

**-- Department A --**  
**4-H and FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW**

HOG & CATTLE SHOW – WEDNESDAY OF FAIR WEEK – 10:00 AM  
GOAT & SHEEP SHOW – THURSDAY OF FAIR WEEK – 10:00 AM

**General Rules**

This show is open to boys and girls who are bona fide members of an organized 4-H club or FFA chapter on or before Dec. 1 in Highland County, from nine years of age through age 19 as of September 30 of current year. Active registered 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled as members on or before Dec. 1 of the year prior to participating. Members must actively participate in a minimum of six (6) 4-H or FFA sponsored activities from June 1 through May 31 of year participating in fair. If entering the show and sale under 4-H, all six activities must be 4-H related and 4 of the 6 must be from the sponsored club the exhibitor is qualifying in. If entering the show and sale under FFA, all six activities must be FFA-related, four of which are attendance to regularly held FFA chapter meetings. Members are also required to complete record books for each project animal/species in order to be eligible to compete in the show and sale. Up-to-date record books are required to be reviewed when registering at the Fair barn. Completed record books need to be turned in to the Highland Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. or to FFA Advisor by noon on the second Friday of September or the third Friday if the Fair falls on the first Friday. Money earned from the sale of livestock will be distributed after buyers have made payments and record books are submitted. Contact the Highland Extension Office for a complete set of 4-H/FFA Show and Sale Rules.

All livestock must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by Tag Day. All livestock participating in the show must be pre-registered on the 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale Nomination form with the Highland Extension Office on or before May 31. A seven-day grace period will be used for late nominations. However, Nomination Forms received during this grace period will be assessed a monetary penalty of \$25. Nominations along with the \$25 late fee will not be accepted after this grace period. Market steers will be initially weighed and ear tagged the first week of June. All other market livestock will be inspected and ear tagged by the Livestock Committee on the third Saturday of July referred to as "Tag Day." Weigh-in is optional on Tag Day, but is highly encouraged for record keeping and weight management. Animals are entered and exhibited at the sole risk of the exhibitor or owner of the animal.

All cattle must be weaned (except cow/calf) and broke to lead. Registered heifers can be shown in regular class or breeding class, but not both. All market livestock entered and shown in the Fair must either be sold or entered as commercial livestock in the show. All sheep (market, commercial & purebred) must have official scrapie identification for show and sale. Showmen who obtain show sheep from flocks other than their own must ensure that the livestock are properly identified prior to purchase or transfer of ownership. Market goats must also have official scrapie identification. All cattle must be restrained using a substantial neck tie and a halter. Sheep may be shown with halters at exhibitor's discretion unless otherwise noted by judge. Livestock in this department cannot be shown in Department B. The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program is a required training for the Fair 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors in regards to animal welfare education.

All animals must be in good health and subject to random veterinary inspection upon weigh-in and at various times during fair week. Veterinarian inspection and animal grading will take place at the weigh-in on Tuesday of fair week. No animal covering (blanket, tube, etc.) is allowed during weigh-in and inspection. Exhibitor and/or parent should observe weigh-in and veterinarian inspection to avoid complaint. The veterinarian's decision is final. All animals registered for the 4-H/FFA Show and Sale must meet industry-grading standards. Grading must meet these specific grades or better: select minus market steers; M2 feeder calves; #1 swine;

