

# Livestock Herdsmanship

BEEF, SWINE, DAIRY, & SHEEP/ GOAT



## ***Why is herdsmanship important?***

Herdsmanship is the first thing the public sees regarding how we treat our animals. County Fair is often the only time the public sees livestock up close and personal so we need to make sure they see how well you care for those animals and their well-being on a daily basis. This means clean stalls, clean aisles, and clean animals. In addition, we have beautiful and brand new buildings to use so it's important that we care for those buildings. The best and easiest way to do that is to be diligent about keeping stalls, pens and cages clean throughout the entire week and then doing your part to clean up afterwards.

All 4-H Clubs exhibiting livestock will be judged on Herdsmanship.

- Herdsmanship will be judged **Wednesday evening through Saturday evening.**
- Herdsmanship will be judged between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- There will be no judging of a species during its show or the livestock judging contest. However, 1 hour or more following a show, the herdsmanship judge may come through to judge that species.
- Special notes:
  - Wednesday - No beef will be judged Wednesday due to the bucket and feeder calf shows Wednesday afternoon and later arrival of these animals.
  - Saturday - Herdsmanship will be judged following the Livestock Judging Contest and again following the Auction!
  - Sunday - Herdsmanship awards will be posted Sunday morning at clean-up rather than announced during the auction.

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Herdsmanship Judging will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday of the Fair. Each exhibitor is expected to do a good job as herdsman. Club, as well as Champion, signs may be hung. No other signs or displays will be permitted. Stalls and pens are to be cleaned of all manure and bedding when animals are released. At least one attendant should be present at the club exhibit between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily. The club will be the unit of award. A herdsmanship check will be conducted one hour after the show but not before that time. Pens will be checked following the release times on Sunday.

**Herdsman Awards will be awarded as listed below based on the following score card.**

1. Cleanliness of alleys and stalls or pens. 55 points
  - a. Bedding, adequate, bright, clean, dry and in place.
  - b. Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place.
  - c. Alleys clean.
2. Arrangement of Exhibit. 10 points
  - a. Exhibits lined up in attractive manner.
  - b. Feed boxes and miscellaneous gear in proper place.
  - c. Hay and straw neat and orderly.
  - d. Big objectionable boxes out of the way.
3. Appearance of Animals. 30 points
  - a. Animals clean and brushed.
  - b. Animals securely tied or penned. (Beef animals must be double-tied with a halter and a neck rope with an 18"- 20" lead.)
  - c. Animals in stalls or pens, except for weighing, washing, showing or exercising.
4. Stall Cards. 5 points
  - a. Neatly written and arranged.
  - b. Clean.