



105th annual
Rutgers Day/Ag Field Day
Animal Fitting and Exhibition contests

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Welcome to the 105th Annual Ag Field Day Animal Contests!

We welcome you to the 105th Annual Rutgers Day / Ag Field Day Animal Fitting and Exhibition Contests! Rutgers Day / Ag Field Day is one of the best days of the year here on the Rutgers University Cook Campus. A variety of activities will be taking place on campus today offered by different clubs and departments. Here is a brief overview of the exciting things happening on the animal farm!

In the morning, a series of livestock shows will occur at various locations around the farm. Students are able to show beef cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, and horses. The participating students are registered for a course called "Animal Handling, Fitting, and Exhibition." These students learn how to groom, train, and present their animal for show. This is all accomplished in approximately six weeks. Both students and supervisors have been working extremely hard these past few weeks, so please stop by and show your support!

Additionally, the Mounted Patrol barn will be open. This is the only student-run mounted patrol unit in the nation! They will be giving tours and you will have a chance to meet the patrol horses: Norman and Austin. The Veterinary Science Club will be running a petting zoo in the Round House. Here, you will have the opportunity to meet some of our animals from the farm up close! The Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Club will also be nearby with their dogs. The Companion Animal Club will be on the scene, too! Lastly, there will also be a demonstration of our horse treadmill. We are fortunate to have one of the few horse treadmills in the country. Be sure to see some of our horses in action!

When you get hungry, make sure you stop by the Society of Animal Science BBQ across the street from the farm! We will be serving pork roll sandwiches and coffee in the morning. Come in the afternoon and we will have a variety of food items, including burgers (beef and veggie), hot dogs, and sweet and hot Italian sausages. We will also be selling club merchandise and Ag Field Day animal show shirts. The Endocrinology and Animal Biosciences graduate students will be having a bake sale. Be sure to check out what they have as well! Make an effort to stop by! Your support is deeply appreciated!

We hope you all enjoy your time here today. Without the help of the whole Department of Animal Sciences, Rutgers day / Ag Field Day would not be as memorable as it is. The faculty is very committed to providing as much education and experience to students as possible. Thanks to Clint Burgher and the farm staff for opening up the farm to all these students. Many students come in to begin working with their animals with very little experience. The farm staff is very patient and understanding. They really try to make this the best experience possible for the students.

Special thanks to the Society of Animal Science club advisors: Dr. Carey Williams and Dr. Taylor Ross, as well as our advisor Professor Henry Bignell. They have been a huge help to the club over this past year. They assist with the Northeast Student Affiliate (NESA) competition every year and it would not be possible without their constant support and guidance.

Thank you for coming to the 105th Rutgers Day / Ag Field Day Animal Fitting and Exhibition Contests! We hope you enjoy your visit with us and hope to see you again next year!

From the Faculty, Students, and Staff of the Department of Animal Sciences.

Schedule of Events

Animal Shows

DOG: 9:00 AM

Location: Skelley Field

HORSE: 10:00 AM

Location: Red Barn

SWINE: 10:00 AM

Location: Swine Finishing Platforms

SHEEP: 10:00 AM

Location: Sheep Barn

CATTLE: 11:30 AM

Location: Heifer Barn

GOAT: 11:30 AM

Location: Sheep Barn

Activities and Events:

Mounted Patrol Meet & Greet: An open house will be held at the Rutgers Mounted Patrol barn (College Farm Rd. between the Ag Museum and Round House) to meet and greet Mounties and their horses!

Seeing Eye Puppy Meet & Greet: Come and meet the Rutgers Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Club's representatives and the puppies that they're raising! The Rutgers Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Club table will be located next to the Round House!

Veterinary Science Club Petting Zoo: R U ready to meet and pet our wonderful farm animals? Come on down to the Round House from 10am - 3:30pm (the line will CLOSE at 3:00 pm) and spend some time with the Rutgers University Veterinary Science Club!

