

LARGE ANIMAL SWEEPSTAKES SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendent:	Heather Howard	
Registration	Saturday, August 15 th , 2026, 8:30 a.m.	Livestock Arena
Pledges & Prayer	Saturday, August 15 th , 2026, 8:45 a.m.	Livestock Arena
Judging	Saturday, August 15 th , 2026, 9:00 a.m.	Livestock Arena & Dairy Barn
Presentation of Awards	At the conclusion of the show.	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Each species (swine, sheep, beef, breeding beef, dairy, dairy veal, horse, and prospect beef) will have 3 youth representatives competing in Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship. Age divisions will be Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-15), and Senior (16-19).
2. The top showman from each species shall be selected to compete in Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship per age division. If an exhibitor qualifies to compete in Large Animal Sweepstakes in more than one species, the individual will represent the species they qualified in first.
3. All eligible youth must commit to participating in the Sweepstakes by the completion of their species show. They must speak to their superintendent and complete their paperwork by Thursday at 4 pm.
4. If an exhibitor wins the Overall Champion Showman Trophy, they are not eligible to compete in Large Animal Sweepstakes for the remainder of their Youth/4-H career.
5. Participants for each species will complete a Sweepstakes form.
6. Each contestant in each age division class will show each of the species represented, in order to be determined by the Superintendent.
7. The Superintendent of that species shall provide the equipment needed for showing the species.
8. The species superintendent will choose all animals.
9. All contestants shall wear blue jeans, the sweepstakes t-shirt provided to them and leather soled boots/shoes. No hats permitted.
10. Contestants will be identified by number only.
11. If a participant has their own back tag harness, please wear it; those who do not will be supplied with one.
12. Scoring will be done by placing exhibitors 1-8; the lowest score in the division wins the division. Each age division will be eligible to become the overall sweepstakes champion. The panel of judges will determine the overall winner. Any ties will be broken at the judges' discretion.
13. Schedule and show order will be given to the participants in their exhibitor packs.
14. At the conclusion of the show, photos will be required at the photo backdrop.

	1 st – 8 th place ribbons, T-shirts, pizza	
Each age division		Award
Grand Champion		Grand Champion Overall Award, Traveling Trophy, and Belt Buckle

SMALL ANIMAL SWEEPSTAKES SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendent	Darcy Lipskey	989-550-3177 lipskey.darcy@gmail.com	
Registration	Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.	Dairy Barn	
Judging	Saturday @ 9 a.m.	Dairy Barn	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Each species (rabbit, goats, dairy goats, llamas/alpacas, poultry, covies (guinea pigs), miniature horses) will have three youth representatives competing in Small Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship. Age divisions will be Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-15), and Senior (16-19).
2. The top showman from each species age division shall be selected to compete in Small Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship per age division. If an exhibitor qualifies to compete in Small Animal Sweepstakes in more than 1 species, the individual will represent the species they first qualified with.
3. All eligible youth must commit to participating in the sweepstakes by the completion of their species show. They must speak to their superintendent and complete their paperwork by Thursday at 4 pm. Paperwork will be returned to the fair office. A binder with show guidelines for each species will be provided to each exhibitor, as well as a bank of potential questions the judge could ask during the sweepstakes contest. This binder must be returned at registration on Saturday at 8:30 am. If binder is not returned, the exhibitor cannot show.
4. Superintendents and participants will complete the sweepstakes form listing the exhibitor's name, exhibitor number, species, age, division, club/chapter, phone number, and shirt size. Exhibitors will sign to acknowledge receipt of the binder containing the show guidelines.
5. If an exhibitor wins the overall small animal sweepstakes trophy, they are not eligible to compete in the Small Animal Sweepstakes for the rest of their show career. Age division champions are still eligible to compete, provided they were not overall small animal sweepstakes winners.
6. Each contestant will show each species area represented. Order to be determined by the Superintendent.
7. The species superintendent will select all animals.
8. Equipment (halters, lead ropes, cages etc.) needed for showing the species shall be provided by the Superintendent of that species.
9. All contestants shall wear blue jeans, the sweepstakes t-shirt

- provided to them and leather soled, closed-toe boots/shoes. No hats permitted.
10. Contestants will be identified by exhibitor number for the entire show.
 11. Scoring will be done according to specie showmanship standards. Please refer to your showmanship binder for additional information. The highest total score will win the sweepstakes. Any ties will be broken at the judges' discretion. Each age division winner is eligible to be selected as the overall winner.
 12. Schedule/show order will be given to the participants in their exhibitor packets.
 13. Exhibitors will be recognized during the sale on Friday as a group. Exhibitors will receive additional information after electing to participate in the sweepstakes.
 14. At the conclusion of the show, photos will be required at the photo backdrop.

1st – 8th place ribbons offered; all participants receive T-Shirt		
0001	Sweepstakes Showmanship	Overall showmanship winners from each species
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards		

All exhibitors, all age divisions, 1st-8th place ribbons

Each age division winner – Award

Grand Champion Overall Sweepstakes Winner – Award, Soft Shell Jacket, chair