

4-H/FFA SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

1. The objective of this class is to give recognition to those exhibitors who exhibit the principles of good showmanship, preparation of their animal for the show ring and presentation of their animal in the ring.
2. A showmanship class will be held at the conclusion of each livestock division.
3. An exhibitor is eligible to participate in the showmanship class of each species' show if he/she exhibited an animal in that division. Bottle animals classes are excluded from this but will be recognized with showmanship awards as showmanship is included in their ring exhibition.
4. Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal.
5. Awards will be given in swine, sheep, dairy cattle and goats, rabbits, poultry, goats, beef, and horse divisions.
6. *SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP*-Having completed the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.
7. *INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP*-Having completed the 7th, 8th or 9th grade.
8. *JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP*-Having completed the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade.
9. Champion Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Showman in each division will receive a plaque.
10. Purple showmanship ribbons will be awarded to those selected by the judge for showmanship honors.
11. An exhibitor may compete each year and be eligible to win.
12. An exhibitor may only win once in the Junior and Intermediate Levels. After winning showmanship in their age level, they will then compete in the next level the following year with the Senior Level being the exception.
13. Showmanship winners of each age division from the previous year will present the flags during the national anthem of the respective show.

HERDSMANSHIP AWARD

The purpose of these awards is to promote neatness and cleanliness of stalls, alleyways, and livestock in the exhibit barns during the County Fair. Safety of visitors while in the barns, as well as exhibitors and livestock, will be emphasized. A special committee will rate livestock exhibits on a 4-H club or FFA chapter basis during the fair. This committee will visit the livestock barns at least once a day, unannounced to evaluate each individual's animals and exhibit area. Individual exhibitor ratings will be grouped on a club or chapter basis to determine a final rating. The judging of the exhibits by committee will be based primarily on cleanliness of alleys, stalls, pens, arrangement of exhibits, neatness, appearance of animals, stall cards and attendant, and education to the public about their exhibit.

Criteria for Judging Herdsmanship

The following applies to all pens or stalls for livestock:

1. Name of club, member, and animal properly identified on stalling cards
2. Amount of education shared with the public about the livestock exhibits.
3. Stall or pen cleaned of manure, fresh bedding or chips put down, if needed.
4. Animal(s)' appearance is clean and groomed.
5. No tack is left in stalling or pen area.
6. Poultry and Rabbits: Water and feed may remain in pen. Check to see that the feed and water are clean. Area under pen should be kept clean.
7. Hogs: Feed pans may be kept in pens if fastened to the gate/pen.
8. Cattle: Tied properly as not to step into the aisle area or tangle with other calf. No feed pans or water left in stalls unattended.
9. Sheep & Goats: Feed pans may be left in the pens if attached to the side of the pen, and water may be left if it is clean.
10. Species will not be judged the morning of their show.