



This is an educational program designed for 4-H and/or FFA members: Livestock shows have proven to be an educational event for participants in developing life skills. The benefits of livestock shows include social relations, character, family exposure to competition, exposure to cultures, and finance for educations.

Life skills developed as youth have a direct impact on their careers. Youth livestock projects and team events help teach and develop life skills such as a good work ethic, responsibility, time management, decision making, critical thinking, oral and written communication, record keeping, team work and problem solving. Successfully, implementing these skills in their lives of our youth better prepare them for future educational and career opportunities.

Most youth have a natural affinity to and curiosity about livestock. Using livestock as a tool, we can provide our future leaders with opportunities to develop life skills while also making them a more informed consumer. Additionally, those individuals who seek a career in the livestock industry will gain a great deal of knowledge and experience through Animal Science educational opportunities.

Objectives: The purpose of the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series is to be an organization involved in 4-H & FFA youth activities. To promote educational and skill building opportunities while enhancing knowledge of youth about the livestock industry. The organization shall record and preserve the records of the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series competitions annually; and publish a summary of results. It is also to award individuals of the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series throughout the course of one fiscal year, based on the total number of points accumulated.

Coordinators: These coordinators are responsible for publishing results as the official record keepers. Coordinators for the series will be Lacey Noterman and **Jade Greene**.

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Sanctioning Requirements:

1. Show must be hosted in Kansas.
2. Organizations and shows wishing to be sanctioned by the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series must submit sanctioning form & payment April 1st to the coordinators.
3. Showmanship classes are required to have the following divisions: Junior (7-9), Intermediate (10-13), and Senior (14-18).
4. It is required to offer Breeding and Market classes for each specie the show offers.
5. **It is required to place out a minimum of 5 places in each showmanship class.**
6. Shows must report all results to CVLS coordinators within 10 days following the show. Results not received within 10 days, CVLS will not honor sanctioning points to members from the show, until a late fee of \$500 is paid.

Memberships: A \$10 Membership is open to Kansas 4-H members, ages 7 through 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Points will accumulate once a member has paid the \$10 fee and turned in a completed membership form. Coordinators will reference to postmarked date only. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Rules:

1. The Cimarron Valley Livestock Series is not responsible for the management of the sanctioned shows. All sanctioned events are run independently of the series. All exhibitors are expected to honor the rules of the show in which they are participating.
2. The coordinators reserve the right to decide on any questions or issues that arise that are not listed in the rules.
3. Market, Breeding and Showmanship are all separate categories and points for each will not be combined at any time.
4. Tie-breakers will be determined by the exhibitor with the most first places in the respective class at all series sanctioned shows. If first places are tied, it shall move on to second place, and so on until the tie is broken.
5. CVLS member's **highest 6 shows** per animal, will count as the final points total for that given points year. Again, only the highest **RANKING 6 shows** will count towards your final points toward your showmanship and/or animal. Members can and are encouraged to exhibit at as many CVLS sanctioned shows as they wish.

Points System: Confirmation points will be kept with the exhibitor/animal combination, Showmanship points will be kept with the exhibitor. Points will be awarded on actual placing, regardless of member or nonmember status.

Confirmation	Showmanship
<p>If there were 11 hogs in the class, first place would receive 11 pts, second place would receive 10 pts, and so forth.</p> <p>For example, if there were 7 hogs in one confirmation class then the points would break down as following.</p> <p>1st place – 7 pts 2nd place – 6 pts 3rd place – 5 pts 4th place – 4 pts 5th place – 3 pts 6th place – 2 pts 7th place – 1 pts</p>	<p>Only the top 5 showmen in each age division will receive points.</p> <p>For example, if there were 6 hogs in one showmanship class then the points would break down as following.</p> <p>1st place – 7 pts 2nd place – 6 pts 3rd place – 5 pts 4th place – 4 pts 5th place – 3 pts 6th place – 0 pts</p>

- * Overall Grand Champion Animals will receive 10 bonus pts.
- * Overall Reserve Grand Champion Animals will receive 5 bonus pts.
- * Champion Breed Animals will receive 3 bonus pts.
- * Reserve Champion Breed Animals will receive 1 bonus pt.
- * GOATS ONLY: Because goats do not typically have breed champions, Class Champions will receive the 3 bonus pts. and Reserve Class Champions will receive 1 bonus pt.

Prizes and Awards: All members will receive a t-shirt for participation in the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series. Overall point member prizes will be awarded to the top five for market, breeding and showmanship. Prizes are solely dependent on funding and will be awarded in a timely manner.

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