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## GOVERNOR'S SALE OF CHAMPIONS SMASHES SEVEN RECORDS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – This was an amazing year for the Governor's Sale of Champions, an auction of prize-winning Illinois State Fair junior livestock. Seven records were broken, including two that more than doubled, and an eighth was tied!

The junior producers who raised the champion animals receive 80 percent of the sales price. The 4-H and FFA programs split the remaining 20 percent equally.

A list of all the champions sold at the auction, as well as the exhibitors, the purchasers, and the amount that each champion sold for follows. The record-breaking amounts are in bold.

Product	Exhibitor	City/County	Purchasers	Price
Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen Trio	Serena Schafer	Brighton, Knox	AgriVest, Battery Specialists, and the Sky Glide	\$4,000
Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen	Bailey Hunt	Sycamore, DeKalb	McDonald's, Marty and Donna Davis	\$4,000
Land of Lincoln Supreme Champion Female Print	Trent Kilgus, Artist	Fairbury, Livingston	Prairie Farms Dairy	\$3,000
<b>Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Meat Goat</b>	<b>Carlee Critchelow</b>	<b>Chandlerville, Cass</b>	<b>Land of Lincoln Meat Goat Breeders, Pro Harvest Seed, Friends of Carlee Critchelow and Ed Teefey of Farmers State Bank &amp; Trust of Mt. Sterling</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>
<b>Grand Champion Meat Goat</b>	<b>Dylan Hummel</b>	<b>Cabery, Kankakee</b>	<b>Tom and Sarah Paulk, Rolly Rosenboom, Oxygen Corp., Oklahoma Show Goats and Friends of Dylan Hummel</b>	<b>\$11,050</b>
<b>Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Wether</b>	<b>Hanna Runner</b>	<b>Sciota, McDonough</b>	<b>North American Midway Entertainment and Friends of Hanna Runner</b>	<b>\$19,100</b>

<b>Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Barrow</b>	<b>Lane Rinderer</b>	<b>Elkhart, Logan</b>	<b>Brandt Consolidated</b>	<b>\$40,650</b>
<b>Grand Champion Barrow</b>	<b>Tyler Gradert</b>	<b>Geneseo, Henry</b>	<b>Terry Duffy of CME Group</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Land of Lincoln Grand Champion Steer</b>	<b>Abby Tomhave</b>	<b>Jacksonville, Morgan</b>	<b>Friends of Morgan County 4-H, DuPont Pioneer and Cargill</b>	<b>\$50,100</b>
<b>Grand Champion Steer</b>	<b>Nelson England</b>	<b>Oneida, Knox</b>	<b>AT&amp;T, Monsanto-DeKalb-Asgrow and Friends of Knox County 4-H</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>