Food and Souvenirs:

Companion Animal Club (on Red Oak Lane): Paw printing station and photo booth

Society of Animal Science: BBQ, merchandise, milking simulator, and farm scavenger hunt

Endocrinology and Animal Biosciences Graduate Student Organization: Baked goods

RU Veterinary Science Club: Club apparel

Rutgers Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Club: Club apparel

Acknowledgments

The Society of Animal Science (SAS) would like to thank the following people for their kind assistance:

Dr. Nick Bello	Chair, Department of Animal Sciences
Dr. Taylor Ross	Teaching Instructor, Department of Animal Sciences, SAS Advisor
Dr. Carey Williams	Extension Specialist; Department of Animal Sciences, SAS Advisor
Prof. Henry Bignell	Teaching Instructor, Department of Animal Sciences
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Clint Burgher	Cook Campus Farm Manager, Animal Care Program
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Felicia McCloskey	Senior Research Animal Worker - Swine
Rebecca Potosky	Senior Research Animal Worker - Sheep and Goat
Kelly Vuong	Senior Research Animal Worker - Cattle
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Krista Schnattner	Program Coordinator II, Department of Animal Sciences
Dr. David Reimer	Associate Director, University Lab Animal Services
Daniel Rossi	Research Farm Supervisor - Farm Shop
Angel D'Oleo	Senior Research Farmer - Farm Shop
Nancy Rossi	Research Farm Supervisor- Laboratory Animals
Michael Hoff	Business Assistant, Department of Animal Sciences

We appreciate all of the faculty, students, and family members who helped with the BBQ!



Dedication to Dr. Barry Jesse



Dr. Barry Jesse has been a dedicated professor for nearly thirty-eight years. Not only did he leave his mark on the students in his classes, he was also an active participant in the barbecue hosted on Ag-Field day. The animal science courses and research he taught inspired so many of his students to continue their studies. His guidance as an academic advisor helped many animal science students achieve their goals throughout their years at Rutgers. His funny anecdotes and “teachable moments” he shared in lecture will forever be remembered for the students that were fortunate enough to hear and enjoy them. After many years of work, on behalf of all of the animal science students, we will miss his passion towards the animal science field and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.



Swine



CLASS	ANIMAL NAME	CONTESTANT	CLASS WINNERS
1	Clementine	Lara Valverde	Class 1
	Gilly	Kailah Pyron	1st: _____
	Ham Solo	Bedig Tourousian	
	Binnie	Jahla Brown	
2	Pepper	Stella Ahn	Class 2
	Pumpkin	Sa'ni Freeman	1st: _____
	Taylor	Tatiana Garcia	
	Abraham	Dan Goldstein	
3	Chomp	Victoria Walsh	Class 3
	Pigtails	Megan Phu	1st: _____
	Oscar	Alex Kokolis	
	Joe	Laysa Fonseca-Teixeira	
4	Acorn	Nilya Taylor	Class 4
	Piggy Smallz	Ivan Perez	1st: _____
	Sharky	Victoria Ofcanska	
5	Petal	Joan Nwokoro	Class 5
	Cheerios	Vanessa Lee	1st: _____
	Kugel	Miranda Rosenbaum	
	April	Madison Goffredo	
Final Class- 1st Place of Each Class			

First-place winners from each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Grand Champion: _____

Reserve Champion: _____

The Swine Handling and Fitting Class Sends a Very Special Thanks To:

Judge: Felicia McCloskey

Felicia McCloskey started working at the Rutgers Farm as a work-study student in 2008. She immersed herself in gaining experience during her undergraduate career—she was a multi-species practicum student and a teaching assistant and coordinator for the handling, fitting & exhibition courses. In 2011, Felicia started working full-time as a senior research animal worker/swine practicum instructor.

Announcer: Sarah Van Name

Class Supervisor: Professor Henry Bignell (Rutgers faculty)

Student Coordinator: Stefanie Piccinich

Student Supervisors: Stefanie Piccinich, Nicole Ficken, Karyme Hernandez- Balboa, Jailene M. Huancaya, Ashley J. Sanchez, and Sarah Van Name

T-Shirt Design: Nicole Ficken, animal science undergraduate student

Felicia McCloskey, Laura Comerford, Ana Iosha, practicum students, and work-study students: Thank you for all of your hard work in keeping the swine fed, keeping their homes clean, and getting the show area ready and in working shape. You are all appreciated more than you know!

Swine Handling and Fitting Supervisors: Thank you for all of the time and effort you've put into the students and their animals; you've done a GREAT job!

Thank you, Professor Bignell for your hard work and dedication throughout the semester in teaching the students about cattle and swine showmanship!



