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Rains 4-H Results From Fort Worth Junior Livestock Show & Rodeo

Area 4-H members from Rains County participated at the Fort Worth Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo this past weekend. The 4-H members that exhibited breeding heifers and dairy heifers at the show included: Colton Franks, Judd McCall, Jena McCall, Dalton Redmon, Dana Willis, Trent Jennings, and Ashley Jennings. This is one of the hardest working groups of kids from Rains County that I have ever taken to the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo.

I want to congratulate them for the way that they represented Rains County while they were at the show. These kids exhibited great manners and sportsmanship qualities while there representing Rains County 4-H. The 4-H members worked very hard preparing their animals for the show and dedicated a lot of time and effort toward their project.

The following are the results of the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show that 4-H members participated in during the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Judd McCall – Polled Hereford – 1st in Class and Division Champion
Dalton Redmon – Horned Hereford – 1st in Class and Reserve Division Champion
Colton Franks – Simmental – 1st in Class
Jena McCall – Horned Hereford – 5th in Class
Dana Willis – Simbrah – 1st in Class

Not only did we have kids competing in the beef classes, we also had 4-H members that participated in the Dairy Show in Fort Worth and San Antonio. The results are as follows:

Fort Worth

Trent Jennings – Milking Shorthorn - 2nd in Class
Ashley Jennings - Milking Shorthorn - 2nd in Class

San Antonio

Trent Jennings – Jersey – 2nd in Class

Ashley Jennings – Jersey – 4th in Class

Stock shows are not just about showing animals and trying to make a living in the show ring. Stock shows are about teaching kids responsibility, self-discipline, family involvement, animal industry appreciation, and self-confidence. I hope that while I was in Fort Worth with these kids that they were able to learn some of this. All of these exhibitors will also be trying their luck at other Major Livestock Shows, such as San Antonio and Houston. They are each really excited about this opportunity. I know that they will all do great.

If you happen to see any of these kids wish them luck.....