

Stephenson County Virtual Fair Judging for Livestock

The 4-H philosophy is “learn by doing”. 4-H believes that young people learn best if they are involved in an experience, not just watching or listening to others. 4-Hers get involved through their projects. They show their project work at the county fair.

All exhibitors that exhibit beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine will be given a blue rating for premium purposes only. (Unless specifically stated otherwise by the judge).

Judges will place the exhibits according to the Champion sheet received via email attachment. Judges will also choose champions, reserve champions, grand champions and reserve grand champions. Showmanship classes and club exhibits will not be available for any species for the virtual fair. Rate of Gain will also not be available for beef.

Judges will have the opportunity to write a set of “reasons” or give feedback to each exhibitor using a comment box which is available in the Fair Entry System.

A livestock auction will not be available for 2020.

Below are the recommendations for exhibitors that may help you as the judge.

- It has been recommend that exhibitors record their video(s) WITHOUT sound. **(If you notice a video does have sound, please mute and then continue judging.)**
- Videos should be roughly 45 seconds. Must not exceed 60 seconds. 15 seconds per front, side, and rear view.
- No editing is allowed. Should be a continuous video, with no stopping and restarting. Very little zooming in and out except where needed. Example, udders on dairy cows or dairy goats.
- Phone must be held SIDEWAYS (Horizontally)
- In no particular order: a front or chestview, side, and rear view shot should be provided. Close ups allowed for dairy udders.
- Outside on level ground is best. No tall grass or deep bedding.
- The person filming should move as little as possible. They can twist their waist to follow the animal, but should not walk while videoing. The showman should show to the camera as if it is the judge.

Process for virtual judging:

- Visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2020-06-05-virtual-4-h-show-2020> view the fair book and the virtual show addendum to familiarize the expectations in your area before judging begins. You may also access the judges recording and the “logging in and viewing exhibits” document from this website as well. (Look at the bottom under the headline “Information For Judges”)
- You will be logging on to Fair Entry to view all exhibits.
 1. Please provide 4-H staff with the email address you would like to use for judging purposes.
 2. Once staff has set up your “account” you will be emailed an invitation. Please accept.
 3. Create a password that is easy to remember. You will use your email and this password to log in to Fair Entry throughout the week.
- We will once again be offering our judges an honorarium. You will be emailed the honorarium which is in a fillable format. Please complete the information, sign, and return. You may use a digital signature and email it back to staff or print the form, sign, and mail or scan/email it back.
- Staff will also provide a class list that will have the name of every exhibitor for each class after the entry deadline for exhibitors. This is for reference only.
- You will also be asked to complete the champion sheet(s). This will let me know who will be our champions, grand and reserve grand champions. This form is also fillable. Once you decide, fill it out, save it, and email it back to staff.
- Please email staff when judging is complete.
- Staff will be available to answer any questions you have during this process.

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