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# **2025 Champions**

## **SUPREME CHAMPIONS**

Market Hog – Maddox Rodgers, Creston 4-H  
Market Lamb – Kendall Power, Atascadero FFA  
Market Steer – Ahna Treder, Atascadero FFA  
Market Goat – Holley-Faye Switzer, Rio Rancheros 4-H  
Meat Pen of Rabbits – Alexis Mitchell, Templeton FFA  
Replacement Heifer – Josephine Arnold, Edna 4-H

## **RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPIONS**

Market Hog – Not awarded  
Market Lamb – Liam Clark, Paso Robles FFA  
Market Steer – Adele Orradre, Templeton FFA  
Market Goat – Brylee Reich, Santa Lucia 4-H  
Meat Pen of Rabbits – Jamie Conlan, Templeton 4-H  
Replacement Heifer – Jack Machado, Rio Rancheros 4-H

## **ROUND ROBIN**

4-H Intermediate – Reese Ferrari, King City Rural 4-H  
4-H Senior – Holley-Faye Switzer, Rio Rancheros 4-H  
FFA Advanced – Lacy Conlan, Atascadero FFA



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# Livestock Daily Schedule

Schedule is subject to change, last revised: 04/09/2026

## Sunday, July 12

|                 |                 |                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM-5:00 PM | Livestock Barns | Barns available for tack & displays ONLY. No livestock arrival. |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|

## Monday, July 13

|                 |                          |                                                                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4:00 PM-7:00 PM | Livestock Barns          | Barns available for tack & displays ONLY. No livestock arrival. |
| 5:00 PM         | Hearst Equestrian Center | Leader Meeting (Leaders and Advisors only)                      |

## Tuesday, July 14

Livestock Barns Closed!

## Wednesday, July 15

|              |                                    |                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:00 AM-NOON | Rodeo Gate                         | Barns available for Commercial Cattle Pens                                                                                                |
| 6:00 AM      | Livestock Pavilion - South Side    | FFA Poultry and Turkey Check-in and Inspection                                                                                            |
| 7:00 AM      | Livestock Pavillion – South Side   | 4-H Poultry and Turkey Check-in and Inspection                                                                                            |
| 8:00 AM      | Paso Robles Pavillion – Swine Ring | Dairy Goat check-in ringside                                                                                                              |
| 9:00 AM      | Paso Robles Pavillion – Swine Ring | Dairy Goat Showmanship (FFA followed by 4-H) followed by Dairy Goat Show                                                                  |
| 9:00 AM      | Livestock Pavilion                 | Poultry & Turkey Show & Showmanship (FFA & 4-H Show together) followed by Poultry Costume contest<br>All Poultry released after the show. |

## Thursday, July 16

|                  |                      |                                                 |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 6:00 AM-8:00AM   | Rodeo Gate           | Barns available for Commercial Cattle Pens      |
| 8:30 AM          | Beef Barn            | Commercial Cattle Pens must be in place         |
| 9:00 AM          | Beef Barn            | Commercial Cattle Pen Judging                   |
| 12:00 PM         | Headliner Stage      | Industrial Arts Awards & Project Auction        |
| 4:00 PM-5:00 PM  | Paso Robles Pavilion | Cattlemen & Farmers' Day Social Hour            |
| 5:00 PM-6:00 PM  | Paso Robles Pavilion | Cattlemen & Farmers' Day Steak Dinner           |
| 6:00 PM          | Paso Robles Pavilion | Presentation of Cattlemen & Farmers' Day Awards |
| 7:00 PM – 9:00PM | Beef Barn            | Release Commercial Cattle Pens                  |

## Friday, July 17

|                  |                                   |                                                                                                                              |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:00 AM-8:00 AM  | Rodeo Gate                        | Final release of Commercial Cattle Pens,<br>Barns available for Dairy Cattle and Pygmy Goat arrivals<br>(No other livestock) |
| 6:00 AM-10:00 AM | Livestock Barns                   | Barns available for tack & display set up                                                                                    |
| 7:30 AM-8:30 AM  | Paso Robles Pavilion – Swine Ring | Rabbit Entries Received, must be checked in by 8:30 am                                                                       |
| 8:00 AM          | Livestock Pavillion               | Dairy Cattle Showmanship, followed By Dairy Cattle Show<br>*All Dairy Cattle released after show                             |
| 9:00 AM          | Paso Robles Pavilion – Swine Ring | Rabbit Show followed by Rabbit Costume Contest<br>All Rabbits released after show                                            |
| 11:00 AM         | Livestock Pavilion                | Primary Pygmy Goat Showmanship followed by Costume Contest<br>*All Pygmy Goats released after show                           |
| 4:00 PM          | Livestock Barns                   | All tack and displays must be in place                                                                                       |

## Saturday, July 18

|                  |                      |                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:00 AM-2:00 PM  | Livestock Barns      | Junior Livestock Animals accepted on Fair Grounds.<br>Arrival as designated by Fair Management Schedule.<br><b>NO TACK ARRIVAL DURING LIVESTOCK ARRIVALS!</b> |
| 7:00 AM          | Livestock Barns      | Unofficial Livestock Scales Open                                                                                                                              |
| 9:00AM – 9:30 AM | Paso Robles Pavilion | 4-H Dog Show Check-In                                                                                                                                         |
| 9:30 AM          | Paso Robles Pavilion | JoAnn Overbey Memorial 4-H Dog Show                                                                                                                           |

## Sunday, July 19

|                        |                      |                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> | Livestock Barns      | Junior Livestock Animals accepted on Fair Grounds<br>Arrival as designated by Fair Management Schedule<br><b>NO TACK ARRIVAL DURING LIVESTOCK ARRIVALS!</b> |
| <b>2:00 PM</b>         | Livestock Barns      | All Livestock must be in place<br>All vehicles must be off grounds                                                                                          |
| <b>2:30 PM</b>         | Paso Robles Pavilion | Pee Wee Quiz Jam Check-in                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>3:00 PM</b>         | Paso Robles Pavilion | Junior/Senior Quiz Jam Check-in                                                                                                                             |
| <b>3:30 PM</b>         | Paso Robles Pavilion | Pee Wee Quiz Jam followed by Junior & Senior Quiz Jam                                                                                                       |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>         | Livestock Barns      | Unofficial Livestock Scales Close                                                                                                                           |

## Monday, July 20

|                 |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6:00 AM</b>  | Rodeo Gate         | Gates open for arrival of Breeding Sheep and Wether Dam Does                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>7:00 AM</b>  | Livestock Barns    | Official Scales open for weighing of Junior Livestock<br>Weigh-in Schedule will be posted<br>Breeding Sheep & Wether Dam weigh-in and vet check<br>All breeding sheep must go through vet check |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>  | Beef Barn          | Pregnancy Testing & Weigh-In Replacement Heifers                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>10:00 AM</b> | Livestock Office   | Deadline for all Breeding Sheep paperwork to be checked in                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1:30 PM</b>  | Livestock Pavilion | Wether Dam Doe Show followed by Breeding Sheep Show                                                                                                                                             |

## Tuesday, July 21

|                |                      |                                                                                              |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 AM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Market Hog Show (4-H followed by FFA)                                                        |
| <b>8:30 AM</b> | Livestock Pavilion   | Market Goat Show (FFA followed by 4-H)<br>followed by Market Lamb Show (FFA followed by 4-H) |
| <b>9:00 AM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Market Steer Show (FFA followed by 4-H)                                                      |
| <b>6:00 PM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Champion Drive                                                                               |

## Wednesday, July 22

|                 |                      |                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 AM</b>  | Paso Robles Pavilion | Beef Breeding Show (4-H & FFA show together)                                                                                                                  |
| <b>11:00 AM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Beef Lead followed by Cattle Costume Contest followed by<br>Ladies and Lads Lead followed by Sheep Costume Contest<br>followed by Market Goat Costume Contest |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>  | Paso Robles Pavilion | Replacement Heifer Show (4-H followed by FFA)                                                                                                                 |

## Thursday, July 23

|                |                      |                                                                                               |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 AM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Swine Showmanship (FFA followed by 4-H)                                                       |
| <b>8:30 AM</b> | Livestock Pavilion   | Goat Showmanship (4-H followed by FFA)<br>followed by Sheep Showmanship (4-H followed by FFA) |
| <b>5:00 PM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Stock Show Mom & Dad                                                                          |

## Friday, July 24

|                |                      |                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 AM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Beef Showmanship (FFA followed by 4-H)                                                                                       |
| <b>4:00 PM</b> | Online               | <b>MANDATORY 2<sup>nd</sup> Water survey must be completed, or your auction check will be held including a \$50 late fee</b> |
| <b>3:00 PM</b> | Livestock Office     | Heifer Sale Catalog available for pick-up                                                                                    |
| <b>5:00 PM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Replacement Heifer Sale                                                                                                      |

## Saturday, July 25

|                 |                      |                                            |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 AM</b>  | Paso Robles Pavilion | Junior Livestock Auction – 2 Auction Rings |
| <b>12:30 PM</b> | Paso Robles Pavilion | Sale of Champions                          |

## Sunday, July 26

|                          |                            |                                                        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> | Livestock Barns            | Tack and equipment released as approved (Not displays) |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>           | Online                     | Add-Ons Open                                           |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>           | Paso Robles Pavilion       | Pee Wee Showmanship Sheep Ring 1 and Swine Ring 2      |
| <b>11:00 AM</b>          | Paso Robles Pavilion       | Round Robin Showmanship                                |
| <b>1:00 PM</b>           | Paso Robles Pavilion       | Livestock Judging Contest Check-in                     |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>           | Livestock Barns/Rodeo Gate | Livestock Release Begins – PER SCHEDULE                |
| <b>8:00 PM</b>           | Livestock Barns            | All Livestock must be off grounds                      |



**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...**the California Mid-State Fair is ready for exhibitors to enter their talents! For the 2026 Fair, we are "Back to the 80's", celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> California Mid-State Fair. This annual 12-day event is slated for July 15 – July 26, 2026. See you soon at "The Biggest Little Fair Anywhere".

## How to Enter

Being an exhibitor is easy, it is exciting, and it is a fun way to experience the Fair.

First please be sure to read all the rules and competitions thoroughly in the competition handbook, and note the Dates & Deadlines posted on our Livestock webpage. There are separate entry books for Adult Still Exhibits, Youth Still Exhibits, and Horse Show competitions. If you have any questions, please contact the Fair's Main Office for clarification at (805) 239-0655.

DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER? WE HAVE A STATION IN THE OFFICE AVAILABLE FOR ENTERING. HOURS OF USE WILL BE BY RESERVATION ONLY. FOR RESERVATIONS AND ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US AT [LIVESTOCK@MIDSTATEFAIR.COM](mailto:LIVESTOCK@MIDSTATEFAIR.COM)

Entry website: <https://cmsfl.fairwire.com>

Follow the Numbered Navigation at the top of the screen by clicking #1 in the left-hand corner. From there, just follow along with the pages and you will be entered in no time.

- Please use valid Name, Mailing Address, Mobile Phone and Email Address. They will be used **EXACTLY** as entered for reports, results, auction and on Auction Checks.
- Please pay special attention to proper spelling, capitalization, full names of cities/counties, no abbreviations
- Use a Visa, MasterCard or American Express to pay entry fees.
- **YOU WILL UPLOAD A PHOTO OF YOURSELF AND ANIMAL FOR AUCTION SCREEN AND ONLINE ADD-ONS BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 8.**
  - MUST be in proper uniform, or photos taken with a club or chapter photo background.
  - Take the photo Landscape.
  - Take your photos with the subject centered in the frame.
  - Image file types allowed: jpeg, png, gif, bmp
  - Image file max storage size: 8 MB
  - Make sure there is space between the subject and the borders of your photo. (Do not make your subject the entire photo)

# Admission Credentials

## LIVESTOCK

### Junior Livestock Exhibitors:

**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A \$20 ADMISSION CREDENTIAL.** Duplicate credentials will not be issued if original is lost or destroyed. **MUST be purchased during online registration.**

### Junior Livestock Exhibitors' Parents:

Parents of Junior Livestock Exhibitors can purchase up to two (2) Season Parent Credentials when registering their children. \$35 each. Name(s) for the credentials must be provided in fields during registration.

**Again, credentials MUST be purchased during online registration.**

### 4-H Club Leaders/FFA Chapter Advisors:

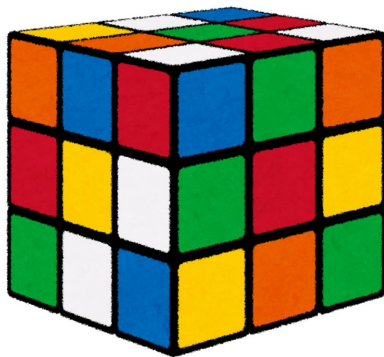
Leaders registered with County 4-H and Advisors of projects taking place the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the fair will be issued a Season Pass Credential for the fair. Leaders of single day projects will be issued a one day pass.

### 4-H & FFA Offsite Parking:

Adelaide Parking will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Information will be sent via email to community leaders and advisors.

### Livestock Gate (Shell Gate):

This gate will be open at 6:00 AM daily from July 15 – July 26, 2026. The same security measures instituted since 2017 will take place this year at all gates. Exhibitors may bring food onto grounds between 6:00 AM and Noon ONLY. **All ice chests are subject to search, alcohol is NOT allowed to be kept/stored in the livestock barns!**



# State Rules

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By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge and agree that they:

1. Understand and have read these State Rules and local fair rules;
2. Agree to abide by them;
3. Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate; and
4. Agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the State or Local Rules. In the event that it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor names will be forwarded to the Fairs and Expositions Branch as well as given to the network of California fairs and to appropriate government agencies.

## PREFACE

1. The purposes of these rules are to:
  - a. Ensure educational and equitable competition;
  - b. Provide state-wide competition consistency; and
  - c. Maximize exhibitor and public safety.
2. These rules apply to all competitive exhibits conducted by District Agricultural Associations, citrus fruit fairs and county fairs in the State of California.
3. These rules cannot be waived or amended by anyone, including the fair board, management, or judge.
4. The Fairs & Expositions Branch (F&E) is the final and absolute interpreter of these rules. Only a fair may request, in writing a variance on their own behalf or on behalf of an exhibitor to a specific rule. This request must be made prior to the start of the fair or specific competition for which a variance is requested. If F&E approves a specific variance request, it may approve a conditional variance with specific conditions. Any approved variance shall expire at the conclusion of the annual fair.
5. A fair may allow a family back-up animal, although not required to do so. The purpose of a family back-up animal is to allow siblings to share custody of a second animal. If they choose to, immediate family members may have only one
  - (1) back-up animal per family, rather than one for each family member. The fair will determine how the entry and fees will be processed. Contact your local fair to determine if this is allowed and the procedures to follow. Family back-up animals must follow all state and local rules.
6. Fair Management and/or Board of Directors may grant variances to the ownership rule in the instance of deceased animals, submission of late entries and refund of entry fees. Variances may be ruled upon by F&E at the request of Fair Management and/or Board of Directors.
7. F&E will distribute any corrections and additions to these rules to fairs. It is the fair's responsibility to make them available. F&E does not represent or endorse the accuracy, correctness or reliability of any advice, opinion, statement, or other information displayed by the fair in the distribution of corrections and additions to these rules. True and correct copies of all rules and any additions or corrections are available upon request at F&E during business hours, by mail or at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fairsandexpositions](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fairsandexpositions).
8. Fairs may create "Local Rules" that may be stricter than the State Rules but that may not circumvent the State Rules.
9. If a local rule is not printed in the exhibitor handbook the applicable State Rule will apply.
10. Competition at the California State Fair is not governed by State Rules for California Fairs.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

CDFA and the Network of California Fairs are committed to providing accessible and reasonable accommodations in its services, activities, and programs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation should contact their respective fair office prior to the fair event.

## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

### I. DEFINITIONS

#### SEE ALSO JUNIOR AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS

1. Amateur - A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. (Does not apply to junior organizations and horse shows.)
2. Cash Awards - Monies paid to successful contestants. (Synonymous with Premiums.)
3. Class - A group of like exhibits that are judged together, a subcategory of a division.
4. Competition - A contest between two or more exhibits.
5. Division - A generalized category of exhibits or a group of classes.
6. Entry - An object, animal or collection of objects or animals intended for exhibit.
7. Exhibit - An entry becomes an exhibit when it is shown or judged at the fair.
8. Entry Fees - A fee charged to enter a competition. All entry fees shall be included with the proper forms on or before the competition deadline.
9. Exhibitor - The owner of the exhibit.
  - a. In the senior department, members of a family are considered as one exhibitor and co-owners of exhibits. This includes mother, father, unmarried minor children (under 18 years of age) and minor foster children.
  - b. In the senior department, in classes that require that the exhibit be the creative work of the owner, husband and wife are considered separate exhibitors.
10. Extended Division - A division or class open to legal residents or producers in the State of California and any additional territory that may be specified in the Local Rules. Unless otherwise designated, all divisions are "extended" and limited to the State.
11. Judging Systems -
  - a. American - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
  - b. Danish - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first placings, etc. as merited.
12. Junior Department - A department provided for youth. See also Junior Department.
13. Juried Show - Competition where the juror(s) determines which exhibits will be displayed and judged for awards.
14. Large Animals - Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats (exception Nigerian Dwarf Goats, to be designated at local level, but cannot be both Large and Small), Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca and Llama.
15. Small Animals - Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, Pygmy Goats, Avian Species and Dogs.
16. Local Division - A division or class open only to legal residents or producers in the county or district in which the fair is held, and any neighboring county/district(s) that may be specified in the Local Rules.
17. Open Department - See Senior Department.
18. Open Junior Class - A class open to all Junior exhibitors having no Junior organization affiliation requirements.
19. Exhibitor Handbook - An entry book, prize list, contest book or other publication specifying rules and awards for fair contests.
20. Producer - One who, in the area specified, raises in normal marketable or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered.
21. Professional - A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than as a hobby.
22. Senior Department - Any department not considered a junior department.

### II. ELIGIBILITY

#### Entry Process

1. By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge and agree that they:
  - a. Understand and have read these State Rules and local fair rules;
  - b. Agree to abide by them;

c. Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate; and  
d. Agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the state or Local Rules.  
e. In the event that it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor names will be forwarded to F&E as well as given to the Network of California Fairs and to appropriate government agencies.

2. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining entry form(s) and rules from fair and submitting the form(s) and any required fees by the closing date as specified by Fair Management.

3. No entry form or entry will be accepted after the closing date for entries.

4. Entry deadlines can be extended by the fair's Board of Directors only if the extension is made prior to the original closing date. See also Horse Show Department.

5. Substitutions can only be made within a division. Substitutions must be made when the exhibit arrives at the fairgrounds, or for animal, when registration certificates are checked. In the livestock department a minimum \$5 penalty must be paid prior to judging for each substitution made by the exhibitor in excess of two in the division. See also Horse Show Department.

6. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the fair and may be granted upon approval of the Fair Management.

a. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, or death, cancellation of a class or return of entries for lack of exhibit space.

b. Non-selected exhibits in a juried show are not eligible for refunds.

c. For animal classes, requests must be made prior to the event. Requests involving health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate.

Ownership. Unless otherwise allowed in the exhibitor handbook, exhibitors must be legal owners of all entries. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s). See also Junior Department and Horse Show Department.

1. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class will be entered and judged only in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies. Any exhibit not properly entered may be transferred to its proper class by Fair Management, whose decision may be changed only by the judge.

2. The Fair Management has the right to limit entries to facilities available and/or cancel any division or class in which there are not enough entries. Any return of entries or fees under this rule will be done on a nondiscriminatory basis. The decision of Fair Management under this rule is only appealable to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), whose decision is final.

3. Fair Management may combine classes of 4 or less entries for meaningful competition.

4. Exhibitors may not submit the same entries to two or more fairs that require them to be on exhibit at the same time unless prior written approval has been obtained from both fairs. A copy of this approval must be submitted with entry forms.

#### Participation

1. In order to participate in a youth livestock program (excluding horse, cavies & dogs) at any California Fair, all exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program or a comparable fair run program approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions Branch. Those who are not certified are not eligible to participate at a Network of California Fairs.

2. The Fair Management shall deny entry or disqualify and remove any exhibit or exhibitor that is ineligible for competition under State and Local Rules or endangers the public or has violated State and Local Rules. The fair may require removal of the exhibitor and/or exhibit (including animals) from the fairgrounds.

3. Exhibitors, leaders, advisors, and parents found, after a chance to provide evidence and be heard before the Fair Management (CEO and staff) of unethical practices as set forth in the State and Local Rules or in actions inimical with the fair program shall result in the

exhibit being disqualified and the forfeiture of any awards and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances by the Fair Management. If the judging for the exhibit has not yet commenced the exhibitor, leaders, advisors, and parents may be denied entry in any exhibition at the fair. The Fair Management shall report any such incidents of unethical or inimical behavior established by the fair as provided for in this rule, to F&E in writing and such reports may become the basis for any fair to refuse entries from the exhibitor, leaders, advisors, or parents for up to 5 years following the infraction.

4. Exhibits must be on exhibit as specified in the exhibitor handbook. Fair Management may allow late exhibit delivery or early removal of exhibits when it is in the best interest of the fair. Exhibits will not be removed from the fairgrounds before the release date printed in the exhibitor handbook except as determined by Fair Management in cases of sickness, accident, death, disciplinary actions requested by a youth program supervisor, or other circumstances which are in the best interests of the fair.

5. The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the fair, the county, and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

6. Exhibitors, leaders, and advisors must be in good standing with the local and state organization(s) (4-H, Grange, FFA) to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.

#### Conflict of Interest Avoidance

1. Directors, Fair Management, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and/or their spouses are not eligible to exhibit at their own district, county, or citrus fair except in timed events. Under no circumstances shall a director, fair management, CEO and/or their spouse be eligible to collect awards.

2. Department heads, judges, staff, anyone directly involved in the judging process, and their spouses are not allowed to exhibit or sign entry forms in any division in which they or their spouse are directly involved.

3. Minor children of Directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Department Supervisors, staff and/or committee members may exhibit animals or articles which are the result of the child's own earnings, or a gift made to the child, provided the requirements of pertinent rules are met. All other requirements for exhibiting must be met.

#### III. JUDGING

1. Judges should avoid any appearance of partiality and avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors.

2. No person shall act as a judge in any division in which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, in charge of a group of exhibitors, or a member of a group of exhibitors.

3. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge(s) regarding their adjudications, or with the fair's staff, or to offer any audible criticism of an exhibit or exhibitor. Violators of this rule shall be excused immediately from the competition and shall be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the management shall consider proper.

