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Gelbvieh Junior Classic Balancer Show Brings the Best to Town

With its second National Balancer Female Show in the books, the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) saw improved quality and a small increase in number of Balancer females shown during the AGJA Gateway Classic. The Heart of America Gelbvieh Association and Heart of America Gelbvieh Junior Association co-hosted a week of activities with the AGJA at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia.

Taking home the top honors in the Balancer Female Show was Emily Griffiths of Kendallville, Ind., with GGGE 3G Cowgirl Star, a March 24, 2006, daughter of JRI Extra Exposure 285L71 ET. Griffiths earned Grand Champion Balancer Female and Grand Champion Bred & Owned Balancer Female with her entry.

Sliding into the Reserve Grand Champion Balancer Female slot was Britney Volek of Highmore, S.D., with PCCI Ms Ty 6094S. This April 5, 2006 daughter of TAU T G Ty 313L followed the Griffiths' entry out of Division IV all the way to the champion's circle.

Kaisha Jurgens of Miller, Neb., earned Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned Balancer Female honors with DCJ Ms Chocolate Pie 605S. Her entry, a February 22, 2006 daughter of BR Midland, was also the Champion Division V Female.

Nebraska exhibited the Champion Group of Three Balancer Heifers. Kansas had the reserve group of three.

Following are the complete division and reserve division results from the 2007 AGJA Gateway Classic Balancer Female Show. Each listing includes the animal's name, exhibitor's name, exhibitor's hometown and animal's sire.

Division I (January 1 to April 30, 2007)

Champion: TAU Ms Sleepy 7111T, Tanner Taubenheim, Amherst, Neb., TAU Sleepy 204P

Reserve: MDAV Blklass 1988's G196, Matthew Davidson, Duncan, S.C., MDAV G196's Reflection ET

Division II (September 1 to December 31, 2006)

Champion: JEMG Black Velvet S125, Kali Myers, Farmington, Mo., KCF Bennett K503 ET

Reserve: BCFG Butlers I'm Fancy 207S, Zachary Butler, Milton, Tenn., BT Bando 196J

Division III (May 1 to August 31, 2006)

Champion: TGV Cruel Girl 21S1, Justin Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., TGV T Bar S Free Style 15L

Reserve: RLBG Traveler 205 S012, Matthew Elgin, Fair Grove, Mo., B A R Ext Traveler 205

Division IV (March 1 to April 30, 2006)

Champion: GGGE 3G Cowgirl Star 644S, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind., JRI Extra Exposure 285L71 ET

Reserve: PCCI Ms Ty 6094S, Britney Volek, Highmore, S.D., TAU T G Ty 313L

Division V (January 1 to February 28, 2006)

Champion: DCJ Ms Chocolate Pie 605S, Kaisha Jurgens, Miller, Neb., BR Midland

Reserve: BIGG Balancer 113S, Quentin Clark, Barnard, Kan., MRCO New Direction 905

Division VI (September 1 to December 31, 2005)

Champion: AHL Katie 109R, Ashley Skeels, Boerne, Texas, BUF BFCK Cherokee Cnyn 4912

Reserve: VER Ellijay 632R, Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Colo., Partisover Precision 243

Cow-Calf (August 2005 or older)

Champion: TAU Ms Gunnison 5150R, Sydney Taubenheim, Amherst, Neb., GMCC Ruppel Gunnison N31

Reserve: JLAB Rockn B Miss Holley ET, Justin Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., Gambles Hot Rod

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