

# LIVESTOCK PROJECT EVALUATION

Friday, July 21, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Youth will demonstrate livestock knowledge by selecting, maintaining care and feeding and exhibiting a finished livestock project.

Beef, Dairy, Sheep & Swine Livestock Project Evaluations will be held Friday, July 21, 2023 from 9:00am – 11:00am. Exhibitors should be in the barn by their animals. The Livestock Project Evaluation process is an educational program. It will be based on the following outline:

## INTERVIEW: 35 Points

Exhibitor will have a short (3-5 minute) interview with the judge. Young exhibitors will be asked questions about caring for their animal(s). Questions for older exhibitors will be more difficult. Possible topics include:

- \*Care of the Animal
- \*Profit/Loss
- \*Retail Meat Cuts
- \*Rate of Gain
- \*Breeds
- \*Health Care/Diseases
- \*Feed Efficiency
- \*Genetics
- \*Animal Industry Trends

## RECORD BOOK: 35 Points

Exhibitors should present their record book to the judge at the time of the interview. Livestock record books will be judged on:

- \*Completeness
- \*Neatness
- \*Accuracy of Information

## ANIMAL: 35 Points

The live animal will be judged at the time of the interview. The judge will look for:

- \*Evidence of exhibitor's care for the animal
- \*Cleanliness

## 105 TOTAL Points

RATING:	A	105 – 80 Points
	B	79 – 45 Points
	C	44 – 0 Points

\*Record books are available from the Extension Office.

Livestock Exhibitors (ages 6-8) use Pee Wee Record Books  
Livestock Exhibitors (ages 9-19) use the Michigan 4-H Animal Market

Project Record Book:

- Three Age Divisions – 9 to 12
- 13 to 15
- 16 to 19

Breeding Stock use 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Books:

- Three Age Divisions – 9 to 12
- 13 to 15
- 16 to 19

## LIVESTOCK CONTESTS & SPECIAL AWARDS

### Section a. Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes Sweepstakes Superintendent – Bev Rajzer (269) 423-8688

Asst. Superintendent – Taylor Shannon (269) 655-6026

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 a.m.

1. There shall be two divisions in the Showmanship Sweepstakes:  
Junior - 9 to 14 years of age during current calendar year.  
Senior - 15 to 19 years of age during the current calendar year.

Class 175 Senior Showmanship Sweepstakes  
Class 176 Junior Showmanship Sweepstakes

2. The following species shall participate in Showmanship Sweepstakes: (Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse, Sheep, Swine & Feeder Calf). Exhibitors shall be selected from the Young and Junior age groups for the Junior Sweepstakes and from the Senior I and

Senior II age groups for the Senior sweepstakes.

3. In each Sweepstakes Division, contestants will show all seven species: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Feeder Calf
4. There will be a drawing to match Jr. & Sr. exhibitors to form seven teams. Each Jr./Sr. team will work together to learn about the species in the Sweepstakes competition. A short written test will be administered to all contestants on Friday at 9 a.m. The results of this test will be used in the event of a "tie" in judging. Animals to be used for sweepstakes will be assigned to contestants as they enter the show arena on Saturday morning.
5. If an exhibitor wins more than one species showmanship run-off, the first place exhibitor may choose which species to represent. The second place winner will then represent the species the first place exhibitor does not wish to represent. In the event there is no alternate showman for a species then the first place showman must represent that species. Species representatives must inform the Sweepstakes Superintendent of which species they will represent by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. For example: George wins first place with his hog, and Mary wins second place. George wins first place with his feeder, and Karen wins second place. George decides to represent feeders in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest. Mary would then represent swine in the competition.
6. Each sweepstakes contestant shall show competitively against the other six contestants in each respective livestock division and may not show any of their own animals in any classes.
7. All animals to be used in sweepstakes will be chosen by a committee of superintendents and turned into the Sweepstakes Superintendent by 8 p.m. on Wednesday.
8. Species will be shown in the following order:  
1. Horses 2. Goats 3. Swine 4. Lambs  
5. Dairy 6. Beef 7. Feeder Calf  
Sweepstakes Superintendents reserve the right to change the show order.
9. The Sweepstakes Contests shall be held on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Large Livestock Arena. Exhibitors are to report to the Superintendent no later than 8:45 a.m. The Sr. exhibitors will show first followed by Jr. exhibitors in each species. Judges and showman will have designated seating areas in the makeup area of the Large Livestock Show Arena. All parents and bystanders will be asked to sit in the bleachers.  
  
(Parents, bystanders and/or any other spectator will not be permitted to view the show from rail or fence area of then Large Livestock Arena)
10. Appropriate show attire: official sweepstakes showmanship shirt, if provided. If no sweepstakes showmanship shirt is provided, a dress type shirt or blouse (with collar). No midriff showing. Jeans with NO HOLES. No shorts, sweatpants or hats. You must wear leather or safety type shoes.
11. Scoring in each division contest shall be as follows:
  - a. Points shall be awarded contestants based on their placing in each ring. First place will receive 1 point; 2nd place 2 points, etc.
  - b. The contestant scoring the lowest total points in each division shall be declared the Sweepstakes Champion. The next lowest point will be declared the Sweepstakes Reserve Champion.
  - c. In the event of a "tie" at the conclusion of the contest, the test results previously administered will be used to determine the winner.
12. Winners shall be announced at the end of the sweepstakes contest rather than after each species. A trophy will be presented to the champion in each division and all contestants shall receive placing rosettes.
13. At the conclusion of the program, any contestant who wishes to know their judging results, may get them from the Superintendent. These results will be given to the contestants only and individually.