4. The judge has the authority to:

a. Disqualify or transfer to the correct class any exhibit that does not meet the requirements of the division or class in which it is entered;

b. Disqualify any exhibit not properly cleaned or fitted;

c. Disqualify any exhibit that is in his/her opinion hazardous to public safety;

d. Examine the animals before entering the show ring; and/or

e. Refuse to make award to any animal that shows visible evidence of disease, deformity, or lameness.

No award will be made to exhibits eliminated under any of the above instances.

5. The judge may not waive State Rules.

6. The judge's decision is final. Fair Management may not request any changes in judges' rulings.

7. To encourage high standards, the judge shall award first, second, third place, etc. according to merit. If without merit, the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. The judge may award championships or other awards at his/her discretion for superior exhibits. This applies whether there are one or more exhibits in class.

#### IV. AWARDS AND SCORING

1. Fair Management is not responsible for errors on entry forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award that has been disallowed as the result of his/her own error.

2. All divisions or classes will be judged under the American system and/or Danish system as stated in the fair's exhibitor handbook.

3. State "Judging Standards" are to be used where applicable. Local judging standards may be used if published in the exhibitor handbook.

4. Cash awards will be paid only as recorded on the signed Judging Sheet or judging affidavit and only to the exhibitor.

5. Fair Management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are determined ineligible under State and Local Rules and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible exhibits.

6. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using American judging system. (See definition of exhibitor.)

a. When an exhibitor earns more than two awards in a class, the exhibitor will receive the two highest cash awards, and the lesser cash awards will be moved down the placings to other exhibitors; ribbons will be awarded as placed.

b. Any difference in payment limits under the Danish system of judging shall be printed in the exhibitor handbook.

c. When the fair combines classes, an exhibitor is entitled to two cash awards per each class that was combined. Judges should determine special awards as printed before combining.

7. Sweepstakes shall be awarded as specified in the exhibitor handbook based upon these scoring guidelines:

a. First award - 5 points; Second award - 3 points; Third award - 1 point.

b. Sweepstakes shall be awarded only when at least three separate exhibitors have achieved at least a combined point total of 30.

c. To receive sweepstakes awards, an exhibitor must have a minimum of ten points.

d. Sweepstakes points will be credited only to the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form.

e. There are separate sweepstakes or high point rules for horse shows, which may be determined by the fair.

8. Ties which cannot be broken by the judge will be processed as follows (See also Horse Show Department):

a. 2-way tie for 1st place: Combine 1st and 2nd place money and divide equally between the two 1st-place exhibitors. The 3rd highest finisher receives 3rd place money etc.

b. 3-way tie for 1st place: Combine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place money and divide equally between the three exhibitors.

9. The fair will not guarantee sponsored donations.

10. Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct judging placement. Only the official placing stated on the judging sheet(s) constitutes the final placement.

#### V. PROTEST

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules that have not been enforced. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, breed callers, tail dock officials, timers, and other fair officials cannot be protested and are final.

2. All Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to the fair). NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct costs incurred by the fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the fair shall be cause for disallowing future entries in any of the network of California fairs.

3. Protests can only be filed by an exhibitor being affected by a violation of State or Local Rules, their parent/guardian, or leader/advisor.

4. Time to File a Protest:

a. All protests must be filed in a timely manner, within 24 hours of the alleged rule violation. A protest can be filed prior to the fair and prior to the conclusion of the fair. Protests will not be accepted after the fair has ended.

b. The fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors by entering an exhibit and all persons by filing a protest agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner.

c. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management.

d. Fair Management decisions may only be appealed at the next regularly scheduled board meetings, if:

i. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);

ii. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or

iii. There was inappropriate adjudication at the Fair Management level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of rules.

5. Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.

6. Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.

a. In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1st and 2nd runners-up in case of disqualification.

b. In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.

7. At the discretion of the CEO, judging can be delayed to allow time for the fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the operations of the remainder of the fair judging and auction events.

8. Prior to judging the affected class, fairs may announce that an entry has been protested.

9. All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to the CEO or their designee, whose decision shall be final.

10. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to F&E in writing.

11. An individual may appeal to F&E only after adjudication at the local level and only if:

a. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);

b. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or

c. There was inappropriate adjudication at the local level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of rules.

12. A fair or state, national or international organization or subdivision thereof which has a significant stake in the interpretation of rules affecting the network of California fairs may make an appeal directly to F&E concerning multiple-fair issues, industry-wide issues, unavoidable conflict of interest or assistance in enforcing its own organization rules.

13. No protest will be accepted unless it:

a. Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy;

b. Clearly states which rule has been violated;

c. States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation;

d. States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest;

e. States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by F&E;

f. Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers; and

g. Describes or attaches any documents relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.

14. Fairs & Expositions Branch (F&E) must receive the appeal in writing within 24 hours from receipt of notice of local decision.

15. A hearing may be conducted at the discretion of F&E. The F&E Branch Chief may consult with and/or request that members of State Rules Advisory Committee participate in any hearing.

16. Once the Branch Chief has ruled on an appeal to F&E, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.

#### ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT RULES

#### VI. AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Unless specified in the exhibitor handbook agricultural and horticultural products must have been produced by the exhibitor and exhibits must be at the stage of ripeness required by Sections 42513 and 42515 of the California Food and Agricultural Code in order to be considered for award.

#### VII. JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Definitions. See also Section I, Definitions.

1. Exhibitor - The owner of the exhibit.

a. In the junior department, brothers and/or sisters are considered to be separate exhibitors.

b. In a college division market and showmanship classes the student designated on the entry form is considered the exhibitor.

2. 4-H, FFA, Grange Exhibitor - Exhibitors who meet 4-H, FFA and Grange exhibitor requirements for the project(s) they enter.

3. Independent Junior - Exhibitors not associated with a recognized association (4-H, FFA, or Grange).

4. Open Junior Class - A class open to all junior exhibitors and having no junior organization affiliation requirement.

5. Ownership - The growing, construction or purchase of exhibits as verified by the adult leader, teacher, or parent/guardian signature on the entry form for non-livestock exhibits, or as otherwise stated in the exhibitor handbook.

6. Adult - A parent, guardian, leader, instructor, or person whom the parent designates as responsible.

7. Market Animal - Any beef, sheep, swine, goat (for large animals) and poultry, quail meat pen, rabbit meat pen, single fryer rabbit and turkeys (for small animals), or as categorized by the fair, that are raised for the purpose of becoming food products for consumers.

8. Market Ready - A term that defines the amount of fat cover a market animal has and determines if an animal is ready to be harvested. Refer to XIII. Judging Standards below for market ready standards by specie.

9. Terminal Sale - A sale in which the market ready animals exhibited at the Fair are to be sent to a processing facility and harvested following the conclusion of the auction/fair. Transportation to the processing facility is organized by the Fair.

10. Non-Terminal Sale - A sale in which the market ready and/or breeding animals may be picked up alive by the buyer following the conclusion of the auction.

#### Exhibitor Age Requirements

1. FFA members must be enrolled in a state-approved agricultural education program at their school to participate as an FFA exhibitor and may participate as members as early as entering into the seventh grade, until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, a graduate this year is eligible until December 31 of next year.)

2. 4-H Age Requirements: The levels of membership for 4-H are age based. Each level is defined as follows:

a. Primary Level: Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025 to exhibit at fair. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2025 are not eligible to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.

b. Junior, Intermediate, & Senior: Must be 9 years old on or before December 31, 2025. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

3. Grange Members must be at least 5 years old on January 1, 2026 to exhibit. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.

a. All Grange Youth must be 9 years old on January 1, 2026 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.

4. Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2026 to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse, Alpaca & Llama) competitions at California Fairs.

a. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

b. Youth may be ineligible to participate as Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be determined by Fair Management.

5. Special Divisions - Youth under 9 years of age must exhibit in special small animal and non-livestock divisions designated by the local fair. Youth organization affiliation is not required. No premiums or monetary awards to be provided by the fair, as well as no possibility of participating in the livestock auction.

a. Pee Wee Showmanship is a learning experience for youth 5 to 8 years of age to participate in livestock showmanship divisions. Participants should sign a release of liability/Hold Harmless statement provided by the Fair.

6. For non-livestock junior exhibitors showing in divisions and classes other than 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent, the local Fair Management may set requirements as to age, grade, etc. If these requirements are not printed in the exhibitor handbook, Independent age rule above will apply.

#### Exhibit Eligibility

1. Junior exhibitors must own and/or grow or construct their exhibits.

2. 4-H, FFA and Grange Exhibitors:

a. 4-H, FFA and Grange animal project members must be enrolled in the project for at least 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) immediately preceding the opening day of the fair or event if held separately from fair in the case of horse shows.

b. Eligibility of a project according to 4-H, FFA, or Grange rules shall be determined by the exhibitor's 4-H Youth Advisor, FFA Advisor, Grange Youth Advisor, Local Leader, or designee, as long as the exhibitor also meets "Exhibit Eligibility" rule 2a. requirements.

3. Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization. (Please refer to 4-H/FFA/Grange/Fairs & Expositions Youth Agreement at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fairsandexpositions/> for more information).

4. Advisor, leader, teacher, or parent/guardian signature on the entry form is required by the fair certifying that:

a. Projects have been under their supervision in accordance with the rules and regulations of the organization and the fair; and

b. The entry is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible for exhibit. Failure or refusal of such advisor, leader, or parent/guardian to sign the required entry form will prevent the exhibitor from entering that particular class(es).

5. Independent exhibitors must enter an open junior or Independent class unless one is not available. If an open or Independent class is not available, junior exhibitors may enter an appropriate 4-H, FFA or Grange class. Division and/or class placement of Independents may be determined by Fair Management.

6. All junior exhibitors must have project management records and proof of supervision available as to the length of project.

7. Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef and 60 days for sheep, swine, and goats.

8. All junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.

#### Senior Department Restrictions

1. Junior exhibitors and junior organizations may be allowed to enter exhibits in senior department classes for which they are eligible only when:

- a. "All Other" classes are not available; or
  - b. A class for the exhibit is not provided in the junior department; or
  - c. It allows participation in featured breed and/or sponsored association shows as defined by fair management. The junior exhibitor must also exhibit the project in the junior division.
2. Junior horse exhibitors may be allowed to enter the Senior Department horse show unless Local Rules prohibit.

3. Animals entered as individuals in the junior department cannot be entered in group classes of the senior department and vice versa.

4. When violations to rules 1-3 occur, the junior exhibitor is not eligible for 12 months following the infraction to exhibit in that animal species or division (non-livestock) as a junior at any California fair.

#### Livestock and Horse Exhibits, Ownership

1. Animal and horse projects must be owned (and leased horses as specified in this document) solely by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown as specified below. Animal projects may NOT be shown/entered by another person at ANY other show/jackpot regardless of the other shows' rules, within the animal's ownership period, except when multiple animals are entered by the same exhibitor in the same class. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair unless the event in the case of horse shows is held separately from the Fair. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s) of fair or event. See also VIII Livestock Department and XI. HORSE SHOW DEPARTMENT Ownership of Lease, rules 1 and 2.

a. Market animals: Beef - 120 consecutive days; and 60 consecutive days for swine, sheep, veal, and goats.

b. Breeding and feeder animals: 30 consecutive days.

c. All small market animals (rabbits and poultry): 30 consecutive days.

d. All horses and llamas: leased or owned 120 consecutive days.

Fairs will determine the ownership period requirement for any other animal species (e.g., potbellied pigs). Animals are not to be entered by another exhibitor at any other show/jackpot within the ownership period.

2. No animal exhibit (excluding rabbit & poultry) owned by a chapter or club, conducted as a joint project by two or more individuals, or jointly owned by two or more individuals is eligible in the junior department, unless the division or class specifically so states, or in the case that breeding animals are jointly owned by siblings only.

Breeding animals entered in the junior department may be jointly owned by siblings provided the animal is entered and exhibited solely and in the name of one individual junior exhibitor, and that exhibitor is one of the siblings listed on the registration paper issued by a recognized-breed association. All entries must be registered and recorded by a recognized breed association in the name of the exhibitor(s). A 30-day consecutive ownership requirement applies to each sibling – meaning if one sibling shows the breeding animal at one fair, it cannot be shown by the other sibling within 30 days at another fair. Animals with a farm, family, ranch, or non-sibling owner's name listed as the owner are NOT eligible to enter. No pending papers will be accepted. Only ORIGINAL REGISTRATION PAPERS will be accepted.

3. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor simultaneously enter the same species of animal or bird (horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, meat goats, pygmy goats, poultry, pigeons, or rabbits) under more than one youth organization (FFA, 4-H, Grange or Independent) in classes of the junior department in the same year. (Please refer to 4-H/FFA/Grange/Fairs & Expositions Youth Agreement at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fairsandexpositions/> for more information).

4. No junior exhibitor may exhibit an animal in a market class once it has been sold as a market animal through a fair junior livestock auction. These animals may be shown following the 30 consecutive day ownership requirement as breeding animals only. All market animals sold through a fair junior livestock auction with a live pick-up disposition will be permanently identified using universal tattoo in the left ear (for 2026 fair season, use "FE26") with green ink prior to the release of market animals.

5. Animals shown in showmanship must be owned (or leased for horses) by the exhibitor, entered by the exhibitor and shown in an appropriate market, breeding/conformation, or performance class. If dog showmanship is the only class offered, dogs are eligible for showmanship without competing in performance or conformation classes. If the exhibitor has a market animal that does not meet the weight requirements and as a result may not show in an individual market class, the exhibitor may use this animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the Fair.

6. Market animals intended to be sold through the Fair's Junior Livestock Auction must be entered into a market judging class and be market ready at the time of judging to sell. It is recommended that an official "Intent to Sell" list be available in the Livestock Office for each exhibitor and/or parent/authorized representative to sign a declaration of their intent to sell after the market animals have been judged, especially if the Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. Each fair may choose, at the local level, to provide additional opportunities for exhibitors to withdraw from participating in the Junior Livestock Auction up until the moment their market animal is sold.

If the Fair's Junior Livestock Auction is terminal, the market animals will be sold for resale or custom processing only. Once the market animal has been sold through the Junior Livestock Auction, ownership is then transferred to the buyer with the highest bid. If the Fair's Junior Livestock Auction is terminal, no live animal pick up is allowed, except by the transportation provided by the Fair to the processing facility.

#### 7. Horse exhibits:

a. Proof of ownership or lease must be available at check-in time.

b. Leased horses cannot be shown for conformation in the halter horse division.

c. 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitors may show leased horses, provided the member has responsibility for the care and management of the horse during the period of the lease; and the signed lease between owner and member, with a clear picture of a side view of the horse or some permanent identification is filed at least 120 consecutive days prior to the fair or event/horse show if held separately from the fair, at the County 4-H, FFA, or Grange office, or with a person designated by those offices. Independent exhibitors must file with the fair office. See also XI HORSE SHOW DEPARTMENT Ownership or Lease, rules 1 and 2.

d. Junior exhibitors cannot ride or show stallions unless it is specifically provided for by the breed association and in that case only in those specific breed classes at an US Equestrian sanctioned show.

#### Livestock & Horse Exhibits, Other

1. Junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. Local fair rules will determine enforcement.

2. Junior exhibitors in 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent classes must wear properly strapped headgear in mounted or horse-drawn vehicle competition. Headgear must be approved by American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute.

#### VIII. LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

See also Livestock rules in Section VII Junior Department.

Definitions (See also Section I Definitions.)

1. All Other Breeds - Breeds not previously listed that are from recognized breed associations within the specie.

2. Barrow – Castrated male swine.

3. Breeder - Owner of the dam at conception. Also, owner of the egg donor for ovum/embryo transfer.

4. Cryptorchid – Male with retained testicle(s) and is not considered a castrated male.

5. Drug –

a. Any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, or treatment of disease; and

b. Any substance, except food and water, which is intended to affect the structure or function of the body of any exhibit animal. (Food and Agricultural Code Section 14202)

6. Exhibitor - The owner of the exhibit.

- a. In the senior department, members of a family are considered as one exhibitor and co-owners of exhibits. This includes mother, father, unmarried minor children (under 18 years of age) and minor foster children.
- b. In the junior department, brothers and/or sisters are considered to be separate exhibitors. See Section VII for definition of junior.
- c. In college division market and showmanship classes the student designated on the entry form is to be considered the exhibitor.
7. Grade-Crossbred - Animals which do not meet registration requirements.
8. Nurse Cow - Cow that is not the natural nursing mother.
9. Pony - For non-breed horse shows, ponies are those horses standing less than 14.2 hands (56.8 inches) high. For breed horse shows and registered classes within non-breed shows, refer to the breed association rules which apply.
10. Purebred Animal - An animal the breeding of whose sire and dam traces directly to registered animals of the same breed.
11. Purebred Registered Animal - An animal that is registered with a recognized breed association and that meets the breed association's requirements of purebred.
12. Range Registered Animal - Animals that have been issued range certificates in lieu of full registration certificates.
13. Recognized Breed Associations - Organizations which maintain pedigrees, issue certificates of registration, and maintain a permanent office.
14. Recorded Grade - An animal that is registered or recorded with a recognized breed association and does not meet that association's purebred registration requirements.
15. Replacement Female - A heifer, ewe, gilt, or doe raised for the purpose of replacing another female within a reproductive herd, or flock. Replacement females may be exhibited and considered as non-terminal auction animals.
16. Steer - Castrated male bovine.
17. Veal - Bovine primarily fed with milk or milk replacer. Local fair will establish guidelines for weights according to local industry standards of market animals.
18. Wether - Castrated male goat or sheep.

#### Participation

1. Exhibitors must be able to prove ownership.
2. Exhibit animals will not be muzzled while on the fairgrounds.
3. Any animal that does not meet class requirements of weight, age, identification, etc. will not be paid premiums.
4. No animal may be entered in more than one division in the Livestock Department unless provided for in the specifications of the division. However, market or feeder animals may be entered in both divisions for individual and pens of market or feeder animals.
5. Animals entered in market or feeder divisions may not be entered in breeding divisions.

#### Animal Identification

"Please Notice" - It is unlawful to remove official identification.

1. All animals (except horses or market and feeder animals) shall be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, photo or drawing, or brand required by breed association, ear notching or microchip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form.
2. When identification numbers are in both ears and are different, both numbers shall be recorded on the entry form.
3. Registered dairy cattle shall meet their breed associations' requirements for identification.
4. An exhibitor may not use the same permanent marking on more than one animal of the same breed and sex during: any five-month period for swine, any two consecutive calendar years for sheep, or any 12-month period for all other livestock (except that pigs may have the same litter mark).
5. For market and feeder animals, an identifying number will be placed or attached to the animal by the fair, or designee, and must be on the animal at all times or awards will not be paid.

#### Market Animals

1. All market animals owned by Independent juniors shall not be discriminated against by the sale program.

2. If the fair requires a terminal sale, the Local Rules must state it in the exhibitor handbook. Exhibitors and their parents or guardians must agree that upon entry into market competition and qualification by the market judge, the animal(s) will be sold and processed.

3. Desirable market weight will be a consideration in market animal judging.

#### Breeding Animals Exhibit Requirements

1. To qualify for exhibit and judging, the following information must be provided on the entry form by the closing date of entry:

- a. Identification of each animal at least by
  - i. dam, birth date and ear tag, notching, tattoo, photo, or drawing; or by
  - ii. the registration number.
- b. Sire's registration number for Get of Sire entries.
- c. Dam's registration number for Produce of Dam entries.

2. If the above information is completed after close of entry, a \$5 penalty fee per entry may be required by the fair prior to judging to qualify for judging.

3. Individual animals shown in group exhibits need not be identified either on the original entry form or on supplementary entry forms unless required by a local rule.

#### 4. Grade or Unregistered Purebred Animals by Registered Sire

- a. Animals that have been registered as purebred by a breed association are not eligible in grade or unregistered classes.
- b. Commercial unregistered animals including range, stocker, feeder, and replacements, and Range Registered or Recorded Grade animals are ineligible in Registered or Purebred divisions.

#### Registered Animal Registration Certificates

1. All animals in "registered breeding animal" divisions must be registered and recorded with a United States (U.S.) breed association in the exact name of the exhibitor (owner) as declared on the entry form, except for:

- a. Pigs, 12 months or younger, which are still owned by the breeder. Litter registrations are acceptable if recorded with their breed association and if they identify the litter by birth date, sire, dam, and ear notching; and

- b. Animals whose breed association requires an inspector's approval before registering. The animal cannot be more than 12 months of age on the opening day of the fair. Exhibitors may present a statement by the secretary of the association stating that the animal is eligible to be registered. This statement must identify the animal by birth date, sire, dam, and ear tag, tattoo, or notching.

2. Original registration certificates, a stamped duplicate issued by a U.S. breed association, or other documents mentioned above must be presented to the management when the animals arrive on the fairgrounds and must be kept on hand.

- a. Original registration certificates faxed to the fair by the U.S. breed association will also be accepted and retained by the fair. Photocopies, letters, and telegrams are not acceptable.

- b. Clerks are instructed to correct entry records exactly as shown on the certificate. (Any exceptions will be based solely upon the recognized U.S. breed association's standard practices for issuing registration certificates. A written verification from the association of any deviation in issuing practices must be on file with F&E.

3. When the owner and breeder names are not exactly the same on the registration certificate, the fair will hold all of the exhibitor's awards until the fair receives a statement from the breed association verifying that the various names are recognized as the owner and/or breeder and including the owner's mailing address.

4. No deviation from or alteration in the information on a registration certificate will be permitted unless clearance in writing is first obtained from the breed association that issued the certificate. Evidence of any attempt to alter information on a registration certificate shall be reported immediately to F&E and may become the basis for any California fair to refuse entries from the exhibitor and/or its agent.

#### IX. ANIMAL SPECIES RULES

State and Federal regulations concerning animal weighing and harvesting, and beef and pork promotion assessments also apply. Cattle (Beef, Dairy, Veal)

1. Yellow transportation slips issued by the fair are mandatory when transporting cattle to and from the fair. (CA Food & Ag Code 21054).  
2. Brand Inspection requirements for cattle ownership will be enforced (CA Food & Ag Codes 21051f, 21702, 21703).

#### 3. Beef Cattle –

- a. Market/feeder beef are steers and heifers only.
- b. All Registered Purebred Breeding females 24 months of age or older on the opening day of the fair must:
  - i. Have a calf; or
  - ii. Show obvious signs of pregnancy; or
  - iii. Have a veterinarian's certificate of pregnancy; or
  - iv. Have a veterinarian's certificate stating that the animal is or has been an embryo producing female.

4. Dairy Cattle – Registered Purebred junior and senior yearlings in milk must be shown as two-year-old in both the individual and group classes.

