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YOUTH ATTEND 2020 NATIONAL 4-H/FFA ROUNDUP

Denver, Colorado – More than 1200 attendees from 35 states participated at the Western National Roundup January 8-12, 2020, in Denver, CO. The Conference, which celebrated its 100th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. The opening day highlight was the NWSS Stock Show parade and closing the event were the awards breakfasts for all the contests. This year's theme of "Celebrating a Century of Leaders" emphasized the contributions of past and current leaders while inspiring the youth participants to continue leading in the future to help the world grow in a positive way.

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 can qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's contest or being chosen as a state delegate. The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, fashion revue, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure, and meats identification. Workshops are offered throughout the week which provides a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from fitness and nutrition, to communication and team building to dance and leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons that were won.

For further information about Western National Roundup and full results for each contest, please see the main conference website at <http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/>.

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