

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

CATTLE & GOAT SHOW – WEDNESDAY OF FAIR WEEK – 1:00 P.M.  
HOG & SHEEP SHOW – THURSDAY OF FAIR WEEK – 10:00 A.M.

**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 the fair immediately after their high school graduation. 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 June 1 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 during Club Day at HCPS. 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 at weigh-in and upon registering at the Fair barn. Completed record books need to be turned in to the Highland Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday of September or the third Friday if the Fair falls on the first Friday. Individual sale money will be held until completed record books are turned in. 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 the early weigh-in. All livestock participating in the show must be registered with the Highland Extension Office on or before June 1. A seven-day grace period will be used for late registrations. However, exhibitors registering during this grace period will be assessed a monetary penalty of \$25. Registrations 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 ear tagged and initially weighed by the Livestock Committee on the third Saturday of July. All animals must be in good health and subject to random veterinary inspection. 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. All exhibitors are required to be certified in Youth Meat Quality Assurance (YMQA).

All livestock must be registered prior to unloading on the fairgrounds by 6 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair week. Individual's educational exhibits must be posted no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday of Fair week for judging. 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 own animal and/or enter the show or sale ring at the appropriate class/sale time, then they are 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 the judging or the 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. If there is only one exhibitor in a class a first place ribbon will be awarded but only second place money will be paid.

Parking adjacent to the barns to unload feed will be limited to 15 minutes at a time and must be done before 12 noon. No parking in the barn area will be allowed between noon and midnight. No dogs will be allowed in the livestock barns. There will be no smoking in the barn 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 – 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 only one 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 II – BEEF STEERS**

Beef feeder steers are required to be owned and in possession 30 days prior to Fair entry day and should weigh between 500-800 lbs. on the day of the show. Steers outside the weight range may be exhibited and sold, but will not compete for championship placings and prizes. Market steers are required to be registered on or before June 1 and weighed and ear tagged on the first week of June in order to compete. Market steers should meet a minimum weight of 1000 pounds and a live grade of Select Minus or better on Fair entry day. There is a limit of 2 steers per youth. Registration should be completed through the Agriculture Instructor or Extension Agent. Classes will be divided by weight if more than 6 steers are entered in a class. All feeder steers must be weaned. Steers can be purebred or crossbred of any beef breed(s).

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 June 1.

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

Class is sponsored by Sally & Mike Humphries

### **SECTION III – 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 Aug. 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 IV – 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 V-VI – OTHER REGISTERED CATTLE**

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

#### **SUPREME CHAMPION YOUTH REPLACEMENT HEIFER AWARD**

A special champion and reserve champion heifer will be selected from participating 4-H and FFA youth that intend to begin or expand their herd by breeding and keeping a replacement heifer. Heifers must be home-raised or purchased prior to December 1 of the year preceding the show and registered with the Extension Office by March 1 including source and age verification. The heifer must be bred or exposed to a bull by show date with sire information provided at check-in with the intention of calving the heifer and keeping calves for future shows or maintain in youth's herd. The entry must have been shown in either a registered heifer class (with registration papers) or commercial non-registered crossbred heifers and shown in one of the yearling classes. Only one heifer per exhibitor can qualify for this award. The intent of this class is replacement heifers for the farm; therefore, any heifer qualified for this class is not eligible to return for this class for any other year. All other general show rules apply.

PRIZES: Bred Commercial Heifer      1<sup>st</sup>--\$250; 2<sup>nd</sup>--\$125.00 and rosettes  
 Bred Registered Heifer      1<sup>st</sup>--\$250; 2<sup>nd</sup>--\$125.00 and rosettes  
 Awards sponsored by Riverbend Farm

#### **SECTION VII – MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. Three entries make a class. 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; 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 VIII - MARKET HOGS**

All 4-H and FFA market hogs intended for show must be registered on or before June 1 at the Highland Extension Office. All market hogs must be owned and in possession at early weigh-in when hogs will be 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. If under 200 lbs., the feeder pig is rejected from the show. No feeder pig classes will be offered. 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

### **SECTION IX – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. Three entries make a class. All exhibitors with market lambs must enter and show their own animal in only one 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; 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 X – MARKET LAMBS**

All 4-H and FFA sheep intended for show must be registered on or before June 1 at the Highland Extension Office. All market lambs are required to be either wether or ewe lambs and owned and in possession by early weigh-in date when lambs will be inspected, initially weighed, 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. 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. 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. Exhibitors must be present to handle their market lambs for the show and sale.

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 June 1.

PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$5  
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### **SECTION XI – 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 XII – 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:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Yearling Ram (1 yr. under 2)       | 8. Senior Ewe Lamb (Sept. 1-Dec. 31)                   |
| 2. Senior Ram Lamb (Sept.-Dec. 31)    | 9. Junior Ewe Lamb (after Jan. 1)                      |
| 3. Junior Ram Lamb (after Jan. 1)     | 10. Pair Ewe Lambs                                     |
| 4. Pair Ram Lambs                     | 11. Champion Ewe                                       |
| 5. Champion Ram                       | 12. Pen of 4 Lambs (both sexes represented)            |
| 6. Yearling Ewe (1 yr. under 2)       | 13. Flock (to consist of ram any age, 2 yearling ewes, |
| 7. Pair Yearling Ewes (1 yr. under 2) | 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 XIII-XV – OTHER PUREBRED SHEEP**

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

### **SECTION XVI – GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

Classes will be judged on showmanship only. All exhibitors with market goats must enter and show their own animal in only one 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 XVII - MARKET GOATS**

All 4-H and FFA market goats intended for show must be registered on or before June 1 at the Highland Extension Office. All market goats must be owned and in possession by early weigh-in when goats will be inspected, initially weighed, and ear tagged. Final weights on Tuesday of Fair week will determine classes. Market goats should be within the weight range of 60-100 lbs. According to research, the ideal market weight ranges from 60-105 lbs. Goats over 105 lbs. can be shown and sold but not participate in championship. Only female goats and castrated male goats may be exhibited. 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

### **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)

Judges will be observing youth throughout the fair and prizes will be given. If exhibitor 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(S) CONTEST**

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, horse, vegetables, hay, corn, etc. Record books can be retrieved from the Extension office 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 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 Awards and Planning Meeting.

*POINT SYSTEM*

<u>Category</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</u>
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 will be obtained with prizes awarded on a year-by-year basis for all species processed at Alleghany Meats.