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### **Another Year Comes to a Close**

As the 2009 year comes to an end at The State Fair of Texas®, it has been another great season of food, family and fun in Fair Park. This 277-acre complex has been home of the State Fair of Texas since 1886.

In 2009, The State Fair of Texas had over 7,000 exhibitors and over 7,500 entries. In the 24-day period, the livestock barns have housed Pan-American and Youth cattle, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit and poultry shows, as well as exotic species including donkeys, miniature zebu and llamas.

The Pan American shows proved to be successful once again, hosting record numbers and crowds to enjoy the Pan American non-halter Longhorn trophy steer show.

It was a good year for 4-H/FFA contests with the Livestock Judging, Public Speaking and Tractor Restoration contests having more entries than ever before. Entries for the youth market and prospect steers hit an all time high. While other 2009 youth market shows exceeded the previous year's numbers in barrows and broilers along with first pee wee miniature steer show.

At the Youth Livestock Auction, over \$1 million was raised for Texas youth. The grand champion steer, shown by Kaycie Carter of Conroe, TX, sold for \$96,000. However, the money contributed will benefit over 3,500 kids that participated in The State Fair of Texas.

“We’re really proud of the success we’ve had at the Auction. It just proves to us how generous our benefactors are in Dallas and around the state. We appreciate their support in backing the brand.” Daryl Real said, Vice President Agriculture/Livestock.

For more information about The State Fair of Texas, please visit [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com).

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