

Producers Classes Nominations DUE- Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine Members:

Are you a 4-H member who has breeding stock and raises your own animals? There are new requirements for the Producers Classes! Nomination forms and supporting documents must be uploaded by Jan 1, 2019 for Dams. Please read through the rules below.

Eligibility:

- 1. Ownership of the dam** must be in the name and sole ownership of exhibitor. This means the dam must be part of the exhibitor's personal herd, not mom/dad's, family's or relatives' breeding stock and **nominated by January 1, 2019**.
- Dam must be owned by the exhibitor prior to the birth of the offspring. Only offspring may be shown in producers' market or breeding classes (dam is not shown).
- The 4-H member must be enrolled in the corresponding breeding project by January 1 in 4-H Online regardless if you intend to enter the breeding or market producer classes.**
- The Nomination Form – **NEW Dam's Submittal Form** (top half of nomination form only) must be filled out and submitted with all required supportive documentation to the Extension office no later than January 1. Keep a copy for your records. For cattle nominations of dams by Jan 1 2019 will be for calves born in 2019 to be eligible for the 2020 County Fair. This year's calves for the 2019 County Fair will follow the previous nomination rules.
- The bottom half of the Nomination Form must be completed, signed and submitted with all required supportive documentation no later than May 1. Keep a copy for your records.
- There is no limit to how many animal nominations a 4H member may make.
- The breeding project record book must be completed.
- The 4-H member is not required to exhibit in the breeding project at the county fair, just the producer's class.
- The Club or Project Leader, Superintendent or County Agent will visit the member and take pictures while the animal is still nursing to assure that the animal was born at the exhibitor's place of residence. They must also sign and date nomination form. These can be uploaded into 4Honline account same as last year.
- All market producer entries must comply with the required tag-in procedures, weight requirements and all other rules for market animals.

Determining the Champion Producers:

1. In addition to the live placings of animals in county fair producer classes, a Champion Producer Award will be awarded in each species for 4H members who personally raise their own show animals.

2. The producer class is in addition to the regular market for swine.

3. The Champion Producer Award will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Placing:** Each exhibitor will receive an inverse number of points from their class placing. For example, 1st place earns 10 points, 2nd earns 9 points, etc.
- **Questions:** Questions (2-5) will be asked by the judge relating to production of the exhibitors' species. All exhibitors will be asked the same or similar questions. The interview will take place in the show ring immediately following the live placing of the producer's class. Each exhibitor will earn a score from 1-10, based on the answers and knowledge of the exhibitor.
- **Breeding Record Book:** Record book must be completed. Exhibitors will receive points equal to one decimal place less than their percent score on their record book (i.e. a score of 85% will earn 8.5 points).