#2 goats; RO Sheep. Lower grades will be rejected by USDA State Grader. No stags or bulls. All livestock must be registered prior to unloading on the fairgrounds by 6 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair week. Any rejected animals must not unload at fairgrounds. It's recommended that livestock vehicles enter fairgrounds by the school entry, travel to south side of barn, unload, and then pull out/park. Youth educational exhibits must be posted no later than 8 AM on Wednesday of Fair week for judging. If an educational exhibit is not present over the pen area of the exhibitor's show animal, the youth does not qualify for the Herdsman, Shepherd, Goatherd, or Swineherd Awards. Tack may not be left in the aisles. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning out their pens/stalls or they will be charged a cleaning fee of \$20.00 per pen/stall. Don't clean pens/stalls during the show or sale. Pens/stalls will be assigned by the barn managers and no reserving of pens/stalls will be allowed. Exhibitors must be ready when their class is called and at sale time. If an exhibitor cannot safely control their animal and/or enter the show or sale ring at the appropriate class/sale time, the animal is disqualified. In extreme cases, the exhibitor may be asked by the overall fair livestock committee to remove the animal from the grounds as a safety precaution. If you are a "no show", the barn manager has authority to close the gate for judging or sale to commence. If an exhibitor does not show in a required class or sale, the exhibitor forfeits his/her privilege to sell the animal. Participants should minimize outside assistance in preparing animals for the show, especially when the exhibitor is not involved with the help as a learning experience. No adults will be allowed to help show livestock in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Show—this includes market livestock, commercial and purebred livestock.

Prize money will be paid for only two placings in each class by one exhibitor.

Parking adjacent to the barns to unload feed will be limited to 15 minutes at a time and must be done before 10 AM. No parking in the barn area is allowed between 10 AM and midnight. No dogs are allowed in the livestock barns. The barn is a no-smoking area. All barns will close at 11:00 p.m. All livestock must remain in place until after the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale. Misconduct in the barn area will not be tolerated and is subject to dismissal from the fair. If you witness inappropriate behavior, report this issue immediately to the barn manager or one of the overall committee members. If the behavior is deemed serious enough, the exhibitor may be asked to leave the grounds and forfeit participation in the show and/or sale. Minor issues will be given a warning followed by parent follow-up and possibly a meeting with the overall committee if the behavior continues. Anyone who does not follow the rules will be subject to disqualification.

### **SECTION I – MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. All exhibitors with market hogs must enter and show their own animal in only one showmanship class. Animals must be clean and dry. Previous winners of classes 2 and 3 must advance to the next higher class.

Class:

1. Master – for previous showmanship winners of Class 2.
2. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on the day of the show and/or previous winners of class 3.
3. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
4. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES: Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12 & Rosette; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$9; 4th - \$8; 5th - \$7; 6th - \$6

Special Recognition for First Place Winners

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### **SECTION II - MARKET HOGS**

All market hogs must be owned and in possession by Tag Day when hogs are inspected and ear tagged. Final weights on Tuesday of Fair week will determine classes. The weight for market hogs at weigh-in is between 200-280 lbs. Market hogs over 280 lbs. may be exhibited and sold, but will not compete for championship and first or second place prizes. Market hogs are required to be grade #1. No feeder pig classes will be offered. Hogs under 200 lbs. will be sent home. All market hogs must go directly to slaughter after the sale or be tested and found negative for pseudo rabies or be from a state certified pseudo rabies free herd. There is a limit of 2 hogs per youth. Hogs can be shown natural—no hair clipping or have the option to be clipped no less than 1/2".

#### Class

1. Market Hog
2. Champion Market Hog

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6

Rosette: (Champion and Reserve) \$7 and Silver Plate; \$5

3. Farm Raised Hog

Market hog must be owned by exhibitor. Hog must be born in Highland County and the exhibitor must have performed hands-on duties with hog since birth, such as worming and feeding. Once piglets are weaned, the exhibitor must take possession of the animal. Only one market hog per eligible exhibitor can be shown in this class and the hog must be one of the exhibitor's market hogs registered at the fair for the 4-H/FFA livestock show and sale. Eligible entries in this class must be pre-registered by May 31.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$15; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$10; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$10

Class is sponsored by Broken Bridge Ranch—Steven & Yvonne Wimer

### **SECTION III – BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. Three entries make a class. All exhibitors with market or feeder steers must enter and show their own animal in a showmanship class. Animals must be clean and dry. The animal must also be entered in another section in this show. Classes may be split if there are more than six entries in any one class. Previous winners of class 2 and class 3 must advance to the next higher class.

