

# OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

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1. To be eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor in barrows, meat chickens, market lambs, and market beef, exhibitors **MUST** participate in the skillathon and use their own animal in showmanship and the live animal show for each species entered. **YOUTH DO NOT NEED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS (SKILLATHON AND OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR) ON THE OHIO STATE FAIR JUNIOR ENTRY FORM.** Youth **must** be exhibiting a market animal to compete in their corresponding species Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program.

2. Market lamb, barrow, market beef and meat chicken exhibitors must place, qualifying for a premium, in their respective class of the live animal Junior Division show to be eligible for outstanding exhibitor.

3. Exhibitors who have achieved the above requirements and who have placed in the top 10 of their age class for showmanship and skillathon will have these two (2) rankings added together with the live animal ranking to determine the outstanding exhibitor score. Rankings will be assigned points according to the following scale: 1st place - 100 points, 2nd place - 98 points, 3rd place - 96 points, 4th place - 94 points, and 5th place - 92 points, etc. Since the poultry, beef, sheep and swine skillathons include both market and breeding exhibitors, the Outstanding Market Exhibitor scores for skillathon will be awarded based on the exhibitors' **placings** among the market exhibitors in their respective age division classes.

4. The top three (3) Outstanding Market Exhibitors in each species category will be selected from the 10 age champions (9-18) in each species and will receive a cash scholarship from the Youth Reserve Program.

5. Youth will be required to complete 4-5 subject matter stations in the skillathon. The 4 stations will be posted prior to the event. To achieve the maximum potential score on the Feed Records and Nutrition, youth entered must bring their up-to-date record book.

A) Youth entered as 4-H members must bring their up to date Species Record Books (Beef#113 or #114, Swine #139 or #140, Sheep #198 or #199, or respective 4-H Poultry book, #151, #152, #153, #166, or #168). No photocopies of 4-H record books will be accepted. 4-H Project record books will be allowed no more than 7 additional sheets of paper (single or double sided) and those pages must pertain directly to activities or records required for the book.

B) Youth entered as FFA members must bring an up-to-date Animal Enterprise Record Book or Farm Account Book for each species entered. Other record books, that contains equivalent record keeping information, will be acceptable.

**Possible Beef, Sheep and Swine Skillathon Station Topics and References may include but are not limited to:**

- Parts I.D. • Quality Assurance • Breed I.D. • Nutrition • Ear Notching (swine only)
- Genetics • Meat Cut I.D. • Selection & Evaluation • Reproductive Systems • Housing • Breeding

**Beef Skillathon References:** Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide, Beef Learning Laboratory Kit, 4-H Beef Resource Handbook #117R, Market Beef Project and Record Book #113, Beef, Sheep and Swine Selection & Evaluation #103R, the Pennsylvania Judging Book #104R.

**Sheep Skillathon References:** Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide, Sheep Learning Laboratory Kit, 4-H Sheep Resource Handbook #194R, 4-H Market Lamb Project and Record Book #198, Beef, Sheep and Swine Selection and Evaluation #103R, the Pennsylvania Judging Book #104R.

**Swine Skillathon References:** Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide, Swine Learning Laboratory Kit, 4-H Swine Resource Handbook #134R, 4-H Market Hog Project Record Book #139, Beef, Sheep and Swine Selection and Evaluation #103R, the Pennsylvania Judging book #104R and the NPB Pork Quality Assurance Level III workbook.

**Poultry Skillathon References:** Ohio Youth Food Animal Quality Assurance Curriculum Guide, Poultry Learning Laboratory Kit, also Raising Fancy Poultry #153, Nebraska Poultry Judging Book #154R, 4-H Poultry Production, Raising Broilers #152, 4-H Poultry Production, Raising Pullets #151, 4-H Turkey Book #166, and 4-H Ducks or Goose Poultry Record Book #168.

**Poultry Skillathon Station Topics may include but are not limited to:**

- Feed Records and Nutrition
- Breed I.D.\*
- Exterior Poultry Parts\*
- Dressed Carcass Parts I.D. with Chickens and/or Turkeys
- Carton (exterior) Egg Grading (A, B, Dirty)
- Grading of Whole Carcass (Turkeys and/or Broilers)
- Flock Health
- I.D. of Diseases and/or Parasites

\*(May include chickens, turkeys and/or geese.)

If competing for Outstanding Meat Chicken Exhibitor, you must show one of your meat chickens in showmanship.

Skillathon	Date	Times	Location
Sheep	July 29	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Brown Barn
Poultry	August 6	3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn
Swine	August 7	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Voinovich Arena
Beef	August 7	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Voinovich Arena

6. **Registration Times For Skillathons:** Participant age schedule chart will be posted at the registration area for Sheep, Swine and Beef Skillathons. Poultry skillathon participation time will be following the weigh-in of one's exhibit.

7. Skillathon participants will be required to sign their score sheet immediately upon completion of the skillathon.

8. The Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to test animals shown by exhibitors in showmanship immediately following their showmanship age class.

9. Skillathon participants are not permitted to bring study materials or electronic devices such as cell phones into the skillathon evaluation area.

10. If tied for Outstanding Market Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties: **TIE BREAKERS** - 1st Skillathon Age Division Placing, 2nd: Total Score of Common Skillathon Stations. 3rd: If Total Skillathon Score is tied then the skillathon tiebreaker rules as outlined in section J-1009 will be followed. 4th: Best animal as determined by the show judge, 5th: Interview by 4-H Representative, FFA Representative and Ohio State Fair Representative.

11. Ties for Skillathon Awards and age class placings will be broken by the procedures outlined in section J-1009.

**AWARDS for OME & Skillathon**

Outstanding Market Exhibitor Age Finalists in market beef, barrows, meat chickens and market lambs will receive awards sponsored by **The Ohio State Fair** (40 awards).

**The Ohio State Fair** will award a banner to the highest overall participant in each species Skillathon (10 banners).

**The Ohio Poultry Association** is also a sponsor of the Poultry Skillathon awards.

**Ohio's Country Journal** will award director chairs to the Outstanding Market Exhibitor in market beef, barrows, meat chickens and market lambs (4 awards)

Outstanding Market Exhibitor (market beef, barrows, chickens, and lambs) Cash Scholarships from the **Youth Reserve Program** (see species divisions for amounts).

Each age winner and the overall skillathon champion in each skillathon will receive awards.