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### **Hard Work Pays Off at the Open Angus Show**

We have always been told, “Hard work pays off” and at the 2009 State Fair of Texas®, hard work actually did pay off for several contestants.

KB Cattle has been coming to the fair for six years. Last year they won Reserve Grand Champion with their Angus Bull. This year, KB Cattle ended up winning Grand Champion with their Angus Bull, which was shown by Les Jones from Willspoint, Texas. However, not only did they dominate with their Angus Bull, they also won Grand Champion at the Angus Heifer Show.

Additionally, Kari Kuykendall, a 15-year-old from Midlothian, Texas, won Reserve Grand Champion in the Angus Bull show.

“The show here is fun and I usually do well,” said Kuykendall, “We like the location of the state fair and this is why my family has been coming here for the last three years.”

A loyal contestant to the State Fair of Texas® Angus Beef Cattle Show is the Rising Sun Ranch, located in Marquez, Texas. The Rising Sun Ranch has been competing at the State Fair of Texas® for the past 22 years.

According to Jeff Theis, the current owner and manager of the Rising Sun Ranch, the tradition started when he began working with Angus cattle with a friend at a young age. Theis’ has been showing Angus heifers and bulls since 1984 and you can see his enthusiasm in participating in the fair.

“This show has a good environment,” Theis said, “I like the people here and I like the superintendents of the show.”

With all of the hard work put into this show team, you can be sure that the Rising Sun Ranch will be coming back to the State Fair next year.

With 55 Open Heifer and Bull classes, there is a wide range of contestants. Whether it's a first time shower or someone who has been competing for the last 20 years, hard work and desire is something all of the contestants share at the State Fair of Texas®. Without these two traits, this show may not be as successful and diversified. Remember to work hard for what you want and to have fun this year at the State Fair of Texas®!

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