5. Veal – “Veal” refers to steers, bulls, and heifers.

#### Sheep

##### 1. Official Identification

##### Sheep Entries from California

All exhibition sheep in California require official identification issued by the USDA. Official identification (official eartags, official tattoos, official electronic identification, or official premises identification numbers) is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition and/or when sheep change ownership. (See also Section X. Animal Health Rules, SHEEP AND GOATS for a list of acceptable methods of official identification.)

##### Sheep Entries from Other States

All exhibition sheep imported into California require official identification issued by the USDA. Official identification (official eartags, official tattoos, official electronic identification, or official premises identification numbers) is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition.

2. Tail Docking - To qualify for exhibit market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible.

3. Market lambs are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Market lambs must show only lambs teeth.

4. Market/feeder sheep are wethers and ewes only.

##### 5. Registered Breeding Animals

a. Flock numbers, and not registration numbers, shall be used to identify all entries. Flock numbers and breeder's initials, name or association prefix shall be on commercially used tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear for yearlings and lambs bred by the exhibitor. Lambs born from a purchased, bred ewe can bear the ear tag of the owner at the time of birth. They do not have to have original breeder's ear tag.

b. An exhibitor may not use the same flock number on more than one animal during any two consecutive calendar years.

6. Natural Colored Sheep may show in “All Other Breeds” division when a separate division is not offered.

7. Certified registered and pedigree listed sheep with certificates are eligible to exhibit.

#### Wool

1. Only complete fleeces sheared from sheep owned by the exhibitor and in the grease are eligible for competition. Manufacturers and dealers are excluded.

2. Fleeces shall not be more than 12 months growth. The definition of “12 months” shall be the definition commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is actually slightly more than 12 months growth, due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed “12 months” wool.

3. No wether fleeces may be included.

4. Each exhibitor will be limited to two fleece entries in one class, except for the group class. A group of fleeces must be owned by one exhibitor, and each fleece must have been judged in individual fleece classes.

5. The judge may classify or reclassify fleeces before making awards.

6. Fleeces shall be rolled, flesh side out and placed in a clear plastic bag. Paper twine is discouraged.

#### Swine

1. Market/feeder swine are barrows and gilts only.

2. All Registered Purebred Breeding females junior yearling or older must have raised a litter of pigs to be eligible for exhibit.

3. Potbellied Pigs must be registered with the National Committees on Potbellied Pigs, Potbellied Pig Registry Service, Inc., or the International Potbellied Pig Registry.

#### Goats

##### Goat Entries from California

All exhibition goats in California require official identification issued by the USDA. Official identification (official eartags, official tattoos, official electronic identification, or official premises identification numbers) is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition and/or when goats change ownership. (See also Section X. Animal Health Rules, SHEEP AND GOATS for a list of acceptable methods of official identification.)

##### Goat Entries from Other States

All exhibition goats imported into California require official identification issued by the USDA. Official identification (official eartags, official tattoos, official electronic identification, or official premises identification numbers) is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition. (See also Section X. Animal Health Rules, SHEEP AND GOATS for a list of acceptable methods of official identification.)

##### 1. Dairy Goats

###### a. Registered Purebred Breeding Animals:

i. Animals with a “Certificate of Registry” (Blue Border) issued by the American Dairy Goat Association are eligible.

ii. Animals with a “Certificate of Registry” (Brown Border) issued by the American Dairy Goat Association are not eligible.

iii. The American Dairy Goat Society issues registration certificates for purebred animals only.

b. Recorded Grade Breeding Animals: All animals registered Experimental (Blue Border Experimental), or Recorded (Brown Border Recorded) including Experimental, Native on Performance and Native on Appearance.

##### 2. Pygmy Goats

a. All animals must be registered with either the American Goat Society, Inc., or the National Pygmy Goat Association.

b. Either horned, tipped or de-horned animals are permissible.

##### 3. Angora Goats

a. All animals must be registered with the American Angora Goat Breeders Association, Rock Springs, Texas.

b. Either long or short clips are permissible.

##### 4. Boer Goats

a. All animals must be registered with the American Boer Goat Association, the International Boer Goat Association, Inc., the IBGA or the Canadian Boer Goat Association. Original registration certificate is required and must be in the owner's name.

b. Either horned, tipped, or de-horned animals are permissible.

##### 5. Market Goats

a. Market goats are wethers and does only, no bucks allowed.

b. Market goats are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Market goats must show only milk teeth.

c. Either horned, tipped, or de-horned animals are permissible.

#### X. ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

Fairs will make a reasonable effort to enforce state and federal animal health regulations, and they have the right to seek assistance from the appropriate agencies. For assistance with California's requirements, or to obtain an entry permit if importing livestock from out-of-state, contact the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA), Animal Health and Food Safety Services (AHFSS) Animal Health Branch (AHB). Headquarters: 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 900-5052.

These rules are subject to change to reflect any changes, updates, and/or alerts communicated by the CDFA AHB as they pertain to animal health regulations. To view the latest announcements made by the CDFA AHFSS AHB, please visit their website at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/>.

Eligibility. See also Eligibility Rule II - 1.

1. Any inhumane activity to animals by the exhibitor, as determined by fair management in consultation with the fair veterinarian, may

cause disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and removal of the exhibit or exhibitor from the fairgrounds.

2. Animal health decisions will be made in the best interest of the animal and for the other animals at the fair as determined by fair management in consultation with the fair veterinarian.

3. No animal that shows any evidence of any active, unsightly, or communicable disease, or any unsightly disease or other condition shall be admitted or allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.

4. No animal shall be admitted to a fairground from any premises under quarantine for disease.

5. Management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests to be performed before, during or after animals are on the fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures, which may become necessary in the event of an emergency. The health of animals, when determined by the official veterinarian, shall be final. Exhibitors who refuse to allow their animals to be examined shall be disqualified and such violation shall be reported to F&E. No refund will be made.

6. All exhibitors must comply with all state and federal animal health regulations and the fair's health requirements, including submittal of the fair's certificate of animal medication. State animal health officials may enforce additional entry requirements if there is a disease outbreak in California or other states. This may include disease testing or restrictions on entering certain geographical areas.

7. Drench guns are not approved for use while on the fairgrounds. Anyone found to be using any type of drench gun to administer liquids into any animal without the supervision and direction of the official fair veterinarian and/or designated fair official will result in exhibit and/or exhibitor being disqualified.

8. Castration sites shall be healed and free of inflammation.

9. Sellers are responsible for animals that are condemned or rejected at processing centers, except if injury is caused during transport to the processing facility.

Use of Pharmaceuticals in Market Animals:

1. Signature on entry form signifies compliance with all manufacturer and veterinarian pharmaceutical, biologic and chemical instructions and withdrawal requirements, and that all off-label treatments to market animals have been administered lawfully in accordance with a prescription from a California-licensed veterinarian whose statement notes dosage, date, and purpose for administration.

2. All exhibitors must advise management of any drugs and medications administered to an animal that might still be detected at the time of showing and at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, withdrawal time, route, time, and date of administration must be presented to management prior to the showing and sale of the animal. Livestock treated within the specified withdrawal period cannot be sold without notifying the buyer.

3. Exhibitors must complete the fair's medication certificate prior to sale.

4. Per Food and Ag Code 14363 (a), it is unlawful for any livestock owner or agent to sell or dispose of any livestock or livestock carcasses which within 48 hours after the buyer takes possession have drug residues in excess of allowable federal or state tolerances. In addition to any other penalties imposed by this chapter, any livestock owner or agent violating this section shall be liable to the buyer for an amount equal to three times the purchase price of any livestock or livestock carcasses with drug residues in excess of allowable federal or state tolerances so long as the liability does not conflict with the federal Packers and Stockyards Act, and shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each head of livestock or livestock carcass disposed of or sold. In addition, the livestock owner or agent shall be liable for any attorney's fees. See also Food and Ag Code (FAC) 14360 and 14362.

## CATTLE

### Cattle Entries from California

1. All female dairy cattle four (4) months of age and over must bear evidence of official calfhood vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.

2. All dairy cattle and all bulls changing ownership that are 18 months of age and over, or nonvirgin bulls less than 18 months, require an official identification tag.

3. All bulls 18 months of age and over, and non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age, require a negative individual PCR trichomoniasis test performed within 60 days prior to change of ownership, except bulls used solely for exhibition that were confined to the exhibition location, without access to mature female cattle and will return directly to the premises of origin after exhibition. Pooled samples are not acceptable for testing.

4. As of November 5, 2024, all official ID tags applied to cattle and bison must be both electronically (EID) and visually readable. For a list of manufacturers currently licensed by USDA as approved tagged manufacturers for cattle EIDs, please visit the Animal Identification Number Management System.

Acceptable methods for official identification of cattle include:

a. Official USDA individual identification eartags:

i. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices [RFID]).

ii. National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) eartags (if applied prior to November 4, 2024):

- USDA metal brucellosis calfhood vaccination (orange) eartags for females

- USDA metal "silver brite" eartags

b. Legible breed registration tattoos with accompanying registration paperwork.

5. It is unlawful to remove official identification eartags. Requests to remove an official identification eartag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the eartag. The request must include a photo of the eartag, the reason the eartag must be removed, and all other official eartags on the animal.

### Cattle Entries from Other States

1. All exhibition cattle entering California require individual official identification, an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit issued within 15 days prior to entry, and an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) with an inspection date within 30 days before movement into the state. Official identification must be listed on the ICVI.

2. Lactating dairy cattle must be accompanied by a negative HPAI (H5N1) test date within 10 days prior to entry into the state.

3. As of November 5, 2024, all official ID tags applied to cattle and bison must be both electronically (EID) and visually readable. For a list of manufacturers currently licensed by USDA as approved tagged manufacturers for cattle EIDs, please visit the Animal Identification Number Management System.

Acceptable methods for official identification of cattle include:

a. Official USDA individual identification eartags:

i. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices [RFID]).

ii. National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) eartags (if applied prior to November 4, 2024):

- USDA metal brucellosis calfhood vaccination (orange) eartags for females

- USDA metal "silver brite" eartags

b. Legible breed registration tattoos with accompanying registration paperwork.

4. It is unlawful to remove official identification eartags. Requests to remove an official identification eartag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the eartag. The request must include a photo of the eartag, the reason the eartag must be removed, and all other official eartags on the animal.

5. Testing and/or vaccination requirements include the following:

a. All female dairy cattle four (4) months of age and over must bear evidence of official calfhood vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.

b. All sexually intact dairy cattle six (6) months of age and over require a negative tuberculosis (TB) test within 60 days prior to entering California or must originate from a TB accredited free herd with documentation of the herd number and last test date on the ICVI.

c. Cattle do not require a brucellosis test unless originating from a designated brucellosis surveillance area. If a brucellosis test is necessary, the test needs to be collected within 30 days of entry and be performed by a state or federally-approved lab.

d. All bulls 18 months of age and over, and non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age, require a negative individual PCR trichomoniasis test performed within 60 days prior to entry, except bulls used solely for exhibition that are confined to the exhibition location, without access to mature female cattle, will return directly to the state of origin after exhibition, and are not changing ownership. Pooled samples are not acceptable for testing.

#### SHEEP AND GOATS

##### Sheep and Goat Entries from California

1. All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual official identification issued by the USDA. Individual official identification must be kept on the animals. Acceptable methods of official identification of sheep and goats include:

a. Official USDA individual identification eartags:

i. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartags (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices [RFID])

ii. Scrapie eartags: either flock identification eartags (flock identification number with individual animal number) or serial eartags (alphanumeric combination for individual animal). Scrapie identification is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition and/or when sheep change ownership, except:

1. Wethers for exhibition and wethers under 18 months of age.

b. Legible breed registration tattoos in the ears (or tail-web of earless goats) if accompanied by breed association registration papers. Breed associations that are approved by USDA to serve as official identification can be found at USDA's scrapie program website, <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-disease/sheep-goat/scrapie/registry>.

c. Electronic implants (microchips) when accompanied by registration papers and microchip scanner. Microchips must be ISO 11784/11785 compliant, contain 15 digits, and begin with 840. Since 2019, microchipped sheep and goats must be tattooed with a legible "E" if the implant is at the base of the ear or an "ET" if the implant is in the tail fold; the tattoo must be at least 0.3 inches high in the ear, or in the case of earless animals, the tail fold.

2. It is unlawful to remove official identification eartags. Requests to remove an official identification eartag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the eartag. The request must include a photo of the eartag, the reason the eartag must be removed, and all other official eartags on the animal.

3. Fairs will not accept:

a. Animals from scrapie-infected flocks, scrapie source flocks, or scrapie "non-compliant" flocks

b. Animals that are scrapie-positive, scrapie suspects or scrapie exposed unless they have been evaluated and approved for exhibition by the state scrapie epidemiologist.

4. Fairs will keep records of the consignor, buyer, and animal identification for five

(5) years when animals change ownership in a public sale at the fair.

5. Fairs will try to accommodate Scrapie Flock Certification Program members with separate space if practical. Breeding animals should be housed in separate enclosures or locations from animals that are not in the certification program, if practical.

6. Sheep or goats within 30 days pre- or post-parturition, or with vaginal discharge, shall if practical, be kept separate from animals from different flocks and in an area that can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

##### Sheep and Goat Entries from Other States

1. All exhibition sheep and goats entering California require individual official identification issued by the USDA, an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit issued within 15 days prior to entry, and an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) with an inspection date within 30 days before movement into the state with the following scrapie statement "The animals are not scrapie positive or suspect or

from a scrapie non-compliant flock". Official identification must be listed on the ICVI.

2. Acceptable methods of official identification of sheep and goats include:

a. Official USDA individual identification eartags

i. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartags (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices [RFID])

ii. Scrapie eartags: either flock identification eartags (flock identification number with individual animal number) or serial eartags (alphanumeric combination for individual animal). Scrapie identification is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition and/or when sheep change ownership.

b. Legible breed registration tattoos in the ears (or tail-web of earless goats) if accompanied by breed association registration papers. Breed associations that are approved by USDA to serve as official identification can be found at USDA's scrapie program website, <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-disease/sheep-goat/scrapie/registry>.

c. Electronic implants (microchips) when accompanied by registration papers and microchip scanner. Microchips must be ISO 11784/11785 compliant, contain 15 digits, and begin with 840. Since 2019, microchipped sheep and goats must be tattooed with a legible "E" if the implant is at the base of the ear or an "ET" if the implant is in the tail fold; the tattoo must be at least 0.3 inches high in the ear, or in the case of earless animals, the tail fold.

3. It is unlawful to remove official identification eartags. Requests to remove an official identification eartag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the eartag. The request must include a photo of the eartag, the reason the eartag must be removed, and all other official eartags on the animal.

4. Rams six (6) months of age and over imported into California require a negative *Brucella ovis* test within 60 days before entry OR must originate from a *Brucella ovis* certified free flock. The ICVI must include the animal's official identification number, test results, name of the approved laboratory, date of the test, and the "Brucella ovis free flock number", if present.

#### SWINE

##### Swine Entries from Other States

1. All exhibition swine entering California require individual official identification (ID), an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit issued within 15 days prior to entry, and an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) with an inspection date within 30 days before movement into the state. Official identification must be listed on the ICVI.

2. Acceptable methods for official identification of swine include:

a. Eartags

i. National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) eartags:

• USDA metal "silver brite" eartags

• USDA plastic swine eartags

ii. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices [RFID])

iii. Premises Identification Number (PIN) eartags with an individual animal number.

b. Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) if recorded with a purebred registry association and accompanied by breed association registration papers attached to the ICVI.

3. It is unlawful to remove official identification eartags. Requests to remove an official identification eartag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the eartag. The request must include a photo of the eartag, the reason the eartag must be removed, and all other official eartags on the animal.

4. No testing, including brucellosis and pseudorabies, or vaccinations are currently required.

#### EQUINE

##### Equine Entries from Other States

1. All exhibition equine entering California require individual official identification, an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI)

with an inspection date within 30 days before movement into the state, and evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test performed at a USDA-approved laboratory within 12 months before the date of entry. A pending EIA test result does not satisfy the entry requirement. The requirements apply to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros, and zebras.

2. Instead of an ICVI, equine may be moved on an Extended Equine CVI (EECVI) Movement Permit, also known as an equine passport.

3. Acceptable methods for official identification of equine include:

a. Complete written physical description of the animal that includes the animal's name, age, breed, sex, color, distinctive markings including brands, whorls, and scars, and any form of identification such as tattoo or microchip, if present.

b. Series of four (4) photographs with four (4) views (left-side, right-side, front view, and a view from behind).

c. Unique individual identification tattoo or brand associated with an official equine registry. Official registration papers must accompany the animal.

d. Electronic implants (microchips) that are ISO 11784/11785 compliant and contain 15 digits. Microchips are implanted in the nuchal ligament on the left side of the neck. A microchip scanner should accompany the animal.

#### POULTRY

##### Poultry Entries from Other States

1. All exhibition poultry entering California require official identification (ID) and an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI), unless coming from a flock participating in the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPPI) and accompanied by the documentation required by that program (VS Form 9-3).

2. All exhibition poultry entering California shall be free of any evidence of Avian Influenza, Virulent Newcastle Disease, and all other contagious diseases and not originate from a control area in place for those diseases.

3. Acceptable methods of official identification of poultry include:

a. Identification devices or methods approved for use in the NPPI, such as sealed and number leg bands or wing bands.

#### RABBIT AND CAVY

##### Rabbit and Cavy Entries from Other States

1. All rabbits and cavies are recommended to have an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). An ICVI is required if coming from a state affected by Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD). Animals must be inspected by an accredited veterinarian within 72 hours prior to shipping to California. The following statements, listed on California's regional quarantine, must be included on the ICVI:

a. All rabbits and hares in the shipment have been examined for and found free of communicable diseases, and

b. All rabbits and hares have originated from a single premise that has no signs of a communicable disease, and

c. There have been no movements of rabbit and hares onto the premises over the past 30 days, and

d. The animals have had no contact with wild rabbits or hares in the past 30 days.

2. No rabbits and hares or rabbit and hare products (meat, pelts, hides, carcasses, etc.) and equipment or other items or associated materials may enter California from a premises known to be affected with Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD).

3. Persons who intend to bring their animals back to the origin state after the show should check with their state's department of agriculture to make sure the animals will be allowed to return to origin state.

#### XI. HORSE SHOW DEPARTMENT

State Rules in Sections I-X also apply where there is no conflict.

Rules for Horse Show Management. At US Equestrian and/or breed association approved horse shows, association rules shall apply. At non-US Equestrian approved horse shows, US Equestrian rules will be used as a guideline unless otherwise specified in State or Local Rules. (See additional rules under Management)

##### Exhibitors

1. The age of an exhibitor on January 1 shall be maintained through the calendar year.

Amateur Definition: a person who does not give riding lessons and/or ride, train, or show horses for money or assist the spouse or immediate family in this activity. This includes a person under the age of 18 years.

a. The management reserves the right to question anyone's amateur standing if the question of status has been presented with reasonable cause. The decision of the horse show management shall be final.

b. At US Equestrian approved and breed association approved horse shows, their definition of amateur applies.

2. Exhibitors shall provide the following on the entry form for each entry if registered:

a. owner's name;

b. home barn address (physical origin address where the horse is primarily housed)

c. animal's breed;

d. animal's name;

e. animal's sex; and

f. animal's year of birth.

In breed classes where registration papers are required, the owner's name as listed on the registration papers must be the same as on the entry form.

Registration numbers of animals and their sires and dams will be required as per breed association.

3. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, post entries can be accepted at double the entry fee unless a different penalty fee is printed in the exhibitor handbook.

4. Substitutions can only be made within a division. Substitutions must be made when the entry arrives at the fairgrounds. For horse shows, a substitution is considered the horse, not each class in which it is entered. A \$5.00 penalty per horse must be paid prior to judging for each substitution made by the exhibitor.

5. All riders, drivers, and attendants shall be neatly and suitably dressed on entering the show ring. Horse show manager shall have final decision.

Junior Horse Show Exhibitors in 4-H, FFA, and Grange classes, including Independent exhibitors in those classes:

6. Junior Department rules (VII) also apply.

7. Exhibitors must wear properly strapped headgear in mounted or horse-drawn vehicle competitions. Headgear must be approved by American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute.

8. Junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction. Local fair rules will determine enforcement.

##### Ownership or Lease

1. Any horse exhibited in the junior or youth division must be owned or leased by the junior exhibitor showing the horse or owned by the junior exhibitor's parent, stepparent, sibling, halfsibling, stepsibling, grandparent, step grandparent, sibling's spouse, half sibling's spouse, stepsibling's spouse, or legal guardian (as evidenced by court documents) or owned by the institution in which the junior exhibitor is enrolled as a ward. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts, or partnerships, are also authorized owners of the youth exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorized by this rule.

2. Horse projects must be owned or leased by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown 120 consecutive days prior to the opening day of fair or event/show if held separate from fair. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair or event.

a. Leased horses cannot be shown for conformation in the halter division.

b. For owned horses, proof of ownership must be available at check-in. "Owned" means, in addition to other legitimate methods of acquiring ownership, the bona fide legal ownership obtained for

adequate consideration in reasonable relationship with the actual market value of the horse.

c. For leased horses, the lease, signed by the owner and the 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent exhibitor, and a clear picture of a side view of the horse or some permanent identification must be filed at least 120 consecutive days prior to opening day of the fair or event/show if held separately from the fair at the county 4-H, FFA, or Grange office or with a person designated by the 4-H Youth Advisor, FFA Advisor or Grange Youth Advisor.

3. Horses owned as a joint project may only be shown by one designated exhibitor at an individual show.

4. All Junior Horse Show Exhibitors:

a. Fair Management will not offer Lead Line classes in fair sponsored Youth Horse Shows. Lead Line classes may be offered in Open Horse Shows or according to the provisions specified in Rule 5 - a, Special Divisions, ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTAL RULES, Section VII. Junior Department, page 13.

b. Fair Management will not allow junior exhibitors to ride or show stallions unless it is specifically provided for by the breed association and in that case only in those specific breed classes at a US Equestrian sanctioned show.

c. Junior horse exhibitors may be allowed to enter the Senior Department horse show unless Local Rules prohibit.

Participation

1. Ponies entered in classes in which horses are eligible to compete cannot be shown in pony classes at the same show. Fair Management can restrict ponies from entering certain classes by stating so wherever applicable in the exhibitor handbook.

2. Donkeys and mules cannot be shown in "all other breed" halter classes.

3. Eliminations, if deemed necessary by the management, may be held in classes with large entries. The exhibitor shall be expected to ascertain whether eliminations will be held.

