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Kentucky Youth Achieve Top Honors at 26th Annual Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

(**Louisville, KY**) Kentucky youth earned top honors among more than 330 of the nation's most knowledgeable 4-H Horse Program members during the 2011 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, an annual event hosted by the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Anna Meurer, 19, of Danville, earned the highest overall individual honor in Hippology, a comprehensive battery of activities testing a person's knowledge of the horse. As Hippology champion, Meurer received a \$500 college scholarship from the American Quarter Horse Association, as well as a trophy from the American Saddlebred Horse Association. She was also honored for earning the highest score in the identification portion as well as the fourth highest score in the written test portion.

Kentucky's Hippology team earned 2nd in the written test portion, 5th in the horse judging portion, 2nd in the identification portion, 7th in the problem solving portion, and 2nd place overall out of 23 competing teams from across the country. Team members were Anna Meurer of Danville, Georgia Skelton of Perryville, Brittany Sims of Harrodsburg, and Deana Curran of Nicholasville. Their coach was Kateri Skelton, also of Perryville.

Other contests held during the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup were Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, Team Presentation, Horse Bowl, and Horse Judging. All contestants must be 14 to 19 years old and qualified for the competition by earning top honors at their state 4-H horse contest.

[OPTIONAL - Quote here from a contestant or coach. Style suggestion: "First sentence," said [LAST NAME]. "Second sentence."

Additional results of the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup can be found at www.4hroundup.com. More information about the North American International Livestock Exposition can be found at www.livestockexpo.org.

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