

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. To be eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor in market lambs, barrows, market beef, meat chickens, and market goats, youth **must** exhibit a market animal to compete in their corresponding species Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program. Exhibitors **MUST** also participate in the Skillathon and use their own animal in Showmanship and the live animal show for each species entered. **Youth DO NOT pre-register for the Skillathon and Outstanding Market Exhibitor on the Ohio State Fair Junior Entry Form.**
2. Market lamb, barrow, market beef, meat chicken, and market goat exhibitors must place, qualifying for a premium, in their respective class of the live animal Junior Division show to be eligible for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors who have achieved the above requirements and who have placed in the top 10 of their age class for Showmanship and Skillathon will have these two (2) rankings added together with the live animal ranking to determine the outstanding market exhibitor score. Rankings will be assigned points according to the following scale: 1st place - 100 points, 2nd place - 98 points, 3rd place - 96 points, 4th place - 94 points, and 5th place - 92 points, etc. Since the poultry, beef, sheep, swine and goat Skillathons include market, breeding, and dairy (goat), and non-OME exhibitors, the Outstanding Market Exhibitor scores for Skillathon will be awarded based on the exhibitors' **placings** among the market exhibitors in their respective Skillathon age division.
4. The top three (3) Outstanding Market Exhibitors in each species category will be selected from the 10 age division champions (9-18yrs.) in each species and will receive a cash scholarship from the Youth Reserve Program.
5. Youth will be required to complete 4-5 subject matter stations in the Skillathon. The 4 stations will be posted prior to the event.
6. To achieve the maximum potential score on the Feed Records and Nutrition Station, youth entered must bring an up-to-date record book.
 - a. Youth entered as 4-H members must bring their up-to-date Species Record Books (Beef #117; Goat #135, Poultry #150; Swine #139 or #140; Sheep #198 or #199.
 - i. Copies of 4-H record books will NOT be accepted.
 - ii. 4-H record books other than the official Ohio 4-H record books listed above will NOT be accepted.
 - b. 4-H Project and Record Books will be allowed no more than seven (7) additional sheets of paper (single- or double-sided), and those pages must pertain directly to activities or records required for the book.
 - c. 4-H Project and Record Books **MUST** be intact. The Project and Record Book pages **CANNOT** be separated and/or placed loose or in sheet protectors in a binder. The Project and Record Book may be put into a binder if additional pages are added, with the additional pages placed in the binder preceding the intact Project and Record Book.
7. Youth entered as FFA members must bring an up-to-date Animal Enterprise Record Book or Farm Account Book for each species entered. Other record books that contain equivalent record keeping information permitted by FFA are also acceptable.

Skillathon Information:

1. Skillathon rules are posted elsewhere in this handbook. Skillathon Registration Times for OME exhibitors are as follows:

Skillathon	Date	Time	Location
Goat	July 21	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Voinovich Mezzanine
Sheep	July 25	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Brown Sheep Barn
Poultry	August 2	4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Poultry/Rabbit Pavilion
Swine	August 3	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Voinovich Mezzanine
Beef	August 3	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Voinovich Mezzanine

2. A parent/guardian, or responsible adult, **MUST** sign the youth's skillathon score sheet at the skillathon registration table verifying the youth is in the correct age division **BEFORE** the youth can participate in the skillathon. This is to verify age division. If it is determined at the completion of the skillathon that an exhibitor was entered in the wrong age division, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the competition and not eligible for placings or awards. Please verify with your county Extension educator your child's correct 4-H age.
3. Skillathon participants will be required to sign their score sheet immediately upon completion of the skillathon.
4. Skillathon participants are not permitted to bring study materials or electronic devices such as cell phones into the skillathon evaluation area.

Skillathon Resources:

1. *Beef Skillathon References:* Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide; Updated GPPs; Beef Learning Laboratory Kit; 4-H Beef Resource Handbook #117R; Market Beef Project and Record Book #117; Beef, Sheep and Swine Selection & Evaluation #103R; the Pennsylvania Judging Book #104R.
2. *Sheep Skillathon References:* Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide; Updated GPPs; Sheep Learning Laboratory Kit; 4-H Sheep Resource Handbook #194R; 4-H Market Lamb Project and Record Book #198; Beef, Sheep and Swine Selection and Evaluation #103R; the Pennsylvania Judging Book #104R.
3. *Swine Skillathon References:* Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide; Updated GPPs; Swine Learning Laboratory Kit; 4-H Swine Resource Handbook #134R; 4-H Market Hog Project and Record Book #139. Beef, Sheep and Swine Selection and Evaluation #103R; the Pennsylvania Judging book #104R; and the NPB Youth PQA Plus Handbook.
4. *Poultry Skillathon References:* Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide; Updated GPPs; Poultry Learning Laboratory Kit; Poultry Project and Record Book #150; other resource links posted at www.poultry.osu.edu on the Resources page.
5. *Market Goat Skillathon References:* Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide; Updated GPPs; Goat Learning Laboratory Kit; 4-H Goat Resource Handbook #135R; 4-H Goat Project and Record book.

Ties:

1. If tied for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties:
 - 1: Skillathon Age Division Placing;
 - 2: Total Score of Common Skillathon Stations;
 - 3: If Total Skillathon Score is tied then the skillathon tiebreaker procedure, as outlined in the 2017 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Skillathon Rules, No. 6 (listed below), will be followed:
 - 1st – Skillathon Station No. 2 score;
 - 2nd – Skillathon Station No. 3 score;
 - 3rd – Skillathon Station No. 4 Score;
 - 4th – Scoring segments within stations (same order – Station 2, 3, 4, and 1);
 - 5th – An additional 5th Skillathon (tiebreaker station) and/or test may be administered.
 - 4: Best animal as determined by the show judge;
 - 5: Interview by 4-H Representative, FFA Representative and Ohio State Fair Representative.
2. Ties for Skillathon awards and age class placings will be broken by the procedures outlined in the 2017 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Skillathon Rules.

Awards:

Outstanding Market Exhibitor

1. Outstanding Market Exhibitor age finalists in market beef, barrows, meat chickens, market lambs, and market goats will receive awards sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair** (50 awards).
2. **Ohio's Country Journal** will award director chairs to the Outstanding Market Exhibitor in market beef, barrows, meat chickens, market lambs, and market goats (5 awards).
3. Outstanding Market Exhibitor (market beef, barrows, chickens, lambs, and market goats) will receive Cash Scholarships from the **Youth Reserve Program** (see species divisions for amounts).

Record Books

1. Rosettes sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair** will be awarded youth with outstanding record books.
2. Plaques will be awarded each age division by the following sponsors:
Beef – **Ohio Limousin Association in memory of Pam Beam Manino**
Goat – **Fayette County Meat Goat Association**
Poultry and Swine – **Mark and Jeanette List**
Sheep – **Ed Zorn Family**