Management

1. No show or contest official or his/her spouse shall enter or exhibit horses in any show or contest at which he/she is officiating, nor may any horse owned by such person be entered or exhibited. A show contest official shall be defined as any person performing the duties of a show manager, judge steward, show secretary, cutter, or chariot race official, or any other horse contest. Duties include but are not limited to:

a. Contacting or hiring of judges; and

b. Acceptance of entries or entry fees.

2. Minor children of Directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Department Supervisor, Show Manager, staff and/or committee members may exhibit horses which are the result of the child's own earnings, or a gift made to the child, provided the requirements of the pertinent rules are met. All other requirements for exhibiting must be met.

3. Animals owned jointly by a director and his/her minor child, or a CEO and his/her minor child are considered as owned by the child in junior division classes only.

4. Show Manager reserves the right to return entries, transfer entries or combine divisions or classes, and/or cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

a. Any return of entries under this rule must be done on a nondiscriminatory basis.

b. The horse show management must divide classes of 50 or more. Separate prize money and ribbons shall be provided for each class.

5. Horse show management shall assign a number to each horse. The exhibitor must wear the number when showing the horse.

6. Photocopies of registration certificates for horse shows may be permitted for the purpose of submitting entries. However, if the fair receives any complaint or challenge concerning the registration of any animal, the fair may request an original registration certificate and may disqualify the entry if it cannot be produced.

Awards

1. Fair Management may withhold the payment of awards for exhibits which are in question under State and Local Rules and may recover awards that have been paid for exhibits in question.

2. For ties other than first place in a jumper or other individually worked competition, the prize money is split. Ties for first follow the jump off rules of the specific Table and Section for that jumper class. If there is still a tie, prize money is split between the winners (i.e., first and second place money is pooled and split evenly between the two riders). Distribution of nonmoney awards shall be determined by management.

Judges

1. The judge may judge for conformation before entering the show ring.

2. In halter horse classes, judges shall be expected to give reasons for their decisions, embracing the value and desirable qualifications of the animals for which premiums are awarded, whenever possible and reasonable.

3. Judges shall not discriminate against exhibitors wearing protective headgear.

XII. EQUINE HEALTH RULES

1. All animals must be serviceably sound. The soundness of animals when determined by the official veterinarian or by the judge shall be final and cannot be protested. The horse show management may request the official veterinarian to examine any animal in competition. All penalties of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 shall be strictly enforced.

2. Exhibitors who refuse to allow their animal to be examined shall be disqualified from showing and such violation shall be reported to F&E. No refund can be made in these cases.

Equine Health Regulations

Direct specific questions to CDFA, Animal Health and Food Safety Services, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814 -- (916) 900-5002.

1. Equines known to be EIA positive or non-negative reactors are forbidden to enter, reside, compete, or sell at any state-supported fairgrounds.

2. Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP)

a. Horses are subject to random drug and medication testing specified in the Food and Agricultural Code Sections 24000-24018. The applicable fee is

\$14.00 per horse per event. The following events are exempt from the Equine Medication Monitoring Program:

i. A rodeo – related competition, which is strictly a timed performance with no subjective judging, held apart from a public event.

ii. A sale of solely racehorses.

iii. Competitions under the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board.

iv. As of January 1, 2026: A public horse show in which the class or event entry fee is fifteen dollars (\$15) or less, and either no other fees are charged, or all other fees combined do not exceed sixty dollars (\$60). Fees charged may include ground fees, stall fees, or any other fees composed of money, goods, or services assessed to permit competitors to enter into the event.

b. The California Equine Medication Rule permits therapeutic drugs or medications prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of a veterinary diagnosed illness or injury. All drugs or medications must be used in accordance with the California Equine Medication Rules. Prohibited substances include most stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, anesthetics including local anesthetics, sedative analgesics, corticosteroids excluding dexamethasone, anabolic steroids, soring agents, and masking agents. Nine permissible medications (dexamethasone, diclofenac acid, firocoxib, flunixin, ketoprofen, meclofenamic acid, methocarbamol, naproxen, and phenylbutazone) are restricted to therapeutic usage as prescribed or administered by a licensed veterinarian, and test sample levels detected must be in compliance with plasma or urine levels associated with limited dosing\*. Additionally, the detection of more than one non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug in either a blood or urine sample is a violation of California rules. Maintaining a current listing of specific prohibited substances is impossible due to the continual introduction of new pharmaceuticals, discontinuation of old ones, off labeled prescription of human products, and utilization of foreign products. Additionally, some exemptions exist.

\*Specific information is contained in the "EMMP Medication Guidelines Brochure" found at [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/emmp/](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/emmp/) or may be requested from CDFA/EMMP at (916) 508-3302 or [emmp@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:emmp@cdfa.ca.gov).

c. Horses must be withdrawn from competition for at least 24 hours after administration of a prohibited substance. A drug declaration form must be filed with an event manager for administration of any prohibited substance three (3) days before the event, to any horse entered in the event. Penalties for violations of the medication rules include fines, suspension, and forfeiture of all winnings.

### 3. Horse Protection Act

Exhibitors must comply with the Horse Protection Act of 1970 and rules adopted by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to carry out its provisions.

#### Equine Entries from Other States

1. All exhibition equine entering California require individual official identification (ID), an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) with an inspection date within 30 days before movement into the state, and evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test performed at a USDA-approved laboratory within 12 months before the date of entry. A "pending" EIA test result does not satisfy the entry requirement. The requirements apply to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros, and zebras.

2. Instead of an ICVI, equine may move on an Extended Equine CVI (EECVI) Movement Permit, also known as equine passport.

3. Acceptable methods for official identification of equine include:

a. Complete written physical description of the animal that includes the animal's name, age, breed, sex, color, distinctive markings including brands, whorls, and scars, and any form of identification such as tattoo or microchip if present.

b. Series of four (4) photographs with four (4) views (left-side, right-side, front view, and a view from behind).

c. Unique individual identification tattoo or brand associated with an official equine registry. Official registration papers must accompany the animal.

d. Electronic implants (microchips) that are ISO 11784/11785 compliant and contain 15 digits. Microchips are implanted in the nuchal ligament on the left side of the neck. A microchip scanner should accompany the animal.

### XIII. JUDGING STANDARDS

Note to Fair Management: See also IV-3. "State Judging Standards" are to be used where applicable.

Fairs may allow for additional grouping systems within the Market Ready or Market Acceptable for sale purposes.

#### MARKET HOG SCORECARD GRADE

Market Acceptable: U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity, and production traits.

Not Market Acceptable: Any hog of below average conformation including U.S.

number 3, U.S. number 4 and utility grade hogs.

#### MARKET LAMB SCORECARD GRADE

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range

.16-.35, average or greater conformation and cutability.

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range .35;

underfinished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below-average conformation or cutability.

#### MARKET BEEF SCORECARD GRADE

Market Ready: Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to

meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades.

Not Market Ready: Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to

produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select - or lower.

#### MARKET VEAL SCORECARD GRADE

Group 1: Animals are smooth, deep, thick, and compact; and the udder or scrotum shows a marked fullness. They must have youthful appearance and be in good condition.

Group 2: Animals must possess a moderately high degree of the higher quality grade characteristics. They will carry less finish, show more bone, and have less uniformity.

Group 3: Animals lack finish, are rather leggy and hippy, are rough in the shoulder, and are light in the round.

#### MARKET GOAT (CHEVON) SCORECARD GRADE

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range

.08-12 most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptable, average, or greater conformation and cutability.

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range .22;

underfinished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

# Junior Livestock Local Rules

## EXHIBITORS & ELIGIBILITY

1. The Junior Livestock Department is restricted to members of the Future Farmers of America, who are under the supervision of the Bureau of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education; members of 4-H Youth groups who are under the supervision of the University of California Cooperative Extension; members of other recognized junior farm organizations; and other children 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2026. All 4-H age requirements will be adhered to. All breeding classes, which include rabbits, are open to members of 4-H, FFA, Grange, or those identified as eligible independent exhibitors, who reside in San Luis Obispo County, all active members of Mission College Prep FFA; Santa Barbara County, limited to the Santa Maria School District; and Monterey County limited to the King City High School District and the Shandon High School District. Replacement Heifers and all market animals (beef, sheep, swine, goats, and rabbit meat pens), are open only to members of 4-H, FFA and Grange, and specifically Mission College Prep students that are enrolled and exhibiting under in the FFA program, or those identified as eligible independent exhibitors, who reside in San Luis Obispo County, but with exclusion of the boundaries of the Lucia Mar School District; the Shandon High School District, and Monterey County with limitation to the King City High School District but with the exclusion of market hogs.  
To Clarify, if you reside in Lucia Mar School District you are not eligible to show a market animal at the California Mid-State Fair.
2. Independent Junior Exhibitors not affiliated with a junior organization during the current year can enter appropriate FFA and 4-H classes for which they qualify. If during the preparation of an exhibit, an independent junior exhibitor terminates membership in a recognized junior organization, the exhibitor may not show the same type of exhibit within 60 days (120 days for market beef) of the terminated membership. An independent junior exhibitor can show only in classes of one recognized organization in a current year to the extent that such classes are available, and the junior exhibitor must be neatly attired in a like manner as FFA or 4-H exhibitors (see Rule #5 for specific attire). In order for an exhibitor to participate as an independent junior exhibitor an application and letter requesting to show as an independent junior exhibitor must be filed with the Fair prior to the due date listed on the application, additional requirements are outlined on the official application. Approval will be granted in writing by the Livestock Superintendent.
3. Independents - Exhibitors entering animals as Independent exhibitors will be classified as follows:
  - a. Exhibitors under 13 years of age as of January 1, 2026 shall only compete in 4-H divisions.
  - b. Exhibitors over the age of 13 years of age shall only compete in FFA divisions.
4. Youth exhibitors that have been officially disqualified as a member of 4-H, FFA or Grange, or for unethical, inappropriate actions or violation of rules at the California Mid-State Fair will not be allowed to compete as an exhibitor (Independent 4-H or FFA) at the California Mid-State Fair. There will be no appeal process and the Fair management's decision is final. Fair Management reserves the right to extend the disqualification to family members and leaders. A letter from the current community club leader, County 4-H Office, or current FFA Instructor and high school principals requesting such enforcement (and the fact that the exhibitor was disqualified/ banned from a club or chapter membership) and provided to the Fair CEO no later than July 8, 2026 shall suffice as evidence.
5. If an exhibitor is disqualified at another California Fair, they may be ineligible to show at the California Mid-State Fair.
6. Any exhibitor or family member with an outstanding debt to the Fair is ineligible to show unless obligation has met the **satisfaction of the Fair management.**
7. **Exhibitors of livestock, small animal and dairy animals must wear the official uniform of their organization while showing the animals.**
  - a. **The FFA show uniform** to be worn by all FFA exhibitors while showing at the California Mid-State Fair shall consist of white dress shirt (short or long sleeves) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket and the official FFA four-in-hand necktie and either white or black trousers. The official FFA jacket is optional; if worn, the shirt emblem is not required.
  - b. The 4-H show uniform to be worn by all 4-H exhibitors while showing at California Mid State Fair shall consist of 4-H cap, white shirt or blouse (short or long sleeves) with 4-H collar or tie, and either white or black pants. No skirts.
  - c. Independent Junior Exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt, long or short sleeved and dark navy-blue pants.
8. For all exhibitors, if boots are worn, they must be inside the pant legs. No sandals or open toed foot ware are to be worn while showing. For pants with belt loops, a belt is required.
9. Medical release information is collected from Showworks and kept on file in the Livestock Office for each exhibitor.
10. State rules and health rules are applicable to the Junior Department. Please review them carefully.
11. Exhibitors shall always maintain and deliver the highest degree of honesty and integrity. The California Mid-State Fair prohibits any unethical and illegal practices and will disqualify exhibitors found to be in violation from the current and all future fairs.
12. All junior exhibitors found to be involved with alcoholic beverages, any type of illegal drugs, or misconduct on the premises of the Fairgrounds will be sent home immediately by either the Management, or at the written request of the leader/advisor in charge, and verified by a parent or guardian. Exhibitor will be disqualified from current and all future participation in the California Mid-State Fair.
13. 4-H, FFA and Independent families will be allowed to bring in outside food through the Livestock Gate or Rodeo Gate between the hours of 6:00 am and 12 Noon (Rodeo gate access stops at 10:00AM). Outside food shall include food

- items contained in ice chests or lunch bags, fast food, and Starbucks. No glass containers will be allowed. Ice chests are subject to inspection at the gate, as well as while on the fairgrounds. There will be a designated location for storage of ice chests. All persons entering any gate will be electronically scanned as part of our Public Safety Program.
14. No Dogs of any kind shall be allowed inside the show ring or holding area of a livestock judging with the exception of show dogs (on day of 4-H dog show only) and Licensed Service dogs.
  15. The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out any injury damage which caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. The exhibitor understands that information contained in this form may be released to the media. If this form is not completed and correctly filled out and signed, the exhibitor may be eliminated from the show.
  16. Reasonable precautions will be taken in protection of exhibits. The 16th District Agricultural Association (California Mid-State Fair) will not be responsible for loss or damage, whatsoever the cause. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. Liability insurance may be purchased through CFSA. Furthermore, the California Mid-State Fair will not be responsible for accidents or loss that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the show and the exhibitors shall hold the management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss. Presentation of online entry submission shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
  17. Interpretation of Rules: The California Mid State Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations in this exhibitor handbook, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.

## **LIVESTOCK ENTRIES**

1. For ownership requirements market animals & junior breeding animals, please refer to State Rule VII Livestock and Horse Exhibits, Ownership, 1 - 6
2. Entry is required as an online process at [cmsfl.fairwire.com](https://cmsfl.fairwire.com) for any and all entries submitted; submission of data requires that you agree and will abide with all the terms and requirements as defined and published (electronically) in the Livestock Competition Handbook and the rules and regulations of same. A copy of these rules and regulations, and the complete Handbook is online at the fair's web site. By typing in "Yes" to proceed with online entry submission, the exhibitors and their agents, parents, and leaders acknowledge and agree that they: Understood and have read the State Rules and Local Fair Rules and the entire Livestock Competition Handbook; agree to abide by them; certify that all information submitted on the online entry is true and accurate; and agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the state or local rules as an entrant. The Exhibitor hereby releases the California Mid-State Fair and the State of California from all liability of every kind and character on account of loss, damage, or injury to property, which they may have on the fairgrounds. The exhibitor understands that information contained in this entry may be released to the media and understands that violation of rules will result in some level of sanction; and certify that all information on the online entry is true and accurate; and agrees to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the state or local rules.
3. Livestock Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Parent Code of Conduct Agreement Forms are to be signed and uploaded in the Showworks entry system. Exhibitors and Parents are required to read the code of conduct and agree that they have read it via signature. By doing so an exhibitor and/or parent agrees they have read the Code of Conduct and agree to the stated rules and requirements.
4. Quality Assurance Training: The California Mid-State Fair is committed to Livestock Quality Assurance training and the important animal care information now available to all youth and parents. All Youth Exhibitors (excluding Primary Members) competing in small stock and large livestock categories are required as a condition of entry to complete the National Online Training program known as Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Learn more and complete your training by going to [YQCA Program](#). This Certification Program is NOT required for Primary members.
  - a. The program is required to be completed by the exhibitor; on or before May 31, 2026. Upon completion a confirmation number and certificate will be given to signify completion of the program. Exhibitors will enter this number into their online entries and upload the certificate to complete registration for all livestock competitions.
  - b. Certification is valid for one calendar year and must be valid for all show dates.
  - c. California Livestock Exhibitors in all counties are required to complete this certification program to meet State Rule Requirements.
5. Water Survey: Per State Regulation, All Youth Exhibitors (4-H, FFA and Independent) will be required to complete the San Luis Obispo County Storm Water Survey. Exhibitors must complete the first survey on or before May 31, 2026. Click here to be taken to the survey: [Water Survey 1](#). Exhibitors' Entries will not be processed until the survey is complete. If an exhibitor misses this deadline the Fair reserves the right to pull the exhibitor's entries from the junior livestock show, without refund of entry money. **A second survey must be completed by the end of the day Friday, July 24. If an exhibitor fails to do so their Junior Livestock Auction Check, Replacement Heifer Auction and or premium**

**money won will be held and assessed a fee of \$50.00.**

6. No late entries will be accepted after the late entry period. All entries must be submitted by the entry deadline designated in the competition handbook online.
7. Junior Livestock Entries will not be accepted until a leader approves them online.
8. **Animals auctioned during the Junior Livestock Auction may not be picked up live. All animals auctioned will be terminal.**
9. Animals will be permitted on the Fairgrounds pursuant to the schedule issued by the Fair Management. Animals not arriving at specified times and without prior consent from Fair Management will be disqualified from show.
10. Stalls and pens will be reserved for exhibitors only to the number of head entered on their online entry and for which facilities are available.
11. Due to the limited space in the livestock area, there will be no bogus entries to subsequently use the space for storage, picnics, rest areas, etc. Storage in swine, sheep, and goat areas will be designated, but is limited. No Chairs, tables, ice coolers, or tents will be allowed in alleyways intended for hog housing or hog movement. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Fair Management. After weigh-in, the Fair Management has the authority to change stall space as necessary. Your cooperation is expected. Common areas for exhibitors will be provided near animal housing areas but not in pens and alleys.
12. Fair Management Reserve the right to close a division or class before the entry closing date if all available space has been allotted.
13. In order for a market animal to be eligible to show at the Fair, a "Pre-Entry" (DNA Sample) must have been submitted to the Fair Office by March 17, 2026 for replacement heifers and steers and May 18, 2026 for market lambs, market goats, and market hogs (Please note: ownership deadlines are December, 15, 2025 for replacement heifers, March 17, 2026 for steers, May 16, 2026 for market lambs, market hogs and market goats, and June 15, 2026 for breeding and market rabbits.
14. Livestock Entry Limit Rules for 2026
  - d. Junior livestock exhibitors in the Market Livestock Shows are limited to exhibiting, showing and selling no more than one (1) large market animal (Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog) or one (1) Beef Replacement Heifer. There is NO limit on the number of DNA submissions of the same species. However, only one of the same species may be entered per exhibitor. A Bill of Sale must accompany each DNA submission, multiple heifer DNA submissions are allowed if the Bill of Sale for each submission was received by the January 8, 2026 deadline.
  - e. Junior livestock exhibitors may enter and exhibit only one (1) market animal and one (1) replacement heifer, with the exception that no exhibitor may enter the combination of a market hog and a replacement heifer.
  - f. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in the Small Animal Market Livestock Show (Rabbits & Poultry) may enter and show no more than one (1) of each species of the following Market Entries:
    1. (1) One Rabbit Meat Pen or (1) One Fryer
    2. (1) One Market Broiler Pen
    3. (1) One Market Turkey
  - g. Showing Small Market Animals will not affect entry limits in the Large Animal market Show or in the Beef Replacement Heifer Show and vice versa.
15. There is no entry limit per exhibitor for youth breeding shows (Dairy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Wether Dams, or Beef Cattle).
16. All Breeding Show entries must arrive and depart based upon the schedule in the competition handbook and must arrive per the show schedule. Exhibitors must declare on online entry if species will remain the entire Fair (Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Beef). If Market Entries exceed stall or pen space, the fair may declare breeding shows to be in and out shows.
17. All 4-H and FFA market and breeding animals (except special arrangements made for breeding) must be on the Fairgrounds and in place by 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 19, 2026. No market animals will be allowed to come on the grounds on Monday, July 20, 2026
18. **All junior livestock exhibitors are required to handle, wash, and fit their animals in the barns and for the show ring without any adult and/or leader help. Other Youth under the age of 19 years are eligible to assist ONLY if they are eligible to exhibit an animal at the California Mid-State Fair Youth Livestock Show July 15-July 26, 2026. Any violation of this rule shall result in the disqualification of the animal and exhibitor for the current year plus one additional year. This rule will be strictly enforced.**
19. Junior livestock exhibitors are prohibited from surgically removing or altering any part of their market animal. All violations shall result in instant disqualification from the show and the exhibitor will be subject to losing all rights to participate in future California Mid-State Fairs.
20. Fair management shall receive the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endanger public safety, compromises or violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
21. Any animal that has been diagnosed in poor health during the time of Fair must have a written report from the approved veterinarian to be presented to the livestock office before a release is issued. In all cases, the fair's Biosecurity protocols will be enforced.

## BARN RULES

1. Mandatory: All Exhibitors are required to feed and water their market animal prior to leaving the Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 26, 2026. **Note: If market hogs are on lixit water tubes that are being removed you must provide water to your hog until 8pm, bucket watering by hand is acceptable.**
2. All exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the livestock area during the Fair, with the exception to schedule use of the Equestrian Center for exercising beef animals, all other areas are off limits.
3. The livestock barns and immediate areas close daily at 9:00 p.m. and reopen in the morning at 6:00 a.m. The public as well as exhibitors, parents, and leaders may not access the area. Absolutely no exceptions. If there is an animal health issue, please notify the Livestock Superintendent to obtain access and be escorted into barn area.
4. Livestock pens, including beef tie stalls, must have bedding of either shavings, approved wood pellet bedding, or straw. Either type of bedding used may not be covered over with any type of material (i.e. shade cloth or tarp). The bedding material must be the top surface. Pens must remain in place as found and no alterations may be made for any reason. Sawdust is not permitted to be used as bedding. Livestock Office Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Daily
5. Water and Feed for Animals: Livestock shall be offered water at regular intervals throughout each 24-hour period while animals are on grounds. There is no specific time requirement or scheduled frequency for watering, but the animals' welfare is important. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animals. Animals are to be fed appropriately based upon weight and the specie requirements. Excessive feeding, intentional water restriction for long periods of time or animals left unattended for extraordinarily long and extended periods of time will not be tolerated. It is recommended that animals be hand watered when possible, however no watering systems that involve plumbed PVC or other water pipe systems are allowed; bucket watering and individual portable (not plumbed) PVC type water units that are manually filled and have a water lixit or similar devise are acceptable. These portable tubes must be secured to pen fences and not leak excessively. Check with the office in advance if you are not sure what may be acceptable.
6. Biosecurity Protocol: Each specie leader of each club/chapter exhibiting will be required to review the Biosecurity Best Practices Document with exhibitors. A signed Biosecurity Protocol Training form must be signed and turned into the Livestock Office no later than July 13, 2026. Information and documents are available online at [CMSF Livestock](#)
7. Generators: Based on enforcement from the State Fire Marshal, no personal generators are allowed to be on the fairgrounds. No Exceptions.
8. Extension cords: Extension cords used to distribute power to electrical apparatus shall be rated 15 amps minimum and contain a ground wire. Cords not meeting these requirements shall be confiscated for the duration of the fair. NO electrical cords are allowed in any public walk spaces. Failure to adhere to these safety and cleanliness rules may result in disqualification or forfeiture of premiums.
9. Aisleways must remain clear and provide a safe path for the public to view the animals.
10. Heat producing appliances such as heaters, electric skillets, toasters, coffee makers, BBQ's, hot plates and any other appliance that may be used for cooking or heating purposes shall not be permitted in the barns. Electrical devices in good repair and properly maintained used in direct connection with care of animals such as fans may be exempt.
11. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the livestock barns.
12. Smoking including E-Cigarettes and Vapors is not permitted on the fairgrounds.
13. Fire hoses, fire extinguishers or other fire equipment shall not be used except in cases of emergency. These devices shall not be blocked or obstructed at any time.

