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MFU Supports 4H-ers, Puts on a Sensational Cooking Show and Honors Prince in the 2016 State Fair year.

ST. PAUL (September 7, 2016) – Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU), Farmers Union Insurance Agency, and Farmers Union Industries were proud to support many 4-Hers during Saturday August 27th's 4H auction at the Minnesota State Fair. Minnesota Farmers Union own, Doug Peterson was one of the guest auctioneers during the live 4-H auction. MFU & associate buyers worked together to contribute records amounts to support four (4) 4-Hers.

- Grand Champion Market Sheep, raised by Riley Arthur, Steele County
- Grand Champion Market Meat Goat, raised by Thomas Sell of Cottonwood County
- Reserve Champion Market Beef, raised Gavin Mulder of Jackson County
- Reserve Champion Market Gilt, raised by Elizabeth Thome of Mower County

Minnesota Cooks program celebrated respected farmers and highlighted premier Minnesota chefs and cooks who serve locally-produced foods on August 28, 2016 in Carousel Park. The live cooking show hosted by Mary Lahammer from Twin Cities Public Television and JD Fratzke from The Strip Club Meat & Fish was a grand success and provided and educational outreach to all who attended on the importance of local foods in our restaurants and recipes.

Friday August 26, 2016 marked “Unite in Purple” day at the 2016 Minnesota State Fair. The Fair hosted a celebration with many events that honored the late legendary rocker, Prince who was from Minnesota and produced much of his music locally as well. Minnesota Farmers Union was happy to join in the celebration with a special “Raspberry Beret Frappe” which was their classic raspberry flavored frappe with signature Prince purple whipped topping. This was a huge hit among fair goers who were there to honor Prince, and was almost as much of a hit as the new Blueberry Aronia coffee cake Ice Cream on a stick. This new ice cream bar focused once again on local farmers for the ingredients and a local business for the creation of the ice cream treat.

“This year at the fair was another fantastic year. We were able to do as much as we could to support local agriculture from our support for 4-H to the local farmers and businesses

that we work with to offer great food in the coffee shop,” said Minnesota Farmers Union President Doug Peterson. “MFU is always happy to support the future of agriculture on any level it can, this year was no exception.”

The Purple Ribbon 4-H Auction is 101-head livestock auction that raises funds for Minnesota 4-H youth and Animal Science programs. Minnesota Farmers Union Coffee shop is located near the Snelling entrance on Dan Patch and Cosgrove. Minnesota Cooks is held the first Sunday of the fair in Carousel Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. annually.

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(www.mfu.org).
