

2017 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 Cape Fear Farm Credit and Carolina Farm Credit continue as our cosponsors. This year the circuit will be open to shows in: Anson, Chatham, Cumberland, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Stanly, and Union counties. Participation is open to any active 4-Her anywhere (A \$100 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.) New this year: You may post pictures and get updates from the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit Facebook page. Register by July 21st on-line at Cvent for the Circuit and individual shows at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/v5q07m> The system will cut off after this date and late registrations are impossible!!

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!!**

Annie Freeman in Richmond County will be handling the entries and administrative duties this year. Hoke County will host an awards banquet following the circuit on November 17 at 7:00 pm at the Raeford Presbyterian Church located at 128 W Edinborough Ave in Raeford. All money for the banquet will need to be paid ahead of time again this year. **No money will be taken at the door!!** Register on-line by October 20th for the banquet at Cvent at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/j5g4qy> Payment must be received by credit card in Cvent or a check must be mailed to the Richmond Extension office by October 27th or your registration to the banquet will be cancelled. It is \$15 per person and circuit youth showman are free. The system will cut off after this date and late registrations are impossible!! We are looking forward to a wonderful show season this year! If you have any questions, please contact the 2017 circuit coordinator Tiffanee Conrad at 910-997-8255.

In an effort to encourage growth & improvement from consecutive season to season, there will be a Most Improved Showman Award in each species division (Lambs, Heifers, Goats) given at this year's Banquet. If you participate in the same species division in 2016 and 2017, your FINAL scores will be compared and the showman with the largest points gain will be given the award. Age divisions will not be taken into account for this award, as some youth will change divisions from year to year. Youth who were Cloverbuds in 2016 will not be eligible for this award. Youth will be eligible for this award throughout their showing experience (showmen can receive the prize more than once in their show career.) A banner ribbon or trophy will be awarded to the winner in each species division. In case of a tie, all tied youth will receive a ribbon or trophy.

For example,

If Showman A showed lambs and received 21 total points in 2016 and 45 points in 2017, they gained 24 points.

If Showman B showed lambs and received 28 total points in 2016 and 34 points in 2017, they gained 6 points.

In this example, Showman A would receive the Most Improved Award.

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 **7** county shows (Anson, Cumberland, Guilford, Moore, Robeson, Stanly, and Union).

--Cloverbud lambs only need to show at 3 shows to be recognized.

To compete in the **meat goat** division, youth must compete in a minimum of **5** of the participating **11** shows (Chatham, Cumberland, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Stanly, and Union). **No pygmy goats or dairy breed goats are allowed!**

--Cloverbud meat goats only need to show at 3 shows to be recognized

To compete in the **beef heifer** division, youth must compete in a minimum of **4** of the **11** possible shows (Anson, Chatham, Cumberland, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Robeson, Stanly, and Union). Steers are allowed, but are not recommended because not all shows allow steers to show in the heifer showmanship classes.

--Cloverbud heifers only need to show at 3 shows to be recognized

Please make sure to meet your minimum shows early in the season. Several shows had to be cancelled last year because of a hurricane. 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 Cvent at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/v5q07m> by July 21st. You are not entered in the circuit until your credit card payment or check has been received. If you show before registering, your points will not be counted! A list of participants will be on the Richmond website by July 28th. If a youth is not listed, you did not register on-line. An entry fee of **\$15** per youth per species is required to participate in the circuit. Individual shows do not have an entry fee. **This year, we will send your individual show registration to each show coordinator for you.**

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 did 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. 4-H youth must also follow the dress code which can be found at: <http://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/41/4HDressCode.doc> More specifically for livestock shows, judges want to see youth wear 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 in Cvent by July 21, 2017:

Make check payable to: Richmond County 4-H (PLEASE, NO CASH)

Mail to: Annie Freeman
Richmond County 4-H
PO Box 1358
Rockingham, NC 28380

******This year, we will register you for each county show. Please see Cvent or the Richmond County Cooperative Extension website for information on each show.*******

What are the age divisions?

Cloverbuds - 5 to 8 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 \$15 registration fee.**

Junior - 9 -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 1st, 2017.)

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 placing.

How are the winners chosen?

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

- A. You automatically receive a minimum of 5 points for each show in which you compete. For example, if you must show in 4 out of the 11 shows available, you would get 20 points just for participation.
- B. The top show person in each age division will receive points as follows:

1st	15 pts.	4 th	9 pts.
2nd	13 pts.	5th	7 pts.
3rd	11 pts.		
- C. Points from the highest number of required shows will be used to determine your score. (Ex. Lambs – 3 shows, Goats – 5 shows, Heifers – 4 shows.)

Example:

Exhibitor A (shows in 6 out of 12 shows) and places as follows:

Exhibitor A points (Example Goat Showman – 5 shows count)

30	(2) 1 st place
13	(1) 2 nd place
22	(2) 3 rd place
5	(1) 7 th place (participation points only below 5 th)

65 (15 +15 +13 + 11 + 11) total points (2 - 1st places (30 pts), 1 - 2nd (13 pts) and 2 - 3rd (22 pts) will count as the 5 highest)

Exhibitor B went to 5 shows and placed as follows:

Exhibitor B points (Example Heifer Showman – 4 shows counts)

15	(1) 1 st place
13	(1) 2 nd place
11	(1) 3 rd place
10	(2) below 5 th place

44	total points (15 + 13 + 11 + 5)

Ties are broken by the following methods:

- (1) If 2 or more exhibitors are tied after the required number of shows, then the high score from a next show will be used, if still tied after that point, then scores will be used for shows until the tie is broken.
- (2) If exhibitors are still tied after option 1, then ties will be broken from comparing head to head competition placings.
- (3) If exhibitors are still tied after option 2, then both will be awarded that placing.

Reminders

- As usual, t-shirts will be provided for every participant. Extra's can be ordered for \$12 each (see Cvent). **Peewee participants are not part of the Circuit and do not need to register in Cvent to participate in individual shows.** However, they must pay \$12 if they want a shirt. Not all counties have peewee shows.
- Make checks payable to: **Richmond County 4-H**

This year, points will be posted show by show on the Richmond County Extension Website. Go to the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit 2017 link on the left-hand side to find points and show information. To view the up-to-date points standing, please go to: <https://richmond.ces.ncsu.edu/>

CHECKS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: July 21, 2017

All 4-Hers participating in the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit must have a 4-H enrollment form signed in their local Extension Office. Your Circuit registration will be cancelled if you fail to do this. To find your local Extension Office, please go to: <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/> and click on county centers. If you do not see your name listed under the points link on the Richmond County Cooperative Extension website by July 28th, you did not register in Cvent. We do not recommend clubs registering together and sending checks together because if we do not receive the check in time, all registrations will be cancelled.

You must list all animals that you plan to show at any county show in showmanship, market, or breeding classes in the Cvent system. A list of youth, animals and birthdates will be shared with all county show coordinators. If you change birthdates of animals or youth at different shows, you can be disqualified from individual shows or the Circuit. 4-H must teach integrity and honesty to our youth. Any youth or family member that argues with show officials or impedes shows in any way can also be disqualified from shows or the Circuit. Please send an email to Tiff_Conrad@ncsu.edu for additional animals that did not fit in the Cvent system if needed.

2017 4-H Farm Credit Show Circuit Schedule

County	Lamb Show	Goat Show	Heifer Show
Anson	September 23		September 23
Chatham		September 23	September 23
Cumberland	September 5	September 7	September 8
Guilford	August 12	August 12	August 12
Lee		September 13	September 14
Montgomery		August 26	August 26
Moore	September 16	September 16	September 16
Randolph		August 5	August 4
Richmond		September 9	
Robeson	October 7	September 30	October 7
Stanly	September 30	August 19	August 19
Union	September 22	September 23	September 23
Banquet – Casual \$15	Location- Hoke County, Raeford Presbyterian Church	Date – November 17th	Time - 7 pm