

Department 22 – CONTESTS
Section 1 – Youth Participation Contest

Casey Foose - Chairperson ~ 717-368-9090

Rules for Entering and Scoring

1. The contest is open to any boy or girl between and including the ages of 12 and 18 who is residing in the Solanco School District.
2. Parents or other representatives **ARE NOT** permitted to register entries and obtain signatures of department chairpersons on behalf of the youth participant. Students themselves are required to personally register entries for the points to be counted for the participation contest.
3. The rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book of the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair shall apply.
4. All entries must be good quality and completely acceptable by the department chairman or members of that committee.
5. Entries other than livestock may not be purchased for showing.
6. Each entry must be locally grown, selected, and/or prepared by the exhibitor.
7. All livestock prizes selected **MUST BE EXHIBITED** at the following year's fair.
8. The following entry points will be given for entering exhibits in the various departments.

A. Dairy.....	6 points
B. Beef Cattle.....	6 points
C. Market Lambs.....	6 points
D. Goats.....	6 points
E. Swine.....	6 points
F. Showmanship in above livestock.....	4 points
G. Rabbits.....	3 points
H. Milk.....	1 point
I. Forage and Grain.....	2 points
J. Vegetables.....	1 point
K. Fruits & Nuts.....	1 point
L. Home & Dairy Products.....	1 point
M. Floral.....	1 point
N. Needlecraft.....	3 points
O. Arts, Photography, Crafts.....	3 points
P. Apiary Products.....	1 point
9. In all departments, the following points will be given for placing:

A. 1 st place.....	10 points
B. 2 nd place.....	8 points
C. 3 rd place.....	6 points
D. 4 th place.....	4 points
E. 5 th place.....	2 points
10. A contestant's total points will be the total of entry plus placing points.
11. Awards will be made Friday evening at 5:45 PM, before the Market Livestock Sale in the show ring.
12. The top 10 finalists will be posted in the fair office on Friday afternoon.
13. All winners or parent representative **MUST BE PRESENT** during the awards presentation or they will forfeit their prize.
14. The first place winner from last year is not eligible to compete in this year's contest, but may compete next year.
15. All previous first place winners, as long as they meet the age requirements and with the exception of item #14 above are eligible to compete in this contest.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the youth having the highest score in the Participation Contest. The highest individual will have first choice of awards and will continue in succession until all prizes have been awarded.

Prizes for 2019 will be posted in the fair office Tuesday evening.

2018 WINNERS

1. Lexi Findley - Funds for Steer, contributed by Davis Family
2. Wade Davis - Funds for Calf, contributed by Milky Haven Farms
3. Ethan Mellott - \$100 Feeder Pigs, contributed by Solanco FFA
4. Wyatt Davis - \$25 Tractor Supply Gift Card, contributed by Tractor Supply
5. Taylor Flahart - \$100 Show Equipment, contributed by Ferguson & Hassler
6. Nathan Harnish - \$50 Visa Gift Card, contributed by Solanco FFA
7. Ann Russell - Blanket Chest, contributed by Solanco Fair Association
8. Kelly Foose - Funds for National FFA Trip, contributed by Weaver's Insurance

Section 2 – Adult Tractor Driving

COMMITTEE

Dale Herr, Jr., Chairman ~ 717-786-0720 ♦ Fred Linton, Jr.

Friday, 10 AM

RULES

1. FFA and 4-H, See Department 10 for eligibility and premiums.
2. The contest will consist of an operator examination and a tractor driving and equipment handling course.
3. Contestants will be scored on a fault points system. The contestant with the lowest score wins.
4. Tractor driving contest rules approved by the Pennsylvania State University will be followed.
Open Class \$15.00 \$10.00 \$5.00
5. ONE GRAND CHAMPION FOR ALL 3 CLASSES.....\$15.00
6. Second Runner-Up.....\$10.00
- Third.....\$5.00

