industry, livestock and more while backing the brand. This year's state fair will run through Sunday, Oct. 18.

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