

Theis Named Junior Herdsman at the 2014 NJAS

**Junior Herdsman of the Year
Cody Theis chosen by
his peers during the
National Junior Angus Show.**

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A huge amount of effort goes into exhibiting cattle at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), even before they ever enter the showing. Cody Theis, Leavenworth, Kan., knows this well. He was recognized as the Junior Herdsman of the Year at the 2014 NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind., for his commitment to the Angus breed and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

“Being named Junior Herdsman was a complete surprise,” Theis says. “I really wasn’t expecting this award, and I’m so honored to have been selected.”

The Junior Herdsman of the Year award recognizes an NJAA member who shows dedication to their animals, a strong work ethic, the ability to work with customers and other junior members, and the skills to prepare their cattle for show.

Every junior exhibiting cattle at the NJAS is eligible to vote for the award winner. Throughout the week, they watch their peers and determine the one they believe best exemplifies the qualities of the best junior herdsman.

“The National Junior Angus Show is all about friendly competition between our Angus juniors,” says Jaelyn Upperman, American Angus Association director of events and education. “We are extremely proud that our members not only compete, but also help each other throughout the week’s events. Cody Theis is a tremendous example of that attitude.”

Theis’s years of showing Angus cattle have been successful; he has been recognized for



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the high-quality cattle he exhibits and was a finalist in this year’s top showmanship contest at the NJAS. In recognition as the winner of the Junior Herdsman of the Year award, Theis received a silver belt buckle donated by the Association at the NJAS Closing Ceremonies July 11.

Theis attends Kansas State University,

and is majoring in animal sciences and industry.

Additional NJAS contest placings, awards and scholarships can be found on www.angus.org. Coverage — including videos, show results and photos — is also available on the NJAA Facebook page.



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► **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth, Kan., won Junior Herdsman of the Year at the 2014 NJAS. His award was presented by Jaelyn Upperman.

