



Friday, July 20th, 5-8 pm in the Stock Pavilion

Purpose: The Premier Exhibitor contest is designed to recognize 4-H and/or FFA members who have shown exceptional involvement and knowledge in their respective project area.

Rules:

- 1.) The Green County Premier Exhibitor Contest is open to Green County 4-H & FFA members who are currently enrolled in one or more of the participating species: Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits & Poultry
- 2.) There will be three (3) divisions. Participant grade is determined as of January 1
 - a. Junior Division – Grades 3 through 8
 - b. Senior Division – Grades 9 & Up
 - c. Platinum Premier Exhibitor – Past Senior Division Winners
- 3.) There will be four (4) Knowledge Exams
 - a. Dairy Cattle
 - b. Livestock (Beef, Goats, Sheep, & Swine)
 - c. Small Animals (Rabbit & Poultry)
 - d. Mixed species (for platinum exhibitors)
- 4.) Contestants may only compete in one species area in which they are **currently** exhibiting.
 - a. Previous species division winners are not eligible to compete in the same species area.
 - i. Exception – Junior winners are eligible to compete in the senior division
 - b. Previous species winners that can no longer compete in senior division will be eligible to compete in Platinum Premier Exhibitor, which includes all species. A minimum score of 85 points is required to be eligible to be recognized for Platinum status.
- 5.) Scoring will be done as follows: 100 points possible
 - a. **Knowledge Exam** – 35 points possible
 - b. **Showmanship** – 1st = 25 points, 2nd = 20 points, 3rd = 15 points, 4th = 10 points, etc.
 - i. Showmanship is required in order to earn Premier Exhibitor Awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
 - ii. If you do not do showmanship, you may participate in the Premier Exhibitor competition, however, you will earn a zero (0) in that scoring section
 - c. **Skillathon**
 - i. Equipment Identification – 10 points
 - ii. Cuts of Meat & Cheese Identification – 10 points
 - iii. Breed Identification – 10 points
 1. Dairy + Livestock
 2. Small animal
 3. Mixed species (worth .5 point each)
 - iv. Feed Identification – 10 points

- 6.) Parents are not permitted to help their children with the contest, instead, volunteers will be available to answer any questions the kids may have.
- 7.) **Tie Breaker** – An interview with a panel of judges will be held if a tie breaker is needed. The interview will consist of questions and answers regarding the industry of the given species and the participant's knowledge and enthusiasm for the industry and agriculture will be judged.
- 8.) Awards will be announced after the Master Showman competition awards are announced on Saturday, July 21st. The top three (3) contestants in each division will be rewarded.
- 9.) **Herdsmanship:** For each club/chapter, if 75% or more of the production animal exhibitors (Dept. 1-5, 7-8) compete in the Premier Exhibitor contest, five (5) points will be awarded to each species area for that club.

Winners in each species area will be awarded the following:

- Platinum Premier Exhibitor will win embroidered gym bag
- Senior Top Winners in Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry & Goats divisions will win a cooler bag with radio and Bluetooth capabilities.
- Junior Top Winners in Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry, & Goat divisions will win a cooler bag with radio and Bluetooth capabilities.
- 2nd and 3rd place winners in each division will receive a gift card from Nasco for \$30 or \$20.

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