

# Georgia National Junior Herdsmen Award

The county/chapter exhibits will be judged each day of the Fair by judges who will be selected by Georgia National Fair management. The judges will be working independently of each other in evaluating the exhibits. There will be separate awards for beef, goat, swine, sheep, and commercial dairy heifers.

County 4-H and FFA Chapters may combine their exhibits and be judged as one. Otherwise, they will be judged separately. **Each unit wishing to compete must sign up at the barn office upon arrival. Sign up deadline is at the close of check-in/weigh-in. No one will be allowed to sign up after the deadline.**

Criteria for selecting Herdsmen Award winners:

- 1. Appearance & Cleanliness** ..... 50% of points
  - A. Aisles must be kept clean. Feed and water pails should be neat, clean, and removed from stalls/pens when not in use.
  - B. Identification, such as stall cards, must be displayed.
  - C. Manure must be removed from stalls/pens and placed in appropriate containers (not in trash cans).
  - D. Additional decorations and county/chapter banner will count towards Herdsmen Award.
  - E. \* The use of neck ropes, matching ropes, mats under the front of cattle, and well-kept beds will count toward the Herdsmen Award. (\*for cattle only)
  - F. All county/chapter exhibitors dressed alike as a group will count toward the award.
  - G. Appearance of animals should be clean and well-groomed at all times.
- 2. Educational Value for General Public** ..... 25% of points
  - A. Any educational information concerning the species or breed being shown will count towards Herdsmen Award.
  - B. *No free-standing displays of any kind will be allowed. All educational information should be posted above pens or tie spaces.*
- 3. Conduct** ..... 25% of points
  - A. Someone from each county/chapter should be present at all times to man the county/ chapter exhibit area.
  - B. Cattle must be in the barn during the day when not being groomed or shown.
  - C. Courtesy to other exhibitors, spectators, and show officials will count toward the award. Roughhousing, foul language, and loud noises will count against display.

Each county/chapter is the ambassador for their community. Your actions are being judged from the time you come to the Agricenter until you return home. The county/chapter scoring the highest in each species over the duration of their stay at the Fairgrounds will be named the Superior Herdsmen and will receive an appropriate award and the following dollar amounts:

## **Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine and Commercial Dairy Heifer**