

AFR AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

Monday, March 8, 2024

Pre-entry forms due to State AFR Office

11:59 p.m.

Friday, March 15, 2024

AFR Cattle Showmanship – Barn 8 Arena

11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Written Test – Performance Arena

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

*AFR Sheep Showmanship – State Fair
Arena, Ring 2*

Immediately following OYE Sheep Showmanship

Thursday, March 21, 2024

*AFR Goat Showmanship - Super Barn Arena
*Top Ten Posted Immediately following
goat showmanship. **

Immediately following OYE Goat Showmanship 9:00 A.M.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

*Top Ten Interviews – Zoom
Awards Presentation – State Fair Arena*

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

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 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 or market beef, sheep and goat at the 2024 Oklahoma Youth Expo and who are classified as high school juniors or seniors. If you are a swine exhibitor and still would like to participate you may choose another species.

ENTRY:

Pre-entry forms are available through AFR Cooperative, the Oklahoma Youth Expo, Agricultural Education Teachers and OSU County Extension Offices. Entries must be submitted to AFR Youth Program by March 8, 2024 or OYE Website. If an exhibitor is exhibiting livestock in more than one species, then a choice of showmanship species must be indicated on the entry form. If exhibitors are only exhibiting swine, they can choose a different species even if they do not own the livestock.

EVALUATION:

1. **Written Exam (40%) -**
 - All participants will take a written exam:
 - 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, March 17 – Performance Arena
 - Questions will pertain to all phases of the livestock industry.
 - CIMC Animal Science Curriculum - 3rd Edition and CIMC Introduction to Agriscience will be used in selecting test questions. All questions will be age appropriate for youth in the range of 16-19 years old.

2. **Showmanship (20%) -**
 - Each participant will be evaluated on showmanship ability in one class. Each participant must show an animal they have entered in OYE. No substitute animals will be allowed. The AFR Showmanship contest will begin at the conclusion of the OYE Showmanship contest for each species.
 - Cattle Showmanship – Barn 8 Arena – Friday, March 15
 - Sheep Showmanship – State Fair Arena, Ring 2 – Tuesday, March 19
 - Goat Showmanship – Super Barn Arena – Thursday, March 21

3. **Interview (40%) -**
 - 10-minute interviews will be held on Thursday, March 21 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. via zoom. The top 10 exhibitors will be contacted by AFR Staff to set up an interview time. OYE show attire is suggested.
 - **OFFICIAL DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED!**
 - The ten youths 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 and the agriculture industry.

AWARDS:

TOP 10 AWARDS:

1 st - \$1,000	2 nd - \$900	3 rd - \$800	4 th - \$600	5 th - \$500
6 th - \$350	7 th - \$250	8 th - \$200	9 th - \$200	10 th - \$200

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

For questions about the AFR Ag Achievement Contest, please contact AFR Cooperative at 405-218-5561 or afryouth@afrmic.com