

Junior Cattlemen's Report

Potential is Powerless without Desire

By John Reasor



As a young exhibitor when the Georgia National Fair came to mind I would think of the funnel cakes, the Ferris wheel, and a night under the bright lights. However, as I grow older and mature in the agriculture and cattle business, I live for the cattle show and showmanship. The early mornings, late nights, and time spent washing and brushing cattle all pay off from the friends, mentors and memories I have made.

My first time exhibiting cattle at the Georgia National Fair was in 2005 with a purebred shorthorn heifer that stood last in class. Because of my competitive nature I wanted to be nowhere, but on top. Through hard work and the help of mentors and teachers along the way, I am where I am today, exhibiting national level champions.

Breeders, fitters, or older showmanship champions take pride in helping new and experienced exhibitors. From learning how to properly wash, dry and work hair on a show calf to learning what bull might work best on your show heifer, the people in this industry strive to lend a helping hand.

The easiest thing in the world to do is 'Just Ask.' However, many of us don't. Almost everyone is willing to


take time to help a young person eager to learn to do better.

I am very thankful to have a strong supportive family who do nearly everything possible to help me succeed to become a great cattleman. In the 9th grade my mother and father made it possible for me to be homeschooled so I could travel to attend cattle shows and sales across the country – and internationally!

While homeschooling may not be in everyone's best interest, it helped me with the opportunities available through the Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association.

The best things I have gained through the Cattlemen's Association, 4H/FFA and breed associations are the friends made and the unforgettable memories.

"We do not remember days; we remember moments," as Cesare Pavese stated. The friends who turn the moments into the unforgettable memories are the ones you want to keep in touch with.

As I end, keep in mind 'Just Ask' when you have a question or want to do better. We are thankful to be involved in such a diverse and intriguing industry. Potential is powerless without the desire to reach it. 



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