

Lowlines emerge as winners at IPE beef show

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ARMSTRONG – With smaller farms looking for smaller animals and many consumers looking for smaller cuts of beef, Lowline cattle have become more popular in recent years. A smaller version of the Angus breed, Lowlines have been recognized as their own breed and were the feature breed at the 2016 Interior Provincial Exhibition Open Beef Show.

Judge Dennis Ericson of Alberta looked at 20 entries before selecting two entries from Big Island Lowlines of Alberta as his grand champion Lowlines. He chose Alta Piper BIL 3A as the grand champion female and Alta Grand Slam BIL 22B as the grand champion bull. Big Island also won the junior female, heifer calf, senior, junior and bull calf championships. Silverhills Lowline of Lumby earned all the reserve female championships while Melanie and Sonja Guttner of Pink Mountain took home the reserve bull calf championships.

Ericson was a busy man at the IPE as he also judged the Hereford and multi-breed shows. The Herefords also brought 20 entries into the ring with Oakridge Farms in Aldergrove and Copper Creek Ranch in Princeton earning the grand championship banners. Oakridge took the senior and female grand championship with GH Uptown Destiny 25A while Copper Creek's CCR 9500 Barcode 38B was selected as the senior and grand champion bull. Oakridge also showed the champion and reserve champion heifer calves, reserve champion yearling heifer, champion junior bull and top breeders herd. Copper Creek also showed the reserve champion junior bull. Smith Farms of Abbotsford earned the reserve senior and reserve grand champion female and champion yearling heifer awards.

In the multi-breed show, Ericson gave awards to three breeds: Limousin, Gelbvieh and Shorthorn. Pinnacle View Limousin of Quesnel topped the show, winning the grand and senior female championship with Pinnacle Before He Cheats 23X and the grand and junior bull championship with Pinnacles Crushin It 18C. Pinnacle View also showed the champion and reserve champion heifer calves and the first-place breeders herd. Gelbviehs from

Alberta's Keriness Cattle Company received the awards for reserve grand champion bull, champion bull calf, reserve senior champion female, reserve champion yearling heifer and reserve champion yearling bull. Spady Farms of Mission took the reserve female grand championship with their champion Shorthorn yearling heifer.

As usual, Angus was the largest of the IPE's individual breed shows with 36 entries coming into the show ring. Judge Chad Wilson of Indiana chose the champion yearling heifer PM Tibble 75'15, shown by Poplar Meadows of Topley as his grand champion female and the champion yearling bull, Justamere South Dakota 833C, shown by Justamere Ranch of Saskatchewan and Still Meadows Ranch of Alberta as his grand champion bull.

Poplar Meadows also took home the senior and reserve grand female, reserve yearling heifer and reserve heifer calf championship banners while Justamere/Still Meadows added the reserve grand and reserve bull calf championships to their collection. Shiloh Cattle Company of Alberta took the remaining championships: reserve senior champion female and champion and reserve champion bull calf.

Wilson also judged the Simmental show, the smallest of the individual shows with just 18 entries in the ring. Earning the female grand championship was LGW Ms Designer Label, the senior champion female shown by Lorne Webster of Abbotsford. Named the grand champion bull was KRSS Red Desperado 4D, shown by KRS Simmentals of Quesnel. Webster also showed the reserve senior champion female and reserve champion bull. Other awards went to Chad Valente of Parson (yearling heifer) and Ridgeline Cattle of Saskatchewan (reserve champion heifer calf).

Ericson and Wilson were then joined by Kurtis Reid of Saskatchewan to select the supreme champions and judge the special shows.

For the IPE's supreme champion female, the trio selected GH Uptown Destiny, Oakridge Farms' champion Hereford. Named the reserve supreme champion female was PM Tibbie 75'15, the champion Angus female shown by Poplar Meadows.

The Hereford and Angus breeds also earned the



Five-year-old Silverhills Razi was the judge's choice as reserve champion female Lowline at this year's IPE Beef Show. Breeder Lauri Brundson of Lumby is joined by her husband, Kevin, holding the reserve champion banner, and an Armstrong beef club member Clay, holds Razi's 2016 heifer calf, Silverhills Cazi. The first Lowlines arrived in Canada in 1996 and in honour of their 20 year anniversary, IPE recognized them as the feature breed of their beef show for the first time this year. (Photo courtesy of Silverhills Lowline Cattle)

supreme championships in the bull classes but this time the positions were reversed. The supreme championship went to the Angus bull, Justamere South Dakota 833C, shown by Justamere/Still Meadows while the reserve went to the champion Hereford bull, CCR9500 Barcode 38B, shown by

Copper Creek.

The Angus breed also produced the top sire of tomorrow: Red Shiloh Defender 6D, shown by Shiloh Cattle; and the winner of the three-year Stars of the Future futurity class: Summit Angus Eline 22B, shown by Sealin Creek Ranch in Monte Lake.

In the jackpot heifer class,

the judging triumvirate chose Nimmo Reid Chiquita 4C shown by Spady Farms as the champion and PM Tibbie 75'15 shown by Poplar Meadows as the reserve champion. In the jackpot steer class, Hailey Erichuk of Kamloops earned top honours while the reserve award went to Poplar Meadows.

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