Herdsmanship Awards

All livestock and small animal exhibitors will be automatically entered into the herdsmanship contest. The herdsmanship contest provides an opportunity to recognize 4-H members for responsible behavior and quality work while taking care of their animals. As producers and members of the agriculture community, it is important to remember that herdsmanship is the first impression the public has of how we care for our animals and their well-being.

Basis of Scoring:

- **Cleanliness of Pens and Storage Areas**
  - Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat.
  - Bedding is dry, clean and fresh.
  - Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place
  - When exercising or taking your animal out of it's stall/pen/cage, clean up after them
  - Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
  - Feed pans, extra feed, and miscellaneous gear are in the tack area provided.
  - Trash is picked up and area free of clutter
  - Exhibitor’s share of alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.

- **Appearance of animals**
  - Animals are clean at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
  - Animals are to be properly tied or penned, except when grooming, exercising, or exhibiting
  - Animals are to have water available at all times and feed at proper times.
  - Feed and water dishes are to be upright and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
  - Feed and water animal regularly. Check on Animal periodically
  - Stall cards displayed neatly and complete. Stall cards are available from the Extension Office.
  - Feed troughs in front of animals only at feeding time, or are securely fastened to the fence

- **Exhibitor Requirements**
  - Show respect—consideration—proper attitude and cooperation toward all animals, members, equipment, supplies and facilities as well as judges and spectators
  - Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of all exhibitors and club members rather than leaders, advisors, or parents. If an exhibitor is going to be gone for any reason, it is their responsibility to ask another club member to water, feed, and care for their animals
  - Exhibitor participated in pre-fair cleanup and required to participate in post fair cleanup.

**Judging:**

A committee independent of 4-H and the fair board will be selected to judge. Those committee members will not be disclosed to the membership as an incentive to participate at all times. Herdsmanship will be checked daily for the duration of the fair with no designated time of day each day.

**Awards:**

Awards will be presented at the start of the Premium Auction.