

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. Exhibitors who have completed 4th grade are eligible to participate in livestock shows. Clover Kids (K-3rd grade) may participate in select classes and are encouraged to show as a team with an Intermediate or Senior 4-H or FFA member.
2. 4-H livestock projects must be owned and identified in 4-H Online by May 15. FFA livestock projects must be identified on the proper 4-H livestock ID form which is due at the Extension Office by May 15. This includes ALL beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, dairy, dairy goats, horses, horse lease agreements, dogs, pets, and bucket-bottle calves/lambs/goats. Poultry and Rabbits are the only exception to the May 15 rule: these animals must be identified by June 15th through FairEntry by adding an animal when signing up for fair classes.
3. An animal may be identified by only one 4-H'er. Exception: Horse and dog project animals can be identified by more than one 4-H member as long as they are all 4-H members and are siblings. Sibling is defined as brother, sister, or step-sibling with one common parent/guardian. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project, regardless of sibling status.
4. Ownership is required, except where a share or lease arrangement is in place. Livestock projects are required to be in the personal possession and regular care of the exhibitor who owns/leases them. Under certain circumstances, animals can be physically housed at a nearby location and within a reasonable distance to the exhibitor's home, but the exhibitor must take an active and majority role in the daily care of the project animal(s). Staff reserve the right to inquire and make location visits to ensure the exhibitor's involvement.
5. **NEW in 2021: ALL LIVESTOCK CLASS ENTRIES and CROPS ENTRIES must be entered into FairEntry.com by 11:59 PM on June 15, 2021.** Directions are available in the office and on the website if you need help. Entries will **not be accepted** after 11:59 pm on June 15, 2021.
6. Current YQCA Certification (received for attending a training or completing the online training) is required by June 15th for all livestock exhibitors who are 4th grade and older. Exhibitors of pets, horses, and dogs along with Clover Kids do not need YQCA Certification. YQCA Online Training is available at www.yqca.org – please print your certificate when you are finished and turn in to the Extension Office by June 15th.
7. Exhibitors will be notified in a pre-fair letter if fees will be necessary.
8. **All livestock must present which were go through vet check on the fairgrounds OR have current health certification papers obtained within 30 days of arrival (14 days for sheep and 7 days for swine). Exhibitors will be directed to the appropriate check in line upon arrival at the fairgrounds.**
9. All animals must meet health requirements as determined by the on-call fair veterinarian.
10. All market animals will be tagged with a 4-H ear tag. **If a 4-H ear tag should come out, please notify the Extension Office immediately. The Superintendent or staff member will replace it prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Animals without a tag will not be eligible to participate in 4-H and FFA livestock shows at the Achievement Show.**
11. Exhibitor must be present to show all entries unless excused by the superintendent or staff.
12. In classes where more than one exhibitor is needed to show a second animal, pen of animals, or a group of animals, any enrolled 4-H or FFA member meeting state requirements for membership is eligible to assist in showing the additional animals. Parents, other siblings, friends, or relatives are not eligible to show.
13. Superintendents reserve the right to combine or split classes.
14. Livestock Exhibitors are required to attend their livestock species department meeting held prior to the show.
15. While exhibiting animals, exhibitors should appear clean and presentable at all times with no holes in clothing. Proper dress will be considered as part of the judging criteria for all species. The REQUIRED dress for ALL Livestock Exhibitors (EXCLUDING HORSES and DAIRY) will be clean blue denim jeans, close-toed boots (leather boots suggested), and 4-H or FFA club/chapter approved shirt. Dairy exhibitors should wear white pants and a white shirt.
16. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other substance including fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be disqualified from the show. Lead animals may be wiped before entering the show ring. (See Code of Ethics.)
17. Staff and superintendents reserve the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class or event if they deem that entry unsafe for the exhibitor or other exhibitors and animals.
18. Cruelty or rough handling of animals will not be allowed. Staff, superintendents, or the judge may disqualify an exhibitor and his/her entry may be excused from the ring, auction, show, or event due to cruelty, lack of control, rough handling, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
19. The decision of the judge is final and should be accepted in the true spirit of sportsmanship. This applies to all exhibitors and their family, friends, guardians, and club leaders. Staff along with respective volunteers may suspend the affected exhibitor's right to participate in future classes or shows due to unsportsmanlike conduct for such period as judged appropriate. Others involved may also be barred from the show grounds for such behavior.

20. No outside bedding is allowed.
21. Generators and fans are not allowed in walkways.
22. No climbing in barn lofts.
23. If you choose to use a blower on your livestock, please be respectful towards others and their animals.
24. All livestock animals must remain on the fairgrounds until release time stated in the fair schedule. If an animal is unable to be housed at the fairgrounds, it should not be entered into the fair. Once an animal is removed from the fairgrounds, it CANNOT return - no exceptions. Any livestock removed prior to scheduled release time will result in a forfeiture of placing higher than a blue ribbon (in the respective department), loss of premiums, and possible ineligibility to show the next year based on the decision of the Grievance Committee.
EXCEPTIONS: A staff or department superintendent must be notified and give approval ONLY for ill animals or personal emergency circumstances – e.g. no schedule conflicts, other shows, etc. A vet may be called to determine eligibility if an animal becomes ill prior to release time.
25. All Livestock Exhibitors are expected to help with clean-up in the livestock barns – including individual stalls/pens, alleyways, and overall building. This should be a daily occurrence during the fair, but it also includes Sunday evening as livestock are dismissed and again Monday after the auction. Horse stalls and alley ways must be scooped down to lime before leaving fairgrounds. All swine, sheep, rabbit, and meat goat exhibitors are expected to assist with the tearing down and removal of the temporary pens in the barn and assist with manure removal as instructed. All other livestock exhibitors are required to remove manure from the pens or stalls after animals have been loaded out following the auction or when released. Any change in directions will be posted in the respective barn and show barn.
26. **Check-out for Horses, Dairy, Bottle Bucket, Rabbits, and Poultry will begin Sunday evening at 4:30 p.m. Exhibitors are expected to clean stalls and barns after loading their animals. Exhibitors should make sure the horse arena is picked up as well. Exhibitors will need to check-out with their Livestock Superintendent(s) followed by the designated staff member before leaving the fairgrounds Sunday evening.**
27. **Check-out for beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be Monday afternoon beginning at noon. Livestock that will not be sold in the auction may leave the fairgrounds Sunday at 4:30 pm, but exhibitors MUST return on Monday before noon to help with clean-up. Exhibitors are expected to clean stalls/pens, barns, and show arena, plus help take down temporary pens and gates. When finished, exhibitors must check out with their Livestock Superintendent(s) OR the designated fair staff.**
28. **Exhibitors are expected to help with clean-up until the work is done and then sign out with designated Fair Staff before they leave the fairgrounds both Sunday evening and Monday afternoon.**

****EXHIBITORS WILL BE FINED \$25/HEAD IF THEY DO NOT SIGN OUT WITH STAFF. FINES MUST BE PAID BEFORE RECEIVING PREMIUM OR AUCTION MONEY. EXHIBITORS WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR FINES BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN THOSE LIVESTOCK SPECIES AREAS IN 2022.****