

WHAT'S NEW AT THE 2017 CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR

California Mid-State Fair Livestock Show

April 2017

"Come One, Come All" to the 2017 California Mid-State Fair, July 19-30.



"What's New for 2017"

We are pleased to provide you an update on What's New in the 2017 Livestock Program and some clarification of additional information. This newsletter is 12 pages so read it carefully and share. Please note that a schedule of deadlines is provided as a separate document as well.

Our Board and staff are looking forward to your participation in 2017.

Be aware that we are only providing **major changes** in this newsletter and this is not a complete schedule and schedules are subject to change.

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HIGHLIGHTS

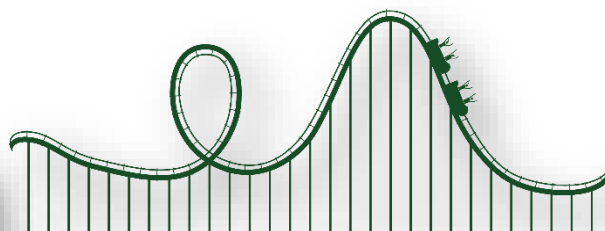
The Paso Robles Pavilion

The new 65,000-Square-Foot Pavilion is progressing nicely each day and will make a tremendous addition to our fairgrounds and our livestock show thanks to our partner the Heritage Foundation. Details of the layout and what you can expect will be available in the late spring.



Fair Theme for 2017 Come One, Come All!!

Begin your display preparations now with the theme in mind.



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Market Swine Show

Market Swine will be entered and shown in the following 4-H and FFA Divisions

1. Duroc Market Hogs- Must meet Breed standards for Market Durocs.
2. Hampshire Market Hogs- Must meet Breed Standards for Market Hampshires.
3. Yorkshire Market Hogs- Must meet Breed Standards for Market Yorkshires.
4. All other Dark Colored Breeds that have Purebred characteristics - Includes Poland, Berkshire, Spot, Tamworth and Hereford- Each Market Hog must meet Breed standards for Market Hogs for the Breed being claimed.
5. All Other Light Colored Breeds that have Purebred characteristics - Includes Landrace and Chester White- Each Breed must meet Breed standards for Market Hogs for the Breed being claimed.
6. Dark Crossbreds- Crossbred Market Hogs with Black and/or Dark Red (not orange) pigmentation and hair comprising at least 25% of the total body area shall be considered a Dark Cross. This includes Black or Dark Red belted hogs; hogs with Black or red heads with white body; Black/Red patched or spotted; Body is Solid Dark Red or solid black; or body is calico with Black spots. This category **does NOT** include Blues and blue butts, orange, golden, sandy, rusty or grays.
7. All other colored Crossbreds- Crossbred Hogs that are any color combination not qualifying for Dark Crossbreds. This category **does** include White hogs, white hogs with black spots, Blues, Blue Butts, orange, rusty, sandy, gray and any other color or color combination that does not qualify in any other division.

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Market Swine Show continued...

A 4- H Champion, Reserve 4-H Champion, FFA Champion and FFA Reserve Champion will be selected for each Division.

Market Swine Breed Classification- All Market Swine will be officially classified at official weigh in. Exhibitors must designate actual Breed (1-5) or actual Crossbred specific category (6 or 7) on DNA registration form, upon entry and again at the scale by the exhibitor. Once the exhibitor declares at the scale, Breed changes by the exhibitor will not be allowed at any time after. The Breed classifier will evaluate each animal at the scale and determine if reclassification is necessary. The Classifier's decision is final and may not be protested or changed.

Registration papers for Purebred Designated Market Hogs **is not** required. Bill of Sale is required for all market animals. Exhibitors are still limited to one market animal.

Market Swine show will be Tuesday, July 25.

Offsite Parking

The dirt parking lot located next door to the Adelaide Hotel and accessible from Riverside Ave will be available to 4-H and FFA leaders again in 2017. Season parking passes for this lot are only available in advance and can only be purchased on a first-come, first-serve basis. These season parking passes are only valid for this lot and can be used for any vehicle and are transferable. Season passes for this lot are \$132.00. Passes may be reserved with full payment starting May 15, 2017 and reservations are due no later than June 15, 2017. Reservation Forms will be available in early May at the Fair office. Actual parking passes will be provided to purchasers at the fair office starting July 5, 2017.



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All Auction Sale Checks All Auction checks will be available starting Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and not before.



Entries and Books

Expected to be available online at www.midstatefair.com on May 8, 2017

Arrival Days

1. Poultry Show – Wednesday, July 19, 2017.
2. Rabbit Show- Friday, July 21, 2017.
3. Tack and display delivery schedule will be different from 2016 and provided in the late spring.
4. All livestock (Market Beef, Replacement Heifers, Sheep, Swine, Goat) – arrive Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 6 AM- Noon and Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 6 AM – Noon only.
5. Breeding Cattle (Not Replacement Heifers) Breeding Sheep, Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle **may** have an adjusted arrival and departure schedule however they are welcome to stay the entire Junior Show period. These livestock may not arrive prior to July 22. Specific information will be available later in the Handbook.
6. No Junior Livestock will be allowed to arrive prior to Saturday, July 22, 2017.
7. All Clubs and Chapters will be provided an arrival and release schedule by the Livestock office that must be adhered to.

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Livestock Gate (Shell Gate) This gate will be open at 6:00 AM daily from July 20-30, 2017. The same security measures instituted in 2016 will take place this year at all gates. Exhibitors may bring food into grounds between 6:00 AM and Noon only.

