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EVALUATION TEAM TAKES FIRST IN CONTEST

Bowling Green, Ky. -- A live animal evaluation team from Western Kentucky University has won first place in the evaluation of beef cattle, swine and sheep at the Southeastern Live Animal Evaluation and Livestock Judging Contest held Friday and Saturday at Mississippi State University.

Jerry Branstetter, a junior agriculture major from Horse Cave, placed first in the overall contest, winning high individual honors. In addition he compiled the highest individual score in lamb evaluation.

Fred Coles, a junior business major from Auburn, Ky., was third high individual in lamb evaluation.

Jimmy Hughes, a junior ag major from Auburn, was high individual in swine evaluation, and placed sixth in the overall contest. B. G. Willett, a senior ag major from Union County, was third in swine evaluation. Branstetter and Coles were tied for fifth place in the swine evaluation.

Pat Baker Jr., a junior ag major from Calhoun, was fifth high individual in beef cattle evaluation.

Teams from Western placed first and sixth out of 14 teams in the overall contest, including all categories of evaluation. Other schools competing were University of Tennessee (second place); University of Georgia (third); Southern Illinois (fourth), and Virginia Polytechnic Institute (fifth).

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Other students on the Western team were:

Greg Hester, Louisville; Terry Miller, Meade County; Charles Pierce, Somerset; Wilson Stone, Scottsville; Jesse Thomas, Glasgow; Mike Wade, Metcalfe County. Also with the students was Dr. Gordon Jones who was coach and advisor to the group.

The group left campus last Wednesday and visited a packing company in Nashville, a swine buying station at Decaturville, Tenn., Thursday, and evaluated cattle in West Tennessee feed lots. The group returned to Western Sunday afternoon.

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