

HERDSMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Melissa McEnany

Purpose of Herdsmanship Evaluation:

The purpose of the herdsmanship department is for the student to demonstrate appropriate care of their animals. By so doing, they will enforce to all in attendance the pride of ownership they have in their animals. A secondary purpose of the herdsmanship evaluation is for the students to practice citizenship and communication skills with the public.

Areas of Evaluation:

The following areas will be considered in the daily evaluation of herdsmanship:

1. **Clean alleys and isles** that will attract citizens/individuals to view the animals.
2. **Clean pens/stalls/cages** that will demonstrate the animals are being cared for in an appropriate manner. The animals should be cleaned and well groomed, bedded and fed regularly (without wasting feed or bedding), and displayed in a practical manner with the animals in a position that makes the most striking display. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor, not leaders and/or parents.
3. **Tack and feeds.** The pens/stalls/cages should be kept clean and neat with tack boxes, feed, and bedding arranged in a manner which is orderly as well as practical and attractive.
4. **Stall cards.** Stall cards shall be used which are visible and appropriately displayed.

Judging Schedule:

All species will be judged on an "official basis" six (6) times during the fair. These will be formal evaluations using a set scorecard in which ratings will be posted following the evaluations. In addition, there will be several 'spot' checks done throughout the fair with these scores being used to 'break ties'. These ratings will not be posted by the judges.

Eligibility for Premiums:

There will be two categories: Large clubs (6 or more members in the species) and small clubs (1 – 5 members in the species). There will not be 2 category winners in the overall herdsmanship award. In addition, in order to be eligible for overall herdsmanship, a chapter/club must be in a minimum of 5 different species.

HERDSMANSHIP PREMIUMS (Large Club and Small Club)

Beef Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Goats Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Horse Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Poultry Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Rabbit Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Sheep Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Swine Herdsmanship_____	\$50, \$25, \$15
Overall Herdsmanship_____	\$\$100, \$50, \$25

Judging will be based upon a point total of 15 for each evaluation time.

5pts	Appearance of Alley
5pts	Appearance of Pens and Animals
3pts	Tack and Feed
2pts	Stall Cards