

2015 Iowa State Fair Premier FFA Beef, Sheep, and Swine Exhibitor Contest

Premier FFA Beef, Sheep, & Swine Exhibitor Department

This program is designed to recognize FFA **Beef, Sheep, & swine** project members who can articulate their understanding about the future of the animal industry and their knowledge about animal production. This event is for FFA members who will be a senior in high school or above. The top three entrants in beef and sheep, and top five entrants in swine will be awarded a scholarship and plaque by the **Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA)** and sponsors.

A composite score will be computed from the following four (4) elements to determine the top three (3) entrants.

1. **Best show ring ribbon earned.** (15%) (Blue Highest)
 2. **Interview** – A seven-minute interview with producers and industry representatives. The purpose of the interview is to rank youth based on their understanding of the importance of the industry, their ability to communicate their ideas, and the ability to take a proactive stance on issues related to the livestock industry. (30%)
 3. **Written Exam** – Completing a 30-minute exam covering questions on production. (30%)
 4. **Skillathon** – Completing a 30-minute Skillathon – Questions may be on reading a medication label or feed tag, identifying cuts of meat, balancing a ration, identifying feed stuffs, etc. (25%)
- ❖ All activities will take place at the Iowa State Fair. Sheep and Swine competition will be held on Wednesday afternoon, August 12, 2015 at 1:00pm, in the Youth Inn. Beef competition will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 3:00pm in the Youth Inn. FFA members may compete in only one species contest per year.
 - ❖ A contestant may continue to compete in a species until they accrue a total equal to \$1000. No contestant should ever receive an accrued total in any one species of an amount greater than \$1000.
 - ❖ Contestants can enter into a different specie to continue to earn scholarship funds, however, you may only compete in one specie contest per year

Entry should be made upon arrival at the Iowa State Fair with the event Superintendents if not already preregistered. Pre-registration information is located below.

Sheep and Swine contestants should register by Noon, Wednesday, August 12th

Beef contestants should register by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12th.

Pre-registration can be made at the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/r2ySWIE4Et>

Scholarship Awards:

Beef & Sheep (\$1,750 each species)
1st Place = \$1,000 Scholarship
2nd Place = \$500 Scholarship
3rd Place = \$250 Scholarship

Swine (\$2,500 swine)
1st Place = \$1,000 Scholarship
2nd Place = \$500 Scholarship
3rd Place = \$500 Scholarship
4th Place = \$300 Scholarship
5th Place = \$200 Scholarship

Beef Superintendents: Morgan Nosbisch
Sheep Superintendents: Larissa Rupnow
Swine Superintendents: Ashley Wolfe & Jeff Mayes