

# HERDSMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

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## 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. Please remember, herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitors, not leaders and/or parents.

## Areas of Evaluation:

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

	<u>Points</u>
<b>1. Clean alleys and isles</b>	<b>10 points</b>
• Alleys are swept clean, free of dust, straw and any other foreign materials that will attract citizens/individuals to view the animals.	
<b>2. Clean pens/stalls/cages</b>	<b>15 points</b>
• Bedding is adequate and clean. Animals should be clean, well-groomed and fed regularly.	
<b>3. Welfare of animals</b>	<b>10 points</b>
• Animals appear to be properly taken care of with sufficient water and proper cooling equipment.	
<b>4. Tack and feeds</b>	<b>10 points</b>
• 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.	
<b>5. Stall cards</b>	<b>5 points</b>
• Stall cards shall be used which are visible and appropriately displayed.	_____
<b>Total points</b>	<b>50 points</b>

## Judging Schedule:

All species will be judged on an "official basis" five (5) 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 and small clubs; in each species one-half of clubs will be designated as large, one-half as small. There will not be two (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 five (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

(All clubs will be scored, but only clubs that have both breeding and market swine will be eligible for premiums and to count towards overall species)

Overall Herdsmanship_____	\$100, \$50, \$25
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