

Department 22 – CONTESTS

Section 1 – Youth Participation Contest

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 will be posted in the fair office Tuesday evening.

Section 2 – Adult Tractor Driving

COMMITTEE

Dale Herr, Jr., Chairman ~ 717-786-0720 ~ 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 & a tractor driving & 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
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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. 8754

1. Please check the Solanco FFA Facebook page for updates.
2. The contest is open to any students in grades K-2 residing in the Solanco School District.
3. All pumpkins must be entered on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 in the Crops Barn on the fairgrounds between 1-6:30 PM.
4. There will be one entry category, best decorated. Again, this should be the student's work. Evidence of parental help will be noted and the entry will receive a lower rating.
5. There will be someone from the Solanco FFA in the Crops Barn who will take the entry.
6. The pumpkins will become part of the total fair and must remain on exhibit throughout the 3 days. They may be removed after 9:30 PM Friday evening or before 8 AM Saturday morning.
7. 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.
8. Pumpkins should be no larger than the normal ones used for carving or display during Halloween.
9. 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 12.
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.



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