Section 3 – Solanco FFA Pumpkin Judging

COMMITTEE

Solanco FFA Officers ~ 717-786-2151, Ext. 1253

1. The contest is open to students who will be in grades K-1 in one of the four elementary schools in the Solanco School District in September 2019.
2. All pumpkins must be entered on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in the Crops Barn on the fairgrounds between 4 – 9 PM.
3. There will be one entry category, best decorated. Again, this should be the students work. Evidence of parental help will be noted and the entry will receive a lower rating.
4. There will be someone from the Solanco FFA in the Crops Barn who will take the entry.
5. The pumpkins will become part of the total fair and must remain on exhibit throughout the 3 days. They may be removed after 10 PM Friday evening or before 8 AM Saturday morning.
6. Prizes will awarded as follows:
 - A. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to participants from throughout the District in each grade level.
 - B. Ribbons will be awarded to all students participating.
 - C. Decision of the judges will be final.
7. Pumpkins should be no larger than the normal ones used for carving or display during Halloween.
8. The committee reserves the right to remove any pumpkin which, because of carving, etc. creates an odor, attracts flies, or is leaking. This distracts from the overall exhibit.

Section 4 – Milk COMMITTEE

James Hassinger – Chairperson ~ 717-786-1213

RULES

1. Sample bottles will be available from the committee and the Solanco High School Agriculture Department, Tuesday, September 10.
2. Exhibitors are to take samples from milk from entire herd on Wednesday, September 11. Get samples in the hands of committee no later than 8 AM.
3. Milk will be scored on sediment, bacteria, and somatic cell.
4. Competition is open to all milk producers in Southern Lancaster County. There will be two classes. viz: FFA and 4-H members, see Department 10; and adult dairy farmers.
5. Prizes will be awarded on the Danish System consisting of blue ribbon and \$5, red ribbon and \$3, white ribbon and \$1 in adult and youth classes. Decision of the judges will be final.

Section 5 - Fair Queen Committee

Carly Foose, Chairman ~ 717-847-3742

Ellen Bowman, Abbie Welk, Katherine Tshudy

Contest and Crowning Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019 ♦ Contest Deadline: Friday, August 31, 2019

Purpose: The purpose of the Pennsylvania State Fair Queen Program (PSFQP) is to promote the education of young women in Pennsylvania through the operation of a scholarship program providing educational opportunities for selected applicants and to promote greater public understanding and awareness of agriculture and its importance to Pennsylvania.

1. Contestant must be a female who is a US citizen and a resident of the Solanco School District.
2. Contestant must be at least 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1 of the contest year.
3. Contestant must be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant or given birth to a child.
4. Contestant must not have been former winner of the Solanco Fair Queen Contest.
5. Contestant must not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant during her reign.
6. Contestant must have parent or guardian permission to enter the competition.
7. Contestant must be of good moral character and act in accordance with the PA Fair Queen "Behavior Policy."
8. Contestant must be able to meet all the time commitments, obligations and dress code as set forth by the committee and PA Fair Queen program.
9. Each contestant must submit: 1) completed entry form, 2) written essay and 3) brief biography by the contest deadline.
10. Contestants are required to attend a personal interview with judges on the day of the contest.
11. Contestants are required to attend a photography session for program pictures. The committee will notify contestants of the date, time, and location.
12. Contestant will appear in an interview outfit and evening gown with appropriate accessories.
13. If named Fair Queen, it is mandatory to attend all fair activities you are scheduled during fair week and throughout the year. Winner is expected to represent the fair at various activities. If the winner fails to complete her obligations as Queen or fails to adhere to the policies it will result in forced resignation and loss of scholarship monies.
14. In the event the Queen is asked to step down, the alternate will be asked to fill in.
15. The Fair Queen is required to represent Solanco Fair at the State Fair Queen pageant in January.
16. Contestants agree to abide by all the rules of the contest, show good sportmanship.
17. The judges decision is final. No score sheets or comments will be shared.

Judging Criteria

Written Essay - "What the Fair Means to my Community" (300 words or less) contestants will be judged on their grammar, spelling, content.

Personal Interview - contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise, activities, and knowledge of fair industry.

On Stage Interview - contestants will be judged on their conversational ability, answers to questions, appearance/poise, activities, and knowledge of fair industry.

Speech Presentation - "Why You Should Come to my Fair" (3-5 minutes, timed) Speech content to include agriculture. Contestants will be judged on their speech content, speech format, public speaking ability, appearance/poise, ability to convey a persuasive message.

Evening Gown/Introduction - 15 second personal introduction to audience. Contestants will be judged on their ability to deliver strong informative content and have a good stage presence, appearance/poise.

PRIZES - The winner receives scholarship upon meeting her obligations as Fair Queen. Queen: \$500, Alternate: \$250. Contact committee members for additional information.