

Fair 2023 Rule Changes and Updates

General Livestock

Updated: Exhibitors will care for their livestock and always follow all rules while the animal is on the Fairgrounds. Lack of proper care/treatment will result in:

1st offense – Exhibitor will receive a warning and be educated on the proper care of the livestock;

2nd offense – Exhibitor will relinquish all premiums; and receive a warning in a form of a certified letter

3rd offense – Exhibitor will relinquish all premiums, awards and be ineligible to show for a period of one year. The exhibitor will also be asked to remove their animal from the grounds immediately.

Updated: All livestock must be on the fairgrounds by Wednesday, July 5th. Cat/Pet, Dog, and Horse are excluded. Animals should be present to be weighed or checked in at their designated times on the schedule. If you miss weigh in or check in, the species superintendent has the authority to not allow you to exhibit.

New: You may not use the show ring to exercise your animals unless all 4-H/FFA shows are complete for the day or no shows are occurring. Please clean up after your animals if you use the ring, so it is ready for the next livestock show.

Added to all species: Extra pens will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, NO refunds will be issued.

Updated: Wash rack usage will follow the show order of the day. Please be courteous to all species.

Livestock and Small Animal Rules & Health Regulations

Updated: All livestock classes can be called to the show ring over the public address system. Please be attentive to the instructions and listen for your classes to be announced.

Updated: Grooming/Fitting of animals should be done by the 4-H/FFA member and his/her immediate family/guardian, or if a signed agreement from the Extension office is completed, another 4-H/FFA member or a designated mentor with mentor agreement paperwork filed with the extension office by March 1st 2023, may assist.

Updated: The act of drenching/filling of livestock (forcefully administering any substance orally) is strictly prohibited unless instructed by a licensed veterinarian for the well-being and health of the animal. Any animal that needs to be drenched on the day of the show, as deemed by a fair veterinarian, will not be able to compete in the show. Water additives are allowed (to enhance flavor or encourage intake of water) if they are recognized as safe for the animal to consume and that the animal consumes it on its own free will. See species specific rules for further guidelines on pastes, and other products!

BEEF

New for 2023- Commercial females MUST have tattoo matching recorded identification OR a USDA approved ear tag for identification in 4hOnline by May 15 and Fair Entry by June 15 deadlines and will be checked at the fair. Animals without readable tattoos, or with fresh tattoos will not be permitted to show. Re-tattooing at the fair will not be allowed.

Added: At judges and or beef committee's discretion, top 3 animals may be selected out of any breed or market division for consideration in the top 5.

Swine

New For 2023

There will now be a purebred class.

There will be a purebred market barrow class and purebred market gilt class. There will also be a Purebred Breeding Gilt Class. All breeds will be shown together. There will be a three pig minimum to have a class. If the minimum is not met, those pigs will be placed into the crossbred class. All purebreds must have papers transferred by May 15th and have copies to extension office by June 15th. See rule 19 for maximum number of pigs allowed.

All swine will be scanned. The scanning fee must be paid before the exhibitor can show. Discounted scanning price is being made possible by the generous donation of the Buchanan County Pork Producers.

Maximum number of swine per exhibitor will be determined as follows:

- Market swine only – Five hogs maximum (combination purebred and crossbred)
- Breeding Gilts – three head maximum (combination purebred/crossbred)
- Single Source swine only – four hogs maximum (three market & one breeding gilt)
- Market swine and single source swine – seven hogs maximum

Market Swine Department Class

26200 Crossbred Gilt

Purebred Market Gilt

Purebred Market Barrow

26201 Crossbred Barrow

Breeding Gilt Department Class

26100 Crossbred Breeding Gilt

Purebred Breeding Gilt

Sheep

New: No halter is allowed in the show ring at all, unless talking with the sheep committee or superintendent first.

New for 2023 - Clover Kids Sheep and Goat Class Rules

Objectives:

- 1. To learn proper health care and nutritional requirements of sheep and meat goats.**
- 2. To learn basic management skills.**
- 3. To learn basic record keeping skills.**

Rules:

1. Open to Clover Kids in grades K-3rd.
2. Sheep and goats must be born between February 1st and April 30th 2023. They must be fed and cared for within two weeks of birth.
3. Sheep and goats must be identified on 4-H Online by May 15th using <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Exhibitors can only show one animal per species.
4. Animals must be clean and will be shown with a halter. Clipping and grooming is not necessary.
5. The judge will talk with each clover kid on an individual basis asking questions based on what the exhibitor has learned, feeding, animal health, and basic management questions.
6. Sheep and goats must be brought to the fairgrounds on the day of the show, and then will be released after the show. If you would like other accommodations, please contact the County Youth Coordinator or species superintendent.
7. The clover kids shows will be conducted at the beginning of the regular 4-H/FFA show.
8. Clover Kids will be given a participation ribbon as clover kids are not to be competitive.

Dairy Cattle

New: No more use of neck collars. All livestock will be kept on a halter when tied up.

