

Dear Youth Leader:

We are pleased to announce the 45th annual TONY DOBROSKY MEMORIAL STOCKMAN'S CONTEST, a youth activity in the program of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, scheduled September 26-October 8, 2023 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg. This show is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association sponsors this contest as an educational activity for 4-H and FFA youth. As you know, many of our current agricultural leaders received valuable experience in evaluation and decision making in livestock judging events. They are offering this opportunity to see and judge top quality animals from across the nation. In addition, the meats judging section provides an excellent opportunity to learn about the retail cuts of meat, the end product of the livestock industry. The contest will also focus on quality, assurance, health, safety and management.

This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members. Your county or chapter is invited to enter one or more teams of three or four members. These members will also compete as individuals. The contest will begin with registration from 8:15 to 8:45 AM, Friday, October 6, contest at 9:00 AM and conclude at 3:30 PM This will allow your group to participate in the contest, view the livestock and horse shows in progress, and return home the same day.

We appreciate this opportunity to invite you and your members to the many activities of the 2023 Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

Morgan Firestine  
Manager

8:15-8:45 AM. . . . .Registration-Main Floor  
9:00 AM. . . . .Contest-Main Floor  
1:30 PM. . . . .Announcement Interviews-2nd Floor  
Candidates-Main Floor  
1:45 PM. . . . .Interview's 2nd Floor  
2:30 PM. . . . .Erie Room (Above Small Arena)

**AWARDS**

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association will sponsor premiums and ribbons for the high scoring teams and individuals according to the following schedule:

Placing	Teams	Individuals
1	\$100	Keystone Stockman of the year & \$250
2	90	150
3	80	125
4	70	100
5	60	75
6	50	50
7	45	45
8	40	40
9	35	35
10	30	30
11 thru 15		25 each
16 thru 20		20 each

The high scoring individuals in judging each section – Livestock Judging, Meats, Identification, and Management will receive awards provided by companies and individuals in the livestock industry. Awards and prize money will be mailed to winners.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**TERMS AND ENTRIES**

- Each County 4-H or Vocational Agricultural Department is invited to enter one or more teams of three or four members. When four members are entered, the three members with the highest overall individual scores will make up the team total for awards. The fourth member will be the alternate. Team members and alternates will be eligible for individual awards. In addition, any 4-H member or FFA member may judge as an individual contestant as long as he or she has been properly entered.
- This is a junior livestock judging contest and is open to any bonafide 4-H or FFA member in the United States and Canada. Contestants must be entered and certified by their County Extension Agent or Voc. Ag. Instructor prior to the entry deadline.

Contestants must have reached their 13th birthday and must not have reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. **Any individual or team that has competed in a national Stockmen's contest may not participate in this contest.**

- **ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE and computer timestamped by September 22, 2023.** Entries must include name, address, zip code, and date of birth of members; have members assigned into teams, and indicate the coach's name or the person who will be in charge of the group. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per member registered. All fees must be paid the morning of the contest.
- Management reserves the right to limit participation according to available facilities, therefore, the number accepted from each Chapter or County may be reduced.
- Substitutions may be made the day of the contest, person for person. **No additions will be made after the September 22nd deadline.**
- The superintendent of the contest, in cooperation with the show manager and the advisory committee, will be in charge of the contest and conduct it in compliance with these rules and regulations. The superintendent shall have the authority for the interpretation of the rules.
- The Superintendent shall have a sufficient number of assistants to conduct the contest and tabulate the results.

**JUDGING SYSTEM**

- Competent judges shall place all classes while contestants are placing the classes. Judges will file their official placings and cuts with the Superintendent and give oral reasons on the classes at the conclusion of the contest.

**METHOD OF CONDUCT**

- All contestants and coaches will report to the registration desk on the main floor between 8:15 & 8:45 AM, on Friday, October 6. Final instructions will be given and questions answered at this time.
- The Superintendent will supply contestants with a placing sheet and any other necessary forms. No contestant will be allowed to take any books, notes or pamphlets into the ring. Clipboards are permitted. **No electronic devices permitted.**

- Contestants will not give oral reasons.
- Contestants shall not at any time place their hands on any animal.
- While the classes are being placed, there SHALL BE NO COMMUNICATION among contestants and anyone else, except as directed by the Superintendent or his assistants. Violators will be penalized by having one or more class scores disallowed.
- A designated placing sheet with the contestants' desired placing clearly marked will be provided.

#### CLASSES

- Livestock Judging classes will be selected from animals entered in the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.
- Animals will be designated by numbers. It will be the responsibility of each contestant to see that his placing conforms to the numbers of the animals. Classes will be shown in a careful manner so that all contestants will have a fair chance to observe them. Meats will be judged on the standards of the National Livestock and Meats board guidelines.

#### DETERMINATION OF RATINGS

- Ratings shall be based upon a possible score of 50 points for each class and the quiz.
- The overall individual ranking shall be determined by adding each contestant's scores for the twelve (12) classes.
- The overall team ranking shall be determined by totaling all the scores of the three team members.
- In case of a tie in the overall scores of teams, the three member team with the highest total management quiz score will be awarded the prize in question. Further ties will be broken by first using the total quality assurance score and then the meats identification score.
- In case of a tie in the overall score of individuals, the member with the highest management quiz score will be awarded the prize in question. Further ties will be broken by first using the total quality assurance score and then the meats identification score.
- In case of a tie in the total species scores of individuals or teams, the member or three member team with the highest grand total score will be awarded the prize in question. Further ties will be broken by first using the management quiz score, then the total quality assurance score, and then the meats identification score.

- The superintendent's announcement of all individual and team placings will be final.

#### JUNIOR STOCKMAN'S AWARDS

- The five highest placing contestants in the over-all individual scores will be interviewed by a committee of 3 officials, experienced in beef, sheep and swine. The interview will consist of questions on management, health, showing and current events concerning the livestock industry; such as; prices and animal welfare. The interviewers score each candidate up to 50 points so that the maximum total is 150. The idea of the interview is to evaluate the contestants' abilities to give a presentation and their verbal knowledge of the livestock industry.
- Scores from the interviews will be added to the total judging scores. The five contestants will receive the Junior Stockman Awards as Noted in the awards table.

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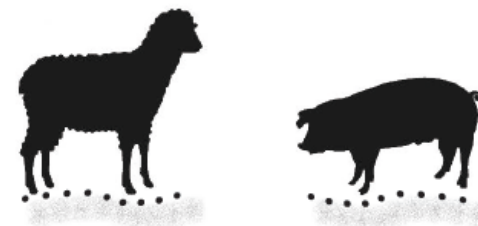
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## Tony Dobrosky Memorial

## Stockman's Contest



Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00 AM

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 Harrisburg, PA

