



Hocking County Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program



1. Seven different Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor (OLE) programs are typically offered, including one per species each for swine, sheep, and beef (including dairy), goat, rabbit, horse and poultry. Any 4-H or FFA member who enrolls in a project in any, or all, of these areas is automatically enrolled in the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor program for that species. Participation in the OLE program is not a requirement to show at the fair or to complete a project.

2. Provided the area of competition is available for the species in which the youth has a project, points towards the OLE program may be accumulated by the youth in any of the following areas: skillathon (**required**), age group showmanship (**required**), live show, and project/record books. To be eligible to participate in the 8th tie-breaker, youth must participate in sweepstakes showmanship. Sweepstakes showmanship points will only be used as the 8th tie-breaker.

3. Points will be earned on the following basis:

- 25 points possible for local skillathon and local showmanship categories, 20 points possible for live show placing, and 10 points possible for project/record books.
- If exhibiting more than one animal per area of competition, only the top placing will be used for points.
- Youth entered as 4-H members must complete the Record Book. 4-H horse projects must complete the Equine Record Book, unless taking project 174 – Beginning Horse Management, as this book has record forms in the book. Record books must be judged during the skillathon.
- Youth entered as FFA members must bring an up-to-date SAE Record Book for each species entered to skillathon.
- Members must complete their own books.
- Members who are enrolled in same species with different projects in both 4-H and FFA may complete the skillathon for both organizations. (ex: 4-H project – Market Swine; FFA – Swine Breeding) They will complete the skillathon stations for the species one time, but interview in each project separately. They will receive OLE points for their highest score.
- TIE BREAKERS: If a tie exists for Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor, the following procedure will be used to break ties - 1st: skillathon placing; 2nd: showmanship placing; 3rd: total skillathon score, 4th: skillathon station #1; 5th: skillathon station #2; 6th: skillathon station #3; 7th: live placing; 8th sweepstakes showmanship.

Points will be awarded for placing in the following:

Local Skillathon

Place	1	2	3	HM	All others
Points	25	24	23	22	20

Local Showmanship Classes (for each age division)

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6 -end of class
Points	25	24	23	22	21	10

Live Show Placing (OLE points will be awarded for the same number of placings that the Fair Board awards)

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6 -end of class
Points	20	19	18	17	16	5

Record books - Possible 10 points

Awards for placing in the OLE contest: 1st - \$50 and chair; 2nd - \$35; 3rd - \$20; 4th - \$15; 5th - \$10

- **There will not be bonus points given for Grand and Reserve Champion or Birth to Finish Classes.**
- **We expect all winners of each species to thank the appropriate sponsor in writing for their generous support of the program.**