Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup

The final competition of the year for all Virginia 4-H Horse youth was Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, November 2 - 4. Virginia had teams or individuals competing in Horse Judging (Rebekah Smith and Allison Hulvey of Rockingham County), Horse Bowl (Emma Taylor, Tori Ashley, Lauren Hartburg, Zoe Carroll and Skylar Brownfield representing Albemarle County), Hippology (Julie Carrington, Andy Carrington, Katie Strickland of South Boston and Valerie Harr of Dry Fork, VA), Public Speaking (Laurel Cox of Stanardsville, VA) and Individual Presentation (Erin Flathers of Rixeyville, VA). It is a whirlwind weekend but some manage to visit Churchill Downs or some of the large TB farms in Lexington on the trip to or from. Results of the weekend are:

**Hippology Contest:**
- Written Phase team: Virginia - 10th place
- Judging Phase Individual: Andy Carrington - 4th place
- Judging Phase Team: Virginia - 2nd place
- Station Phase Team: Virginia - 9th place

**Individual Presentation Contest:**
- Erin Flathers tied for 10th but took 11th on the tie breaker!

**Horse Bowl Contest:**
- Virginia - 9th place high team

**Horse Judging Contest:**
- Halter Individuals:
  - Allison Hulvey - 5th place
  - Beka Smith - 7th place
- Performance Individuals:
  - Beka Smith - 11th place (just out of the ribbons)
- Reasons Individuals:
  - Beka Smith - 5th place
  - Allison Hulvey - 9th place
- Overall Individuals:
  - Beka Smith - 7th place
  - Allison Hulvey - 9th place

Please congratulate all these youth on their accomplishments! The one thing that makes me the most proud is that anywhere we go, I always receive compliments on how the Virginia youth conduct themselves and for that I thank you - their leaders and parents for instilling values, ethics, morals and manners!