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Youth Events Draw Enthusiastic Participants

The theme for EastGen's 2024 youth events was "Youth Leading Our Future." Keeping this in mind, participants sported lime green shirts on show day emblazoned with this slogan – a sign of achievements to come from youth in agriculture. Each year EastGen organizes and solely sponsors a series of Challenges and Showcases held across our service area, in Spencerville, Ont.; Woodstock, Ont.; Markham, Ont.; and Truro, NS, for 4-H youth aged 14-21 (Ontario) and 13-21 (Atlantic provinces). Participants spend time team building while learning at education sessions and then enter the ring with their calves for showmanship and conformation evaluations. This year 300 Ontario 4-H dairy members and 138 dairy and beef club members from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia participated.

EastGen's youth events are a yearly highlight for staff and directors demonstrating the company's unparalleled commitment to youth. "The EastGen Challenge and Showcase events have become a very strong brand among 4-Hers and events that they circle on their calendars. We take great pride in working with our young agriculturalists to inspire them to learn, grow and develop friendships that will last throughout their lives," said Brian O'Connor, EastGen General Manager.

See more photos and results on EastGen's website, Facebook and Instagram pages, and full results at www.assistexpo.ca/results/eastgen.



Left: Markham Challenge Grand Champion Overall: Emi Lange, North Simcoe; EastGen Director John den Haan.

Right: Woodstock Challenge Grand Champion Overall: EastGen Director Stefan Mueller; Morgan Howard, Brant.

Congratulations to all 2024 Competitors!



Truro Showcase Dairy Grand Champion Overall: Grand - Sarah Versteeg, PEI; Reserve - Alena Moxsom, NS; and Dale MacPhee, EastGen.



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Spencerville Showcase Grand Champion Overall: Will Vander Meulen, Northumberland; presented by EastGen President Amanda Jeffs.





Truro Showcase Beef Grand Champion Overall: Grand - Madiya Patriquin, NS; Reserve - Leah Brunt, NS; and Dale MacPhee, EastGen.



Brian Betts Scholarship Winners

EastGen is proud to join Gay Lea and The Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund to celebrate the 2024 winners of the **Brian Betts Memorial Scholarship.**

Brian Betts of Flesherton, ON was an accomplished dairy producer and exceptional leader in agriculture both locally and nationally. He helped drive producer run organizations to collaborate more fully and reduce duplication, which led to greater efficiency and ensured greater sustainability for producerowned companies.

The two \$1500 scholarships were awarded to individuals who demonstrate leadership and selfless service for the betterment of their community. Congratulations this year's scholarship winners **Ethan Ringelberg, Wentworth County** and **Cheyanne Leifso, Bruce County**. The scholarships were announced at EastGen's recent Challenge West show, with members of the Betts family and company/organization representatives on hand for the presentations.



Kevin Allen Memorial Award

Courtney Orser of Frontenac County was chosen to receive the 2024 **Kevin Allen Memorial Award** honouring and remembering an EastGen Delegate, former EBI Board of Directors member, dairy farmer and life-long supporter of 4-H along with his local agriculture community. This award was presented at the recent EastGen Showcase in Spencerville, Ont.

Andrea Crowe Award Winner



Above: Andrea Crowe Award winner at EastGen Atlantic Showcase, Nicholas Bourque of NB with Anne Crowe and EastGen's Dale MacPhee.





September 10-12th Woodstock, ON

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

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Dr. Tim Henshaw Award of Excellence Winners



A memorial award established by EastGen last year, the Dr. Tim Henshaw Awards of Excellence were presented to nominees at each Ontario event who reflected and effectively communicated Dr. Henshaw's qualities of enthusiasm, encouragement, leadership, and devotion to serving others.

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Above: Ethan Ringelberg, Wentworth County, EastGen Challenge West winner, with EastGen General Manager Brian O'Connor and EastGen Director Stefan Mueller.

> Right: Alexa Prinzen, Prince Edward County, EastGen Showcase winner, with EastGen President Amanda Jeffs and EastGen General Manager Brian O'Connor.





Above: Kyle Meek, Durham East, EastGen Challenge East winner, with EastGen General Manager Brian O'Connor and Jane and Norah Henshaw.

Congratulations 2024 winners.





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