Sheep



CLASS	ANIMAL NAME	CONTESTANT	CLASS WINNERS
1	Raven	Jacob Bazer	Class 1
	Madeline	Sophie Rathgerber	1st: _____
	Dumpling	Delaney Dittenhofer	
	Mai Fun	Max Wu	
2	Sundae	Justin Suquinagua	Class 2
	Wendie	Lucy Partin	1st: _____
	Becky	Molly Grimaldi	
	Joey	Kathleen Prete	
3	Raven	Melissa Ramirez Cubero	Class 3
	Madeline	Sarah Keppler	1st: _____
	Dumpling	Gabi Mazariegos	
	Mai Fun	Hyo Ju Lee	
4	Sundae	Hajar Elidrissi	Class 4
	Wendie	Bella Javier	1st: _____
	Becky	Sabrina Moreira	
	Joey	Lynnette Chang	
Final Class- 1st Place of Each Class			

First-place winners from each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Grand Champion: _____

Reserve Champion: _____

The Sheep Handling and Fitting Class Sends a Very Special Thanks To:

Judge: Mackenzie Matikonis

Mackenzie Matkonis worked on the Rutgers Farm as a student from 2016 to 2019. During her time as a student, she showed beef and dairy cattle for Ag Field Day, which is what began her showmanship career.

Mackenzie has been raising nubian dairy goats for seven years and has recently started to show them again. She has been judging youth and 4-H sheep and goat shows for the past couple of years. Currently, she is working toward becoming a licensed ADGA judge for dairy goats.

Announcer: Santiago Mesa Botero

Class Supervisor: Dr. Taylor Ross (Rutgers faculty)

Student Coordinator: Lindsey Porzio

Student Supervisors: Santiago Mesa Botero, Curtis Lively, Gentiana Lecaj, Justice Denmon, Kaylee Reyes, Maddie Atkins

T-Shirt Design: Sabrina Moreira, animal science undergraduate student

Rebecca Potosky, practicum students, and work-study students: Thanks for all of your hard work keeping the barn clean, helping with the sheep, and getting the show area ready and in working shape. You are appreciated more than you know!

Sheep Handling and Fitting Supervisors: Thank you for all of your hard work with the students and their animals; you've done a GREAT job!

Thank you Dr. Ross for teaching this class and helping students learn about goat and sheep showmanship.
We appreciate your dedication to this class and your hard work!



Goats



CLASS	ANIMAL NAME	CONTESTANT	CLASS WINNERS
1	Venice	Courtney McCarroll	Class 1
	Flounder	Pheona Lam	1st: _____
	Perch	Mario Esquivel	
	Tuna	Diya Patel	
2	Skyy	Brooke Hurni	Class 2
	Gin	Marisa Olavarria	1st: _____
	Minnow	Amanda Witkowski	
	Sunny	Ny'asia Frost	
3	Venice	Isabella Vallejo	Class 3
	Flounder	Danielle Papatrefon	1st: _____
	Perch	Jair Blanco	
	Tuna	Ava Jagiello	
4	Skyy	Larissa Szeremeta	Class 4
	Gin	Naydeline Navarrete	1st: _____
	Minnow	Layla Jennings-Small	
	Sunny	Ariana Gallardo	
Final Class- 1st Place of Each Class			

First-place winners from each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Grand Champion: _____

Reserve Champion: _____

The Goat Handling and Fitting Class Sends a Very Special Thanks To:

Judge: Mackenzie Matikonis

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Announcer: Charles McCloud

Class Supervisor: Dr. Taylor Ross (Rutgers faculty)

Student Coordinator: Lindsey Porzio

Student Supervisors: Sophia Solewater, Jackie LaChow, Lindsey Porzio, Charles McCloud, Elizabeth O'Keefe

T-Shirt Design: Naydeline Navarrete, animal science undergraduate student

Rebecca Potosky, practicum students, and work-study students: Thanks for all of your hard work keeping the barn clean, helping with the goats, and getting the show area ready and in working shape. You are appreciated more than you know!

Goat Handling and Fitting Supervisors: Thank you for all of your hard work with the students and their animals; you've done a GREAT job!

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Cattle



CLASS	ANIMAL NAME	CONTESTANT	CLASS WINNERS
1	Beast	Deanna Gaspard	Class 1
	Enzo	Ryan Hart	1st: _____
	Benny	Raychele Wade	
	Flame	Hailey Awad	
	Cherry	Isabelle Diaz	
2	Dewey	Madeline Young	Class 2
	Black Pearl	Jennifer Malaver	1st: _____
	Indigo	Isabella Alvarez	
	Bruno	Gelleane Amarra	
	Duke	Jie Mao	
3	Beast	Guillermo Aldaz	Class 3
	Enzo	Amber Nunez	1st: _____
	Benny	Allure Gray	
	Flame	Tessa McDonald	
	Cherry	Sabrina Kim	
4	Dewey	Jalen Lucien	Class 4
	Black Pearl	Saige Lorenzo	1st: _____
	Indigo	Nadia Sambolin	
	Bruno	Gabriela Valente	
	Duke	Juliana Stump	
Final Class- 1st Place of Each Class			