## DISPLAY RULES

1. All 4-H club and FFA chapter displays must be made of breathable materials. No solid wood or metal structures, solid canvas material or other materials that will inhibit airflow will be allowed.
  - a. Approved materials include but are not limited to lattice, vinyl, and shade cloth.
2. Displays may not be more than 4 feet in height above the club or chapters designated pens or stalls.
3. Each Pen or stall must clearly be marked with exhibitor name and animal tag ID number (Fair issued tag).
4. All areas are subject to inspection and regulation of the State Fire Marshall.

# SCALE RULES

The 2026 minimum weight limits, maximum pay weights, and maximum weight limitations are as follows:

| Species             | Min Weight  | Max Pay Weight | Max Show Weight |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Market Steers       | 1050 pounds | 1350 pounds    | 1450 pounds     |
| Replacement Heifers | 900 pounds  |                | 1700 pounds     |
| Market Lambs        | 105 pounds  | 150 pounds     | 160 pounds      |
| Market Hogs         | 220 pounds  | 280 pounds     | 280 pounds      |
| Market Goats        | 60 pounds   | 100 pounds     | 110 pounds      |

- Unofficial Scales** - One small animal "Unofficial" Scale (hogs, lambs, goats) and one "Unofficial" Beef Scale will be made available to all exhibitors from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19. 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 7:00 PM, Sunday, July 19, 2026. Weights taken on "Unofficial" Scales may not be the same as those taken on official scales.
- Official Scales** - Certified Scales for official market animal weigh-in will take place on Monday, July 20, 2026 starting at 7:00 AM. These scales will provide The Official Weight.
- The maximum pay weight, which has been capped and applied to both the buyer and seller, shall be passed on to the harvest facility as well; therefore, the harvest facilities shall not reimburse the Fair for actual weight of the animal beyond the maximum pay weight.
- Absolutely no re-weighs will be given unless the scale is in question. In this case, the re-weigh will be taken immediately after balancing the scale. The animal will not be allowed to leave the scale area.
- Market animals will be classified for breed and/or color at weigh-in. The decision of the classifier/breed caller is final. If there are less than SEVEN exhibitors in a breed class, they will be transferred to the All Other Breeds Division. Market animals will then be categorized by weight within each breed or color class.**
- Any animal weighing under or over the weight limit shall be disqualified from any market competition but will be eligible to compete in showmanship classes. Exhibitor must notify the Livestock Office of their intent to participate in showmanship by 4:00pm on weigh-in day. Animals disqualified due to weight and remaining on ground to compete in showmanship classes may not post "For Sale" signs prior to the completion of the auction. All livestock remaining on-grounds to compete in showmanship classes will be released Sunday, July 26, 2026, after 4:00pm, and per the release schedule.
- The only scales that will be used for the purpose of the official weigh-in shall be those that are calibrated for the 16th DAA and staffed by a certified weigh master and Fair personnel.
- Absolutely no privately-owned weigh scales will be allowed on the Fairgrounds at any time.
- All market animals are required to be weighed in by the schedule for that species. Any animal that does not receive an official weight during the designated time period shall be ineligible for competition, including showmanship.
- If the Exhibitor has a market animal that is weight sifted, and as a result may not show in an individual class, the exhibitor may use the animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the fair. See the Livestock Office for declaration deadlines.
- No wet, blanketed or muddy animals will be allowed to be weighed.

# DNA PROGRAM RULES

- For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California Mid-State Fair will require that all Replacement Heifers and market animals (Steers, Lambs, Hogs, and Goats) designated for entry in the Fair must have a hair sample submitted by the exhibitor on or prior to 120-day ownership for Heifers and Market Steers and 60-day ownership for Market Lambs, Hogs, and Goats.
- No heifer or market animal will be eligible for official entry unless a hair sample is obtained and an official DNA Registration Form has been completed, signed and submitted with hair sample by the deadline.
- All DNA Collection Kits must be obtained through the California Mid-State Fair Office. Exhibitors must obtain and pay for kit before deadlines and return completed kits with all required forms and signatures by ownership deadlines. Exhibitors will be required to ear tag their animal with designated ear tag provided in DNA Collection Kit. If for any reason an animal loses their ear tag, the exhibitor must contact the Fair office immediately. NO animal will be allowed to be weighed in without an ear tag. Ear tagging at the scale will not be allowed.
- All replacement heifers and market animal hair samples in the first collection will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to collect and submit as required in the DNA collection kit.
- Designated replacement heifers and market animals (All Supreme Champions and Reserve Supreme Champions and a minimum of 2 random selections of animals) will be required to have a second DNA collection. Exhibitors and their animals must be accompanied by a Responsible Adult (25 years of age or over) for the second collection. A DNA Matching Analysis test will be performed to verify that both the first sample (collected by exhibitor prior to ownership

- deadlines) and the second sample (collected at the Fair) match and confirm the identity of the animal.
6. Random Selections will be determined (but not limited to) taking the total number of Replacement Heifers, and Market Steers, Hogs, Lambs & Goats and dividing by 2. EXAMPLE: if there were a total of 149 animals divided by 2 =74.5 rounded down = 74 the 2 Random Selections would be Animal 74 & 148.
7. The California Mid-State Fair reserves the right to collect DNA Tissue (Hair, Blood, Other Tissue) from any animal for any reason at any time. No advanced notification is required.
8. In the case where an animal sample of any species does not match after the DNA Analysis Test, the animal in question and the exhibitor will be disqualified, and ineligible for any future participation at the California Mid-State Fair. If results are available before the Livestock Auction, the exhibitor will not be eligible to sell in the auction. If the results are not available until after the Livestock Auction has taken place, all sale proceeds and awards will be held. All awards and premiums will be forfeited regardless of when the Fair is notified of test results.

## **RESIDUE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM RULES**

1. Exhibitors must submit a signed livestock medical release form at the time of weigh-in.
2. In an effort to increase awareness of responsibilities associated with the production of consumer-oriented products, the California Mid-State Fair requires exhibitors of market animals to sign a Medication Declaration Form. This form acknowledges the use of any substance in/on the animal regardless if the withdrawal period has or has not completely elapsed prior to arrival at the Fair. This includes substances used according to label or in an extra-label method. All extra-label drug usage MUST be done under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and their contact information is required. **The intent of the Residue Avoidance Program is not to prevent medically necessary treatment, but to ensure the animal's well-being, fair competition and a safe product being introduced into the food chain.**
3. If an animal requires medical treatment while on the fairgrounds only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug and provide treatment. The Livestock Superintendent must be notified when there is evidence of illness or injury in any animal entered for competition. **If a veterinarian visits and/or medical treatment is required all costs will be incurred by the exhibitor.**
4. In the event that the veterinarian determines that an animal must be given medication(s) medically necessary to provide for the animal's well-being and/or health of the remaining animals and public, and the medication label determines the withdrawal is extended past the harvest date, notification to the Livestock Superintendent is mandatory. Further action regarding the animal will be determined by the Livestock Superintendent along with the CEO or a standing member of the Ag Committee based on the time of occurrence. (ie. Pre or post auction, or show)
5. Any animals designated to have samples taken will be directed to SAMPLE COLLECTION AREA. The Exhibitor and responsible adult will accompany the animal and stay with the animal until a sample is obtained (Urine or Blood Sample). The exhibitor and responsible adult will witness the collection of sample, splitting of sample, and sealing of sample. The exhibitor and responsible adult will sign verifying they witnessed the collection of sample, splitting of sample labeling and signing of sample from exhibitor's animal.
6. Sample will be labeled LAB SAMPLE, and FAIR SAMPLE, these samples will be put into lockable ice Chest Containers. Samples labeled LAB SAMPLE will be shipped overnight to Lab for testing. Samples labeled FAIR SAMPLE will be transported to lockable freezer unit on Fairgrounds for storage.
7. In the case where an animal tests positive for an unapproved foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals, any foreign substance or feed additives, and the exhibitor has not declared the identified substance on their Medication Declaration Form the exhibitor and the animal will be disqualified. The exhibitor will be ineligible to receive awards, premiums or sale proceeds. The live market animal or carcass that test positive will immediately become the property of the California Mid-State Fair and the exhibitor may be compensated for the market value (resale), less expenses, if the animal passes inspection. Carcass of disqualified animal will be disposed of per written instructions from U.S.D.A. or FDA at the exhibitor's expense.
8. If an animal is disqualified, the animal and/or the exhibitor will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premiums and/or any sale proceeds, further the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of any fees or fines due or costs incurred by the Fair as a result of the disqualification. **The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family members will not be eligible to compete in subsequent California Mid-State Fair Programs.**
9. Tests may be performed on any body tissue or fluid on both the live animal and the carcass.
10. The substance melatonin is not allowed for use in food animals (market and breeding).
11. Test samples collected from any animal must have zero tolerance for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance including drugs (legal and illegal), chemicals of any kind or feed additives, unless established as permissible by the USDA or FDA or disclosed and reviewed in advance of any judging on the California Mid-State Fair Official Medication Declaration Form.
12. If foreign substance residues including drugs, chemicals or feed additives are found in tissue of carcass of animals sold through the auction, the Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animals.
13. If for any reason any part of a carcass must be removed by U.S.D.A. Inspectors, the sale price will be discounted accordingly.
14. Postmortem Examination: The Fair may request a postmortem examination of any animal at the expense of the exhibitor.

# Violation of Rules

1. Any alleged rule violation will result in review by the Livestock Superintendent and/or staff.
2. Any violation of rules will result in some level of sanction; and exhibitors agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the rules.
  - a. Any minor rule violations not listed with specific consequences in the Code of Conduct or Exhibitor Handbook will be enforced as follows:
    - i. First Violation: Verbal or written warning
    - ii. Second Violation: Immediate disqualification of animal and exhibitor for current year, and review by fair board for further action.
    - iii. Third Violation: Permanent disqualification from exhibiting at the California Mid-State Fair for exhibitor and possibly family members as well.
  - b. Rule violations are cumulative.



# General Auction Rules

Rules below apply to all auctions at the 2026 California Mid-State Fair

1. Only those animals exhibited by members who meet the eligibility requirements of the 4-H, FFA and Independent showman will be admitted into the auction ring. Only those animals awarded Group 1 and Group 2 ribbons in market competition will be sold in the auction.
2. The order of entry in the auction ring will be on an alternating basis within each species. If one organization does not have enough animals to alternate, the remaining animals in that grade are sold before going to the next grade.
3. If an animal is not in the auction ring when it is scheduled to be sold, it may be scratched from the sale by Fair Management
4. An exhibitor who has more than one animal that is named 4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion or FFA reserve Champion, that exhibitor will be required to sell all animals with these champion titles
5. **Auction Checks - All auction checks will be released to the community leader or ag advisor on Thursday, August 27, 2026.** Checks need to be deposited IMMEDIATELY as they will be VOID if not cashed/ deposited within 90 days from the date of issue. Exhibitors requesting a re-print for a lost, stolen, voided or expired check after the 90 days will be required to pay a reprint fee of \$50 for all checks.
6. A charge of 7.25% of the gross sale will be deducted from each seller's check (including add-ons) to defray general operational costs of the Junior Livestock Auction. These deductions will cover such costs as Beef Council, brand inspection fees, National Pork Board fees, lamb check-off, printing of auction materials, sale catalog, stationery, computer processing of the checks for sellers and invoices for buyers, transportation of animals, two (2) 5" X 7" color photographs in addition to all expenses related to producing the sale(s). No other fees will be deducted from checks.
7. All market animals must be photographed by the official photographer.
8. The Fair Office will only process and distribute add-on payments for animals that have sold through the auction. No add-ons for other livestock will be collected.
9. Each Exhibitor must take his/her own animal or vocational project through the auction ring. Failure to do so will include forfeiture of awards, premiums, and sale proceeds.
10. Exhibitors must be present in uniform of their respective organization to sell their animals.
11. The exhibitor is responsible for having his/her animal in lot order to proceed through the auction ring. Animals not in place will be passed over and will not be sold through the auction but will be sold at market price with the 7.25% commission fees and other animal fees deducted from sale proceeds.
12. Add Ons will be accepted at the Buyer's Registration table beginning Friday, July 24 at 5:00 pm, through 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 25. Online add-ons will be available beginning July 26 at 8:00 am, and close on Friday, July 31 at 11:59 pm.



# **Beef Replacement Heifer Auction**

Friday, July 24 at 5:00 PM

Auctioneer: Randy Baxley

1. This is a non-terminal auction. Heifers will be picked up live by the buyers at the conclusion of the auction.
2. Animals are not required to sell in the Beef Replacement Heifer Auction. The exhibitor must inform the Livestock Office within one (1) hour following the conclusion of the heifer show in order to remove animal from the auction. A \$50.00 fee will be charged for this procedure. This rule only applies to Beef Replacement Heifers. ALL 4-H, FFA AND SUPREME CHAMPIONS AND RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPIONS MUST SELL.

## **Junior Livestock Auction**

Saturday, July 25

Auctioneer: Randy Baxley

8:00 am Ring #1 Starting with Market Hogs

8:30 am Ring #2 Starting with Market Lambs, followed by Market Goats, followed by Market Steers

Sale of Champions will be in Ring #1 at approximately 12:30pm

1. This is a terminal market auction. There are NO live pickups from the fairgrounds for auction animals.
2. Animals sold through the Junior Livestock Auction will be shipped by management to the designated packing plant for harvest. Animals will be marked as resale or custom harvest, there will be absolutely no whole, or half carcasses picked up at any processing plant.
4. Sale of Champions will include the four (4) Champions from each of the following shows: Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Steers, Market Goats, and the Small Animals listed below.

## **Small Animal Sale of Champions**

Saturday, July 25

Auctioneer: Randy Baxley

(There will not be a stand alone Small Animal Auction in 2026, only champions will sell)

1. The top 4 Small Animals of each Division will be sold at the Sale of Champions on July 25, at approximately 12:30pm.
2. 4 Champions from each of the following shows will be sold: Market Turkeys, Market Broiler Pens, Meat Rabbit Pens and Fryers.
3. Exhibitor and buyer to arrange processing and pickup after the conclusion of the fair.

*The California Mid-State Fair gratefully acknowledges with appreciation these generous people for their support of the Fair and the youth of our community:*

*To all the generous people and businesses who contributed to 2025 Livestock Awards.*

*To the numerous buyers of the 2025 Junior Livestock, Small Animal, and Beef Replacement Heifer Auctions for the generous support they have all given to the exhibitors.*

*To Randy Baxley and his crew from Visalia Livestock Market for their outstanding cooperation and dedication with suspension of their operation to handle auctioneering of both auctions.*

*Bank of the Sierra for sponsoring bidder paddles.*

*American Riviera Bank volunteering their time to assist at the auction.*

*Gold Coast Toyota & 805 Ag Kids for their generous donation to the Livestock Program.*

*To Miller Drilling for the generous sponsorship of the Exhibitor's Breakfast.*

*To the Heritage Foundation for the continued capital improvement projects supporting the Fair.*

*Re-Max Success for their generous sponsorship of the Junior Livestock Auction Buyers' Lunch.*

*To the many volunteers who spend countless hours in our livestock barns each year. Your dedication, time and selflessness is appreciated. We could not do this without you!*

*It is with heartfelt thanks from the Association to all the many supporters who have gone the "extra mile" to make this youth program so successful.*

# Biosecurity

## SWINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM

Below are a series of questions, answers and requirements for this important Animal Health Program. These requirements are part of our Bio Security Protocol Program as well as our Livestock Show Competition Handbook requirements. Vaccination is mandatory in 2026  
Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in this critical program.

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### ***What are the vaccination verification requirements to qualify my hog to come to the Fair?***

***For Exhibitors:*** Vaccination is mandatory in 2026. Your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor **MUST** verify in writing to the Fair that you, your breeder or your representative have vaccinated your hog according to Fair requirements and vaccine label instructions. Your Leader/Advisor must provide your name, the hog's ear notches, and DNA Fair tag number as required by the Fair along with the name of the vaccine. Work directly with your Leader/Advisor to provide such proof. Your Leader/Advisor will compile a single list for the Fair of all exhibitors with hogs from your club/chapter. Upon arriving at the Fair with your hog, such proof (provided to you as a list from your Leader/Advisor) is required to be presented to officials on arrival day and before unloading your hog. Your name must appear on that list. You must provide that proof of vaccination to your Leader/Advisor no later than July 8, 2026 or you are not eligible to bring your hog to the Fair. Independent Youth must have their Parent or Legal Guardian provide this proof to the Fair in writing with proof of purchase and vaccination of the approved vaccine.

***For 4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors:*** A single comprehensive list (**on the Fair's official form**) of each club/chapter of swine exhibitors which provides proof of purchase of approved vaccines and that they were administered appropriately and timely for each exhibitor must be provided to the Fair. This list must be signed by the Leader/Advisor and must include exhibitor's name, vaccine used, official DNA Ear tag number and ear notch for each animal. **This signed list is due to the Livestock Department no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the leading meeting.** An official form will be provided to Leaders/Advisors by Fair officials.

***For further questions and answers please contact our Livestock department by emailing [livestock@midstatefair.com](mailto:livestock@midstatefair.com)***

# BIO-SECURITY COMMITMENTS AND EXPANDED HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Animal Health and Welfare are critical components of any competitive Livestock, Equestrian or animal event.

These types of animal activities are challenged from a Bio-Security standpoint since most exhibition Livestock have been transported over several miles in their life while originating or being transported to and from multiple fairs, shows, sales, counties and states.

Exposure to animal health challenges via mixed populations, stress and compromised environments is commonplace. In addition, these animals are exposed to bacteria's or viruses through being housed and exposed to all other animals at the fair. If the animal is healthy upon arrival to the Fair, it certainly has a better chance of not getting sick. If the animal is not completely healthy or not cared for properly before arrival at the Fair (and during the Fair) they are at greater risk.

Pro-active solutions to this challenge start at home and include proper animal care education, Best Practices and common sense in addition to good environment, proper care, high quality feed, fresh water and a vet-client relationship with a licensed Veterinarian. If this happens at home, the Fair experience has a high percentage opportunity of being very positive. Although all animals are susceptible to health concerns, Swine and Poultry tend to have greater propensity to health problems because common and complicated health conditions tend to spread more rapidly in these populations.

The California Mid-State Fair has excellent facilities for housing horses and Livestock. The Fair to identify a lead Veterinarian to be on call. Other licensed veterinarians working with exhibitors at home are welcome to assist during the Fair as well.

Relative to veterinary costs, Fair management will only be responsible for livestock arrival day inspection and a single inspection call each day of the show and auction. Any costs related to health-related treatments, additional inspections, emergencies and any medications approved and/or prescribed are the responsibility of individual exhibitors. Exhibitors may call upon their own licensed Veterinarian; however, the Livestock Superintendent must be notified prior to their arrival and that Veterinarian's report must be filed with the Livestock Superintendent prior to their departure from the Livestock facilities.

2018 posed a challenge with the H1H2 strain of Swine Flu that plagued many Fairs across the mid-west this past summer and fall. In 2019 the California Mid-State Fair instituted an aggressive Bio-Security Protocol and Plan for all animals at the Fair. It was very successful and well received by animal owners and our community.

The following continued commitments provide an improved Bio-Security program for 2026 for all animal shows.

- ✓ Clean and disinfect all pens, stalls and wash rack facilities before and after each Livestock show.
- ✓ Provide for visual Veterinary inspection of livestock prior to unloading to ensure good health. Treat, under Veterinary direction, sick animals and/or release any animal that Fair Veterinarians consider compromised from a health standpoint. Monitor livestock health throughout the livestock facility each day of the Fair utilizing professional Veterinary services under the direction of the Lead Vet.
- ✓ Provide secure and comfortable housing for all livestock.
- ✓ Monitor the current condition of the Avian Flu outbreak within the Poultry population and other affected species.
- ✓ Provide (on the Fair's website) to all exhibitors, leaders and Ag teachers prior to the Fair, a significant amount of educational materials developed by the USDA, CDFA and universities on proper care of animals and specific disease concerns targeted at each specie where appropriate. This also includes other related animal care tips and resources.
- ✓ Provide educational signage during the Fair for the public and exhibitors addressing the topic.
- ✓ Provide handwashing stations in and around the livestock area.
- ✓ Monitor the availability and practicality of vaccines that may be readily available for control of certain health conditions in advance of Fair arrival while working with the exhibitor base to utilize these products.
- ✓ Continue protocol for providing an isolation area for sick or injured animals.
- ✓ Develop a strong checklist for the Fair and exhibitors titled "Protecting Guests, Exhibitors and Animals".
- ✓ Maintain the terminal show policy for market animals.
- ✓ Continue to support the national campaign of "Youth Quality Care of Animals" (YQCA) and the training that is required by all animal exhibitors.

# 2026 BIOSECURITY TRAINING AND PROTOCOL

**Purpose:** The purpose of the biosecurity training is to educate our exhibitors about the correct practices to ensure the health and wellbeing of their animal projects while entering, exiting and housing their project before and after the California Mid-State Fair. The intent is to educate all parties at the Fair regarding good animal husbandry practices that will help keep animals, exhibitors, parents, leaders, advisors and fairgoers healthy.

The California Mid-State Fair further encourages exhibitors to adopt these practices at the location where projects are housed prior to and after the fair.

**How this works:** This process is intended to be educational, simple to conduct and easy for leaders and advisors as well as the fairgrounds staff to be able to account for each exhibitor to have completed the training.

**All advisors and leaders turn in ONE form (TO BE FOUND AT:**

<https://www.midstatefair.com/fair/livestock.php> per species club leader or project advisor. Please **DO NOT** turn in a form for every exhibitor.

**Exhibiting at the Fair:** Animal agriculture is an important component of the United States agricultural industry. The quality and diversity of California animal agriculture is evident at livestock exhibitions and fairs throughout the State and nation. Many hours of training and hard work are invested to prepare healthy, high-quality animals for competition and in most cases for the food chain. Exhibition of animals is a rewarding experience. Unfortunately, even healthy animals entered in fairs are at risk for exposure to disease, stress or other negative health conditions.

