

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. To be eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor (OME) in market lambs, barrows, market beef, market poultry (market chicken and market turkey), and market goats, exhibitors must participate in the Skillathon and use their own animal in showmanship and the live animal show for each species entered. Youth do not need to pre-register for these events (Skillathon and OME) on the Ohio State Fair junior entry form. Youth must exhibit a market animal to compete in their corresponding species OME Program.

2. Market lamb, barrow, market beef, market poultry (market chicken and market turkey), and market goat exhibitors must place 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 OME score. Since the poultry, beef, sheep, goat and swine Skillathons include both market and breeding/dairy exhibitors, the OME scores for Skillathon will be awarded based on the exhibitors' placings among the market exhibitors in their respective age division classes.

4. Top three (3) Outstanding Market Exhibitors in each species category will be selected from the 10 age champions (8/9-18) in each species and will receive a cash scholarship from the Youth Reserve Program.

5. Youth will be required to complete four subject matter stations in the Skillathon. The four stations will be posted around June 15 at www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons on the respective species' Skillathon page.

6. For the possibility of achieving the maximum potential score on the records section of a Skillathon, youth must bring their current year's completed record book.

- a. Youth participating 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). Copies of 4-H record books will **NOT** be accepted. 4-H record books other than the official Ohio 4-H record books listed above will **NOT** be accepted. Project and record books **MUST** be intact. Book pages **CANNOT** be separated and/or placed loose or in sheet protectors in a binder. The project and record books may be put into a binder if additional pages are added. 4-H project and record books will be allowed no more than ten (10) additional sheets of paper (single- or double-sided), and those pages must pertain directly to activities

or records required for the book. These additional sheets may be placed in the binder at the youth's discretion – either before or after the intact project and record book. Youth will be ineligible for the Outstanding Record Book award if more than ten additional sheets are added, although they will still receive points towards their Skillathon score.

- b. Youth participating as FFA members must bring an up-to-date Single Experience Report from AET.com, 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. FFA books will be allowed no more than ten (10) additional sheets of paper (single- or double-sided), and those pages must pertain directly to activities or records required for the book. These additional sheets may be placed in the binder at the youth's discretion – either before or after the books. Youth will be ineligible for the Outstanding Record Book award if more than ten additional sheets are added, although they will still receive points towards their Skillathon score.
- c. Judging criteria will include evidence of current and up-to-date records, completeness, accurate calculations, legibility, and how well the book reflects sound production and management practices. Interviews may be required for finalists.

7. A parent/guardian, or responsible adult, **MUST** sign the youth's Skillathon form at the Skillathon registration table verifying the youth is in the correct age class **BEFORE** the youth can participate in the Skillathon. If it is determined at the completion of the Skillathon that an exhibitor was entered in the wrong age class, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the competition and not eligible for placings or awards. **Parents/guardians:** Verify with your county Extension professional your child's correct 4-H age, as this is the basis for age classification.

8. Once a youth registers for the Skillathon, s/he should expect to go through the line when called. Once a youth enters the Skillathon judging area, s/he **CANNOT** leave. If s/he leaves, s/he forfeits any further participation in that respective species Skillathon.

9. Skillathon participants are not permitted to bring study materials or electronic devices such as cell phones into the Skillathon judging area.

10. Participants will be required to sign the back of their score sheet upon completion.

11. If tied for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties:

- 1st. Total score of common Skillathon stations
- 2nd. Record book score
- 3rd. Showmanship age division placing

- 4th: Live animal class placing
- 5th: Skillathon Station No. 2 score
- 6th: Skillathon Station No. 3 score
- 7th: Skillathon Station No. 4 score
- 8th: Interview by 4-H Representative, FFA Representative and Ohio State Fair Representative.

12. Ties for Skillathon Awards and age class placings will be broken by the procedures outlined in section 1009.

13. The Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to test animals shown by exhibitors in showmanship immediately following their showmanship age class.

14. Complaints must be submitted in the form of an email by August 31 to Dustin Homan at homan.64@osu.edu.

SKILLATHON DATES

See below for Skillathon times. Skillathon rules are posted elsewhere in this book.

Goat

Friday, July 20, 12:00 - 5:00pm
Voinovich Livestock Center Mezzanine (2nd floor)

Sheep

Tuesday, July 24, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Brown Arena Wool Room

Poultry

Wednesday, August 1, 4:00pm - 7:30 pm
Rabbit/Poultry Pavilion

Swine

Thursday, August 2, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Voinovich Livestock Center Mezzanine (2nd floor)

Beef

Thursday, August 2, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Voinovich Livestock Center Mezzanine (2nd floor)

Possible Skillathon Station Topics may include:

Quality Assurance; Breed I.D.; Nutrition; Animal Identification; Genetics; Meat Cut I.D; Selection & Evaluation; Systems – Reproductive, Digestive, Nervous, Vascular, Skeletal, etc.; Animal Welfare and Handling – Housing, Environment, Health Care, etc.; Breeding; Diseases and/or Parasites

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 Livestock Judging Manual #104R

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 Livestock Judging Manual #104R

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 Livestock Judging Manual #104R; the NPB Youth PQA Plus Handbook

Poultry Skillathon References

Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide; Updated GPPs; Poultry Learning Laboratory Kit; Poultry Project and Record Book #150; National 4-H Poultry Judging #154R; Resources at: ohio4h.org/poultryresources

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 #135

AWARDS

Outstanding Market Exhibitor age finalists in market beef, barrows, market poultry (market chickens and market turkeys), market goats, and market lambs will receive awards sponsored by the **Ohio State Fair** (50 awards).

Ohio's County Journal will award director chairs to the Outstanding Market Exhibitor in market beef, barrows, market poultry (market chickens and market turkeys), market goats, and market lambs (5 awards).

The Outstanding Market Exhibitors (market beef, barrows, market poultry [market chickens and market turkeys], market goats and market lambs) will receive Cash Scholarships from the **Youth Reserve Program** (see species divisions for amounts).