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## **McNiven Farms Takes Top Herdsman Honours at Canadian Angus Showdown**

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**Rocky View County, AB**—McNiven Farms—Lucy and Josephine McNiven of Oro-Medonte, ON along with their stall mates/crew of Andrew and Larissa VanDeursen were the herdsman winners for Showdown 2018. The award was presented at the Showdown banquet on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in Barrie, Ontario.

The Herdsman competition is based on cattle display. Each stall area was judged throughout Showdown based on cleanliness, organization, clean and well-groomed animals and teamwork.

Canadian Junior Angus is a group of Angus enthusiasts under the age of 21. Showdown began in 2000 as way for Juniors from across the nation to gather in one location to exhibit their Angus cattle in conformation divisions. It rotates to provinces throughout the country every July.

This year 98 participants and almost 150 head of cattle took part in Showdown in Barrie, ON. There have been many different activities and contests added over the years with 16 competitions now available including print marketing, sales talk, judging, team judging, team grooming, photography, literature, art, scrapbooking, graphic design, farm sign, public speaking, Angus cook-off, best herdsman, showmanship, and conformation as the current competitions.



*Left to right: Larissa VanDeursen, Josephine McNiven (front), Andrew VanDeursen, Lucy McNiven*

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