Fairs and expositions may pose a potential threat to individual animal health. The commingling of animals of different species, breeds, and ages, from multiple premises and herd management backgrounds, creates an environment for potential exposure and spread of animal diseases. The stresses of travel, close confinement, and a changing environment, may compromise an animal's resistance to disease. People attending the Fair also contribute to potential disease spread. At the end of the fair, animals that return to their home premises may also pose a risk of disease spread to their home herd or flock mates.

**Fair Biosecurity:** Biosecurity refers to measures taken to prevent the introduction of new disease agents into a herd or flock. Commingling of animals, multiple human contacts, and contaminated equipment represent the greatest threats for disease exposure and spread at a fair. To minimize risks, Fair exhibitors can implement a Fair biosecurity plan.

The objective of a Fair exhibitor's biosecurity plan is to minimize potential exposure to disease and to prevent or limit disease spread from the Fair to the home premises. Even the best biosecurity plan may not eliminate all risk of disease exposure; each step taken will reduce the potential.

Some practices to keep in mind:

- Provide fresh, clean water and feed
- Restrict animal contact with other animals, people, and livestock equipment,
- Clean and disinfect equipment, and tools
- Isolate and remove sick animals.
- Keep pens, stalls and surrounding areas clean and dry
- Communicate immediately with your specie superintendent or the official veterinarian when you suspect your animal is sick. Signs include listlessness, not eating, not drinking water, appears to have a high temperature, the animal is injured, heavy coughing and heavy sneezing, heavy mucus discharge from eyes, nose and/or mouth.

**Biosecurity Before the Fair:** Disease prevention and Fair biosecurity start before exhibitors leave home. Only healthy animals should be entered in the fair. Before animals leave the home premises, the herd or flock veterinarian should examine each animal to ensure healthy animals enter the fairgrounds. To help with this process the fairgrounds will be enacting vet checks before each trailer is unloaded, this check will be a visual check to assess, quarantine or remove any animals that are actively, or visibly ill or those that display other health conditions of concern before they enter pens or stalls.

Tools and equipment may harbor disease agents. To minimize potential disease spread from the home premises to the fair, before packing for transport, clean and disinfect:

- Feed equipment: buckets, feeders, and hay racks.
- Cleaning utensils: shovels, pitch forks, and wheelbarrows.
- Grooming equipment: clippers and brushers.
- Vehicle and trailer (inside and outside).

**Biosecurity at the Fair:** To protect Fair animals and minimize disease transmission risk while at the fair:

- Limit animal-animal contact,
- Limit animal-human-animal contact,
- Avoid sharing equipment with other exhibitors unless you thoroughly clean and disinfect between use,
- Avoid community water troughs.
- Cover feed and equipment to reduce risk of contamination, and
- Change clothing, hats, and shoes used at the Fair before doing chores at home.

At the end of the Fair disinfect all equipment before loading the trailer. Unused feed, hay, and bedding should be discarded at the fairgrounds, not taken home.

**Biosecurity After the Fair:** The possibility of animal exposure to disease agents can occur with even the best biosecurity practices at the fair. Since they may be harboring disease agents without clinical signs, animals returning from the Fair should be isolated from other animals and pets. Monitor animals in isolation daily for signs of illness and contact your veterinarian if any unusual symptoms are observed. To minimize the possible chance of disease spread to the main herd or flock, modify your chore routine to care for isolated Fair animals last. Change your clothes after completing chores for isolated animals. Consult your veterinarian to develop an isolation plan suitable for your premises and herd or flock.

**Help Protect Fairgoers:** Animal show barns are one of the most popular areas of fairs. Fairs are great places to learn about different livestock species. Fair exhibitors have an opportunity and responsibility to educate fairgoers about animal safety and biosecurity practices. Animal diseases such as ringworm, E. coli, and Salmonella may cause significant problems in humans. It is important the people visiting Fair show barns wash their hands after contact with animals. Handwashing or use of hand sanitizers, reduces possible disease transmission from animals to humans.

**Handwash Stations:** Please make parents, exhibitors, leaders, advisors and fairgoers aware of the locations around the barns where handwash stations are located. This is a proactive approach to good Biosecurity practices.

### **Veterinary Inspection upon arrival at the Fair**

Veterinarians and their assistants will inspect all livestock upon arrival prior to unloading into pens and stalls. Each animal owner must have veterinary clearance for their animal to be penned or stalled. Animal health will be monitored throughout the Fair as well.

# Cattle

## SPECIAL CATTLE RULES

1. In order for a beef replacement heifer to be eligible to show at the Fair a "Project Agreement Form" must have been submitted to the Fair office by January 9, 2026, along with a copy of their bill of sale as proof of ownership. (Please note: Ownership deadline is December 15, 2025 for Replacement Heifers.) "Bred and Fed forms" (if applicable) must be turned in with project DNA, along with entry in the Bred and Fed class in Showworks.
2. The Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify as ineligible for show competition and order the removal of any beef entry that is not gentle and properly halter broke to lead, and which could therefore endanger other exhibitors and the Fair going public.
3. All cattle entered in the Fair must be accompanied by proper proof of ownership: bill of sale and brand inspection. A Bill of Sale is required for all purchased beef animals, even if purchased from parents. Brand inspection is required unless an animal was purchased within the family. Bill of Sale must be presented at the scale during weigh-in. A completed transportation slip for each animal must be properly filled out by each owner (exhibitor) of the beef project and carried by all drivers transporting cattle to the Fair.
4. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of any artificial coloring or substance added to the animal's body externally, and the use of steroids or growth stimulants internally (artificial color is acceptable on knees and below). Any false tail switches, tail fins, or false polls will not be allowed.
5. Cattle blocking chute fee is \$20 and must be purchased by your group. Space is limited and number of chutes will be assigned by the livestock office as space permits. Number of permits issued will be based on the number of animals entered from Club or Chapter. Designated spots will be assigned by Fair Management. ANY rearranging without Fair Management approval will be subject to the removal of blocking chutes from Fairground.
6. Beef showmanship is a non-fit, blow & go show. Fitting and the use of adhesives and paint is not allowed. Management may implement a white glove check ringside and any exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.
7. All animals must be without horns.

## BREEDING BEEF

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class

Wednesday, July 22

American System of Judging

Cattle must be Registered, All breeds judged together

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received.

### DIVISION 200 – 4-H and FFA BREEDING BEEF

#### BULLS

##### Class

1. Junior Calf
2. Intermediate Calf
3. Senior Calf
4. Junior Yearling
5. Senior Yearling

##### Date of Calving

January 1, 2026 thru April 30, 2026  
September 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025  
May 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025  
January 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2025  
March 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

#### FEMALES

##### Class

6. Junior Calf
7. Intermediate Calf
8. Senior Calf
9. Junior Yearling
10. Senior Yearling

##### Date of Calving

January 1, 2026 thru April 30, 2026  
September 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025  
May 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025  
January 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2025  
March 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

# MARKET STEER

Entry Fee - \$14 (Includes Entry Fee for Carcass Class)

Tuesday, July 21

American and Danish System of Judging

Cattle weighing 1050lbs - 1450lbs

## DIVISION RULES

There is a limit on the final weight of 1,450 pounds and a maximum pay weight for both the buyer and the seller will be 1,350 pounds. Market steers will be divided into color and/or breed and weight classes as determined by the Fair Management for the convenience of judging. All exhibitors must read the Junior Auction Rules and Special Beef Rules.

All steers will be observed on anti-mortem, post-mortem, and during processing for symptoms of residue levels and/or injection lesions from drugs. Each exhibitor will be required to sign a release form holding the Fair, its management, and staff harmless if their steer is found to contain any drug residues resulting in condemnation by federal inspectors at the harvest facility. All fees paid, monies earned, and awards won will be forfeited by the exhibitor.

### DIVISION 201 - 4-H BLACK STEERS

### DIVISION 202 - 4-H ALL OTHER COLOR

### DIVISION 203 - FFA BLACK STEERS

### DIVISION 204 - FFA ALL OTHER COLOR

## GRADE

Market Ready: Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades.

Group 1 - Above Average.....Purple

Group 2 - Average.....Gold

Not Market Ready: Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select- or lower.

Group 3 - Below Average.....Silver

## DIVISION 205 - CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS

No Entry Fee

Group of three (3) market cattle that have been shown as individuals. All animals in group must be owned by members of club or chapter. Entries are limited to one (1) group per club or chapter.

Class

1. 4-H Market Steer
2. FFA Market Steer

# BRED AND FED

No Entry Fee

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## DIVISION 206 - BRED & FED

Class

1. 4-H, FFA & Independent Market Steer

# CARCASS CONTEST

No Entry Required for this Division, All Market Steers Considered  
Award Ceremony: TBD

1. All market steers entered in the Fair are automatically entered in the Carcass Class.
2. All steers sold through the Junior Livestock Auction must go to the designated harvest facility. ([See General Auction Rules](#)) for additional auction information.
3. If a steer is placed in Group 3, which makes it ineligible to be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction, the animal is disqualified from carcass competition.
4. Carcasses will be graded at the harvest facility by USDA graders.
5. Hot carcass weight will be limited to 600-1,000 lbs.
6. All steers will be observed at the harvest facility on anti-mortem, post-mortem, and during processing for symptoms of residue levels and/or injection lesions from drugs. Any steer found to be positive during testing will be disqualified from carcass competition.
7. All carcasses must grade USDA Choice (-) minus or higher for carcass awards. Carcass placing will be based on the following:
  - a. All carcasses will receive a value/cwt, using the five-state average premiums and discounts for the week that steers are harvested after the fair.
    1. Quality
    2. Cutability
    3. Weight
  - b. Ties will be broken by using yield of boneless retail cuts to the nearest 0.1% will be determined from USDA yield grades
  - c. Use California Beef Cattle Improvement (CBCIA) ranking system to rank carcasses.
    1. Gold Seal awards will be highest
    2. Carcass of Merit will be next
    3. All other carcasses will follow the above criteria.

## **Carcass of Merit and Gold Seal Criteria: (criteria subject to change)**

Hot Carcass Weight (lbs.) 600-1,000  
USDA Quality Grade (min) Choice-  
USDA Yield Grade Below 4.0  
Dressing Percentage (min) Not Applicable

## **Gold Seal carcasses must meet these criteria:**

Hot Carcass Weight (lbs.) 650-900  
USDA Quality Grade (min) Choice  
USDA Yield Grade 3.0 or lower  
Dressing Percentage (min) Not Applicable

## **2025 CARCASS CLASS DONORS**

**H & H Plumbing  
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San Luis Obispo County Cattlewomen's  
Association  
Simonin Livestock  
Visalia Livestock Market  
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# **BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER**

Entry Fee - \$7

Wednesday, July 22

American and Danish System of Judging

Bred Heifers weighing 900 - 1700lbs

## **DIVISION RULES**

1. The exhibitor must be a member in good standing of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in San Luis Obispo County or be a qualified independent junior exhibitor from San Luis Obispo County.
2. Entries are limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor.
3. Project members must have ownership of their heifer by December 15, 2025.
4. A Project Agreement form is required and can be found on the Mid-State Fair website. The online form must be completed no later than January 8, 2026 at 4pm. \*The project agreement form is an online form and will automatically close at the deadline. No late forms will be accepted, please complete the form prior to the deadline. Exceptions will not be granted for access issues, or forms not completed prior to the deadline. Confirmation will appear after you have completed the form. A copy of the Bill of Sale must be submitted with the Project Agreement form as proof of ownership for all heifers. (The original Bill of Sale must be retained by the exhibitor and presented to the State Brand Inspector at the official scale on weigh-in.)
5. All exhibitors must submit a DNA kit by the deadline; late DNA kits are NOT accepted for any reason. Instructions and information can be found on the CMSF Livestock webpage.
6. Back up heifers are allowed. A project form and completed DNA kit must be submitted per the same deadlines as the primary heifer.
7. Beef Replacement Heifers are not eligible to show in the Beef Breeding Show.
8. If a breeding or health problem occurs, a substitute heifer may be allowed if a Project Agreement Form for the heifer was completed by the January deadline, and the substitution is requested prior to March 17, 2026. Exhibitors must submit written justification for the substitution from the attending veterinarian or leader, complete the Heifer Substitution form issued by the Livestock Office, and receive approval in writing from the Livestock Superintendent. All other deadlines must be met. Substitutions will not be allowed after March 17, 2026.
9. Heifers can be registered or grade beef breeds, all heifers must be without horns.
10. The age limit for heifers is a minimum of 20 months old, with the maximum age being 30 months on the opening day of the Fair.
11. All beef replacement heifers will be weighed on the Fair scales on Monday, July 20, 2026. Minimum weight is 900 lbs., with a maximum weight of 1700 lbs.
12. Heifers must be bred to calve between August 20, 2026 and December 1, 2026. Heifers will be pregnancy tested by a veterinarian on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 9:00 am.
13. All heifers must be bred to a bull of a beef breed.
14. Heifers must be gentle and trained to lead with a show halter. Fair management reserves the right to disqualify heifers for show competition and order the removal of any beef entry that is not gentle and properly broke to lead for the safety of all exhibitors, leaders, advisors, and fair going public.
15. All heifers must bear evidence of having the official calfhood brucellosis vaccination with the presence of an official tattoo visible in the right ear.
16. If an exhibitor declares that the heifer is registered, the registration papers must be signed off and submitted to the Livestock Office before the heifer will be allowed to be listed in the sale supplement as registered.
17. These requirements will be verified at the scale by the certified weighmaster, the attending veterinarian, and Fair Staff. Those heifers that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified from show competition, no exceptions.
18. Heifers given Group 1, 2 or 3 will be eligible to sell at the sale which will be held Friday, July 24, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Heifers are not required to sell, with the exception of the four (4) Champions and Reserve Champions, which must sell. Exhibitors must notify the Livestock Office, and pay a \$50 pull fee, within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the heifer show to be removed from the sale order.
19. If a heifer calves during the Fair and has qualified for the sale, she will be eligible to be sold with the calf by her side provided that the calf is healthy and the heifer is controllable. The decision will be made by Management, and in the best interest of the animal/s.
20. Replacement Heifers will be allowed to leave immediately following completion of sale Friday, July 24 or prior to 8:00 am, Saturday, July 25 or Sunday, July 26 before 9:00 am. A release is required to be obtained from the Livestock Office prior to heifers leaving the fairgrounds.

**DIVISION 207 - 4-H BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER**  
**DIVISION 208 - FFA BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER**

Group 1 Purple  
Heifers exhibiting outstanding conformation, condition, structural and reproductive soundness, and traits for efficient beef cattle production on California rangeland.

Group 2 Gold  
Heifers exhibiting above average conformation, condition, structural and reproductive soundness, and traits for efficient beef cattle production on California rangeland.

Group 3 Silver  
Heifers exhibiting average conformation, condition, structural and reproductive soundness, and traits for efficient commercial beef cattle production on California rangeland.

Group 4 Red  
Heifers exhibiting poor conformation, condition, structural and reproductive soundness, and traits and exhibit over/under conditioning for efficient beef cattle production on California rangeland.

Note: Group 4 heifers are not eligible to sell.

**DIVISION 209 - CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**

No Entry Fee

Group of three (3) replacement heifers that have been shown as individuals. All animals in group must be owned by members of club or chapter. Entries limited to one (1) group. One entry per club.

Class

1. 4-H Beef
2. FFA Beef

## **BRED AND FED**

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Winner will be selected based on the below criteria:

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- If two or more highest placing animals are awarded the same level champion, the award will be given based on the highest placing in their respective market classes.
- If two or more highest placing animals are not champions, but share the same placing in their market class, those animals ONLY will be brought back to the ring after the Chapter or Club group, and the judge will determine the Bred & Fed winner.

**DIVISION 210 - BRED & FED**

Class

1. 4-H, FFA & Independent Replacement Heifer

# **DICK NOCK**

## **CATTLEMEN'S CHOICE AWARD**

### **REPLACEMENT HEIFERS**

No Entry Required for this division

Judges: SLO County Cattlemen of the Central Coast

Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association

#### **DIVISION RULES**

1. Four Bred Heifers will be selected by a committee of three SLO County Cattlemen as the Cattlemen's Choice Commercial Heifers.
2. The exhibitor of each Heifer will receive the same monetary and/or non-monetary award.
3. This Cattlemen judging activity will not conflict with or influence the traditional judging selection process of the official show judge.
4. The judging will take place during the Replacement Heifer Show.
5. Each judge will be provided the same scenario and one scorecard. All cattle meeting qualifications shall be scored (100- point scale) by each judge. Cattle in each class will be scored by each of the three cattlemen.
6. Scorecards will be submitted to the clerk/coordinator at the conclusion of each class. Judges are encouraged to take notes.
7. At the conclusion of all classes, a list of the top eight heifers resulting from their scores will be provided to all judges. The three judges must then agree on the final selection of the top four heifers. These heifers are all equal and not ranked.
8. The Cattlemen's Choice will be announced at the start of the Heifer auction the following evening. All four exhibitors will be brought to the sale block to receive awards and recognition at that time.
9. Heifers must have the official calfhood brucellosis vaccination with the presence of an official tattoo visible in the right ear.
10. Qualified heifers must be bred, born, and raised in San Luis Obispo County

#### **Judging Criteria:**

Scenario: Cattlemen shall select heifers as if purchasing these females as a private party purchase off the ranch or in a sales yard auction. Heifers should be scored based upon the following scenario: A Bred Heifer due to calve in the late summer or fall of 2026. Heifers will be introduced soon after purchase into a typical large herd Commercial Cow Calf rangeland operation. The rangeland is located in the California coastal foothill range comprised of oak, pine, buckeye and native brush in rocky grassland and some open the range location and climate are predisposed to drought conditions. Calves after weaning will be sold as stockers.

#### **Scorecard**

|                                                                                                                        |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Usefulness Score; Overall conformation, balance, frame and weight.....                                                 | 25 points         |
| Femininity score; Broody, displays feminine traits, angularity, a sound udder, and overall reproductive efficient..... | 25 points         |
| Soundness score; Sound feet and legs, unrestricted movement and flexible skeleton.....                                 | 25 points         |
| Composition and condition score; A desirable combination of fat, muscle, leanness and bone.....                        | 25 points         |
| <b>Total possible points.....</b>                                                                                      | <b>100 points</b> |

## **BEST RED HEIFER**

No Entry Required

Buckle Sponsored by the Hubbard Family

This class is open to exhibitors who have a replacement heifer entered in the 2026 California Mid-State Fair which is more than 50% red in color. Eligible heifers will be determined at the scale by the breed caller at weigh-in, and the breed caller's decision is final. The Best Red Heifer will be chosen during the Beef Replacement Heifer show by the judge and the award will be given out after the Replacement Heifer Champion Drive. The Best Red Heifer will be brought back after the Champion Drive for pictures with the award sponsors. If more than one red heifer is in the Champion Drive, both heifers will remain in the ring for the selection of the Best Red Heifer.

## **BEST BRAHMAN INFLUENCE HEIFER**

No Entry Required

Buckle Sponsored by Bella Terra Farms

This class is open to exhibitors who have a replacement heifer entered in the 2026 California Mid-State Fair which is born with Brahman or Brangus sire or dam and shows evidence of Brahman Influence. The Best Brahman Influence Heifer will be chosen during the Beef Replacement Heifer show by the judge and the award will be given out after the Replacement Heifer Champion Drive. The Best Brahman Influence Heifer will be brought back after the Champion Drive for pictures with the award sponsors. If more than one Brahman Influence is in the Champion Drive, both heifers will remain in the ring for the selection of the Best Brahman Influence Heifer.

# DAIRY CATTLE

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class

Friday, July 17

American System of Judging – All Breeds and 4-H & FFA Judged Together

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received.

## DIVISION RULES

Registration papers must be presented to the Livestock office by 8:00 am the day of the show. Exhibitor must have taken ownership thirty (30) days or more before the opening day of the Fair. By exhibitor's agreement as the owner or agent on the online entry, he/she certifies that the sire of the animal entered in the following classes for grade animals was either registered or purebred. Animals which have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in the grade division. Dairy Cattle will be released at the end of show. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required.

**DIVISION 250 – PUREBRED HOLSTEIN**

**DIVISION 251 – ALL OTHER PUREBREDS**

**DIVISION 252 – GRADE**

### Class

1. Winter Calf - December 1, 2025 thru April 1, 2026
2. Fall Calf - September 1, 2025 thru Nov. 30, 2025
3. Summer Calf - June 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025
4. Spring Yearling - March 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2025
5. Winter Yearling - December 1, 2024 thru Feb. 28, 2025
6. Fall Yearling - September 1, 2024 thru Nov. 30, 2024
7. Junior 2-Year-Old - March 1, 2024 thru August 31, 2024
8. Senior 2-Year-Old - September 1, 2023 thru Feb. 28, 2024
9. 3-Year-Old - September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023
10. 4-Year-Old - September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022



# MARKET HOGS

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class  
Tuesday, July 21  
American and Danish System of Judging  
Hogs weighing 220-280lbs

## DIVISION RULES

1. All Market Hogs must be purchased from a breeder that has been certified Prop 12 Compliant by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party certifying agency. Proof of certification is required or the market hog will be disqualified.
2. Market Hogs MUST be clipped prior to arrival at Fairgrounds. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
3. No snares allowed.
4. All Hogs must have been ear notched as young pigs and notches must be completely healed. Hogs without ear notching or notches not healed will not be eligible to show.
5. All hogs will be required to have been vaccinated for Swine Flu prior to the fair. Verification must be provided as outlined in the biosecurity protocol.

After weighing, market hogs will be divided into breed and weight classes as determined by the Fair Management for the convenience of judging. There will be an upper weight limit of 280 pounds and a maximum pay weight for both buyer and seller which will be 280 pounds.

Market Hogs Breed Classification- All Market hogs will be officially classified at official weigh in by Breed callers. Exhibitors must designate actual Breed on DNA registration form, upon entry in Showworks and at the scale. The Breed caller will evaluate the 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 Hog is not required. Bill of Sale is required for all market animals. Exhibitors are still limited to one market animal (large livestock).

A 4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion and FFA Reserve Champion, Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected.

**All exhibitors must submit the ear notch number for market hogs.**

**DIVISION 300 - 4-H YORKSHIRE  
DIVISION 301 - 4-H HAMPSHIRE  
DIVISION 302 - 4-H DUROC  
DIVISION 303 - 4-H LIGHT AOB  
DIVISION 304 - 4-H DARK AOB  
DIVISION 305 - 4-H LIGHT CROSSBRED  
DIVISION 306 - 4-H DARK CROSSBRED**

**DIVISION 307 - FFA YORKSHIRE  
DIVISION 308 - FFA HAMPSHIRE  
DIVISION 309 - FFA DUROC  
DIVISION 310 - FFA LIGHT AOB  
DIVISION 311 - FFA DARK AOB  
DIVISION 312 - FFA LIGHT CROSSBRED  
DIVISION 313 - FFA DARK CROSSBRED**

## Judging Standards

### GRADE

Market Acceptable: U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.

Group 1 - Above Average/Superior  
Group 2 - Average

Purple  
Gold

Not Market Acceptable: Any market hog of below average conformation including U.S. number 3, U.S. number 4 and utility grade.

Group 3

Silver

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## **DIVISION 314 - BRED & FED**

Class

1. 4-H, FFA & Independent Market Hog



# Sheep & Goats

## SPECIAL SHEEP & GOAT RULES

1. Only sheep & goats that are officially entered in the show will be allowed on the grounds. Pens will be checked.
2. Market Lambs and Market Goats are prohibited from showing yearling teeth. Market Lambs must show only lambs teeth and Market Goats must show only milk teeth.
3. Scrapie eradication program rules apply. Refer and adhere to State Rules X 1-6, Animal Health Rules, under "Sheep and Goat Entries from California"
4. All market lambs shall have no more than three (3) days fleece and be fully shorn prior to arrival on the Fairgrounds. Sheep will pass through a "check station" for inspection of the tail (see State Rule IX Animal Species Rules, Sheep, 2. Tail Docking) and examined for any fungus, prior to being allowed on the scale. The official Fair representative designated by the 16th DAA shall make the final decision. Any lambs showing evidence of fungus shall be immediately rejected and sent off the Fairgrounds.
5. Sheep and Goat fitting table fee is \$5 per fitting table and must be purchased by group Leader or Advisor. When fitting tables are not in use, they must be folded and stored out of the way.
6. All sheep may remain blanketed until completion of showing. Washing, trimming, and clipping may be done on the Fairgrounds.
7. There is a limited amount of space for milking stands. Please try to share. If a designated milking area is established, a time schedule will be made, and exhibitors will be asked to milk out goats during their designated time in the milking area. Check with the livestock office for details.
8. Dumping of milk on fairgrounds is prohibited. All milk **MUST** be removed from the fairgrounds.
9. All market goats must be dehorned, or horns tipped with blunt ends (flat and have no points) and less than 2 inches in length.
10. Castration sites must be healed and free from inflammation.



# BREEDING SHEEP

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class

Monday, July 20

Registration Papers must be checked by 10:00am July 20<sup>th</sup> in Livestock Office

American System of Judging

4-H & FFA Judged Together

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received.

Registration papers must be presented to the Livestock office prior to entering the show ring. Exhibitor must have taken ownership thirty (30) days or more before the opening day of the Fair.

All breeds eligible. Typical breeds would include Purebred Southdown, Hampshire, Suffolk, etc. All Purebred entries will be sorted by Black Face and White face entrants.

Flock numbers shall be used to identify all entries. Numbers shall be on regular and practical tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear before arriving on Fairgrounds. An exhibitor may not use the same flock number on more than one (1) animal during any two (2) consecutive years. Registration numbers may not be used as flock numbers. Lambs must show lambs teeth.

Breeding Sheep have the option of arriving the day of the show and being released at the end of show. This option must be declared online at time of entry so pen assignments can be allocated.

## DIVISION 500 – WHITE FACE PUREBRED

### DIVISION 501- BLACK FACE PUREBRED

#### Class

1. Ram Lamb Yearling September 2024 thru August 2025
2. Ram Lamb Fall September 2025 thru December 2025
3. Ram Lamb Early Spring January 2026 thru February 2026
4. Ram Lamb Late Spring March 2026 and later
5. Ewe Lamb Yearling September 2024 thru August 2025
6. Ewe Lamb Fall September 2025 thru December 2025
7. Ewe Lamb Early Spring January 2026 thru February 2026
8. Ewe Lamb Late Spring March 2026 and later
9. Young Flock: One (1) Ram Lamb and Two (2) Ewe Lambs, Bred by Exhibitor.
10. Get of Sire: Four (4) Sheep Sired by the Same Ram, Bred by Exhibitor. Both Sexes Must be Represented.
11. Flock: One (1) Yearling or Ram Lamb, Two (2) Yearling Ewes and Two (2) Ewe Lambs.

## WETHER SIRE / WETHER DAM DIVISIONS

No Registration Papers Required. Typical breeds would include XB black face, XB white face, this division is for all unregistered breeding sheep that display characteristics of meat type market lamb production. All Wether Sire Wether Dam sheep will be weighed in. Classes will be sorted and broken by weight and sex regardless of animal's age.

## DIVISION 502 - WETHER SIRE/WETHER DAM

#### Class

1. Ram
2. Ewe
3. Young Flock: One (1) Ram Lamb and Two (2) Ewe Lambs, Bred by Exhibitor.
4. Get of Sire: Four (4) Sheep Sired by the Same Ram, Bred by Exhibitor. Both Sexes Must be Represented.
5. Flock: One (1) Yearling or Ram Lamb, Two (2) Yearling Ewes and Two (2) Ewe Lambs.

# MARKET LAMBS

Entry Fee \$7

Tuesday, July 21

American and Danish System of Judging

Lambs weighing 105-160 lbs.

All exhibitors must read the Junior Auction rules and Special Sheep and Goat rules. Market Lamb Breed Classification- All Market Lambs will be officially classified at official weigh-in. There is a limit on the final weight of 160 lbs. and a max pay weight for both buyer and seller of 150 lbs. 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.

A 4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion and FFA Reserve Champion, Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected.

All market lambs will be observed on anti-mortem, and during processing for symptoms of residue levels and/or injection lesions from drugs. Each exhibitor will be required to sign a release form holding the Fair, its management, and staff harmless if their sheep is found to contain any drug residues resulting in condemnation by federal inspectors at the harvest facility. All fees paid, monies earned, and awards won will be forfeited by the exhibitor.

## **DIVISION 503 – 4-H NATURAL FLEECE**

**DIVISION 504 – 4-H AOB – BLACK FACE (Sufflocks, Hampshire, Shropshire, Oxford, etc.)**

**DIVISION 505 – 4-H AOB – WHITE FACE (Dorset, Southdown, Montedale, Columbia etc.)**

**DIVISION 506 – 4-H CROSSBRED - BLACK FACE (Crossbred sheep that have black faces)**

**DIVISION 507 – 4-H CROSSBRED - WHITE FACE (Crossbred sheep with brockled or speckled faces)**

## **DIVISION 508 – FFA NATURAL FLEECE**

**DIVISION 509 – FFA AOB – BLACK FACE (Sufflocks, Hampshire, Shropshire, Oxford, etc.)**

**DIVISION 510 – FFA AOB – WHITE FACE (Dorset, Southdown, Montedale, Columbia etc.)**

**DIVISION 511 – FFA CROSSBRED - BLACK FACE (Crossbred sheep that have black faces)**

**DIVISION 512 – FFA CROSSBRED - WHITE FACE (Crossbred sheep with brockled or speckled faces)**

## Judging Standards

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16-.35, average or greater conformation and cut ability.

Group 1 Above Average/Superior

Purple

Group 2 Average

Gold

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.16 or >.35; under finished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below-average conformation or cut ability.

Group 3

Silver

## **DIVISION 513 - CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**

No Entry Fee

Group of five (5) sheep that have been shown as individuals. All animals in group must be owned by members of club or chapter. Entries limited to one (1) group. One entry per club or chapter.

Class

1. 4-H Market Lambs

2. FFA Market Lambs

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- If two or more highest placing animals are not champions, but share the same placing in their market class, those animals ONLY will be brought back to the ring after the Chapter or Club group, and the judge will determine the Bred & Fed winner.

## **DIVISION 514 - BRED & FED**

Class

1. 4-H, FFA & Independent Market Lambs



# DAIRY GOATS

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class  
Wednesday, July 15  
American System of Judging  
4-H & FFA Judged Together

## OFFICIAL SANCTIONED ADGA SHOW

Registered Purebred Breeding Animals.

Pygmy Goats are not eligible for the Dairy Goat Show

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received.

Best Doe of Show & Reserve Best Doe of Show will be awarded.

This is an ADGA Sanctioned Show. Rules shall govern provided they do not conflict with rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture. Only Does that are officially entered in the show will be allowed on the grounds. Pens will be checked!

The show order is subject to change. The Junior and Senior animals are not separately sanctioned. Registration papers must be presented to the show clerk (ringside) prior to 8:00 am on July 22. Exhibitors must have taken ownership thirty (30) days or more before the opening day of the Fair. Refer to State Rule IX - Animal Species Rules Dairy Goats for eligibility requirements. Dairy Goats will arrive on the day of their specified show and be released at the end of show.

### DIVISION 600 - ALPINE

### DIVISION 601 - NIGERIAN DWARF

### DIVISION 602 - AOP

### DIVISION 603 - RECORDED GRADES

Animals Recorded Grade or Experimental by Registered or Purebred Sire American System of Judging

By exhibitor's signature as the owner or agent on the online entry, he/she certifies that the sire of the animal entered in the following classes for grade animals was either registered or purebred. Animals which have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in this division. Refer to State Rule IX - Dairy Goats for eligibility requirements.

#### Class

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Junior Kid             | April 1, 2026 thru June 4, 2026        |
| 2. Intermediate Kid       | March 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2026      |
| 3. Senior Kid             | January 1, 2026 thru February 28, 2026 |
| 4. Dry Yearling           | Does born in 2025                      |
| 5. Yearling Milker        | Does born in 2025                      |
| 6. 2 Years Old Milker     | Does born in 2024                      |
| 7. 3 Years Old Milker     | Does born in 2023                      |
| 8. 4 Years Old Milker     | Does born in 2022                      |
| 9. 5 Years & Older Milker | Does born prior to January 1, 2022     |

#### Groups

All animals owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry.

10. Dam & Daughter: To Consist of a Dam and Her Daughter. Dam Must be Named on Entry.
11. Dairy Herd: Three (3) Does in Milk.

### DIVISION 604 - CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS

No Entry Fee

Group of three (3) Dairy Goats that have been shown as individuals. All animals in group must be owned by members of a club or chapter. Entries limited to one (1) group. One online entry per club or chapter.

#### Class

1. 4-H Dairy Goat
2. FFA Dairy Goat

## **WETHER DAM DOES**

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class

Monday, July 20

American System of Judging

4-H & FFA Judged Together

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received.

Wether Dams should display characteristics of meat type market goat production. Any breed or combination of breeds can be shown. Wether dam breeding does do not have to be registered to be shown.

All Wether Dam Does will be weighed in. Classes will be sorted and broken by weight regardless of age. No minimum or maximum weight.

Wether Dams have the option of arriving the day of the show and being released at the end of show. This option must be declared online at time of entry so pen assignments can be allocated.

Please see Page 43 for additional Sheep and Goat Rules.

### **DIVISION 605 - WETHER DAM DOES**

## **PYGMY GOATS**

Entry Fee – No Fees, Primary Classes Only

Friday, July 17

Online Registration Required

Open to Primary Members only. Pygmies must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter. Exhibitor does not have to be the owner of the animal. Pygmy goats will be eligible to show in Primary Showmanship and the Costume Contest! Please go to the respective contest pages for additional information.

# MARKET GOATS

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class  
Tuesday, July 21  
American and Danish System of Judging  
Market Goats weighing 60 - 110lbs

Open to any breed or crossbreed goat. Wethers or Does must be at least 60 days old. Goats must weigh between 60 pounds & 110 pounds; maximum pay weight for both buyer and seller is 100 pounds. Market goats must be shown clipped and have no horns. Market goats are eligible for showmanship and chapter group classes. All exhibitors must read the Junior Auction rules and Special Sheep and Goat rules. 4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion and FFA Reserve Champion, Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected.

## **DIVISION 606 – 4-H MARKET GOAT** **DIVISION 607 – FFA MARKET GOAT**

### Judging Standards

#### GRADE

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .08-.12, most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptance, average or greater conformation and cutability.

Group 1 - Above Average/Superior  
Group 2 - Average

Purple  
Gold

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.08 or >.12; under finished goats grading USDA good or lower, below-average conformation or cutability.

Group 3 - Below Average

Silver

## **DIVISION 608 - CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**

No Entry Fee

Group of three (3) Market Goats that have been shown as individuals. All animals in group must be owned by members of a club or chapter. Entries limited to one (1) group. One online entry per club or chapter.

Class:

1. 4-H Market Goat
2. FFA Market Goat

## **BRED AND FED**

No Entry Fee

All animals must have been produced by a local producer or the exhibitors' own flock. All entries are required to show proof of qualification with bill of sale from the breeder and a completed Bred & Fed form also signed by the breeder. Proof of exhibitor bred animals must be verified by the leader or advisor. A local producer will be defined as a producer whose ranch or operation is located within the geographical areas of San Luis Obispo County Schools (the Producer may be a Junior). Exhibitors who enter the bred and fed division on Showworks and have completed the Bred & Fed form and met all eligibility requirements will be considered for the Bred & Fed award. The highest placing animal will be selected. This award will be managed by Fair staff.

Winner will be selected based on the below criteria:

- If more than one Bred & Fed eligible animal is in the Champion Drive, the buckle will be awarded after the drive is complete.
- If two or more highest placing animals are awarded the same level champion, the award will be given based on the highest placing in their respective market classes.
- If two or more highest placing animals are not champions, but share the same placing in their market class, those animals ONLY will be brought back to the ring after the Chapter or Club group, and the judge will determine the Bred & Fed winner.

## **DIVISION 609 - BRED & FED**

Class

1. 4-H, FFA & Independent Market Goat

# Ladies & Lads Lead

Entry Fee - \$7

Wednesday, July 22

Online Registration Required

Commentary Due Monday, July 20 by 5:00pm to the Livestock Office

Commentaries may be emailed to: [livestock@midstatefair.com](mailto:livestock@midstatefair.com)

Open to any youth eligible to exhibit at the California Mid-State Fair per Junior Livestock Local Rules, Exhibitors and Eligibility. Sheep may be breeding ewes or market lambs; no ram lambs are permitted. Sheep must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter. Exhibitor does not have to be the owner of the animal. The entrant will be judged on the mode of dress selected. Clothing may range from a scarf to a two-piece outfit, with material being at least 70% wool.

## **DIVISION 400 - LADIES & LADS LEAD**

Class

- 1 Lads Lead, Age 9-19 Years Old
- 2 Junior Ladies Lead, Age 9-13 Years Old
- 3 Senior Ladies Lead, Age 14-19 Years Old

# Beef Lead

Entry Fee - \$7

Wednesday, July 22

Online Registration Required

Commentary Due Monday, July 20 by 5:00pm to the Livestock Office

Commentaries may be emailed to: [livestock@midstatefair.com](mailto:livestock@midstatefair.com)

Open to any youth eligible to exhibit at the California Mid-State Fair per General Rules #1-3. Cattle may be breeding heifers, market steer, or replacement heifers; no bulls are permitted. Cattle must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter. Exhibitor does not have to be the owner of the animal. The entrant will be judged on the mode of dress selected. Clothing may range from a scarf to a two-piece outfit, with material being at least 70% leather.

## **DIVISION 401 - BEEF LEAD**

Class

- 1 Junior, Ages 9-13 Years Old
- 2 Senior, Ages 14-19 Years Old

# Costume Contests

Entry Fee - \$7

Division 406 - July 15

Divisions 405 & 407 – July 17

Division 402-404 – July 22

Online Registration Required for All Divisions

Commentary for Divisions 405, 406 & 407, Due Monday, July 13 by 5:00pm to the Livestock Office

Commentary for Divisions 402-404, Due Monday, July 20 by 5:00pm to the Livestock Office

Commentaries may be emailed to: [livestock@midstatefair.com](mailto:livestock@midstatefair.com)

Open to any youth eligible to exhibit at the California Mid-State Fair per General Rules #1-3. Sheep/beef/goat may be breeding or market animals; no ram lambs or bulls are permitted. All animals must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show. Exhibitor does not have to be the owner of the animal. Ideas for costumes are contestant/animal look alike, fair theme, and most original or humorous.

## **DIVISION 402 - COSTUME CONTEST, GOAT**

Class

- 1 Junior, Ages 9-13 Years Old
- 2 Senior, Ages 14-19 Years Old

## **DIVISION 403 – COSTUME CONTEST, SHEEP**

Class

- 1 Junior, Ages 9-13 Years Old
- 2 Senior, Ages 14-19 Years Old

## **DIVISION 404 – COSTUME CONTEST, BEEF**

Class

- 1 Junior, Ages 9-13 Years Old
- 2 Senior, Ages 14-19 Years Old

## **DIVISION 405 – COSTUME CONTEST, RABBIT**

Class

- 1 Junior, Ages 9-13 Years Old
- 2 Senior, Ages 14-19 Years Old
- 3 Primary, Ages 5-8 Years Old

## **DIVISION 406 – COSTUME CONTEST, POULTRY**

Class

- 1 Junior, Ages 9-13 Years Old
- 2 Senior, Ages 14-19 Years Old
- 3 Primary, Ages 5-8 Years Old

## **DIVISION 407 – COSTUME CONTEST, PYGMY GOATS**

Class

- 1 Primary, Ages 5-8 Years Old

# Rabbits

Entry Fee - \$3 per class

Friday July 17

American System of Judging

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received, excluding Primary

All Primary Showmanship will be split into 3 groups, each group will be evaluated by a showmanship judge. After all primary showmanship is evaluated, judges will evaluate Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions at separate tables, by separate judges. The breeding rabbit show will occur in division number order as listed in this book.

Fur and Wool Classes will be judged at the end of each breed division.

4-H & FFA will be judged together. Ownership must be on or before June 15, 2026.

The Top 4 Meat Rabbit Pens, and Fryers will be required to sell in the Sale of Champions on July 25, 2026.

**Official (ARBA) Sanctioned Show • PO Box 400 Knox, PA 16232**

Membership information is available on the ARBA website: <https://arba.net/about-the-arba/join-the-arba/>

## DIVISION RULES

1. Entries are limited per Junior Livestock Local Rules, Exhibitors and Eligibility.
2. Entries must be raised and prepared by the exhibitor in accordance with requirements and recommendations of that project.
3. This show will be an officially sanctioned A.R.B.A. Show: Eric Stewart, Executive Director PO Box 400 Knox, PA 16232
4. Rules, definitions and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Assoc. shall apply to all District and County Fair Rabbit Show, provided they do not conflict with any rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.
5. Rabbits must have a legible, permanent number, symbol, letter or series of either, or both, tattooed in its left ear, which MUST correspond with those on the online entry. RABBITS NOT LEGIBLY EAR MARKED ARE TO BE ELIMINATED FROM THE CLASS.
6. Any duplication of ear markings in same Breed and Class will not be allowed. Entries with duplicate ear numbers will have one of those rabbits eliminated. The entry fee will not be returned.
7. Animals will be shown and judged in showroom divisions recognized by the ARBA. The judge will eliminate from the show those animals which have disqualifications (permanent defects) or eliminations (temporary defects). They will count when computing the number of rabbits shown in the class.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to take the rabbit to the show table when the class is called for it to be judged. Those rabbits absent at the time of judging do not count when computing the number of rabbits in the class.
9. Rabbits entered in a class that are the wrong sex, breed, or variety are to be eliminated from the class and the number in the class corrected accordingly.
10. The exhibitor is to check the show cards at the beginning of the Rabbit Show and report any discrepancies to the Show Secretary immediately. No changes will be allowed on the day of the show unless it is our error. Substitutions can only be made within the same division, sex, variety and class. This must be done by calling Lois Williams, 805-461-0178, no later than 8:00 pm, Wednesday, July 15, 2026.
11. Only pedigreed rabbits to be shown.
12. All animals are entered at owner's risk. Judges and Fair Management are not held responsible for animal's health or well-being.
13. Any interference or display of unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification of exhibitor and entire entry. All fees will be forfeited.
14. A "Best of Breed" trophy will be given for breeds with 5 or more rabbits shown.
15. **Primary Members** - To be eligible for showmanship 4-H primary members must exhibit breeding animals and shall be judged separately as specified. Participation ribbons will be awarded. Premium money will not be paid. A showmanship class shall be established for primary members. Primary members are not eligible to exhibit meat pens, and therefore, are ineligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Primary members need to enter under their division by breed of rabbit.

# HEAVYWEIGHT RABBIT BREEDS

## Heavyweight Breeds Sub-Classes:

1. Senior Buck - 8 Months of Age and Older
2. Senior Doe - 8 Months of Age and Older
3. Intermediate Buck - 6-8 Months of Age
4. Intermediate Doe - 6-8 Months of Age
5. Junior Buck - Under 6 Months of Age
6. Junior Doe - Under 6 Months of Age

### **DIVISION 8000 - PRIMARY – CALIFORNIAN**

#### **DIVISION 9000 - CALIFORNIAN**

##### Class

1. Normal

### **DIVISION 8001 - PRIMARY - NEW ZEALAND**

#### **DIVISION 9001 - NEW ZEALAND**

##### Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Broken
4. Red
5. White

### **DIVISION 8002 - PRIMARY -SATIN**

#### **DIVISION 9002 - SATIN**

##### Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Broken Group
4. Californian
5. Chinchilla
6. Chocolate
7. Copper
8. Otter
9. Red
10. Siamese
11. White

### **DIVISION 8003 - PRIMARY – PALOMINO**

#### **DIVISION 9003 - PALOMINO**

##### Class

1. Golden
2. Lynx

### **DIVISION 8004 - PRIMARY - ENGLISH LOP**

#### **DIVISION 9004 - ENGLISH LOP**

##### Class

1. Broken
2. Solid

### **DIVISION 8005 - PRIMARY - FRENCH LOP**

#### **DIVISION 9005 - FRENCH LOP**

##### Class

1. Broken
2. Solid

### **DIVISION 8006 - PRIMARY - FLEMISH GIANT**

#### **DIVISION 9006 - FLEMISH GIANT**

##### Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Fawn
4. Light Gray
5. Sandy
6. Steel Gray
7. White

### **DIVISION 8007 - PRIMARY – American**

#### **DIVISION 9007 - American**

##### Class

1. Blue
2. White

### **DIVISION 8008 - PRIMARY - ALL OTHER HEAVYWEIGHTS**

#### **DIVISION 9008 - ALL OTHER HEAVYWEIGHTS**

1. AOV

# LIGHTWEIGHT RABBIT BREEDS

## Lightweight Breeds Sub-Classes:

1. Senior Buck - 6 Months of Age and Older
2. Senior Doe - 6 Months of Age and Older
3. Junior Buck - Under 6 Months of Age
4. Junior Doe - Under 6 Months of Age

### **DIVISION 8009 - PRIMARY - Mini LOP** **DIVISION 9009 - Mini LOP**

#### Class

1. Broken
2. Solid

### **DIVISION 8010 - PRIMARY - HOLLAND LOP** **DIVISION 9010 - HOLLAND LOP**

#### Class

1. Broken
2. Solid

### **DIVISION 8011 - PRIMARY - JERSEY WOOLY** **DIVISION 9011 - JERSEY WOOLY**

#### Class

1. Agouti Group
2. AOV Group
3. Broken Group
4. Self Group
5. Shaded Group
6. Tan Pattern Group

### **DIVISION 8012 - PRIMARY – DUTCH** **DIVISION 9012 - DUTCH**

#### Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Chocolate
4. Gray
5. Steel
6. Tortoise

### **DIVISION 8013 - PRIMARY – POLISH** **DIVISION 9013 - POLISH**

#### Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Broken
4. Chocolate
5. Blue Eyed White
6. Ruby Eyed White

### **DIVISION 8014 - PRIMARY – HIMALAYAN** **DIVISION 9014 - HIMALAYAN**

#### Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Chocolate
4. Lilac

### **DIVISION 8015 - PRIMARY - MINI REX** **DIVISION 9015 - MINI REX**

#### Class

1. AOV
2. Black
3. Blue
4. Blue Eye White
5. Broken Group
6. Castor
7. Chinchilla
8. Chocolate
9. Himalayan
10. Lilac
11. Lynx
12. Opal
13. Otter
14. Red
15. Seal
16. Tortoise
17. White

### **DIVISION 8016- PRIMARY- RHINELANDER** **DIVISION 9016 – RHINELANDER**

#### Class

1. Black
2. Blue

**DIVISION 8017 - PRIMARY - NETHERLAND DWARF**  
**DIVISION 9017 - NETHERLAND DWARF**

1. Class
2. Black
3. Blue
4. Chocolate
5. Lilac
6. BEW
7. REW
8. Sable Point
9. Siamese Sable
10. Siamese Smoke Pearl
11. Tortoise
12. Chestnut
13. Chinchilla
14. Lynx
15. Opal
16. Squirrel
17. Otter
18. Sable Marten
19. Silver Marten
20. Smoke Pearl Marten
21. Tans
22. Fawn
23. Himalayan
24. Orange
25. Steel
26. Broken
27. AVO

**DIVISION 8018 - PRIMARY – HAVANA**  
**DIVISION 9018 - HAVANA**

Class

1. Black
2. Blue
3. Broken
4. Chocolate
5. Lilac

**DIVISION 8019 - PRIMARY – LIONHEAD**  
**DIVISION 9019 – LIONHEAD**

Class

1. Rew
2. Tortoise
3. Chocolate
4. Seal
5. Siamese Sable
6. Black
7. Smoke Pearl
8. Broken

**DIVISION 8020 - PRIMARY - MINI SATIN**  
**DIVISION 9020 - MINI SATIN**

Class

1. Red
2. White
3. Siamese
4. Opal
5. Chinchilla
6. Black
7. Copper
8. Otter
9. Broken
10. Chocolate Agouti
11. Himalayan
12. AOV

**DIVISION 8021 - PRIMARY - AMERICAN FUZZY LOP**  
**DIVISION 9021 - AMERICAN FUZZY LOP**

Class

1. Solid
2. Broken

**DIVISION 8022 - PRIMARY - ENGLISH SPOT**  
**DIVISION 9022 - ENGLISH SPOT**

Class

1. Chocolate

**DIVISION 8023 - PRIMARY - DWARF HOTOT**  
**DIVISION 9023 - DWARF HOTOT**

Class

1. Solid

**DIVISION 8024 - PRIMARY - ALL OTHER LIGHTWEIGHTS**  
**DIVISION 9024 - ALL OTHER LIGHTWEIGHTS**

Class

1. AOB

# MEAT RABBIT PENS

Entry Fee - \$5 per Class

Friday, July 17

## DIVISION 9025 - MEAT RABBIT PEN

Limited to one (1) meat pen per exhibitor. Each Rabbit Meat Pen consists of three (3) rabbits, each weighting 3.5 to 5.5 pounds, not over 70 days old. Exhibitors may not enter Division 9025 and 9026.

Class

1. Meat Rabbit Pen - Three (3) meat rabbits

# FRYERS

Entry Fee - \$5 per Class

Friday, July 17

## DIVISION 9026 – RABBIT FRYER

Limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor. Each Rabbit Fryer consists of one (1) rabbit, weighting 3.5 to 5.5 pounds, not over 70 days old. Exhibitors may not enter Division 9026 and 9025.

Class

1. Meat Rabbit Fryer - One (1) meat rabbit

# FUR & WOOL

Entry Fee - \$3 per Class

Friday, July 17

## DIVISION 9027 - FUR & WOOL

Rabbit must have been shown and qualified in breed classes.

Class

1. Wool
2. Satin
3. Rex
4. Normal White
5. Normal Colored (includes broken)

# RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Entry Fee: \$3 for classes 1-5

Friday, July 17

## DIVISION 105 – RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors must show their own rabbits; rabbits must have been shown in breed class.

Exhibitor Age determined as of January 1, 2026, 4-H & FFA Show together.

Class

1. Junior Novice - 9-10 Years Old
2. Novice - 11 Years and Older with no prior show experience
3. Intermediate - 13 Years and Under with Experience
4. Senior Advanced - 14 Years and Older with Experience
5. Primary

# Poultry

Entry Fee – \$3 per class

Wednesday, July 15

\*Premium awards offered will be based on entries received. Excluding Primary Show is Subject to cancelation dependent upon Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and status within San Luis Obispo County.

**All Poultry, including turkeys, are required to go through health checks upon arrival and prior to coop-in.**

1. Entries are limited to members that meet the eligibility requirements in Junior Livestock Local Rules, Exhibitors and Eligibility.
2. Exhibitor must supply water and be responsible for the care of the birds on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Rules, definitions, and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Official Show Rules and the Standard of Perfection of the American Poultry Association, Inc. shall apply except in such instances where they are in conflict of state and local rules.
3. Meat pens must be brought to the scales by the exhibitor at the time of the official weigh-in. Classes will be determined from these weights. Broilers will be evaluated on conformation, fleshing, feathering, and freedom from downgrading such as bruises and skin tears. The top four (4) pens selected by the judge shall remain on the Fairgrounds and be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction. The Fair will supply pens; however, it will be the exhibitor's responsibility to care for and feed birds.
4. A judge may excuse a bird from competition if it appears to be fatigued or out of condition. All birds must be identified by leg bands upon arrival at the show. Must enter Division, Class and Sub Class on entry form and remember to include variety.
5. 4-H & FFA Judged Together Ownership must be on or before June 15, 2026
6. **Primary Members** - To be eligible for showmanship 4-H primary members must exhibit breeding animals and shall be judged separately as specified. Participation ribbons will be awarded. **Premium money will not be paid.** A showmanship class shall be established for primary members. Primary members are not eligible to exhibit market animals, and therefore, are ineligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Primary members need to enter under their division by breed of poultry.

## Definitions of Sub-Classes:

Cock or Drake - Male 1 year or older  
Hen or Old Duck - Female one year or older  
Cockerel or Young Drake - Male under 1 year  
Pullet or Young Duck - Female under 1 year

# BANTAMS

## Bantam Sub-Classes:

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet

### **DIVISION 8035 - PRIMARY - MODERN GAME**

#### **DIVISION 9035 - MODERN GAME**

##### Class

1. All Varieties

### **DIVISION 8036 - PRIMARY - GAME BANTAM**

#### **DIVISION 9036 - GAME BANTAM**

##### Class

1. Old English Game
2. American Game
3. AOB

### **DIVISION 8037 - PRIMARY - SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEG**

#### **DIVISION 9037 - SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEG**

##### Class

1. Ancona
2. Andalusian
3. Australorp
4. Campine
5. Catalana
6. Delaware
7. Dorking
8. Dutch
9. Frizzle
10. Holland
11. Japanese
12. Java
13. Jersey Giant
14. Lakenvelder
15. Lamona
16. Leghorn
17. Minorca
18. Naked Neck
19. New Hampshire
20. Orpington
21. Phoenix
22. Plymouth Rock
23. Rhode Island Red
24. Spanish
25. Sussew
26. Jungle Fowl
27. Nankin
28. Pyncheon
29. Serama
30. Vorwerk
31. Welsummers
32. AOB

### **DIVISION 8038 - PRIMARY - ROSE COMB CLEAN LEG**

#### **DIVISION 9038 - ROSE COMB CLEAN LEG**

##### Class

1. Ancona
2. Antwerp Belgian/ Belgian Bearded D'Anver
3. Dominique
4. Dorking
5. Hamburg
6. Leghorn

7. Minorca
8. Redcap
9. Rhode Island Red
10. Rhode Island White
11. Rosecomb
12. Sebright
13. Wyandotte
14. Nankin
15. AOB

### **DIVISION 8039 - PRIMARY - ALL OTHER COMB CLEAN LEG**

#### **DIVISION 9039 - ALL OTHER COMB CLEAN LEG**

##### Class

1. Ameraucana
2. Araucana
3. Buckeye
4. Chantecler
5. Cornish
6. Crevecoeur
7. Cubalaya
8. Houdan
9. La Fleche
10. Malay
11. Polish
12. Shamo
13. Sicilian Buttercup
14. Sumatra
15. Yokohama
16. Ko Shamo
17. Orloff
18. AOB

### **DIVISION 8040 - PRIMARY - FEATHER LEG**

#### **DIVISION 9040 - FEATHER LEG**

##### Class

1. D'Uccle
2. Bramha
3. Booted
4. Cochin
5. Faverolle
6. Frizzle
7. Langshan
8. Silkie
9. Sultan
10. AOB

##### Sub Classes:

Duck  
Old Duck  
Young Drake  
Old Drake

### **DIVISION 8041 - PRIMARY - WATERFOWL**

#### **DIVISION 9041 - WATERFOWL**

##### Class

1. Bantam Duck
2. All Other Recognized Breeds of Ducks & Geese

# LARGE POULTRY

## Large Poultry Sub-Classes:

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet

### **DIVISION 8042 - PRIMARY – AMERICAN**

#### **DIVISION 9042 - AMERICAN**

##### Class

1. Plymouth Rock
2. Dominique
3. Wyandotte
4. Java
5. Rhode Island Red
6. Rhode Island White
7. Buckeye
8. Chantecler
9. Jersey Giant
10. Lamona
11. New Hampshire
12. Holland
13. Delaware
14. AOB

### **DIVISION 8043 - PRIMARY – ASIATIC**

#### **DIVISION 9043 – ASIATIC**

##### Class

1. Brahma
2. Cochin
3. Langshan
4. AOB

### **DIVISION 8044 - PRIMARY – ENGLISH**

#### **DIVISION 9044 - ENGLISH**

##### Class

1. Dorking
2. Redcap
3. Cornish
4. Orpington
5. Sussex
6. Australorp
7. AOB

### **DIVISION 8045 - PRIMARY – MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **DIVISION 9045 MEDITERRANEAN**

##### Class

1. Leghorn
2. Minorca
3. Spanish
4. Andalusian
5. Anacona
6. Sicilian Buttercups
7. Catalina

### **DIVISION 8046 - PRIMARY – CONTINENTAL**

#### **DIVISION 9046 - CONTINENTAL**

##### Class

1. Barnevelders
2. Hamburg
3. Campine
4. Lakenvelder
5. Welsummers
6. Polish
7. Houdan
8. Crevecour
9. La Fleche
10. Faverolle
11. Maran
12. AOB

### **DIVISION 8047 - PRIMARY - ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS**

#### **DIVISION 9047 - ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS**

##### Class

1. Modern Game
2. Old English Game
3. Sumatra
4. Malay
5. Cubalya
6. Phoenix
7. Yokahoma
8. Aseel
9. Shamo
10. Sultan
11. Frizzle
12. Naked Neck
13. Araucana
14. Ameraucana
15. AOB

### **DIVISION 8048 – PRIMARY – UTILITY CLASS- CHICKEN**

#### **DIVISION 9048 - UTILITY CLASS- CHICKEN**

##### Class

1. All Non-Purebred

# POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Entry Fee - \$3 for classes 1-5

Wednesday, July 15

## DIVISION 107 – POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitor Age determined as of January 1, 2026, 4-H & FFA Show together.

Class

1. Junior Novice - 9-10 Years Old
2. Novice - 11 Years and Older with no prior show experience
3. Intermediate - 13 Years and Under with Experience
4. Senior Advanced - 14 Years and Older with Experience
5. Primary

# MARKET BROILER PENS

Entry Fee - \$5 per Class

Wednesday, July 15

Limit one (1) Market Broiler pen per exhibitor. Broilers to weigh 5.00-7.00 lbs. each, not exceeding 10 Weeks of age. Pens must consist of 3 Pullets or 3 Cockrels, mixed pens will be disqualified. No extra meat birds will be allowed onto the fairgrounds to be added to the pen if original pen does not make weight. Absolutely no re-weighs. **All birds must be identified by leg bands upon arrival at the show.**

All poultry will be observed on anti-mortem, and during processing for symptoms of residue levels and/or injection lesions from drugs. Each exhibitor will be required to sign a release form holding the Fair, its management, and staff harmless if their poultry is found to contain any drug residues resulting in condemnation by federal inspectors at the harvest facility. All fees paid, monies earned, and awards won will be forfeited by the exhibitor.

The Top 4 placing pens will be required to sell in the Sale of Champions on July 25, 2026.

## DIVISION 9049 – MARKET BROILER PENS

Class

1. Market Broiler Pen - Three (3) Broilers

# **POULTRY BOWL**

No Entry Fee  
Wednesday, July 15

The poultry knowledge bowl will be held in conjunction with the poultry show. Exhibitors will be quizzed on knowledge about poultry breeds, diseases, management of projects as well as any other material pertaining to maintaining a successful flock or project.

## **DIVISION 9051 – POULTRY KNOWLEDGE BOWL**

Class

1. Junior, 9-11 years of age
2. Intermediate, 12 to 14 years of age
3. Senior, 15 years of age and older

# **MARKET TURKEY SHOW**

Entry Fee- \$7  
Wednesday, July 15

Limit one (1) bird per exhibitor. Turkeys will be weighed in during Poultry Check In. Any Birds underweight will not be permitted to show. Minimum Weight Limits for a Hen is 14lbs, Minimum Weight for a Tom is 16lbs. It is recommended for exhibitors to be showing broad breasted or white turkeys.

Turkeys must be hatched after March 15, 2026 to be eligible to show, proof of hatch date must be submitted. Birds will be shown by weight.

## **DIVISION 700 – MARKET TURKEY**

# Joann Overbey Memorial 4-H Dog Show

Entry Fee - \$7 per Class  
Saturday, July 18

Open to 4-H members currently enrolled in 4-H Dog Project that reside in and attend school in San Luis Obispo or Monterey County. Exhibitors may only enter and show the Project Dog that they have been training and raising in the Dog Project, and owned by the Exhibitor or the Exhibitor's immediate family. A member may only enter one Showmanship class for 1st Year Dog Project members. The Showmanship classes are broken down by age group.

## DIVISION RULES

1. All dogs exhibited must be six (6) months of age or older by the date of the show.
2. Any dog determined to be exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior (including snapping, biting or attempting to bite) toward other dogs, or people at any time before, during, or after the exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds immediately, and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of unsafe or threatening behavior will be made by the show committee and / or judge and decision is final.
3. Female dogs may not be in season at the show. If a judge determines that a female dog in the ring is in season, or appears to be so, the female dog will be immediately excused.
4. Any dog not under its handler's control may be excused from competition by the judge. Uncontrolled behavior such as barking, running away from handler, etc. will be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during or between exercises, or before or after judging.
5. An exhibitor disciplining their dog in the show ring will be excused from further competition in the class.
6. Only the exhibitor, exhibitor's dog, and show officials are permitted in the show ring at any time throughout the show.
7. While on the fairgrounds:
  - a. Dogs must be kept on a leash to enter and exit the show ring and receive awards, the leash may be removed during competition when it is appropriate to remove the leash. Leashes must be made of fabric or leather or other like material.
  - b. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas.
  - c. Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs
  - d. Dogs are not permitted outside the dog show area except for loading or unloading.
  - e. Dogs must not be left unattended at any time.
  - f. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar.
7. Dog show judging and further description can be found on our website: [CMSF Livestock Webpage](#)

The classes are divided into age groups, the age listed is the age of the exhibitor.

## DIVISION 800 - 4-H DOG SHOW

### Class

1. Novice Rally Obedience- Primary, 5-8 Years
2. Novice Rally Obedience- Junior, 9-12 Years
3. Novice Rally Obedience- Intermediate, 13-15 Years
4. Novice Rally Obedience – Senior, 16 Years and Older
5. Intermediate Rally Obedience – All ages, must have at least three qualifying scores from 4-H or other organization
6. Showmanship - Primary, 5-8 Years
7. Showmanship - 1st Year Dog Project Members
8. Showmanship - Junior, 9-12 Years
9. Showmanship - Intermediate, 13-15 Years
10. Showmanship - Senior, 16 Years & Older

# Showmanship

Entry Fee \$7

No Entry Fee for Primary Classes

Online Registration Required

Showmanship must be pre-entered. No entry available at ringside.

Entries are limited to those exhibitors who owned, fitted, and showed their animals in the Junior Livestock Department Classes. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform of the organization they represent.

A Novice Showman is defined as an exhibitor who has NEVER participated at a local, county or state show (this includes Jackpot shows) in the following species of livestock: Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goat, Dairy Cattle or Horse. A 4-H Intermediate Showman will be a Non-Novice Exhibitor who is 13 years old or less as of January 1, 2026. A 4-H Advanced Showman will be a Non-Novice Exhibitor who is 14 years old and older as of January 1, 2026.

First and Second Place winners of the 4-H Junior Novice compete in the final drive of 4-H Novice. First and Second Place winners in 4-H Novice compete in final drive of 4-H Intermediate.

First and Second Place winners of 4-H Intermediate compete in final drive of 4-H Senior Advanced. First and Second Place winners of Novice compete in final drive of FFA Advanced.

First Place winners from Divisions 100-104 in 4-H Intermediate, 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship will advance to Round Robin Competition.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st thru 10th place in all classes. Premiums will be given in the Senior & Advanced classes only.

Beef showmanship is a non-fit, blow & go show. Fitting and the use of adhesives and paint is not allowed. Fair Management may implement a white glove check ringside and any exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.

**DIVISION 100 – BEEF**

**DIVISION 101 – SHEEP**

**DIVISION 102 - SWINE**

**DIVISION 103 - DAIRY GOAT**

**DIVISION 104 – GOAT**

**DIVISION 105 – DAIRY CATTLE**

**DIVISION 106 – RABBIT \*See page 60 for class information**

**DIVISION 107 – POULTRY \*See page 64 for class information**

**DIVISION 108 – PYGMY GOAT (Primary Only)**

Class

1. 4-H Junior Novice - 9-10-Year-Old
2. 4-H Novice - 11 Years and Older
3. 4-H Intermediate - 13 Years and Under with Experience
4. 4-H Senior Advanced - 14 Years and Over with Experience
5. FFA Novice
6. FFA Advanced
7. Primary – No Entry Fee

# Round Robin Showmanship

Sunday, July 26

No Entry Fee

All Animals used will be arranged by Fair staff. Exhibitors may not bring their own animals or arrange animals to use during competition.

All first-place winners of beef, sheep, swine, dairy goats and goats, in 4-H Intermediate, 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship classes are eligible to compete in Round Robin Showmanship. Exhibitors may compete if they have placed in Round Robin in prior years.

Any youth who is exhibiting more than one (1) specie of livestock and wins first place in the earliest advanced showmanship class entered will be eligible to compete in the other showmanship class with the other species of livestock. If they win first place in a second specie of livestock, he or she will be allowed to choose which specie they will represent in Round Robin. For example, if an exhibitor wins sheep showmanship and then later wins beef showmanship, he or she can represent either sheep or beef in round robin and the second-place exhibitor of the specie not selected will compete in round robin.

If a junior showman wins both junior and senior showmanship, he or she will have the choice of determining which round robin class they choose to compete. The second-place showman in the non-chosen showmanship class will then compete in the appropriate round robin. For example, if an exhibitor wins junior swine showmanship and then wins senior swine showmanship, he or she could choose to compete in either junior or senior round robin. If they choose junior round robin the second-place senior showmanship exhibitor would represent swine in senior round.

## Pee Wee Showmanship

Online Entry Until June 1

Additional openings will be filled in Livestock Office

No entries will be taken via phone or email

No Entry Fee

Sunday, July 26

Pee Wee Showmanship is a learning experience for youth 5 to 8 years of age as of the first of January 1, 2026. No premiums or monetary awards to be provided by the Fair as well as no possibility of participating in the livestock auction. Participants will sign a release of liability/Hold Harmless statement provided by the Fair. 4-H Uniforms are not to be worn. Limited to 15 exhibitors per division. Once Division is fully entered a waitlist for 5 exhibitors will be permitted. Exhibitors may arrange the use of any 2026 California Mid-State Fair Exhibitors animal or may plan to use an animal provided by the Fair staff.

### **DIVISION 5000 - Swine**

Class

1. 5-Years-Old
2. 6-Years-Old
3. 7-Year-Old
4. 8-Year-Old

### **DIVISION 5001 - Lamb**

Class

1. 5-Years-Old
2. 6-Years-Old
3. 7-Year-Old
4. 8-Year-Old

# Stock Show Mom & Dad Showmanship

Entry Fee - \$20

Thursday, July 23

Sign up in the Livestock Stock Office by 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Open to any parent or adult with previous stock show experience. Entries will be limited to 10 per specie, judging will be done by current or past Senior Showmanship winners.

## **DIVISION 407 – Stock Show Mom and Dad**

Class

1. Goat
2. Sheep
3. Hog
4. Beef

# Livestock Judging Contest

Pre-Register in Livestock Office by Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

Contest Check-in, Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM

Contest to begin at 12:30PM

No Entry Fee

## **Division – Livestock Judging**

Class

1. Junior, Ages 9-12 Years Old
2. Senior, Ages 13-19 Years Old

## **Rules**

1. A team consists of four (4) individuals. Team members must be in the same age group but will not be required to be from the same 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Top 3 scores will be used in placing teams.
2. Your team must have a name.
3. Members may enter as Individuals and will not be eligible for team placing.
4. Contestants will judge 6 classes consisting of one Market Steers, Breeding Heifers, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, and Hogs.
5. Contest will not include verbal reasons
6. Contestants will be allowed 10 minutes for placing each class.



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