

HERDSMANSHIP (BARN DUTY)

The purpose of herdsmanship is to teach exhibitors how to care for their project and their equipment to the best of their ability at a show, fair, and at home. It also provides an excellent opportunity for 4-Her's to educate the public about animal care and training through the use of decorations and educational material.

Good care of your animal and assigned exhibiting space is an important part of the privilege and responsibility of exhibiting at the fair. Because many more people see your animal in the barn than the show ring, exhibitors are expected to maintain barn, feeding, and grooming conditions that will insure the good health and safety of the animals in their care, and will show consideration and sensitivity toward the public visiting the fair. Keeping the outside of your designated barn clean is just as vital as keeping the inside clean and should be judged into your herdsmanship scores as well. *It is of utmost importance that all exhibitors are friendly and courteous to the general public AT ALL TIMES!*

Barns and displays are generally examined at least twice a day. Herdsmanship hours should be scheduled by each individual club or in some cases by the barn superintendent.