



2012 LAMB & GOAT JUDGE

Ashleigh Mitchell - Clinton, Missouri

Total Years Judging Experience: 10+

The PCJLC ask that you please answer the following questions, to assist our youth exhibitors in getting to know their specie judge for the 2012 Pinal County Fair. If you would like to attach or include your Judge's BIO Sheet with this questionnaire, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

1. Please list recent shows you have judged:

I have had the honor of judging and evaluating many youth shows across the country. Most of the shows have taken place in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma. I have evaluated sheep, goats, swine and beef cattle both while judging shows and on a collegiate level. I attended Hutchinson Community College, on a full ride scholarship for livestock judging. While there I was named a National All- American Judge and won several National oral reasons competitions including the Ft. Worth Stock Show. After Junior College, I attended Kansas State University on a livestock scholarship as well. My most recent show to judge was the Northwest Missouri State Fair Goat Show.

2. What methods do you use in evaluating a market animal?

Like most evaluators of livestock I feel that it is important to put value where it is needed within a certain industry. For me, in the sheep and goat industry the priorities are placed in muscle, body composition and structural integrity. Although, we all know that it is hard to find the perfect one to feed, when I am sorting I find the animal that is the most complete and unique and that combines the most desirable characteristics in a structurally attractive package. I like sheep that are shallow in their chest floor, round bodied and square and wide out of their hips; with this design formation they are sure to be powerful.

3. What do you look for in a good showman?

Some of my best childhood memories come from spending time with my family out in the show barn. Time was spent walking lambs, driving barrows, rinsing steers and handling goats: with that being said, the time spent at home is obvious the day of the show. I like to see showman who love what they do. This can be captured when I evaluate how they remain calm and collected when they are showing their animal. Sheep and Goats in my opinion are the two species that require a lot of work at home in terms of exercise and handling. The more work you do at the home place the better off you will be. One more thing, education in key not only in showmanship but also in the game of life; Spend the next couple of months talking with people involved in the industry to help gain a better understanding of your individual projects.

4. Other Important Facts or Comments:

I live on a 1200 acre cow calf operation in Clinton, Missouri where my family also dabbles in row crops as well. I graduate in May with my Agriculture Education degree in Secondary Education and will be furthering my education in High School Administration. My sister and I have competed locally, statewide and nationally exhibiting lambs, goats, barrows and steers for the past 16 years. Some of our greatest accomplishments include winning the Grand Champion titles in all four species at the Missouri State Fair. I look forward to working with your youth at the upcoming county fair and making my first trip south to the great state of Arizona.