



Livestock Show Winter Newsletter

Hello to all,

January 19, 2018

We are very pleased to tell you about the exciting new changes that are on the horizon in the new year! As always, our goal here at the California Mid-State Fair is to make our Fair a fun place that nurtures our livestock youth community and creates an educational, competitive environment to build hard working kids. We do realize that last year will be hard to beat after we unveiled the beautiful Paso Robles Pavilion, changed breed divisions in the swine and sheep shows, and set record numbers in almost every category. But we think we may have topped it....

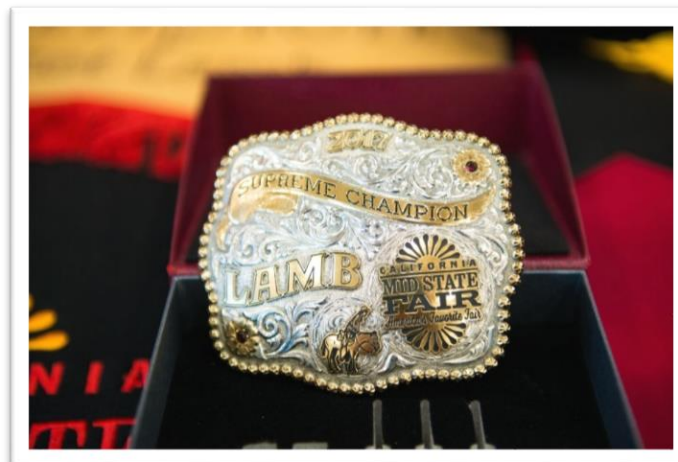




BRAND NEW CHANGES TO 2018:

1. **Expanded Entry Limits:** Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter and show **TWO OF ANY MARKET SPECIES OR A SINGLE MARKET ANIMAL AND REPLACEMENT HEIFER!** Yes two of any species!!! (Example combinations include; Replacement Heifer and Market hog, Market Sheep and Meat Goat, 2 Market Sheep, 2 Market Hogs, 2 Market Steers, 2 Meat Goats, Replacement Heifer and Steer, Replacement Heifer and Meat Goat, Replacement Heifer and Market Sheep ect.) Yes, any combination goes here at the 2018 California Mid-State Fair! We hope this will drive our competition and give kids more opportunity while at our show. Please note however, each exhibitor will only be allowed to “sell one market animal” and “one Replacement Heifer” (if their combination includes a replacement heifer). If an exhibitor chooses to show two market animals they will only be allowed to sell one of those animals in the Junior Livestock Auction. (To be clear, exhibitors will not be permitted to show two replacement heifers.)
2. **New Shows:**
 - a. **Junior Wether Dam Doe Boer Goat Show** that will be sanctioned by CJLA (California Junior Livestock Association) and will be open to any junior exhibitor from any county! This show will be judged on July 18th, 2018.
 - b. **Specialty Sheep and Hair Sheep Show** Open to all ages from all counties. This show will be judged on July 20th, 2018.

