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Livestock Markets Association of Canada Convention and Livestock Auctioneering Championships a Huge Success

With over 120 registrants from Western Canada and Ontario and more than 70 sponsors, the 35th Annual Livestock Markets Association of Canada (LMAC) Convention exceeded expectations of both the organizing committee and participants.

“The support from both our members and sponsors has been tremendous,” enthused Bob Blacklock, President of Livestock Marketers of Saskatchewan (LMS), host of this year’s event. “We’re proud that LMS was able to showcase both Saskatchewan and LMS’ strong industry presence to those in attendance.”

The 17th Annual Canadian Livestock Auctioneer Championship and a Masters Auctioneer Championship were held in conjunction with the convention. Heartland Livestock Services – Moose Jaw, the oldest continually operating auction market in Saskatchewan, served as host for Friday’s auctioneer competitions.

Twenty-seven competitors competed for the title of Canada’s best Livestock Auctioneer, followed by eight entrants in the Masters Auctioneer Championship. The awards were presented at the Saturday evening banquet in Regina.

The results of the competitions are as follows:

Canadian Livestock Auctioneer Championship

Top 5 Finalists:

- 5th – Garth Rogers, Rochester, AB
- 4th – Calvin Kuepfer, Newton, ON
- 3rd – Rob Bergevin, Stavely, AB
- 2nd – Kirk Goldsmith, Veteran, AB
- 1st – Shawn Gist, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

- Jim Raffan Memorial Buckle for Most Congenial Auctioneer: Tyler Cronkhite, Moose Jaw, SK
- LMAC Rookie of the Year: Gregory Weaver, Tomslake, BC
- Man/Sask Champion: Tyler Slawinski, McCreary, MB
- Bob Wright Memorial Award for Man/Sask Rookie of the Year: Ryan Hurlburt, Yorkton, SK

Masters Livestock Auctioneer Championship

1st – Danny Skeels, Ponoka, AB

The winner of the Masters competition received a green sports jacket and a LMAC '2014 Masters Auctioneer' crest.

Congratulations to all this year's winners!

The convention and auctioneer championships would not be possible without the support of sponsors. In particular, LMAC and LMS recognize their Grand Champion sponsors that contributed \$3,000 or more:

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LMS promotes competitive bidding in the marketing of livestock by: establishing collaborative relations with industry partners; developing educational activities for members; and adhering to sound business practices and responsible animal welfare at members' auction markets. Saskatchewan has the second largest cow herd in Canada. Over 90 percent of the cattle marketed in Saskatchewan are sold through members of the Livestock Marketers of Saskatchewan.

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