New: All non-milking dairy cattle must be on the grounds by Dairy Cattle Check In on Wednesday, July 5th. All cattle will be checked in at the dairy barn, at a set time on the schedule.

New: If there are fewer than 3 entries per breed class, the superintendent has the discretion to combine the breeds in to one class. (Ex: all breeds would be shown in the junior calf class together).

New: ALL dairy cattle will have an official USDA tag in the RIGHT EAR. It can be an RFID tag or the metal calfhood tag. Photos of both sides of the animal will need to be uploaded on 4-H online or Fair Entry for FFA exhibitors. Farm tags are not an acceptable form of identification, a USDA shield on the tag is required. This is a state guideline and will be enforced.

Dairy Goat

New: No fresh tattoos, animal ID's must be in by May 15th. This is a state rule, and all animals need to be identified correctly.

New: No more than 12 hours of milk in udder.

New: No taping or sealing teats is allowed.

Rabbit

New: All rabbits need an ear tattoo to be identified, this can **exclude** rabbits that exhibit in the pet class.

Updated: Adding a Crossbred class to all other breeds division.

All pet rabbits are to stay on the fairgrounds the entire week of fair, no exceptions unless prior conversation with the rabbit superintendent and County Youth Coordinator.

Master Showmanship

New: Unruly or misbehaving animals can be excused from the ring by the judges' discretion.

Poultry:

Class changes:

Bantams need separated, feather legged and non-feather legged.

Non-Commercial / Rare / Fancy Breeding Poultry Classes

24102: Bantams - One Cockerel, Male chicken under 1 yr – removed this class

24103: Bantams - One Cock, Male chicken over 1 yr – removed this class

Waterfowl Classes - Change to one duck per class, keep one class for pen of two all breeds.

Breeding Birds Poultry Classes – Add class for one breeding pair all breeds.

Non-Commercial / Rare / Fancy Breeding Poultry Classes- Add bantam breeding pair class (all breeds).

Meat Goat

New: There will be no re-weighs at check-in scales, unless there is a discrepancy and Meat Goat Committee members and the Extension office deem it necessary to re-weigh.

Change wording: Only market goats will need to be brought up to the weigh in area. A committee member will check in all breeding does in their pens.

Updated: -Rule #4– State Fair rule below:

All market meat goats (wethers or does) must have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site (prior to May 15), as well as had retinal images collected from the nominated animals and information recorded in 4hOnline by May 15. 4.

Breeding does must have an official 4-H tag or tattoo (tattoo must follow official guidelines: Left Ear = Individual Animal Identifier; Right Ear = Herd Prefix) and birth date, as well as had retinal images from the nominated animals and information recorded in 4hOnline by May

Wording Change: Bracing is allowed; however, all goats must always have four feet on the floor when being examined by the judge. Lifting off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable when being examined by the judge. Exhibitors will receive one warning. If they are found lifting or slapping goats, 2nd offence will result in automatic exhibitor DQ from the meat goat show.

Word Change: The act of drenching/filling of livestock (forcefully administering any substance orally) including pastes, or any product that is given through the mouth is strictly prohibited unless approved by the meat goat committee. See livestock general rule #28.

New 2023 - Home Bred and Raised Meat Goat Class

The Home Bred & Raised Meat Goat class is for market meat goats & breeding meat goats (will be shown in separate classes) that have been born and raised on the 4-H or FFA member's farm or livestock home location. The dam must follow ownership rules in the Livestock and Small Animal Rules & Health Regulations portion of the General Livestock Rule Book.

The Home Bred & Raised class is a separate class from other market/breeding classes. The winners of this class will be shown in the Champion Drive at the end of the show. To exhibit in the Market Bred & Raised class, you must weigh-in and designate this animal at the April weigh-in **and** in FairEntry by June 15th. Breeding Home Bred & Raised must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th and entered in FairEntry by June 15th as Home Bred & Raised. These animals will **ONLY** be allowed to show in this class.

There will be a limit of **ONE (1)** Market Home Bred & Raised and **ONE (1)** Breeding Home Bred & Raised entry per exhibitor.

Market Home Bred & Raised Meat Goat class will be divided into dairy/meat categories, and then divided into weight classes. Market Does & Market Wethers will be shown together.

Breeding Home Bred & Raised Meat Goat class will not be categorized by Full Blood and Percentage. Breeding Home Bred & Raised Meat Goats will be categorized in two classes, does under 12 mo. and does over 12 mo., and then divided into weight classes.

23700: Market Home Bred & Raised, meat under 12 mo.

23701: Market Home Bred & Raised, dairy under 12 mo.

23702: Breeding Home Bred & Raised, under 12 mo.

23703: Breeding Home Bred & Raised, over 12 mo

CHAMPION AND RESERVE HOME BRED & RAISED MARKET
MEAT

CHAMPION AND RESERVE HOME BRED & RAISED MARKET
DAIRY

CHAMPION AND RESERVE HOME BRED & RAISED BREEDING