#### Class:

1. Master – previous showmanship winners of Class 2.
2. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on day of the show and/or previous winners of class 3.
3. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
4. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES: Ribbons: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12 & Rosette; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6

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### **SECTION IV – BEEF STEERS**

Beef feeder steers are required to be owned and in possession by Tag Day and should weigh between 450-999 lbs. at fair weigh-in. During the fair show, feeder steers will be sorted into classes by weight. Steers exceeding the weight range may be exhibited and sold, but will not compete for championship placings and prizes. Steers below 450 lbs. will be rejected at the scales. All feeder steers must be weaned. Feeder steers must grade M2 or better. Market steers are required to be weighed and ear tagged on the first week of June in order to compete. Market steers should meet a minimum weight of 1,000 pounds and a live grade of

Select Minus or better on Fair entry day. Market steer classes will be divided by weight if more than 6 steers are entered in a class. Steers can be purebred or crossbred of any beef breed(s). No stags or bulls allowed. There is a limit of 2 steers per youth.

Class:

1. Market Steer
2. Champion Market Steer
3. Feeder Steer
4. Champion Feeder Steer

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$18; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$12; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$10; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6  
Champion - \$15 and Banner; Reserve Champion - \$10 & Rosette

5. Farm Raised Feeder Steer

Steer must be owned by exhibitor. Steer must be born and raised in Highland County on the family farm of exhibitor's immediate family or grandparent. Exhibitor must have performed hands-on duties with steer since birth, such as calving, worming, vaccinations, feeding. Only one steer per eligible exhibitor can be shown in this class and the steer must be one of the exhibitor's feeder steers registered at the fair for the 4-H/FFA livestock show and sale. Eligible entries in this class must be pre-registered by May 31.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$15; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$10; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$10

Class is sponsored by Sally & Mike Humphries

#### **SECTION V – COMMERCIAL HEIFER (Any Breeds)**

Class:

1. Senior yearling bred heifer (not over 3 years old).
2. Junior yearling heifer calved between Jan. 1 and April 30 of previous year.
2. Summer yearling heifer calved between May 1 and August 30 of previous year.
3. Senior heifer calf calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year.
4. Junior heifer calf calved between Jan. 1 and April 30 of current year.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$18; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$12; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$10; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6  
Champion - \$15; Reserve Champion - \$10

#### **SECTION VI – REGISTERED ANGUS**

Class:

1. Yearling bull.
2. Senior yearling bred heifer (not over 3 years old).
3. Junior yearling heifer calved between Jan. 1 and April 30 of previous year.
4. Summer yearling heifer calved between May 1 and Aug. 31 of previous year.
5. Senior heifer calf calved between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year.
6. Junior heifer calf calved between Jan. 1 and April 30 of current year.
7. Cow/Calf
8. Champion heifer.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$18; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$12; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$10; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6  
Champion - \$15; Reserve Champion - \$10

#### **SECTION VII-VIII – OTHER REGISTERED CATTLE**

Same classes and premiums as under Section IV. Also review general rules for Dept. A.

### **SECTION IX – GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. All exhibitors with market goats must enter and show their own animal in a showmanship class. Animals must be clean and dry. Previous winners of class 2 and class 3 must advance to the next higher class.

Class:

1. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on the day of the show and/or previous winners of class 2.
2. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
3. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES: Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12 & Rosette; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$9; 4th - \$8; 5th - \$7; 6th - \$6  
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### **SECTION X - MARKET GOATS**

All market goats must be owned and in possession by Tag Day when goats are inspected and ear tagged. Final weights on Tuesday of Fair week will determine classes. Market goats should be within the weight range of 60-105 lbs. Goats over 105 lbs. can be shown and sold but not participate in championship. Goats under 60 lbs. will be sent home. Only female goats and wethers may be exhibited. Goats are required to grade #2 or better. You may show and sell a maximum of 2 market goats within the animal limitation per exhibitor. All market goats must have official scrapie identification for show and sale. Goats must be washed and clean in order to be shown and sold. Goats must have any horns tipped to a blunt end. No horn removal is allowed on the fairgrounds or at final weigh-in.

