

2024 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit

The annual 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit is just around the corner. Once again, we are pleased to have AgCarolina Farm Credit and AgSouth Farm Credit continue as our cosponsors. This year the circuit will be open to Extension-sanctioned shows in **Anson, Cabarrus, Chatham, Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Stanly, and Union counties**. Participation is open to any active 4-Her anywhere. (A \$125 County fee applies to each county hosting a show, it will be a donation request for other counties with showmen. It can be paid by a club, 4-H account, sponsor, etc.). You may post pictures and get updates from the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit Facebook page. Register online by July 19th at 5 pm on Eventbrite for the Circuit and individual shows at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-4-h-ag-carolina-animal-circuit-registration-tickets-923869627927?a_ff=oddtcreator. This deadline is absolute and we cannot take your registration after the website shuts down. Please plan ahead!! It is \$25 per showman per species.

As always, the Circuit will award prizes to the best show person in each species based on a points system. Only shows in the above counties account for points in the Circuit. Extension Agents of the Circuit counties and those that have participants serve as the rules committee. **Show committee officials at each show have the authority to not accept thin and/or sick animals. They may also turn away any castrations that are not healed (please castrate animals at least a month before the first show). Make sure to show your own animal at all times except in substitution situations. Also, when bracing animals, please make sure to keep all four feet of the animal on the ground!!**

Animals are expected to be humanely treated at all times. Any acts of mistreatment will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the show and forfeiture of premiums. This includes but is not limited to spraying or dispensing any agent around, in, or near the anus or rectum. Anyone caught cheating or not treating their animals humanely will result in disqualification from the Circuit.

Robeson County will be handling the entries and financial duties this year. For questions related to the **registration**, contact Shea Ann DeJarnette at Shea_Ann_DeJarnette@ncsu.edu. For questions related to the **rules**, contact Katelyn Stegall at knstoval@ncsu.edu. For questions related to the **points**, contact Jared Butler at jared_butler@ncsu.edu. **Remember non-circuit kids will not be excluded** from the placings (this does not apply to the run for the belt buckle but this helps the judges with placing more accurately). For example, if you placed 25th at a show, you only receive 5 points even if you were the 3rd placing Circuit showman.

You are responsible for registering for each county that you wish to participate in. The registration process can be found in individual county rules. This helps to minimize confusion on show dates between counties and participants.

How do you compete?

The rules for each species are as follows;

To compete in the lamb division, you must compete in **a minimum of 3 of the participating 6 county shows** (Cabarrus, Chatham, Cumberland, Robeson, Stanly, and Union).

To compete in the meat goat division, youth must compete in a **minimum of 6 of the participating 10 shows** (Cabarrus, Chatham, Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Stanly, and Union). **No pygmy goats or dairy breed goats** are allowed!

To compete in the beef heifer division, **youth must compete in a minimum of 6 of the 11 possible shows** (Anson, Chatham, Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Stanly, and Union). Steers are allowed, but are not recommended because not all shows allow steers to show in the heifer showmanship classes.

Please make sure to meet your minimum show early in the season. Several shows had to be canceled in previous years because of weather. You may not be able to rely on the last few shows in the season occurring due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Please register in Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-4-h-ag-carolina-animal-circuit-registration-tickets-923869627927?aff=oddtcreator> by **July 19th at 5pm**. You are not entered in the circuit until your registration and payment have been received. **An entry fee of \$25 per youth per species is required to participate in the circuit.** Individual shows do not have an entry fee for Circuit participants.

If you are unable to complete the required number of shows due to illness or injury, youth can be recognized at the banquet after Circuit officials have received written medical documentation at least 2 weeks before the banquet. Otherwise, youth will not be recognized at the banquet if they do not finish the minimum number of required shows for their species and age division. Youth who do not finish their minimum number of shows may still attend the banquet to support their fellow showmen, but they must pay the banquet fee as a regular guest.

If you are disqualified by show officials at any show for any reason, your points from that show will not be counted in your points total. All youth must abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct, which can be found at:

https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/4-H_codeofconduct.pdf? fwd=no.

Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the Circuit. The dress code for livestock shows is typically boots, jeans with no holes, a belt, short sleeve or long sleeve button up or polo shirt that is tucked in, hair pulled back and out of the way, with no hats. If you want to participate in the circuit, register on Eventbrite by July 19, 2024: **Checks and Cash WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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What are the age divisions?

Cloverbuds - 5 to 7 years old will not be eligible to compete in head-to-head competition but most counties have Cloverbud divisions with set prize money. Cloverbuds are required to pay the \$25 registration fee.

