



**"It's Show"**  
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season gets into full swing during the next few weeks, we need to be mindful to thank everyone who helped to make junior livestock projects and programs a series of successful educational events.

Numerous people donate money in support of ribbons, plaques, and trophies.

Other people contribute gifts and supplies to be used as awards. Still, others contribute support by freely giving of their time and effort to ensure the success of a junior livestock show. Show management and fair officials, ringmen, class and show sponsors, extension agents, vo-ag instructors, judges, auctioneers, buyers, 4-H club leaders, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and especially parents deserve a special thanks.

Most of us remember to thank the judge, show sponsors, ribbon and trophy donors, and most of all the buyers of our project animals; but we may tend to overlook some other important people who helped us with our projects.

Did you thank show management and fair officials for providing the resources necessary to conduct the fair?

Did you thank extension agents, vo-ag instructors, and 4-H club leaders for helping to check-in and weigh animals, making the classes and show order, compiling a sales list, making arrangements for "buy-back programs," and "scholarship funds"?

Did you thank your brother or sister for feeding the pigs when you spent three days at summer camp?

Did you thank your parents for

taking you to the feeder animal sale, 4-H meetings, the feed mill, and to the fairgrounds for the show?

I am certain I have omitted in this list someone who deserves to be thanked.

Make a list of everyone who helped you in any way throughout the course of the project, and be sure to thank them. Thank them in person with a friendly handshake, or thank them by writing a short note to tell them how you feel.

They will appreciate your thoughtfulness. You'll feel good about yourself knowing that you did the right thing, and others will be more willing to help you in the future. Show your appreciation!

Have I thanked you recently for

reading this column?  
Dear readers of "It's Showtime":

I appreciate the time you have taken to read the articles I have written for this column, and I extend to you a gracious, heartfelt "thank you" for sharing with interested persons these ideas and those of others in order to enhance the quality of junior livestock programs in Pennsylvania. I hope we can continue to work together toward mutually acceptable and defined goals in junior livestock programs, such that a greater number of youth can reap the many benefits of these programs. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

**SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**

A true measure of your worth includes all the benefits others have gained from your success. — Cullen Hightower

champion steer of the show is a priceless commodity.

Similar to this would be the expression of a youngster who has done all of the fitting of her market lamb and wins the fitting and showmanship class.

Having served as a judge of junior livestock shows, one of the most enjoyable parts of a show is not necessarily during the show, but at its conclusion.

When a 9-year-old youngster comes up to me after the show, extends his right hand, looks me in the eye, and says with the utmost sincerity, "Thank you for judging our show . . . I learned something new and I hope to do a better job next year." This is one of the truly notable rewards for a junior livestock show judge.

Most of us thank friends and family for gifts we receive when we celebrate a birthday, graduation, or anniversary. We write thank you notes upon receipt of a scholarship, grant, gift, or other monetary or tangible item. The art of writing a note of thanks is customary and is practiced widely in the United States; but how often do we thank someone for a donation of time and effort?

As the summer and fall show

**Md. Holstein Picnic Set**

NEW WINDSOR, Md. — The Maryland Holstein Association will be holding its annual picnic on Saturday, August 10, at 11 a.m. Windsor Manor Farm, New Windsor, Md., home of the association's state president Jason

Myers and family, will be the hosts this year.

There will be a catered lunch (no charge), a calf drawing for all Maryland youth under 21, a judging contest, volleyball, and other games.

**Goat Field Day July 20**

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — A goat field day is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of Jacob Fisher, 993 Holly Tree Road, Manheim.

nutrition and the ruminant, Deb Fisher on Angora goats and spinning, Dr. Joy Goode on herd health, Glen Shirk on poisonous plants, and Jacob Fisher on hoof trimming and basic care. There will also be time for questions and answers.

The public is invited to attend. The field day is an opportunity for people to gain a basic knowledge of goats and goat care and to enjoy the fellowship of other people who share similar interests.

Speakers will be Nevin Gish on

People are invited to bring samples of hay and weeds for discussion, snacks, and recipes of goat foods to share with other people plus lawn chairs.

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