

2016 Livestock Herdsmanship Guidelines

- This year we will have clubs/chapters judging similar to last year.
- We are asking for adults to go around with your club/chapter members to make this a teachable moment.
- Remember to be fair judges because someone on the herdsmanship committee or MAS member will ask for feedback once the packets are turned in. We will go through the cards and ask about your scores if needed.
- Ask questions of the exhibitors if you have questions about ribbons, displays, or animals.
- Make this a fun and positive experience.

HOW TO JUDGE USING THE POINTS

- ✓ If you take points off in a category your club **MUST** write comments of explanation for that category.
- ✓ The herdsmanship committee may throw scores out after investigating situations. **JUDGE FAIR!**

Exhibit Preparation (30 possible points)

- ✓ Adequate bedding = 0-3 – under two inches of bedding (beef under six inches), 4-7 – has two to four inches of bedding, 8-10 – has at least 4 inches of bedding (beef must not exceed ten inches).
- ✓ Educational or Slogans for Display = 0-5 – no display/hard to identify, 6-10 – have identification/ no slogan or education, 11-15 – is properly identified/includes slogan and educational information.
- ✓ Appropriate Signs = 0-2 – no signs, 3-4 – signs/no ribbons, 5 – signs and ribbons are displayed.

Care of Exhibit (70 possible points)

- ✓ Bedding is Clean & Dry = 0-5 – bedding is dirty/wet, 6-10 – bedding needs some attention, few spots, 11-15 – bedding has been cleaned, no manure/wet spots.
- ✓ Livestock are Clean/Dry & Appropriate Animal Arrangement = 0-5 – dirty animals (no double ties on beef), 6-14 – some dirty spots, 15-20 – clean animals, beef are arranged from largest to smallest in size and are double tied.
- ✓ Livestock Feed/Water = 0-5 – dirty buckets/feed pans tipped over, 6-10 – buckets are clean and neat.
- ✓ Aisles Clean/Neat for Visitors = 0-3 – messy aisles, no room for exhibitors to pass through, 4-5 – clean and visitors can pass one another.
- ✓ Feed/Equipment in Tack Area = 0-3 – messy area/not neat, could use work, 4-5 – neatly done.
- ✓ Appearance/Attitude of the Exhibitors= Someone **MUST** be present at exhibit at all times, leave a note if you are showing in another barn.
 - Knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, able to answer questions about the exhibit = 5pts
 - Clothes and person neat and clean, appropriate dress and footwear 5pts
 - Exhibitors should not use their cell phones when on duty! = 5pts

*If you have any questions ask a herdsmanship committee member or Meat Animal Sale committee member, we are here to help. *Mr. Cramer (Mayville FFA Advisor) & Mrs. Kern (Horicon FFA Advisor)**

HERDSMANSHIP IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF AGRICULTURE, YOUR CLUB/CHAPTER, & YOUR FAMILY! Thank you for all of your hard work, dedication, and commitment to making the fair a success!

Judging: Thursday-Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Judged once in AM and once in PM

Award Presentation Sunday 5:00 p.m. in Farm Progress Arena

Circle One: **BEEF** **SHEEP** **SWINE** Club/Chapter _____ Date/Time: _____

Exhibit Preparation	Max Points	Points Given	Comments (Please comment if low points)
Adequate Bedding (*if viewing beef railroad ties are acceptable)	10		
Educational slogans for displays and club/chapter properly identified.	15		
Decorations neat/attractive along with appropriate signs; completed information with ribbons.	5		
Subtotal of Exhibit Preparation	30		
Care of Exhibit			
Bedding clean/dry	15		
Livestock clean/well groomed (beef double tied) with appropriate animal arrangement.	20		
Livestock feed and water (if buckets and water in display, must be clean & full)	10		
Aisles clean/neat - adequate width for visitors to pass one another.	5		
Tack area and feed/equipment stored neatly	5		
Subtotal of Care of Exhibit	55		
Appearance/ Attitude of Exhibitors			
Knowledgeable, courteous, friendly	5		
Clothes and person neat and clean; appropriate dress/ footwear.	5		
No cell phone use while on barn duty.	5		
Subtotal of Appearance of Exhibitors	15		
Total Points	100		

Signature of Adult Judge(s) _____ Club/Chapter _____
 Signature of Youth Judge(s) _____ Club/Chapter _____