

## 2011 Charles Bell Memorial Commercial Dairy Heifer Show

The Eleventh Annual Charles Bell Memorial Farm Bureau Commercial Dairy Heifer Show was held on Thursday, February 3rd, at the Morgan County Ag Center. This year's show featured thirteen youth participants (nine from Morgan County 4-H and four from the Morgan County High School FFA program). These youth exhibited 20 commercial dairy heifers. The exhibitors competed against one another in 3 showmanship classes and 5 weight classes.

Showmanship classes are classes in which the exhibitor is judged on his/her ability to prepare the animal to show, exhibit the dairy heifer to her best advantage in the show ring, and respond to questions asked by the judge. The first place exhibitors received a belt buckle with all exhibitors receiving ribbons and cash prizes sponsored by Morgan County Farm Bureau.

In Class 1- 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Showmanship, the results were: First Place, James Cagle, Morgan 4-H; Second Place, Constance Johnson, Morgan 4-H; Third Place, Tim Milam, Morgan 4-H, and Fourth Place, Ben Porter, Morgan 4-H.

In Class 2- 8th and 9th grade Showmanship: First Place, Will Porter, Morgan 4-H; Second Place, Victoria Cagle; Third Place, Allison Bell, Morgan County 4-H; and Fourth Place, Alex Stump, Morgan 4-H.

In Class 3- 10th, 11th, and 12th grade Showmanship: First Place, Katelin Benkoski, Morgan 4-H; Second Place, Paige Vaden, Morgan FFA; Third Place, Nicole Lingerfelt, Morgan FFA; Forth Place, Parham Wallin, Morgan FFA; and Fifth Place, Macie Sorrells, Morgan 4-H.

In weight classes, the heifers themselves are judged, according to their respective form and conformation. The Weight Class winner in classes 4 through 9 belonged to: Allison Bell, James Cagle, Will Porter, Ben Porter and Will Porter, respectively. Each exhibitor who participated received a cash prize and ribbons with the class winners receiving a new show halter, sponsored by the Morgan County Farm Bureau.

The Grand Champion Heifer for the overall show was the weight Class 9 winner, belonging to Will Porter. The Reserve Champion for the overall show was the weight Class 8 winner, belonging to Ben Porter. The judge for the show was Matthew London of Cleveland, Georgia.

This annual show would not have been possible without the financial support of the Morgan County Farm Bureau and Morgan County Dairy Association. Special thanks are extended to the Morgan County Farm Bureau and their Board of Directors for their loyal support of livestock programs for the youth of our county.



*The Charles Bell Memorial Commercial Dairy Heifer Show Grand Champion heifer with her owner Will Porter, Morgan 4-H (right middle) surrounded by the Morgan County Dairy Heifer Show Team, Matthew London, Dairy Show Judge (back left) from Cleveland, GA and Larry Sievers, Morgan County Farm Bureau President (back right).*

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