Breakfast and Food Vendors in Livestock Area Kiwanis will be open during the fair and at least one other food vendor will be in the Livestock area- New for 2017 is the Crave “The Mini Donut Experience”, featured at Western Bonanza in February this year.



Supreme Champion Drive All Supreme Champions of the Market Show will be selected during one final Supreme Champion Drive on Wednesday, July 26 at 3:30 PM. This includes Market Steers, Market Lambs, Meat Goats and Market Hogs. Get your seat early!



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Deadlines See schedule in this packet

Barn and Office Hours

Barn is open from 6:00 AM- 9:00 PM Daily

Livestock Office is open from 6:30 AM – 8:00 PM Daily

Enter On-line Livestock Exhibitors will be able to enter on-line in 2017. More information will be available later. Note that exhibitor's entering still exhibits **must** enter on-line in 2017. Note that all Livestock exhibitors will be required to enter on-line in 2018.

Cattlemen's Choice returns in 2017



Thanks to the efforts and sponsorship of the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association, this popular added feature to the Replacement Heifer program will be offered again. No entry is required. Four winners will be selected.

Note for Replacement Heifers All replacement heifers must be Brucellosis Vaccinated with the tattoo visible in the ear.

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Breeding Sheep Show

Set for 1 PM, Monday, July 24, 2017

The following Breeding Sheep Divisions will be offered in 2017:

1. Wether Sire/Wether Dam Show (All Wether Sheep must be slick shorn)
2. Grade Ewe Division
3. Hampshire and Suffolk Division
4. All other Purebreds Division

Market Lamb Show Market Lamb Show

Set for Tuesday, July 25, 2017:

The following Market Lamb divisions will be offered:

1. Hampshire
2. Suffolk
3. All other Breeds
4. Market Lambs that display 90% colored fiber of the fleece (Natural Colored)
5. Crossbred Lambs that are Black Face and have a white fleece
6. Crossbred Lambs that are White Face, brockled or speckled face (fine and medium wool).



Market Lamb Breed Classification- All Market Lambs will be officially classified at official weigh-in. Exhibitors must designate actual Breed or actual Crossbred specific category on DNA registration form, upon entry and again at the scale by the exhibitor. Once the exhibitor declares at the scale, Breed changes by the exhibitor will not be allowed at any time after. The Breed classifier will evaluate each animal at the scale and determine if reclassification is necessary. The Classifier's decision is final and may not be protested or changed.

Registration papers for Purebred Designated Market Lambs **are not** required. Bill of Sale is required for all market animals. Exhibitors are still limited to one market animal.

A 4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion and FFA Reserve Champion of each Division will be selected.

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Market Lamb Bred and Fed Award

A Market Lamb Bred and Fed Award will be provided in 2017 and sponsored by Evans Family Farm, Inc of Morro Bay.



SCALES

Unofficial Scales

One small animal “Unofficial” Scale (swine, sheep, goats) and one “Unofficial” Beef Scale will be made available to all exhibitors from 7 :00 AM – 8:00 PM Saturday, July 22 and for the same time on Sunday, July 23. These are NOT official scales and weights taken by anyone at these scales are NOT official. “Unofficial” Scales are provided as a courtesy to exhibitors and to ensure the welfare of all livestock at the show. Unofficial scales will be locked at 8:00 PM, Sunday, July 23. Be aware that the weights taken on “Unofficial” Scales **may not** be the same as those taken on official scales. These “Unofficial” Scales provide an approximate weight only. NOT an official weight.

Official Scales

Official Certified Scales for official weigh-in will take place on Monday, July 24 starting at 7:00 AM. These scales will provide you an Official Weight.

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Market Show Weights

Market Steers- 1, 050 lbs. to 1,450 lbs.

Market Lambs- 105 lbs.- 160 lbs.

Market Swine- 215 lbs.- 270 lbs.

Meat Goats- 70 lbs.- 125 lbs.

Rabbit Meat Pens- 3.5 lbs. – 5.5 lbs.

Poultry Broiler Pens- 3.80 lbs. – 6.0 lbs.

This year's Livestock Judges

Market Swine..... Ryan Sites, Tuttle, OK

Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep and Meat Goats..... Scott Greiner, Blacksburg, VA

Market Cattle, Breeding Cattle and Replacement Heifers...Jim Williams, Boling, TX

(All judges were announced via Facebook in September 2016)



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SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Poultry Show

Thursday, July 20, 2017
Cattlemen's and Farmers Day

Friday, July 21, 2017
Rabbit Show
4-H and FFA Horse Show

Saturday, July 22, 2017
4-H Dog Show

Sunday, July 23, 2017
Quiz Jam

Monday, July 24, 2017
1:00 PM- Dairy Cattle Show

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Market Sheep, Market Swine and Meat Goats

Wednesday, July 26, 2017
8:00 AM - Breeding Cattle Show followed by Market Steers
3:30 PM - Supreme Champion Market Drive
5:30 PM – Replacement Heifer Show

Thursday, July 27, 2017
8 :00 AM - Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine Showmanship

Friday, July 28, 2017
8:00 AM Beef Showmanship
6:00 PM Replacement Heifer Sale

Saturday, July 29, 2017
Junior Livestock Auction

Sunday, July 30, 2017
10:00 AM- Free Exhibitor Reception
11:00 AM- Pee Wee Showmanship
1:00 PM- Livestock Judging Contest



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- ✓ A current list of our Concert Line-up can be viewed at www.midstatefair.com



- ✓ **Interested in sponsoring an award?**
 - Contact Ricky Brown at ricky@midstatefair.com

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