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YOUTH ATTEND 2019 NATIONAL 4-H/FFA ROUNDUP

Denver, Colorado – More than 660 youth and more than 450 adults from more than 33 states and Alberta, Canada attended the Western National Roundup January 9-13, 2019, in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 99th 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 "Find Your Spark" is aimed at helping participants find their passion to help them and 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, 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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