First-place winners from each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Grand Champion: _____

Reserve Champion: _____

The Cattle Handling and Fitting Class Sends a Very Special Thanks To:

Judge: Patrycja Zbrzezny

Patrycja Zbrzezny, Cook College Grad 2010, is an agriculture teacher and assistant principal at John Bowne H.S. She has experience working with dairy, beef, and exotic cattle from her years as an agriculture student in high school, college, and beyond. As a young adult, Patrycja spent her summers working on a dairy farm in Upstate NY. Once attending Rutgers, she worked on the Cook College farm specifically working with the dairy cattle during her time as a student. She became certified in cattle artificial insemination while at Rutgers and worked on breeding cattle shortly after. Upon completing her BS in animal science (farm productivity track), Patrycja set out to receive her education degree to teach animal science. Since 2011 she has worked as an animal science educator in a school with a 4-acre farm, to which she brought in Zebu cattle. She works with the cattle and other livestock at the school to educate students on handling and management of livestock, and much more.

Announcer: Jordan R. Lees

Class Supervisor: Professor Henry Bignell (Rutgers faculty)

Student Coordinator: Stefanie Piccinich

Student Supervisors: Stefanie Piccinich, Jessica P. Gromkoski, Anthony A. Di Nardo, Colt Grzankowski, Amani K. Hill, Martina E. Lavender, Jordan R. Lees, Jinayah N. Lighty, Madison E. Ng

T-Shirt Design: Colt Grzankowski, animal science undergraduate student

Kelly Vuong, Laura Comerford, practicum students, and work-study students: Thank you for all of your hard work in keeping the cattle fed, keeping their homes clean, and getting the show area ready and in working shape. You are all appreciated more than you know!

Cattle Handling and Fitting Supervisors: Thank you for all of the time and effort you've put into the students and their animals; you've done a GREAT job!

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Horse Show 2024

Class I – (not to start before 10 am)

Show #	Horse	Student Handler
118	Marci	Paul Alves
119	Cougar	Ryland Hagan
120	Mazel	Camryn Messer

Show #	Horse	Student Handler
121	Wiser	Hannah Hickey
122	Spats	Cierra Simmons
123	Linker	Colt Grzankowski

Class I – Championship

First- and second-place winners from Heats I and II will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Grand Champion _____

Reserve Champion _____



Horse Show 2024

Show #	<u>Class II</u> Horse	Student Handler
124	Marci	Bella Moran
125	Cougar	Aditri Singh
126	Mazel	Gilana Rincon
127	Wiser	Kirstin Solvesen
128	Linker	Lyla Naqvi

Class II – Championship

First, second, and third-place winners from Class II will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Grand
Champion _____

Reserve
Champion _____

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The Horse Handling and Fitting Class Sends a Very Special Thanks To:

Judge: Rebecca Bittner

Rebecca Bittner earned her B.S. in Animal Science in 2016 and her M.A.S. in Applied Science in 2019 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her graduate work focused on developing a Virtual Horse Judging School for youth and collegiate team members, coaches and anyone interested in preparing for horse judging contests. She is now the Equine Coordinator at the University of Maryland-College Park where her focus is Equine 4-H Youth Development. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends and judging horse shows!

Announcer: Dr. Carey Williams, Department of Animal Science, Equine Extension Specialist

Class Supervisor: Dr. Carey Williams

Student Coordinator: Payton Sweetman

Student Supervisors: Leylana Ashley, Sakhee Daga, Amelia Puglia, Ragavi Raman, Payton Sweetman, Azreal Scarpelli, Melissa Obrizan, Klaudia Marcisz, Jolie Said, Stephanie Lemanis, Natalie Kazar

T-Shirt Design: Horse Handling and Fitting student, Bella Moran

Emma Feeney, practicum students, and work-study students: Thanks for all of your hard work keeping the barn and paddocks clean, helping with the horses, and getting the show area ready and in working shape. You are appreciated more than you know!

Horse Handling and Fitting Supervisors:

Thanks for all of your hard work with the students; you've done a GREAT job!

A huge thank you to Dr. Carey Williams! Without all of her hard work and devotion to this class, students would not have the opportunity to learn how to work with and grow a bond with these horses. We are truly grateful to have Dr. Williams teaching this class!



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