

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP

COMPETITION

Phelps County Only Fair Eligibility: Youth who are champion or reserve champion in the Senior Divisions of Showmanship in the areas of beef, meat goats, sheep, and hog are eligible to compete at the county competition. (If there aren't enough animal numbers in a particular specie, winners of that specie showmanship senior division are still eligible to compete at the County Elite Showmanship competition.)

To encourage youth to compete in the Elite Showmanship Competition, the third individual in each show will be labeled at the time of the show. Individuals placing third may qualify to compete through the following:

- Individual(s) qualify for the competition in more than one specie; therefore, the third individual from the respective shows with multi-qualified youth will be labeled and selected by random drawing. Drawing will take place immediately after the last livestock show, administered by a non-partisan Committee member.
- Qualified youth may choose to not participate in the competition; therefore, the third individual will move into the competition due to self-withdrawal.

Contest Format:

- There will be five (5) sections to the competition (worth 500 points): a written test, Swine showmanship, Sheep showmanship, Goat showmanship and Beef showmanship.
 - ◇ Exam: 100 points
 - ◇ Showmanship: 400 points
 - 100 possible points for each animal shown:
 - ◆ Animal well controlled (25 pts)
 - ◆ Animal displayed to advantage (25 pts)
 - ◆ Attentive to judge, follow instruction (25 pts)
 - ◆ Knowledge of project (25 pts)
- The written exam will be 25 multiple choice questions.
 - ◇ Questions are related to the livestock industry (in general), each individual species, and quality assurance
 - ◇ Contestants will take this exam prior to posted start time of the competition.
- The youth that will be participating in Elite Showmanship will be responsible for selecting their own market beef, market lamb, market goat, and market hog to show. Youth are permitted to use their own animal(s) should they choose to do so or may ask friends, family, or find someone new to ask to borrow their animal for the contest.
- The show will run in the following order: Hog, Beef, Sheep, Goat. (permitting there are sufficient numbers of each specie at the county fair)