Jr. Fair Skillathon and Outstanding Exhibitor Award Winners for 2015

The Swine, Beef, and Sheep Skillathons held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on September 2nd were an opportunity for Jr. Fair youth to display their knowledge of their 4-H or FFA animal projects. The youth who entered the skillathons answered questions on feeding, care, medication, parts of the animal, meat cuts and breed identification.

The Swine Skillathon, is divided into three age groups and the 2015 winners of the Senior Division, ages 15-18 were: 1st place – Dustin Nofziger, son of Jeff and Cathy of Wauseon; 2nd place – Mason Creager, son of Todd and Patti of Wauseon; 3rd place – Elizabeth Grieser, daughter of Tim and Carrie of Wauseon. Winners in the Intermediate Division, ages 12-14 were: 1st place – Taylor Smith, daughter of Steven and Nancy of Lyons; 2nd place – Eli Warncke, son of Todd and Amy of Wauseon; 3rd place – Alex Gillen, daughter of Scott and Jennifer of Swanton. Junior Division winners, ages 8-11 were: 1st place – Shane Suchora, son of George and Lynn Kati of Ottawa Lake, MI; 2nd place – Hayley Orzechowski, daughter of Bill and Cindy of Wauseon; and 3rd place – Drew Gillen, son of Scott and Jennifer of Swanton.

Sponsors of the Swine Skillathon who provided cash awards to the winners were: Just Mulch of Archbold; friends of Everett & Virginia Ricker who were past sponsors of the Swine Skillathon and J & B Feeds of Wauseon. Rosettes were given by the Fulton County Pork Producers.

The Outstanding Market Swine Exhibitor for 2015 was Taylor Smith, daughter of Steven and Nancy of Lyons. Sponsors of this award were: Moorman ShowTec Feeds of Archbold, Fayette Feed Mill of Fayette and Gerald Grain of Archbold. The Fulton County Pork Producers sponsored a fold-up bag chair for the participant.

Winners of the 2015 Beef Skillathon for the Senior Division, ages 14-18 were: 1st place - Nate Herr, son of Tommy and Jenny of Metamora; 2nd place – Rachel Short, daughter of Sam and Janna of Archbold; 3rd place – Lynnsey Crouch, daughter of Jeremy and Kimberly of Wauseon. The Junior Division winners, ages 8-13 were: 1st place – Dallin Beltran, son of Ryan and Megan Pursel; 2nd place – Hannah Kovar, daughter of Terry and Jean of Fayette; and 3rd place – Allison Herr, daughter of Tommy and Jenny of Metamora.

Alternative Management Resources, Inc., of Swanton again sponsored the cash awards for the Beef Skillathon in memory of Lauren and Jacob Saunders. Rosettes were sponsored by Phil and Donielle Herring Family of Wauseon.
The winner of the 2015 Outstanding Market Beef Exhibitor award was Hannah Kovar, daughter of Terry and Jean of Fayette. The award was sponsored by Alternative Management Resources, Inc. of Swanton and Pettisville Grain Company. The Phil and Donielle Herring Family sponsored a fold-up bag chair for the participant.

The Sheep Skillathon winners for 2015 in the Senior Division, ages 14-18 were: 1st place – Neila Kinsman, daughter of Lynn and Kimberly of Archbold; 2nd place – Breanna Demaline, daughter of Kim and Jill of Wauseon; and 3rd place – Casen Burkholder, son of Randy and Carol of Fayette. The Junior Division winners, ages 8-13 were: 1st place – Hannah Kovar, daughter of Terry and Jean of Fayette; 2nd place – Graeme Jacoby, son of John and Callie of Wauseon; and 3rd place – Neveah Powers, daughter of Ryan and Amy of Fayette.

The 2015 Sheep Skillathon award sponsor was Beck Family Show Lambs of Wauseon. Rosettes were sponsored by the Randy Burkholder Family of Fayette.

The Outstanding Sheep Exhibitor for 2015 was Hannah Kovar, daughter of Terry and Jean of Fayette. Sponsors of this award were: PNC Bank of Wauseon. The Craig Goldsmith Family of Wauseon sponsored a fold-up bag chair and a trophy in memory of Hollis Richer.