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## **Gelbvieh Association Names Ring of Gold Champions**

The American Gelbvieh Association has named the 2009-2010 Ring of Gold champions for points awarded to Gelbvieh and Balancer® females and bulls during qualified shows throughout the year.

The Ring of Gold champion Gelbvieh female is GGGE 3G Cowgirl Ursula 837U owned by Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind. This February 2008 heifer was sired by GGGE 3G Space Cowboy. To earn a total of 74 points, this female was named the grand champion Gelbvieh female at the Dixie National, Iowa State Fair, and Kentucky State Fair and was also named the Gelbvieh junior heifer division reserve champion at the American Royal and the N.A.I.L.E.

The runner-up Ring of Gold Gelbvieh female was GGGE 3G Cowgirl Ultrabright 890U. This May 2008 daughter of GGGE 3G Rio Bravo is also owned by Emily Griffiths.

The Ring of Gold champion Gelbvieh bull was CIRS Direct Current 1LU, a January 2008 son of EGL Fosters LO17 ET owned by D bar L Land & Livestock of Sylvia, Kan. This bull earned 84 points by being named the grand champion Gelbvieh bull at the Iowa State Fair and the American Royal and the Gelbvieh junior bull division champion at the N.A.I.L.E. and the National Western Stock Show.

John Shearer, Circle S Ranch, of Canton, Kan., owned the runner-up Ring of Gold Gelbvieh bull. CIRS 278U2 is a November 2008 son of EGL Fosters LO17 ET.

The honors of Ring of Gold champion Balancer® female went to BCFG Butlers Carefree 534U. Zach Butler, Milton, Tenn., owns this February 2008 daughter of Lemmon Newline C804. This heifer earned 36 points by being named the grand champion Balancer® female at the N.A.I.L.E. and reserve champion Balancer® female at the National Western Stock Show.

The runner-up Ring of Gold Balancer® female was EGL Evelyynn U426, a March 2008 daughter of EGL Freedom 5203 owned by Nate Munger, Highmore, S.D.

Emily Griffiths also owns the Ring of Gold champion Balancer® bull. GGGE 3G Uganda 895U is an August 2008 son of GGGE 3G Smoke N' Mirrors. Earning 44 total points, this bull was the grand champion Balancer® bull at the Iowa State Fair and the Balancer® intermediate division champion bull at the American Royal, N.A.I.L.E., and the National Western Stock Show.

LeDoux Ranch of Agenda, Kan. owns the runner-up Ring of Gold Balancer® bull. XXB Wingman 639T ET is a December 2007 son of XXB Ludacris 039S ET.

The American Gelbvieh Association established the Ring of Gold program to encourage breeders to participate in livestock shows and to honor the top animals shown at the conclusion of a show year. Points are earned for grand and reserve grand champions, as well as division champions and reserves, and are based on the actual number of animals shown in each qualified show.

The following is a list of the top five Ring of Gold animals for each division.

### **Gelbvieh Females**

1. GGGE 3G Cowgirl Ursula 837U, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.
2. GGGE 3G Cowgirl Ultrabright 890U, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.
3. SWCC Kali 801UET, Stillwater Cattle Co., Columbus, Mont.; and Zach Butler, Milton, Tenn.
4. SVVG Shasta, Sauers Valley View Farms, Winona, Minn.
5. BVLK U121, Britney Volek, Highmore, S.D.

### **Gelbvieh Bulls**

1. CIRS Direct Current 1LU, D bar L Land & Livestock, Sylvia, Kan.
2. CIRS 278U2, John Shearer, Circle S Ranch, Canton, Kan.
3. JDPD Akin 140W, The Dromgoole's Heaven, Mason, Texas
4. GGGE 3G Warpaint 913W, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.
5. DDJJ DD Extra Nice UP00, Jessica Johnson, Parksville, Ky.

### **Balancer® Females**

1. BCGF Butlers Carefree 534U, Zack Butler, Milton, Tenn.
2. EGL Evelyn U426, Nate Munger, Highmore, S.D.
3. GGGE 3G Cowgirl Star, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.
4. RTRT Kassie U52 ET, Rylee Owen, Mason, Texas
5. EBY Miss Western 7297T, Chandler Ladner, Argonia, Kan.

### **Balancer® Bulls**

1. GGGE 3G Uganda 895U, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.
2. XXB Wingman 639T ET, LeDoux Ranch, Agenda, Kan.
3. EGL Northern Dancer U659, Eagle Pass Ranch, Highmore, S.D.
4. XXB El Duque 306U ET, Boehler Gelbviehs, Orleans, Neb.
5. JCGR Bar GT Cobalt 159U, Jumping Cow Gelbvieh, Ramah, Colo.

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#### **Photo Captions:**

[GVRingofGoldFemale\_3GUrsula\_Griffiths]: The 2010 American Gelbvieh Association Ring of Gold Champion Gelbvieh Female is GGGE 3G Cowgirl Ursula 837U owned by Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.

[GVRingofGoldBull\_CIRSDirectCurrent\_DbarL]: The 2010 American Gelbvieh Association Ring of Gold Champion Gelbvieh Bull is CIRS Direct Current 1LU owned by D bar L Land & Livestock of Sylvia, Kan.

[BARingofGoldFemale\_BCGFCarefree\_Butler]: The 2010 American Gelbvieh Association Ring of Gold Champion Balancer® Female is BCGF Butlers Carefree 534U owned by Zack Butler from Milton, Tenn.

[BARingofGoldBull\_3GUganda895U\_Griffiths]: The 2010 American Gelbvieh Association Ring of Gold Champion Balancer® Bull is GGGE 3G Uganda 895U owned by Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind.