

# 4-H | FFA | INDEPENDENT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

## REGISTRATION AND ENTERING FAIR

All entry forms must be signed by leader, advisor, or authorized agent before submitting entry to Fair Entry Office and prior to closing of entries.

1. **ALL** livestock exhibitors **AT TIME** of registration **MUST** purchase exhibitor wristbands for County Fair. Exhibitor Bands must be worn for entrance throughout every day of the fair. Additional wristbands purchased for parents must be picked up at time of purchase.
2. MARKET ANIMAL ENTRIES are LIMITED to TWO (2) ANIMALS per SPECIES per EXHIBITOR. If an exhibitor brings more than 2 animals, those exceeding the limit must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
3. All exhibitors that show in Showmanship MUST enter and show in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class of that same species.
4. Any exhibitor paid in excess of premiums due, will reimburse the Fair or entity that over paid. **Failure to re-pay may jeopardize future shows at the County Fair.**
5. **Exhibitors MUST know all State & County Rules; State Rules may be obtained from [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe)**
6. Large market animals must have ear tags affixed to their ears and photographed with exhibitor. (Exception: Hogs do not have to have exhibitor in the picture; however, distinct markings of hog must be shown in picture with the ear tag). **Hogs** must have the ear tag affixed with the large number facing on the back of the ear, with button inside of ear. **Beef & Sheep** must have ear tag inside of ear facing forward. **Goats** must have ear tag affixed on outside of the ear. The left ear is preferred however not mandatory.
7. Due to weight variances, entries in Market and Feeder Divisions should be made by division number only. All market animals will be weighed on arrival at the fairgrounds. No entry will be judged or premium paid unless it is weighed-in. **ONE WEIGH-IN ONLY**
8. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor concurrently 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) in FFA, 4-H and Independent classes of the junior department (refer to 4H/FFA/Grange/F&E Agreement at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe) for more information).
9. Animals entered in market or feeder divisions may not be entered in breeding divisions.
10. Due to safety concerns, no intact male livestock animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds unless nursing on their Dam.
11. All Livestock exhibitors will be charged for Animal Liability Insurance, \$1 per exhibitor per species.

## ARRIVING AND ACCESS TO FAIRGROUNDS

All Beef, Swine, Sheep and market goats will be accepted on **Tuesday, of Fair Week, and must be in place by 9:00 PM, Tuesday.** For any deviation from receiving dates and/or times, prior approval must be received in writing from the Livestock Office.

All "non-market" goats will arrive on Wednesday 5 – 9 PM, unless they are brought with animals on Tuesday during posted check in times.

**Market Animals will be weighed as they arrive on grounds.  
There will be NO SECOND WEIGH-IN**

**LIVESTOCK WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE GROUNDS EARLIER THAN 8 PM ON SUNDAY. SOLD MARKET STEER, SHEEP & GOATS WILL LOAD AT 6 PM.**

1. **All animals must be duly entered in the fair or will not be allowed on fairgrounds.** Exception: Exhibition animals and nursing animals.
2. Animals deemed unhealthy or dangerous by the show veterinarian or Fair Management will not be allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds.
3. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to regular release date and without expressed and written permission or direction of the Livestock Office or Fair Manager.
4. **All Cattle must have a TRANSPORTATION Slip when transporting cattle to and from Fair. (CA Food & Ag Code 21054)**
5. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS NO LATER THAN NOON, MONDAY, following fair.**
6. At Check in, Exhibitors MUST declare any vaccinations or medications administered within 30 days prior to fair.
7. Animals sold at the auction may NOT have used any added hormone treatments. All animals must comply with the proper withdrawal times for all antibiotics, de-wormers and other pharmaceuticals.
8. **Monday through Wednesday: ONE WAY TRAFFIC:**  
**Enter** through Red Gate (through parking tiers and behind racetrack)  
**Exit** through Fair Lane Gate, next to Denny's.
9. No Vehicles may be PARKED on grounds. All vehicles must park in Livestock parking area or parking tiers.
10. **After Wednesday** of Fair Week vehicles will be admitted on the fairgrounds through the Fair Lane Gate for a specific purpose with a special temporary Livestock Vehicle Pass between 6 AM and 9 AM.
11. **Thursday- Sunday 6:00 am – 9:00 am ONLY:**  
Enter & Exit through Fair Lane Gate.
12. Decorations and displays may not be dismantled prior to 8 PM Sunday.
13. Livestock, not sold, will be released Sunday at 8 PM.

## ON GROUNDS STALLING & CARE

14. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FAIR MANAGEMENT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE LIVESTOCK FITTING IS DONE BEFORE THE ANIMAL ARRIVES AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND THAT THE JUNIOR EXHIBITORS CARE FOR THE ANIMALS. 4-H and Grange leaders and FFA advisors may demonstrate methods to the exhibitors only. Exhibitors must do the actual work. Adults and non-exhibiting youth are prohibited from performing work on Junior Exhibitors' animals while at the fairgrounds. Exceptions to this rule would be animals that are sick or need medical attention or obvious safety issues. Any person found guilty of breaking the above rule shall be subject to discipline as deemed appropriate by Fair Management. Infraction of this rule may be grounds for the Junior Exhibitor and animal involved to be disqualified and Cash Awards withheld.
15. No "For Sale" signs may be displayed. Any animal sold during the fair must have delivery and transfer of title made after the fair and off the fairgrounds.
16. Pen assignments will be made by the Livestock officials and/or Fair Office. Changing pens MUST have authority from the Fair Office BEFORE changing pen from assignment. Management reserves the right to assign all pens and cages, as it sees fit.

17. All stalls, pens and cages will be cleaned and freshly bedded no later than 9 AM each day. ALL manure and dirty bedding shall be placed in area designated by Management. **Fair Lane Gate will be open for feeding daily from 6:00 – 9:00 AM Only, Wednesday through Sunday.**
18. Exhibitor will be responsible for all bedding. Stalls will NOT be furnished with the first bedding, exhibitors will maintain bedding in full, clean condition throughout the fair. Stalls must be cleaned completely at close of the fair or **\$20 will be charged to exhibitor. Failure to pay fine may jeopardize future shows at the County Fair. Any premium check due to exhibitor may be forfeited to cover the fine.**
19. **Drench guns are not approved for use while on fairgrounds. Anyone found to be using any type of drench gun to administer liquids or paste into any animal without the supervision and direction of an official fair veterinarian and/or designated fair official, will result in exhibit and/or exhibitor being disqualified.**
20. Animals must be tame enough to show and will be dismissed and/or Cash Awards and other awards withheld if in the judge's or fair management's opinion. Any animal or animals that constitute a danger to exhibitors or other animals must be removed from grounds.
21. All livestock exhibitors are to supply their own feed, water receptacles and cleaning tools, including wheelbarrows, for stalls, pens, and animals
22. No Capping of waters or withholding water from animals at the fairgrounds, doing so may result in expulsion from the fair and fairgrounds.
23. Exhibitors under the age of 18, must have an adult chaperone with them on grounds at all times. Overnight is not allowed without their Parent or Guardian Supervision.
24. **No feeders may be left in swine or beef pens "unattended." No mounted or permanent feeders are allowed.**
25. **Feeding times: Feeding may be done in the barns between 5:30 AM and 8 AM and 5 PM – 8 PM.**

#### CLASS INFORMATION

26. No one may talk to the judge before or during livestock shows. Breaking this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
27. Livestock shown in showmanship must be owned (or leased for alpacas and horses) by the exhibitor, entered by the exhibitor and shown in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class. If the exhibitor has a market animal that is weight sifted 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.
28. Classes may be combined if there are less than 3 in a class.
29. **If CONFORMATION classes are combined, combining FFA, 4H, or Independent. Separate awards will be given for each Group. For example: 4H & Independents combine classes, there will be a 1st for Independent and 1<sup>st</sup> for 4H and so on, if merited. There may be a champion for all 4 groups going in to the Supreme Champion class.**
30. Hogs that exceed the required Market Weights will be put in to a Heavy Weight Class and will NOT sell in auction.
31. **All Market Exhibitors selling at the auction must stay in uniform throughout the entire sale.**
32. If an exhibitor has an emergency or a situation that is not in control of exhibitor and that it interferes with the exhibitor being able to show their animal or sell their animal in the auction. There will be a process to petition for another registered exhibitor to show/sell the animal in their place (with the exception of Showmanship classes). A representative each from 4H, FFA, Grange & Fair will meet to discuss the issues surrounding situation. The representatives should be: Fair Manager, 4H Program Director, FFA School Advisor/teacher & the Grange Leader. This group will look at each situation separately each year and vote. Prior decisions will have no bearing on current or future decisions.

#### AWARDS AND PRIZES

33. In order to comply with State Laws regarding lotteries, no raffles of any nature may be held on the fairgrounds during the fair, i.e., no tickets may be sold for money for a drawing where a prize is offered.
34. MARKET ANIMALS that are SOLD at AUCTION WILL NOT RECEIVE CASH AWARDS.
35. 4H& FFA fundraiser to buy awards (buckles, banners, etc.) for their participants. Supreme Buckle/Award is purchased by the prior years' winning organization. Because of this agreement, if an independent youth participant wins the award, they can purchase it and those fees will be carried over to the next year's buckle.
36. All buckles, banners and special awards are supplied by each club/group. Independents and Clubs may purchase awards on their own. The Fair only supplies Rosettes and ribbons in Livestock Classes, unless individually sponsored. **NOTE:** Youth Organizations (FFA, 4H) may have different qualifications and expectations for their members associated with showing at the annual county fair. These organizations also may fundraise to award "their" highest placing member of "their organization," a special award. Because of this, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place (or lower) exhibitor may be awarded a Championship Buckle "from" their organization, not the fair. This does not change the placing in the "Fair contest," the 1<sup>st</sup> place fair exhibitor will still compete for Overall Supreme and the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fair showman will move on to the Master Showmanship competition.
37. 1ST THROUGH 3RD Place Ribbons will be awarded to Owner Bred Market Animals in all large animal species.
38. Cash award checks WILL NOT be mailed. Checks not picked up with entries must be picked up at the fair office during regular fair office hours.

#### ORDER OF SHOWING

4H will show 1<sup>st</sup> in all ODD years.  
FFA will show 1<sup>st</sup> in all EVEN years.

#### SPECIAL FAIR SPONSORED AWARD

##### GOLDEN JOHNNY TROPHY

The Golden Johnny trophy is awarded to the Club or Exhibitor that is judged to be the best decorated Livestock Area with the current year's Fair Theme. The decorations MUST stay intact throughout Fair. A panel of judges will judge livestock areas during fair and will double check Sunday late afternoon to ensure decorations are intact and exhibit is not being dismantled prior to 8 PM Sunday. Cleanliness is taken in to consideration.

## A BIG THANK YOU

To the members of the **Junior Livestock Auction Committee** who generously donate their time and talents to make the Auction a success! And to the

Livestock Team:

**Livestock Superintendent**

Randy Lund

Assistant: Kelly Bridges

**4-H resource leaders**

**FFA Advisors**

Isaac Valencia, Andrea Sawyer & Stacy Stroing

**4-H Youth Development Denise Veffredo**

**Fair Manager Jody Gray**