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## **Breeder's Choice Gelbvieh Bull Futurity Crowns its 11<sup>th</sup> Champion**

The Breeder's Choice Gelbvieh Bull Futurity once again took over the Red Lion Hotel ballroom to parade some of the breed's elite herd sire prospects as part of the 2008 American Gelbvieh Association National Convention in Denver, Colo. The sixty (60) members of the Breeder's Choice Bull Futurity are the ones that cast the ballots for the winner. The top three vote-getters are brought back at the end of the evening to crown the champion. Jerry Mettler of Canton, S.D., serves as the Breeder's Choice Gelbvieh Bull Futurity manager and Ken Flikkema of Bozeman, Mont., is the chairman of the Futurity committee.

Prior to announcement of this year's Breeder's Choice Bull Futurity Champion, Futurity Chairman Ken Flikkema presented the first-ever Breeder's Choice Gelbvieh Bull Futurity Scholarship to a deserving junior Gelbvieh member. Nikki Hojer of Lake Preston, S.D., won the \$1,200 scholarship. Nikki is a sophomore at South Dakota State University and is the daughter of Alan and Pam Hojer.

Poker City Ranch of Agenda, Kan., walked away with the big check for the 2008 Breeder's Choice Gelbvieh Bull Futurity Champion. Andy and Danielle LeDoux entered ACKG Dakota 3T in this year's futurity. Dakota is a homozygous black, homozygous polled son of 2006 Breeder's Choice Bull Futurity Champion, XXB Big N' Rich 911P. Beastrom Gelbvieh Ranch of Pierre, S.D., purchased Dakota during the National Gelbvieh Sale the following evening.

Two Runners-Up were named also in the Breeder's Choice Bull Futurity. Judd Ranch, Inc., of Pomona, Kan. earned one of the slots with JRI Top Grid 254T725. He is a January 2007 son of JRI Top Secret 253M75 ET out of a JRI Extra Exposure daughter. Judd Ranch was also the lucky winner of the sale proceeds from the Breeder's Choice Bull Futurity Champion.

Cranview Gelbvieh of Minot, N.D., won the other Runner-Up slot with CRAN Buddy Boy T729. He is a February 2007 son of GKT Buddy 7R out of a TJB Jagermeister 229M ET daughter. Jagermeister was the 2003 Breeder's Choice Bull Futurity Champion.

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