

## **KCA Booth is Big Hit at Topeka Farm Show**

For the ninth consecutive year, Kansas Cattlemen's Association has attended the Topeka Farm Show and visited with attendees in the R R Domer Livestock Arena. This year, Dettke Farms from Marysville was kind enough to supply a bull as part of the KCA booth. Over a thousand attendees came by and visited with staff and volunteers to discuss legislative issues, to get resource information, and to play "Guess the Weight of the Bull". This year, the hot topic discussed was the proposed GIPSA rules.

With several hundred entries, the "Guess the Weight" was the hit of the show. This year, KCA had three prize options for the winner, a beef bundle from Ranch Foods Direct, an Enduro Mineral Feeder donated by Gee Tire, and a \$500 gift certificate towards a trailer donated by Rocking M Trailer Sales, Inc. The bull weighed 2,226 pounds. The winner was Nick Havel from Burlingame with a guess of 2,225, and he chose to receive the Rocking M Trailer Sales gift certificate. No one guessed the exact weight and there were five people who came within a pound. Nick's name was pulled out of the hat of finalists.

"We would like to thank Dettke Farms and Andy and Brian Dettke for bringing the bull in this year. The bull had a great demeanor, and it really drew in a crowd. We want to thank our prize sponsors, Rocking M Trailer Sales, Inc., Gee Tire from Rossville, and Ranch Foods Direct. These companies provide a prize option every year, and their support at the Farm Show is unparalleled. We would also like to thank our member volunteers, Zack Goodman, Paul Acton, and the Pfrang Family – David, Ginny, Nicole, Keri, and Alena. Our staff appreciates their time and commitment. We especially appreciate everyone who came by the booth to visit with us about what KCA is doing to work for producers," stated KCA Executive Director Brandy Carter.

With a number of suburban attendees, KCA also took the opportunity to discuss animal welfare practices with those not directly involved in production agriculture. Additional information regarding upcoming KCA events can be found on the KCA website [www.kansascattlemen.com](http://www.kansascattlemen.com).