
LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP

If you are exhibiting livestock in any area you are required to also be in the Showmanship class. Club members taking part in these contests will be judged for their skill as a showman and the appearance of their animals. Grooming counts, but breed or individual excellence of the animal does not.

- A. **ELIGIBILITY**-All 4-H livestock exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship Contest. Any animal can only be shown in one class. This means that whatever animal you exhibit for judging is the animal you must show in the Showmanship class. (FFA members must show their FFA animal in showmanship and 4-H members must show their 4-H animal in showmanship).
- B. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN POLICY**-A substitute showman must be a Dixon County 4-H/FFA member that has completed YQCA. Circumstances will be approved by the department superintendent as the situation arises. Approval must be made prior to the start of the show.
- C. **BASIS FOR JUDGING**-Showmanship judging is based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Minor technical points are not to be over-emphasized, nor do minor infractions disqualify. Primarily in showmanship it is the skill of the showman in presenting the animal before the Judge that counts, while individual excellence of the animal does not.
- D. **EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE**- See rule F & G, General Animal Rules.
- E. **4-H AGE**- Determined by the exhibitor's age, as of January 1 of the current year.
 - Junior Division:** Ages 8 through 10
 - Intermediate Division:** Ages 11 through 13
 - Senior Division:** Ages 14 through 18
- F. Need to pre-enter by June 15, 2024. Please note the listing for the showmanship classes in each species area of the fair book.

SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE AWARDED AT CONCLUSION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT SHOW.