

Izard County Purple Circle Championships

Objective

—The objective of the Izard County Purple Circle Championships is to foster interest in livestock production and to promote the exhibition of livestock at the Izard County Fair. It is our mission to encourage the youth of Izard County to participate in livestock project programs by providing financial incentives to those exhibitors.

Eligibility—Izard County Purple Circle Championships are limited to Junior exhibitors who have not received **Junior exhibitor awards in any other county fair**(This does not include open shows held during another country fair, ONLY the Junior Show, where points and premiums are collected.), Izard County residents or students who attend school in Izard County, or exhibitors who are members of an FFA chapter or 4-H Club in good standing. Exhibitors may participate in the Purple Circle Championships no later than the fall after graduating from high school or earning a GED. Exhibitors who are too young to be 4-H or FFA members may show under the supervision of a parent/guardian.

- • Participants' project program must be under the supervision of the Vocational Agricultural teacher or the County Extension Agent.
- • All steer must be ear tagged.
- • All horses must have proof of a current Coggins test.
- • Poultry and rabbit exhibits must have proof of necessary health documents.
- • All lambs must have baby or lamb teeth.
- • Crossbred heifers must be born prior to March 1, 2023. Crossbred Heifers and Market Steers must have baby teeth at time of the show. The maximum age for eligibility on both Crossbred and Purebred animals is 24 months.

Ownership & Feeding Instruction—Participants must own their own animals, must have acquired title and taken possession of same at the beginning of and throughout the feeding and fitting period. All animals (regardless of species) that are registered with a breed association must have original registration papers at the Izard County Fair. Animals must be fed, cared for, and exhibited by the individual member under the supervision and direction of a Vocational Agriculture Instructor, 4-H Leader, or a County Extension Agent.

All animals must be owned by the junior exhibitor by July 1, 2023. Horses may be registered in the name of a family member. Livestock Registration forms are due by July 15, 2023.

Showing Animals—All animals are to be shown by exhibitors entering them unless unavoidable circumstances, such as illness or death in the immediate family, prevent the exhibitor from being present, in which case, another eligible junior may show the animal.

Purple Circle Championships—Winners will be selected during the Izard County Fair & Livestock Show. The judges' decision will be final. Any animal that qualifies for a Purple Circle Championship MUST have

been registered by the July 15, 2023 deadline. If an animal is selected that has not been pre-registered, the judges will select another animal for this award. Buckles, cash prizes, or other awards will be given at this time. Everyone shall be responsible for seeing that his/her animal remains on display at the fairgrounds until release time.

Purple Circle Division Championships—The IZARD County Fair Board will solicit local businesses, organizations, and individuals to secure prize money for Division Championships. Division Championships will include the following:

Supreme Mare

Supreme Gelding

Supreme Mule

Supreme Donkey

Supreme Poultry Exhibit

Supreme Rabbit Exhibit

Supreme Market Goat

Supreme Breeding Goat

Supreme Dairy Goat

Supreme Dairy Buck

Supreme Young Buck

Supreme Market Lamb

Supreme Ewe

Supreme Ram

Supreme Market Hog

Supreme Gilt

Supreme Barrow

Supreme Fat Hog

Supreme Dairy Cow

Supreme Dairy Bull

Supreme Registered Heifer

Supreme Commercial Heifer

Supreme Registered Bull

Supreme Steer

Arrangements—The IZard County Purple Circle Championship Committee will handle the arrangements and details of the Purple Circle Championships. They will keep official records of the winners, secure sponsors, and maintain appropriate records.

Purple Circle Championship Committee:

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