- c. **Wether Dam Ewe CJLA Sanctioned show** that will be open to all junior exhibitors from any county! This show will be judged on July 20th, 2018.
 - d. **Brand New Market Turkey Show.** Market Turkeys will not impede on change #1. They will be considered small animals (like rabbits & chickens) and will be run similarly to the Meat Rabbit Show. Exhibitors will show their turkeys and the top 4 birds will be selected to be sold during the Junior Livestock Auction during the Sale of Champions on Saturday July 28th, 2018.
 - e. **New Showmanship Class!** Stock Show Mom and Stock Show Dad Showmanship Divisions will be opened: A stock show mom or dad is defined as someone who is involved with your project and is always giving you pointers, support and advice (mom, dad, uncle, aunt, grandma, grandpa, teacher or leader) whether their advice is wanted or not they are always sure to let you know what they think! All Stock Show Moms & Dads must use animals that will be on the fairgrounds during the 2018 Junior Livestock Show it is not permitted for them to bring their own animals. This will be open for sheep and swine entries this year but will hopefully grow in the future!
3. **Survey and Quality Assurance:** Exhibitors will also be required to partake in the San Luis Obispo County Water Board Survey and Quality Assurance Training- more information on this to come!
 4. **Pee Wee Showmanship:** Sadly over the years we have seen a decrease in entries in Pee Wee Showmanship. We have decided it is time for some changes to help this program. We will now have a earlier start of 9:30am on Sunday July 29th. Both sheep and swine will be judged at the same time in neighboring rings. We will have multiple judges, and entries will be processed online. More details to come!
 5. **Due to the anticipated growth** is the Market Sheep and Meat Goat Shows this year, **ALL** Market Sheep and Meat Goats will be housed in the Paso Robles Pavilion (including all tack, and fitting space). Fitting Space will be marked off and assigned to groups as how it has been done in the past.
 6. **All 2018 Competition handbooks** will be available **ONLINE ONLY** this year. No Books will be printed by the Fair. Full access to the electronic document is available at www.midstatefair.com, once on the website choose "Livestock" from the menu and the book will appear at "2018 Livestock Competition Handbook". The document can be downloaded and printed or viewed online.
 7. **Market Swine weight limit this year:** 220 lbs (min)-270 lbs (max). All other Species will remain the same.
 8. Due to the anticipated growth in swine entries, **swine tack** will **NOT** be permitted to be in the alleyways or at the end of pen areas, all tack, supplies, chairs, tables, storage bins and other items will need to be located in designated tack spaces away from pens, this will be within the Swine Barn area.





CLARIFICATION OF PRIOR RULES:

1. Wether dams & wether sires will now be shown by weight, NOT AGE.
2. **The Beef Carcass Contest** will have updated standards and rules (will be released in the 2018 competition handbook). New guidelines will mirror the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association Program.
3. There is still no limit on the number of **breeding animals** (breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding goats, and dairy goats) that an exhibitor can enter. (excluding Replacement Heifers; these will be limited to 2)
4. **British Cattle Division:** In the Market Steer Show each animal being classified as British must present proof of registration. Percentage cattle are acceptable if the association provides a registration paper (Appendix/Percent Cattle are acceptable).
5. **Going Digital!** As advertised last year the livestock show will be 100% online entries this year. All entries will be processed through ShoWorks, this can be found on our web page. (Don't worry if online entries seem scary we will be having our lovely staff members leading training days that you will all be invited to in the spring before entries are due.)
6. **The Auction** commission fee for the Junior Livestock Auction and Industrial Arts auction will be 7.5%. As always this fee will help benefit operations related to producing and operating the auction that directly benefit our exhibitors.

7. If an animal qualifies for the **Supreme Champion Drive** they will sell during the Sale of Champions at the Junior Livestock Auction held on July 28th 2018 at 12:30pm. This includes the Champion and Reserve Champion in 4-H, FFA, and any qualifying Independent Champions.
8. **Bedding:** last year we ran into problems with exhibitors not using the correct types of bedding for their animals. To be clear the following types of bedding are permitted on the fairgrounds; wood shavings, bagged pellet wood bedding products, straw (for cattle only). **Absolutely NO SAWDUST** will be allowed.





RETURNING PROGRAMS FROM 2017:

1. All Market animal division and class changes made last year will stay the same at the 2018 show.
2. Adelaide Lot Season Parking Permits will be sold at \$132.00, and will be available to advisors and leaders on a first come first serve basis.
3. Carnival Wrist band Passes- Season Carnival Wrist Bands will be available again for \$100 to any exhibitor showing or exhibiting any type of project. Purchase date and deadlines will be announced at a later time. These wristbands are good everyday for all operating hours!
4. The Supreme Champion Drive will be returning! It will be occurring at 5:30pm on Wednesday July 25th. You won't want to miss it!
5. The 2017 established rules with swine watering systems will stand for our 2018 show.
6. Market Lamb Bred and Fed class will return.
7. Unofficial Weigh Scales will also once again be available on Saturday and Sunday Only.

Fair Dates: July 18th-July 29th

The 2018 theme is: Ole, It's Fiesta Time!

Livestock Judges:

Cattle: Dr. Scott Schaake, Manhattan, KS

Swine: Brian Anderson, Carney, KS

Sheep & Goats: TBA

We hope to bridge the gap in communication by providing these newsletters monthly! Stay tuned for more exciting details! We can't wait to see you all at the 2018 California Mid-State Fair!

All the Best,

The Livestock Staff



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