Junior - 8 -10 years old

Intermediate - 11-13 years old

Senior – 14-18 years old

(All age divisions are determined by the exhibitor’s 4-H age, which is their age as of January 1, 2024.)

It is the responsibility of each participant to make sure they show in the correct division at each show. If a participant shows in the wrong age division, they will receive 5 participation points regardless of placement.

How are the winners chosen?

The scoring system is **based on an accumulation of points**. Points in all divisions will be as follows:

A. If a participant places 6th or below, they will receive 5 points for participation. If the participant places 1st-5th, they will receive the placing points. The participant will not receive both the participation points and the placing points. For example, if you show in 1 out of the 8 shows available and receive below 5th place, you would get 5 points just for participation.

B. The top show person in each age division will receive points as follows: **1st (15 pts), 2nd (13 pts), 3rd (11 pts), 4th (9 pts), 5th (7 pts).**

C. Your **top points based on the required number of shows per species** will be used to calculate and determine your score.

(Ex. Lambs – 3 shows, Goats – 6 shows, Heifers – 6 shows.) Example: Exhibitor A (shows in 6 out of 10 shows) and places as follows:

Exhibitor A points (Example Goat Showman)

- 30 (2 shows) 1st place
- 13 (1 show) 2nd place
- 22 (2 shows) 3rd place
- 5 (1 show) 6th place (participation points only below 5th)
- ~~5~~ (1 show) 7th place (participation points only below 5th)

70= 15 +15 +13 + 11 + 11+ 5 points

(2 - 1 st place @ 15 pts) + (1 - 2 nd place @ 13 pts) + (2 - 3 rd place @ 11 pts) + (1 - 6 th place @ 5 pts).

Ties are broken by the following methods: (1) If exhibitors are tied after minimum show points are totaled, then ties will be broken from comparing head-to-head competition placings up to the total number of shows the two showmen competed at.

(Example: Showman A showed at 7 shows and Showman B showed at 8 shows. Circuit Points Committee will look at the top scores for 7 shows to determine the winner.) (2) If exhibitors are still tied after option 1, then both will be awarded that placing.

There will also be an Overall Points Award in each species/class division (Lambs, Heifers, Goats) given at this year's Banquet.

Reminders

- As usual, t-shirts will be provided for every participant. Extra's can be ordered for an additional fee (youth small to adults XL \$10 and \$12 XXL, XXXL; see Eventbrite). Peewee participants are not part of the Circuit and do not need to fill out this form to participate in individual shows. However, they must pay \$10/\$12 if they want a shirt. Not all counties have peewee shows.
- Points will be posted show by show on the Lee County Extension Website. Go to the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit link on the left-hand side to find points and show information. To view the up-to-date points standings, please go to:
<https://lee.ces.ncsu.edu/>
- 4-H must teach integrity and honesty to our youth. Any youth or family member who argues with show officials or impedes shows in any way can also be disqualified from shows or the Circuit. We would also like to discourage negative social media statements that might hinder youth development and risk future sponsorships.
- **REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY: July 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm**
- **ALL 4-Hers PARTICIPATING IN THE 4-H FARM CREDIT SHOWMANSHIP CIRCUIT MUST HAVE A 4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT WITH ACTIVE STATUS WITH THEIR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE. TO FIND YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE VISIT <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu> AND CLICK ON COUNTY CENTERS**

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2024 Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit Schedule

County	Heifer Show Date	Goat Show Date	Sheep Show Date	Registration Deadline
Randolph	8/3/2024	8/3/2024	N/A	Registration Due 7/19/24
Stanly	8/17/2024	8/17/2024	8/17/2024	Registration Due 8/05/24
Anson	8/24/2024	N/A	N/A	Registration Due 8/16/24
Cumberland	9/6/2024	8/31/2024	8/31/2024	Registration Due 8/23/24
Richmond	9/7/2024	9/7/2024	N/A	Registration Due 8/25/24
Chatham	9/21/2024	9/21/2024	9/21/2024	Registration Due 9/6/2024
Lee	9/12/2024	9/11/2024	NA	8/30/24
Union	9/21/2024	9/21/2024	9/21/2024	Registration Due 9/6/2024
Moore	9/28/2024	9/28/2024	9/23/2023	Registration Due 9/13/2024
Cabarrus	10/12/2024	10/12/2024	10/12/2024	9/30/2024
Robeson	10/5/2024	09/28/2024	10/5/2024	To be announc