



Lac qui Parle County 4-H Herdsmanship

The purpose of herdsmanship is to help 4-H exhibitors learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as well as learn skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness and proper care of animals.

The Herdsmanship Procedure for the Lac qui Parle County Fair:

1. All animal exhibits will be evaluated once per day throughout the fair.
2. Evaluation will be done by qualified judges during normal public viewing times (10am-8pm) each day.
3. Each club will receive points per specie each time they are evaluated.
4. Placings will be marked on the herdsmanship posted located in the 4-H Fairgrounds office.
5. Following the fair, the total scores for each day for each club's species will be added up and divided by the number of times judged, giving a total average for the fair. The club with the highest points will be recognized as Champion Club Herdsman.
6. Champion Club Herdsman will be announced at the Awards Program.

Basis for Scoring Livestock:

<i>Appearance of pens/stalls/aisles</i>	<i>50 points</i>
Bedding-dry, in place, adequate, but not excessive; manure free	
Alleys/Aisles kept clean and clear of any safety hazards	
Space under cages kept clean and neat (poultry and rabbit)	
Stall cards arranged properly (if decorated, decorations in good taste and cared for)	
Feed equipment cleaned or removed entirely	
Show boxes tucked neatly away	
 <i>Appearance of Animals</i>	 <i>45 points</i>
Animal is well groomed and presentable (free of mud and manure)	
Animals neatly arranged and safely tied or penned	
Animals in place except when in show ring or preparing for show	
Animals tied and/or pens fastened securely	
 <i>Exhibitors</i>	 <i>5 points</i>
Courteous and friendly to fairgoers	
Do own clipping, blocking and grooming	
Cooperate with fellow club exhibitors	
 <i>Total</i>	 <i>100 points</i>

Lac qui Parle County 4-H Herdsmanship Rules

- ✓ Animals must be maintained and look presentable daily from 10am to 8pm even during livestock shows. No tying out of livestock is allowed until 8pm.
- ✓ Animals shall be cared for using proper and ethical means.
- ✓ Exhibitors should be courteous and ready to explain their project to the general public.
- ✓ Exhibitors should be doing their own clipping, grooming, etc. (parents, brothers, and sisters may assist).
- ✓ Stalls must be kept clean of garbage, manure, unused equipment, etc. Evaluators will look for these issues as well as cleanliness of alleys and aisles. Bedding should be dry and adequate (not excessive).
- ✓ Clubs or individuals may bring show or tack boxes but boxes should NOT be placed in the aisles. They must be stored in empty stalls or in trailers.
- ✓ Extension cords need to be hung out of the way from main aisles.
- ✓ Keep center aisles clean of bedding, manure and garbage.
- ✓ Animals should be clean, groomed and properly tied.
- ✓ Stay with your animal during feeding. Feed pans should be removed immediately after animals are finished eating.
- ✓ All manure should be hauled to bunker frequently. Do not leave manure in the wheelbarrow.
- ✓ Conduct of exhibitors is taken into account on scoring. Exhibitors should act respectful and conduct themselves positively. Blaring radios, excessive horseplay, water fights, etc. are cause for an automatic "zero" score.
- ✓ Because of congestion in the barn, all beef fitting chutes must be kept outside the barn.
- ✓ Exhibitors must do their part in keeping the stalls clean and presentable. Members of a club should work together and share responsibilities.
- ✓ Decorating stalls is allowed at the County Fair IF done respectfully and in good taste. Decorations will not add to your score but can lower your score if done in poor taste or not maintained.
- ✓ Each exhibit and exhibitor has their own stall cards. Misuse or moving stall cards is grounds for removal from participation in herdsmanship.