



Around THE WORLD

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By now you've probably heard some of the good news to come out of Denver. I hope you enjoy this issue that covers each and every event that took place at this year's National Western Stock Show.

First and foremost, all those attending the Limousin activities got to enjoy some beautiful weather, which made for large crowds and a lot of activity in the yards, until the final day of the pen and carload show when the cold weather finally blew into town.

The Denver Show is always the event to jump-start another year and the National Sale certainly helped the cause.

The marketing team assembled a truly elite offering of genetics and it proved to be a great success as 22.5 lots averaged \$12,491.

In the show ring, history was made as junior member Mark Blake of Earl Park, Indiana, led out the grand champion female in both the junior and the open show. To make the feat even more remarkable, this female was the first Limousin heifer for him to own and show. Congratulations Blake!

As I mentioned, the weather turned cold for the pen and carload show the last day, but those watching got to see a great set of bulls that will make a positive impact on this breed for years to come. The bulls continue to get deeper, stouter, higher performing and the numbers on the cattle continue to get better and better.

One special note of interest was that NALF celebrated its 40th anniversary by honoring all the breeders who have been active members for 30 years or more at the annual social. This brought several familiar faces to town and several folks who have been instrumental in the success this breed and our association has enjoyed the past 40 years.

I applaud the efforts of the NALF board and staff to make this year's Denver show one to kickoff the year on the right foot. Anyone in attendance would have to agree that their mission was accomplished.

I look forward to seeing you at sales and events this spring.

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