



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H GENERAL LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY'S PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD FOR 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

Purpose: The Premier Exhibitor Award is to recognize 4-H and/or FFA members who have shown exceptional involvement and knowledge in the beef, sheep or swine projects.

Rules:

1. Open to 4-H or FFA members one year past high school or younger (as of January 1st of the current year) enrolled in the 4-H or FFA beef, sheep or swine projects.
2. Age divisions are:
 1. Beginner Division: Individuals gr. 3 through 6 as of Jan 1 of the current year.
 2. Intermediate Division: Individuals gr. 7 through 9 as of Jan 1 of the current year.
 3. Advanced Division: Individuals gr. 10 or older as of Jan 1 of the current year.
3. Participants will be judged on the following:
 1. Quiz: 50% of the participants' score will be based on test ranking. An approximately 40-50 question test related to the participant respective species will be given prior to fair (generally the night of county-fair weigh-ins).
 2. Showmanship: 50% score will be based on showmanship of the participants' placing at the Sheboygan County Fair.

Awards: The three Junior and three Senior individuals for each species with the best overall combined test score and showmanship placing rankings will be recognized at the Annual Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sales. Awards will be given to each of the Premier Exhibitor Finalist, as well as the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Beef, Sheep and Swine Premier Exhibitor.

In case of a tie for the Premier Exhibitor or Premier Exhibitor Finalists, the tiebreaker will be determined by the following:

- 1st tie breaker: Highest score on test
- 2nd tie breaker: Highest placing in showmanship
- 3rd and subsequent tie breakers: Correct answers on pre-determined questions from test.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals ("YQCA"): Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. This education can be taken online for a fee or through in-person, trainer-led workshops.

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on:

1. Food Safety;
2. Animal Well-being; and
3. Life Skills.

The [YQCA curriculum](#) is broken into four levels:

1. Junior ages 8-11
2. Intermediate ages 12-14
3. Senior ages 15-18
4. Young Adult ages 19-21

The Livestock Premier Exhibitor Program was developed and is coordinated by the Sheboygan County 4-H General Livestock Committee.

Awards for the Premier Exhibitor Program provided by Compeer Financial, Plymouth WI.

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