

Instructions for Using the Livestock Project Judging Rubric Scoresheet:

All livestock projects taken by members will be evaluated by the member's club advisor using a rubric grade sheet beginning in 2018. (This takes the place of the "record book review" and the "interview" in the judging process of previous years.) Youth will earn grades of superior, excellent, good or needs improvement, as their performance dictates. Club advisors will review the record books and satisfactory completion of the books will be a large part of the final grade. These evaluations will take place at the club level (club meetings) in late July and August. Final grade sheets will be due to the Extension office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 16. We are asking advisors to turn them in.

The second part members must complete in order to show at the fair is the completion of a species skill-a-thon for each species they are exhibiting. (This takes the place of the "skill-a-thon" in the judging process of previous years.) Each species member will have a choice of three skill-a-thon dates at which to complete this requirement. Members with any species can attend on Saturday, August 18 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or Sunday August 19 from 1 – 5 p.m. Both of these dates will be held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds. The dates and locations for the other skill-a-thons can be found in the project requirements of each species.

Advisors, please remember the following in evaluating your members' progress:

1. Each member must fill out one scoresheet for each livestock project taken. The following are projects:

- Baby Beef 117BB
- Breeding Beef 117BR
- Dairy Beef Feeder 117DF
- Beef Feeder 117BF
- Market Steer 117 MS
- Dairy Calves and Heifers 122
- Dairy Cows 126
- Market Goat 135M
- Breeding Goat 135B
- Pygmy Goat 135PY
- Market Broilers 150CM
- Market and Breed Turkeys 150T
- Chickens/Fancy Poultry 150CE
- Ducks/Geese 150D/G
- Other Poultry 150SD
- Market Rabbit 226
- Breed Rabbit 225
- Market Hog 139
- Breeding Swine 140
- Market Lamb 198
- Breeding Sheep 199
- Beginning Horse Management 174
- Light Horse Selection 175
- Horse Training 177
- Learning to Jump 180
- Draft Horse 181
- Horse Nutrition 762
- Standardbred Horses 184
- Equine Reproduction and Genetics 185
- Trail Riding 188
- Dressage 189
- You and Your Dog 201D*
- Dog Obedience 201O
- Dog Showmanship 201S
- Dog Performance 201P

For example, a member who has 3 market lambs, 3 market hogs, a market turkey, a breeding turkey, two ducks, a goose and 8 breed rabbits would need 5 scoresheets – one for market lamb, one for market hog, one for market/breed turkeys, one for duck/geese and one for breed rabbit.

*You and Your Dog project members may also be judged at still project judging if the member is taking it as a still project.

2. Make sure names and projects are legible and that members put down both their first and last name on the scoresheet.
3. There are five basic items that you are evaluating for each member and they are listed on the left hand side of the scoresheet. Each row then contains a description of work that would be considered superior, excellent, good and needs improvement. Please circle or check the box that you assign as the level they have met for each of the five items. A sample scoresheet is attached.
4. After evaluating the member's progress, you will add up the 5 scores you have circled or checked. Each box marked in the superior column gets 4 points, the excellent column, 3 points and so on. Write down the total point score at the bottom of the form and circle the overall ranking according to the grading scale on the bottom left side of the scoresheet. Please initial in the box at the bottom right.
5. Comments are not necessary for all items, but please write ideas on how a member can improve if you give a score of 1 in any category.
6. You may give the member the bottom copy of the scoresheet and then bring the originals in to the Extension office by August 16.
7. When you return the scoresheets to the Extension office, you may pick up ribbons for your members. If that is not convenient for you, members may pick up their own ribbons at the junior fair office during Saturday fair check-in.
8. Please contact me if you have any questions at blackford.10@osu.edu or 419-281-8242.