Class

1. Market Goat
2. Champion Market Goat

PRIZES: Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$9; 4th - \$8; 5th - \$7; 6th - \$6  
Rosette: (Champion and Reserve) \$7; \$5

### **SECTION XI – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. All exhibitors with market lambs must enter and show their own animal in a showmanship class. Animals must be clean and dry. Previous winners of class 2 and class 3 must advance to the next higher class. Large classes may be divided.

Class:

1. Master – previous showmanship winners in Class 2.
2. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on the day of the show and/or previous winners of class 3.
3. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
4. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES: Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12 & Rosette; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$9; 4th - \$8; 5th - \$7; 6th - \$6  
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## **SECTION XII – MARKET LAMBS**

All market lambs are required to be either wether or ewe lambs and owned and in possession by Tag Day when lambs are inspected and ear tagged. All market lambs must have official scrapie identification for show and sale. Lambs must be sheared once prior to fair week official weigh-in. Lambs may not be sheared after weigh-in. All market lambs must be weighed on Tuesday of Fair Week during registration since classes will be split according to weight. The weight for market lambs at this weigh-in is between 90-140 lbs. Animals over the weight range may be exhibited and sold, but will not compete for championship placings and prizes. Lambs under 90 lbs. will be disqualified. Market Lambs must grade RO or better. Three weight divisions will be used to determine Overall Champion Market Lamb. These divisions include: Light Weight Champion, Medium Weight Champion, and Heavy Weight Champion with the overall champion selected from these top three (3) weight divisions. The pair of lambs' class will be divided according to the average weights of the exhibitor's market lambs. All lambs must be docked and washed. All sheep blankets and tubes must be removed after the show and during veterinarian inspection. Lambs in this class cannot be shown in any other section in this show except showmanship. Market lambs in this section are eligible for the exhibition shows (costume and obstacle).

Exhibitors may ear tag 4 market lambs and can weigh 4 lambs but may show a maximum of three (3) market lambs. Market lambs must be shown in order to be sold at the 4-H-FFA Livestock Sale on Saturday of Fair week.

### Class

1. Market Lamb
2. Champion Market Lambs
3. Pair of Market Lambs
4. Champion Pair

PRIZES: Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6

Light Weight Champion; Medium Weight Champion; Heavy Weight Champion-  
Champion \$7 and Rosette; Reserve Champion \$5 and Rosette

Superior Champion Market Lamb (Banner) and Reserve Superior Champion (Rosette)

5. Farm Raised Lamb

Lamb must be owned by exhibitor. Lamb must be born and raised in Highland County on the family farm of the exhibitor's immediate family or grandparent. Exhibitor must have performed hands-on duties with lamb since birth, such as lambing, worming, and feeding. Only one lamb per eligible exhibitor can be shown in this class and the lamb must be one of the exhibitor's market lambs registered at the fair for the 4-H/FFA livestock show and sale. Eligible entries in this class must be pre-registered by May 31.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$15; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$10; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$10

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## **SECTION XIII – COMMERCIAL SHEEP**

All sheep, regardless of age, must have official scrapie identification for show. Exhibitors with commercial sheep must exhibit sheep from their personal flock with required record book in the 4-H/FFA class or sheep must be shown in open class. Review general rules for Dept. A.

### Class

1. Ewe Lamb
2. Pair of Ewe Lambs
3. Yearling Ewe
4. Pair of Yearling Ewes

5. Ram Lamb
  6. Yearling Ram
  7. Champion Ewe
  8. Champion Ram
- PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6  
 Rosettes: (Champion and Reserve) \$7; \$5

#### **SECTION XIV – PUREBRED SUFFOLK**

All sheep, regardless of age, must have official scrapie identification for show. This applies to all purebred sheep breeds in Sections XI –XIV. Review general rules for Dept. A. Only 4-H or FFA members can exhibit in 4-H/FFA classes. Adults may not help youth show. Sheep in Dept. A cannot be shown in Dept. B.

