

2019 Iowa State Fair Premier FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine Exhibitor Contest

Superintendent: Ashley Wolfe

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 elements to determine the top entrants.

1. **Best show ring ribbon earned.** – If judge awards purple ribbons as top award, then the following points will be received for each ribbon color: Purple = 50, Blue = 40, Red = 30, White = 20. If judge awards blue ribbons as top award, then the following points will be received for each ribbon color Blue = 50, Red = 40, White = 30. (10%)
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. Participants must wear their Iowa State Fair FFA Exhibitor t-shirt. (30%)
3. **Written Exam** – An exam covering questions on production and industry. Exam scores are used as a tiebreaker. (30%)
4. **Skill-a-thon** – A variety of species-specific activities. Activities may include reading a medication label or feed tag, identifying cuts of meat, balancing a ration, identifying feed stuffs, etc. (30%)

- ❖ All activities will take place at the Iowa State Fair in the Youth Inn. All species competitions will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 1:00pm.
- ❖ Contestants must be entered to exhibit given species to participate and win scholarship award.
- ❖ 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, may only compete in one specie contest per year.

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 Superintendent's: Morgan Nosbisch & Jacob Bowers

Sheep Superintendent's: Larissa Rupnow & Ashley Wiebe

Swine Superintendent's: Josie McQuillen & Dawn Mausser

Registration:

Entry should be made upon arrival at the Iowa State Fair in each species barn office, if not already pre-registered.

Contestants should register by Noon, Wednesday, August 7th

Pre-registration can be made at the following link: <https://forms.gle/AZDABig4eBQ5AcXe6>

Please direct any questions to Ashley Wolfe at ashley.wolfe@grinnell-k12.org