St. Joseph County 4-H Champion Livestock Projects

Exhibitors who exhibit Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy, Poultry, and Rabbits are eligible to participate for this award. This is an optional activity.

Scoring will be done with a combined score of

- Evaluations 100 points
- Skillathon 100 points
- Showmanship 100 points
- Placing 100 points

Total possible score of 300 points. Bonus points awarded to exhibitors who win the following awards:

- Exceptional Evaluation – 5 bonus points
- Grand Champion market or breeding animal – 2 bonus points
- Reserve Champion market or breeding animal – 1 bonus point
- Sportsmanship points at discretion of department superintendent

One top award per eligible species will be given and awards will be given to the top participant in each age group by species. Exhibitors can only win Overall award one time with each species.

Point determination:

Showmanship:

- 1st place 100 pts.
- 2nd place 98 pts.
- 3rd place 96 pts.
- 4th place 94 pts.
- 5th place 92 pts.
- 6th place 90 pts.
- 7th place 88 pts.
- 8th place 86 pts.

Skillathon: Must have a score of 40/50 points or higher to be eligible.

Evaluations: Must have a score of 40/50 or higher to be eligible.

Class Placing:

- 1st place 100 pts.
- 2nd place 98 pts.
- 3rd place 96 pts.
- 4th place 94 pts.
- 5th place 92 pts.
- 6th place 90 pts.
- 7th place 88 pts.
- 8th place 86 pts.

**If an exhibitor shows more than one animal, their highest type class placing is used.

Tie breaker order: 1st-Highest Skillathon Score, 2nd- Showmanship Score, 3rd – older exhibitor wins

Additional Notes: No pre-registration is necessary. Participant must show a live animal at fair to qualify for the program. Different animals may be used for showmanship and classes; however, they must be registered to the exhibitor. Scoring will be done in the 4-H Office throughout fair week, and scores are available upon request. Winners will be notified by no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday of fair week and will be recognized during intermission at the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest.