

HOMEBRED AND COUNTY BRED CLASSES

HOMEBRED: The goal of the Homebred class is to recognize 4-H and FFA members who are breeding, raising, and showing their own market livestock. This recognition program is a way of extending acknowledgement to members that put time and effort into a project throughout the entire year by maintaining a breeding animal and then carrying the offspring as a market project.

To be a homebred animal, the mother of the offspring has to be owned by the member or immediate family at the time of the breeding and the birth and rearing of the animal, which resulted in the project. A member must also be carrying a breeding project in that species in order to show a homebred project. All homebred animals will automatically be County Bred.

The homebred project animal does not have to be offspring of the animal used as the youth's breeding project. Carrying a breeding project means that the youth has identified a breeding project and is carrying a record/project book on that animal. **IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ANIMAL HAS TO SHOW AT THE FAIR!** But the record book on that animal will have to be up to date and present at check-in.

Homebred animals have to be designated at the time of weigh-in or tagging. Any animal not designated at this time will not be acknowledged as a homebred animal. The highest placing homebred animal in each weight class will be brought back into the ring after the selection of champions to compete for Champion and Reserve Homebred.

Animals will receive a rosette and will be designated in the program and sale catalog.

COUNTYBRED: The goal of the County Bred class is to encourage and acknowledge 4-H and FFA members to purchase animals, which have been bred within Westmoreland County. This will encourage close working relationships between livestock producers in the county and the youth members and organizations.

To be a County Bred animal, the project animal has to be bred by a Westmoreland County producer or a family that participates in the youth programs of Westmoreland County. Animals must be bred and born within Westmoreland County. Animals purchased at sales within the county but not produced by a livestock producer from within the county are not eligible.

County Bred animals have to be designated at the time of weigh-ins or tagging, late designations will not be accepted! The following market animals, Steers, Lambs, Hogs, and Goats will use these classifications. For more information on these opportunities please contact the Extension Office. The breeder's name and address must be given at the time of designation. Any animal not designated at this time will not be acknowledged as a County Bred animal. The highest placing County Bred animal in each weight class will be brought back into the ring after the selection of Homebred Champions to compete for Champion and Reserve County Bred.

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