

AMERICAN FARMERS & RANCHERS YOUTH AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

2008 OKLAHOMA YOUTH EXPO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, March 7, 2008

Pre-Entry Forms Due to State AFR Office

Saturday, March 15, 2008

11:00 a.m. Swine Showmanship – Barn 6 Arena

Sunday, March 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. Written Exam, All Exhibitors – Barn 3 Sale Pavilion

1:00 p.m. Cattle Showmanship – State Fair Arena

1:00 p.m. Lamb Showmanship – State Fair Arena

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

8:00 p.m. Top 10 Contestant Interviews - State Fair Arena, Room 5

Thursday, March 20, 2008

4:00 p.m. Awards Presentation – Sale of Champions

OBJECTIVES:

1. To recognize Oklahoma youth who have an interest in livestock, excel in showmanship skills and have knowledge of the livestock industry to include production, management, processing and end product utilization.
2. To stimulate excellence and a quest for knowledge that will result in the development of leadership skills applicable to the livestock industry.

ELIGIBILITY:

Competition will be limited to 4-H & FFA members exhibiting breeding and/or market beef, sheep or swine at the 2008 Oklahoma Youth Expo and who are classified as high school juniors or seniors.

ENTRY:

Pre-entry must be made on the application forms available in OSU County Extension Offices, from Agricultural Education Teachers, the Oklahoma Youth Expo or American Farmers & Ranchers. **Entries must be submitted to Shelly Bilderback, AFR Director of Youth and Education by March 7, 2008.** If an applicant is exhibiting animals in more than one species, then a choice of one species must be indicated on the application form.

EVALUATION:

1. Written Exam (50%) -
 - All participants will take a written exam:
 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 16 – Barn 3 Sale Pavilion
 - Questions will pertain to all phases of the livestock industry to include current events.
 - CIMC Animal Science Curriculum will be used in selecting test questions.
 - All questions will be age appropriate for youth in the age range of 16-19 years of age.

2. Showmanship (10%) -
 - Each participant will be evaluated on showmanship ability in one class. Each entrant must show the animal they have entered. No substitute animals will be allowed.
 - Swine Showmanship – Barn 6 Arena – Saturday, March 15 – 11 a.m.
 - Cattle Showmanship – State Fair Arena – Sunday, March 16 – 1 p.m.
 - Lamb Showmanship – State Fair Arena – Sunday, March 16 – 1 p.m.(The first class in each of these OYE showmanship contest will be the AFR Youth Ag Achievement Contest Class)

3. Interview (40%) -
 - Interviews will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18. Official dress of the students' appropriate organization must be worn.
 - The ten youth with the highest total scores combining points from showmanship evaluation and the written exam will be interviewed by a panel of individuals representing various segments of the livestock industry.
 - Questions will pertain to the applicant's livestock project (40%) and the livestock industry (60%).

POSTED SCORES:

A list of the top 10 participants (Combining Written Exam Totals & Showmanship Scores) will be posted at the Show Office in each arena at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 2008.

AWARDS

TOP 10 AWARDS:

1 st - \$700	2 nd - \$600	3 rd - \$500	4 th - \$400	5 th - \$300
6 th - \$250	7 th - \$250	8 th - \$200	9 th - \$200	10 th - \$200

AWARDS FOR TOP STUDENTS IN EACH SPECIES:

Beef, Sheep & Swine:	1 st Place: \$200
Beef, Sheep & Swine:	2 nd Place: \$100

***EACH OF THE TOP 10 FINALISTS WILL RECEIVE
CASH AWARDS & JACKETS***