

## DEPARTMENT –L-37 –Livestock Skill-A-Thon

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Entries must be completed online at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com). Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

**Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair.**

Pre-entry for Skill-A-Thon is desirable; however, walk-ins are welcome, BUT the Fair will not pay premiums for Walk-in contestants.

**Contest –Friday, August 1st, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Extension Office.  
Awards Program will be at approximately 1:30 pm in room E of the Extension Office.**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS –Livestock Skill-A-Thon**

1. All contestants must be 4-H or FFA members in good standing. It is recommended that contestant be enrolled in any livestock project but that is not necessary for participation.
2. Participants will answer questions on three or four topics per age division. The questions will cover various aspects of the beef, sheep, or swine industries. Each station should take 5-10 minutes at most.
3. Following are examples of topics that could be used in Skill-A-Thon: Breed identification, breed characteristics, specie/herd health, quality assurance, meat-cut identification, external anatomy, internal anatomy, skeletal anatomy, pedigree information, swine ear notching, equipment identification, feed, grain and mineral identification. Reference materials are available at the Carroll County Extension Office.
4. No parents or spectators are allowed in the Skill-A-Thon rooms. Youth with special needs will be granted parental help if they submit this request with their entry form in advance of the contest. Committee members will read to any contestant who requests that.
5. Once a contestant completes the Skill-A-thon, please leave the room and the area immediately. Please DO NOT share information or answers. You want your score to be the best in the contest!
6. Participation in a Skill-A-Thon will help you build your communication skills and livestock industry knowledge. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!
7. There are categories for all age groups –Ages as of January 1 of the current year: Clovers (ages 5-7), Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), Senior (ages 14-18). Seniors are invited to help with younger contestants after they complete their own contest.
8. Participants may enter one, two, or all three animal categories. The High Individual in each 4-H age group (excluding Clovers) must have competed in all three species categories.
9. The High Individual in each age group will receive an award or trophy.
10. Premiums –1st -\$10; 2nd -\$9; 3rd-\$8; 4th -\$7; 5th and below -\$4; Clovers -\$3

### **Divisions:**

1. Clovers (ages 5-7 years)
2. Juniors (ages 8-10 years)
3. Intermediates (ages 11-13 years)
4. Seniors (ages 14-18 years)

### **Classes:**

1. Beef Skill-A-Thon
2. Sheep Skill-A-Thon
3. Swine Skill-A-Thon
4. Top Individual