

# I EXCEL IN

## CATTLE AND SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP



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I have been in 4-H for 6 years and shown cattle for all those years. I've shown at many shows, some big ones are Beef congress (shown at for all 6 years of showing), and Indiana State Fair (first time showing there was this year) both taking place in Indianapolis, and the Franklin County 4-H Fair. I've participated in cattle showmanship at all those places too. At the 2016 Franklin County 4-H Fair this past summer, I participated in beef cattle senior showmanship being the youngest in my class and won! That meant I went to the premier level. Although I didn't win premier beef showman, my family was very proud of me for winning my senior class while also being the youngest. At the 2016 Indiana State Fair I participated in intermediate chi (cattle breed) showmanship and I got into an honor showmanship group and went back into the ring competing for champion intermediate chi showmanship. Although I didn't win champion my family was happy that I got into the honor group while competing with all intermediate chi breed showman in the state of Indiana.

Though I have been showing cattle for 6 years, this year was my first year showing sheep and I didn't have prize winning lambs so my only goal was to win showmanship. At the 2016 Franklin County 4-H fair I participated in intermediate sheep showmanship. As a first year member in showing sheep i was very surprised to discover that I had won! The even better news was that my sister won her class to and it was her first year showing sheep as well. So with both of us in the premier sheep showmanship class, our parents were nothing but amazed. I didn't win but that didn't take away with how excited I was with myself.

This year for us in 4-H was a very good year but we would never have been able to do it without working with our animals every day. Me and my little sister went outside to the barn and washed, and blow dried our cows every day which took over 2 hours. We worked with our sheep every day too after we were finished with our cows. So clearly our hard work payed off and hopefully inspired others to work hard to achieve their goals too.