Class:

1. Yearling Ram (1 yr. under 2)
  2. Senior Ram Lamb (Sept.-Dec. 31)
  3. Junior Ram Lamb (after Jan. 1)
  4. Pair Ram Lambs
  5. Champion Ram
  6. Yearling Ewe (1 yr. under 2)
  7. Pair Yearling Ewes (1 yr. under 2)
  8. Senior ewe Lamb (Sept. 1-Dec. 31)
  9. Junior Ewe Lamb (after Jan. 1)
  10. Pair Ewe Lambs
  11. Champion Ewe
  12. Pen of 4 Lambs (both sexes represented)
  13. Flock (to consist of ram any age, 2 yearling ewes, and 2 ewe lambs)
- PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6  
 ROSETTES: (Champion and Reserve) - \$7; \$5

#### **SECTION XV - XVIII – OTHER PUREBRED SHEEP**

Same classes, premiums, and rules as under Section XIV.

#### **HERDSMAN, SHEPHERD, SWINEHERD, and GOATHERD AWARD**

To create a good public image and add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all livestock participants will be judged on:

1. Neatness, attractiveness and general appearance. (25 points)
2. Educational exhibit that promotes their livestock project and addresses some aspect(s) of livestock management (health, genetics, breeding, marketing, etc.) (50 points)
3. Friendliness and courtesy shown public and other exhibitors. (25 points)

Educational exhibit registration forms are available on Tuesday of Fair week at livestock registration. Judges will be randomly observing youth throughout the fair. If exhibitor does not include an educational exhibit, is dismissed for any reason, or is charged for not cleaning out pen/stall at the close of the fair, he/she will be disqualified for the eligible award. Winners will be announced at the annual Fair Wrap-Up meeting.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6

#### **HIGHLAND COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK CONTEST**

All 4-H and FFA members who are entering livestock in this year's Highland County Fair are required to complete and enter record books for all entries. Record books must be presented

with livestock entry on Tuesday of Fair week. The completed record book(s) must be turned in to the Highland Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday of September (or third Friday if the fair falls on the first Friday). To avoid delays in receiving sale money, please submit record books on time. Record books will be judged on neatness, completeness, accuracy, and extent of records including goals.

Class 1. Junior (ages 9-11)

Class 2. Intermediate (age 12-13)

Class 3. Senior (ages 14 and over)

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6

### ADDITIONAL RECORD BOOK CONTESTS

4-H and FFA members are encouraged to enter record books for any agricultural products not included in the livestock record book contest, such as eggs, rabbits, honey, horses, vegetables, hay, corn, etc. Record books can be retrieved from the Extension office or purchased from Shop4H.org prior to Tuesday of Fair week to begin recordkeeping.

1. Record books must be submitted for judging during exhibit entry hours on Tuesday of Fair week in the livestock barn.
2. Record books must be specific for each agricultural product. One book for Egg production; one book for Rabbits, etc.
3. Judging age divisions are:
  - a. Junior (9-13 years old)
  - b. Senior (14-19 years old)
4. Books will be returned on Saturday of fair week at 9 pm in the Vegetable barn.  
Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$10; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$8, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5

### AGRICULTURAL YOUTH AWARD

1. Open to bona fide, duly enrolled 4-H and FFA members from Highland County.
2. Youth participating in Agricultural exhibits during the Fair will be considered for this award. The winner is determined by the highest total score based on the point system below.
3. Any youth entering in two categories (not classes) at the Highland County Fair and placing in the top three places of each, will receive 10 extra points.
4. Any youth entering in at least three categories (not classes) and placing in top three places will receive 15 extra points.
5. Points do not apply to open classes in sheep, beef, or horse.
6. Winners will be announced at the annual Fair Wrap-up Meeting.

#### POINT SYSTEM

Category	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Beef	9	6	3
Horses	9	6	3
Swine	6	4	2
Sheep	6	4	2
Goats	6	4	2
Rabbits	3	2	1
Farm Products	3	2	1
Garden Products	3	2	1

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10



## **CARCASS SHOW**

4-H and FFA livestock carcass data may be obtained with prizes awarded on a year-by-year basis for all species processed at Alleghany Meats.