

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

1. One showmanship contest will be held for each species (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Dairy Goat, Poultry and Horse).
2. **Exhibitors should pre-register for showmanship classes online when submitting Fair entries.**
3. Participants must use their own animals to participate, and are responsible for the grooming and preparation of the animal.
4. There will be Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions in showmanship contests. Age divisions will be: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14-18) including eligible FFA Members, as of December 31, 2023.
5. Champion, Reserve Champion, and through fifth place will be chosen for each species and age division.
6. Premiums will not be awarded for showmanship classes.
7. Any exhibitor winning a position in more than one species must declare which species they will use in the Round Robin contest. Exhibitors must declare species to be shown by the completion of the last showmanship class of the fair. If not declared by this time the alternate from the same species will then fill the vacant position at the Superintendent's discretion.
8. An animal must show in another class to be eligible to show in the showmanship class. Look at individual species sections of the book for class, fee and judging information.

AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Champion by age division

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP INFORMATION

1. Exhibitors earn their placement in this contest during the species showmanship contests for Beef, Market Goat, Swine, Sheep, Horse and Dairy Goat.
2. All contestants must supply their animal for the contest. Additional animals will be selected to make up classes of ten. Animals will be selected and substituted at the species superintendent's discretion.
3. Contestants will be allowed to exhibit their own animal when competing in that species.
4. Exhibitors will be competing in their age groups - Senior, Intermediate, Junior - at the same time, on a rotating schedule of species.
5. Each rotation will be 15 minutes in length including the change to a new species.
6. Exhibitors who place 1st or 2nd in showmanship in more than one species must declare the species they will represent in Round Robin immediately following the last species showmanship contest.
7. No individual, who is not an exhibitor in the Round Robin, or a member of the Fair Board on official business or designated by the Horse Superintendent to help with the running of the competition, may enter the horse arena at any point between the start and end of the Round Robin competition.
8. The dress code for Horses can be found in the Horse section of the Fair Book under #12 of the Horse Regulations, see the Western (and Gymkhana) Division dress code. The Horse Superintendent will provide cowboy hats for the exhibitors who do not have access to one to use in the competition.

AWARDS

Grand & Reserve Champion by age division

Overall Champion Showman (highest total score)

The awards will be announced (5-10 minutes) before the Junior Livestock Sale Friday night starting at 6 pm. All contestants need to be in the McMullen Building before the Sale to be prepared to receive their award.

BORN & RAISED

Entries in these classes will be judged immediately following feeder classes for Beef, Swine, Sheep and Market Goats.

1. The purpose of the Born and Raised division is to promote and recognize exhibitors who are involved in animal production.
2. All General, Livestock and Department rules apply.
3. These classes are open to all Junior exhibitors who show a market goat, lamb, swine, or beef that was born to a dam that was owned by the Exhibitor or by a member of the immediate family (Mother, Father, Brother or Sister) at the time of birth. The animal must be born and raised in one of our six exhibiting counties (Saguache, Rio Grande, Alamosa, Costilla, Conejos and Mineral). Exhibitors may be asked to prove ownership. Failure to prove ownership will disqualify animals from the contest and exhibitors will relinquish awards.
4. In order to qualify for the Born and Raised class the animal must be entered and shown in their regular market class, make market weight and/or be market ready as described in each species market rules.
5. Born & Raised competitors should enter their animal(s) in the Born & Raised class, in addition to the general market class.
6. Feeder class and overweight animals are not eligible for Born & Raised.

AWARDS

Grand and Reserve Champion in each species.

HERDSMAN AWARD

Since special effort is required by livestock exhibitors to present their exhibits, Herdsman Awards are given. The following criteria will be used by species Superintendents for selection of the award recipients:

- A. Sportsmanship
- B. Cleanliness of stalls and/or animals
- C. Neatness of area around pen or stall
- D. Promptness in the show ring
- E. Courtesy to judges and others
- F. Regularity of feeding and watering of stock
- G. Respect and care of facilities
- H. Number of species and animals taken care of

AWARDS

Herdsman Awards may be presented to an individual 4-H or FFA member participating in the following Breeding and Market Livestock projects: Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goats, Poultry and Rabbits.