

Poster Presentations and Student Poster Competition

North American Manure Expo
July 17-18, 2024
Auburn, NY

- Eligibility: All students enrolled in any University or educational program within six months of the North American Manure Expo may compete in the student poster competition. Non-students are welcome to bring posters but will not be judged as part of the competition.
- Contest Awards: First Place - \$300
Second Place - \$200
Third Place - \$100
- Requirements: Submit an abstract of original or innovative research, extension/outreach or educational programs with [this google form](#).
- Poster Requirements: **Posters should be no larger than 36 x 48 inches.** Posters will be judged by a panel of Manure Expo On-Site Education Committee members based on the oral presentation as well as the content. The poster scoring information should be used to guide poster development. Posters should be presented in English Units and follow the format given in the attached judging sheet. **Please keep the presentation of material in “lay language”.** Remember, the primary audience for Manure Expo are manure applicators agricultural producers, agency personnel, and the agricultural support industry, not other scientists.
- Poster Display Times: Posters must be on display by 12:00 pm EST on July 17, 2024 and may not be removed until 3:00 pm EST on July 18, 2024. **Poster presentations will begin at 12:00 pm EST on Thursday, July 18 and will continue until completed.** Students with no oral presentation during this time will not be eligible for awards.

Poster Session Guidelines

Purpose:

To recognize those who conduct quality Applied Research or Education related to livestock and poultry manure management and give members the opportunity to participate in an excellent professional improvement event.

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Guidelines:

1. Complete the [Abstract Submission online](#) by June 16, 2024.
2. Make your abstract clear and concise, as it will be distributed on the Manure Expo website. All abstracts will be published. Text should not exceed 250 words.
3. Poster may reflect the work of one or more people working together.
4. Posters will be on continuous display during the meeting. Student Poster Competition Entries will be peer-reviewed and judged by a Committee of Manure Expo On-Site Education Committee members.

What to include on your poster:

1. Title and Contact Information - Poster title, author name, institution affiliation and email address **must appear** at the top of the poster. A simple sans serif typeface (i.e., Arial, Calibri) should be used. Lettering for the title should be at least 60 point font.
2. Content - Do not prepare a poster as if it were a manuscript. Primarily use tables and figures with limited verbiage. Remember, our audience is mostly manure applicators and farmers. Details of the work can be discussed during judging and with interested parties. Make sure the selected font is easy to read. No more than two different typefaces should be used on the poster. Lettering for text and illustrations should range in size between 24 and 48 point font.
3. Handout Materials - Material that supports the poster (i.e. workshop workbooks, handouts, etc.) may be placed below the poster on the floor.

Tips for making an effective poster presentation are available at:

<https://www.uvm.edu/four/tips-tricks-poster-presentations-0>

Awards and Recognition for Student Poster Competition:

Winning participants will be recognized and receive certificates and cash awards just prior to the demonstrations on Thursday during the Manure Expo.

- First Place - \$300
- Second Place - \$200
- Third Place - \$100

Recipients of Poster Contest Awards must attend the North American Manure Expo to receive award.

North American Manure Expo Poster Contest Judging Rubric

Author's Name: _____

Poster Title: _____

		Points allowed		Poster score
I. Scientific/Educational Merit (60 points)				
A	Need/Goal Statement Does the poster effectively describe/illustrate the need or reason for the program and the desired impacts/goals?	0-15		
B	Practices Are the methods used in this project appropriate for the audience? Are there a variety of delivery approaches for different learning styles?	0-20		
C	Presentation Is this presentation of research findings or educational effort adequate for readers to gain an understanding?	0-10		
D	Results Are the results of this research or educational effort clearly stated? Does the poster present new and innovative information that has merit to the manure and nutrient management community?	0-15		
II. Poster Presentation (35 points)				
A	Text and Graphics Uses good combinations of text and graphics to explain the message. (Presents one to three main points, etc.)	0-10		
B	Ease of Reading Text and Graphics Is the print too small (on graphics or text) to read easily? Are the graphics easy to understand or are they confusing and take some effort to interpret? Are sentences concise and easy to understand?	0-10		
C	Is the Information on the Poster Organized and Balanced Is the poster not crowded and does it have a logical order?	0-10		
D	Color and Contrast Is the poster visually attractive to readers and does it use good color and contrast?	0-5		
III. Follows Presentation/Mounting Instructions: (5 points)				
A.	Title, author name(s), affiliations, and contact information appear on the poster.	0-5		
TOTAL POINTS		0-100		