

Champions Chosen at 2014 Brangus Futurity

Of 165 animals entered in the 2014 Brangus Futurity, six were named Grand Champions at the Brazos County Expo in Bryan, Texas, by Judge Blake Bloomberg of Stillwater, Okla. A native of Berwick, Ill., Bloomberg is currently an assistant professor and livestock judging team coach at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. Prior to joining the faculty at Oklahoma State, Bloomberg coached the Texas A&M University livestock judging team and was named the National Collegiate Coaches Association's Coach of the Year in 2008 and 2009. Additionally, he was a member of the 2004-2005 National Champion A&M Team that went undefeated. Bloomberg also has an extensive background in the cattle business and grew up exhibiting Simmental, Hereford, Angus and Shorthorn cattle.

Bloomberg's first champion, DDD Ms Reeva 157Z3, was named Junior Heifer Champion before being named Grand Champion Female. Reeva, an October 2012 daughter of Doguets Hercules 88S3, was exhibited by Kara Lucher, Falls City, Texas. Kyle Martin of Danbury, Texas, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Female, TCR Belle of the Ball 302A. An October 2013 daughter of D Bar D Mr Amos Moses 23T1, Belle first won the Heifer Calf Division. In the Red Brangus Show, Trio Cattle and Genetics, LLC from Dallas, Texas, took top honors. Coming from the Red Junior Heifer Division, Trio's MLS Zamy 175Z2 took the Grand Champion Red Female title. The female is an October 2012 daughter of Lazy 3 Statesman 100S. Buffaloe's Ms Vincent 193A2 came out of the Red Yearling Heifer Division to claim Reserve Champion honors. The heifer is an April 2013 daughter of Buffaloe's Vincent 07X and was exhibited by Kara Lucher of Falls City, Texas.

In the cow-calf show, Stephen Roop of Grapevine, Texas, exhibited RCC Ms Raven 1252Y2 to claim the Champion Cow-Calf Pair honor. The November 2011 cow is a daughter of MC Alias 535P and had a February 2014 heifer calf at side, RCC Ms Jewel 2114B. SF Miss LTD 430Z and her November 2013 heifer calf, WF LTD's Patriot 430A, claimed the title of Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair. 430A is a January 2012 daughter of LTD of Brinks 415T28 and is owned and exhibited by Dakota Williams of Ash Flat, Ark. Shelbie VanBeveren of Victoria, Texas, took the Grand Champion Red Brangus Cow-Calf Pair honors with KK Miss Malibu 65Z2 and her March 2014 bull calf, SV Malibu Statesman. Malibu is a February 2012 daughter of Sureway's Rocky Street 227N. Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas, led CX Ms Legends Dream 71/Z2 and her February 2014 bull calf, CX Apaches Dream 71/B, to claim the Reserve Grand Champion Red Brangus Cow-Calf Pair. The cow is a February 2012 daughter of CX Legends Dream 610/U1.

In the bull show, CS Train of Thought 2056UA rose to the top to take top honors as Grand Champion Bull. Coming out of the Summer Yearling Bull Division, Train of Thought, a May 2013 son of SBR Coal Train 222WR, was exhibited by Deep Down Ranch of Jennings, La. RCC Titlest 88A came from the Junior Yearling Bull Division and took the Reserve Grand Champion Bull title. The March 2013 bull is a son of Skyhawks Presidente and is owned and exhibited by Roop Cattle Company of Grapevine, Texas. Cox Excalibur Brangus of Katy, Texas, swept the Red Brangus bull show. Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull honors went to the Champion Red Junior Bull, CX Dream Play 67/Z, a July 2012 son of CX Dream Boy 59/X. From the Junior Yearling Bull Division, CX Mr Dream Forever 365/A took the title of Reserve Grand Champion Red Brangus Bull. The January 2013 bull is sired by CX Legends Dream 610/U1.