

AFR AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Pre-entry forms due to State AFR Office

11:59 p.m.

Friday, March 10, 2023

AFR Cattle Showmanship – Barn 3 Arena

11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Written Test – Performance Arena

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 13, 2023

AFR Swine Showmanship - Barn 6 Arena

AFR Sheep Showmanship - Super Barn Arena

Immediately following OYE Swine Showmanship

Immediately following OYE Sheep Showmanship

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

AFR Goat Showmanship - Super Barn Arena

Top Ten posted

Immediately following OYE Goat Showmanship

4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Top Ten Interviews – Main Show Office

Awards Presentation – State Fair Arena

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 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 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 or market beef, sheep, goat or swine at the 2023 Oklahoma Youth Expo and who are classified as high school juniors or seniors.

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 Tailor Atkinson, AFR Youth Coordinator by March 1, 2023.** If an applicant is exhibiting animals in more than one species, then a choice of one species must be indicated on the entry form.

EVALUATION:

1. **Written Exam (40%) -**
 - All participants will take a written exam:
 - 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13 – 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 3 Arena – Friday, March 11
 - Swine Showmanship – Barn 6 Arena – Monday, March 14
 - Sheep Showmanship – Super Barn Arena – Monday, March 14
 - Goat Showmanship – Super Barn Arena – Tuesday, March 15

3. **Interview (40%) -**
 - Interviews will be held on Thursday, March 17. OYE show attire is suggested.
 - **OFFICIAL DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED!**
 - 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 and the agriculture industry.

POSTED SCORES:

A list of the top 10 participants (Combining Written Exam Totals & Showmanship Scores) will be posted on the AFR Youth Program Facebook page, the AFR booth in Barn 3 and outside the Main Show Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

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 Taylor Atkinson, AFR Youth Coordinator at 918-671-4149 or taylor.atkinson@afrmic.com