

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

MARKET STEER, SHEEP & GOATS WILL LOAD AT SUNDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 6 PM. MARKET HOGS MONDAY EARLY AM.

EXHIBITOR FAIR ADMISSION | \$20.00 – Will Call must be picked up by Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Fair Office.

A \$20.00 four-day gate admission wristband is available for all livestock exhibitors and immediate family (livestock) at this special reduced rate. Entry wristbands and discounted 4-day ride wristbands **must be purchased** at time of entry form submission. There are no unpaid or free passes for exhibiting in the Fair.

- All animals must be duly entered in the fair or will not be allowed on fairgrounds.** No companion animals allowed ever.
- 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 unless it is weighed-in. **ONE WEIGH-IN ONLY. NO SECOND WEIGH IN. WEIGHT MASTER'S DECISION IS FINAL!**
- 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.
- Animals deemed unhealthy or dangerous by the show veterinarian or Fair Management will not be allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds.
- 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. Leaders/advisors may demonstrate methods to the exhibitors only. Exhibitors must do the actual work. Adults and nonexhibiting 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. Grooming allowed by El Dorado County Fair entered exhibitors with wristbands only.
- 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.
- 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. Quality Insurance Certificate **MUST be submitted in order for the exhibit to be qualified to show.**
- All Cattle must have a TRANSPORTATION Slip when transporting cattle to and from Fair. (CA Food & Ag Code 21054) Must be turned in at weigh-in.**
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.
- As participation in the Junior Department of the fair is part of a total vocational education experience, FFA exhibitors will follow all school rules and above rules set down by FFA Advisors of El Dorado County, in addition to State and Local Rules as applicable.
- All exhibitors must have a completed signed Code of Conduct on file. Exhibitors must abide by the Code of Conduct.
- DRESS CODE:** All livestock exhibitors are requested to follow the official dress code of the El Dorado County Fair while showing their animals.
4-H & FFA members: White jeans or skirt and the official white collared shirts, jackets, scarves, neck ties, and hats of their organization.
Grange Members: Blue jeans, white collared shirt, red Grange Vest.
Independents: must wear all white.
- MARKET ANIMAL ENTRIES are LIMITED to a MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) ANIMALS per SPECIES per EXHIBITOR.
- 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.**
- Muzzles may NOT be used on livestock.**
- All exhibitors that show in Showmanship MUST enter and show in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class of that same species.
- Exhibitors MUST know all State & County Rules; State Rules may be obtained from www.cdffa.ca.gov/fe**
- Animals must be tame enough to show and will be dismissed and 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. **The exhibitor must be able to handle their animal by themselves at all times, and demonstrate this to management if requested.** If they refuse, the animal will automatically be dismissed for the show and removed from the fairgrounds.
- All livestock exhibitors are to supply their own feed, water receptacles and cleaning tools, including wheelbarrows, for stalls, pens, and animals.
- At Check in, Exhibitors MUST declare any vaccinations or medications administered to market animals within 30 days prior to fair.
- Large market animals must have ear tags affixed to their ears and photographed with exhibitor. **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.
- Market Hogs that exceed the required Market Weights will be put in to a Heavy Weight or Feeder Class and will NOT sell in auction.
- 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.
- Livestock, not sold, will be released FOLLOWING THEIR SHOWS, according to a schedule determined by Fair Management through the Livestock Office.
- No one may talk to the judge before or during livestock shows. Breaking this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
- 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.
- "Livestock Officials" are made up of: Fair Manager, Fair Livestock Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Barn Managers.
- 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.
- No capping of waters or withholding water from animals at the fairgrounds, doing so may result in expulsion from the fair and fairgrounds.
- No feed pans may be left in swine or beef pens "unattended."**

33. *Daily feeding is open and done with the routine of the species and show day schedules. Large animals to be fed at least twice daily.*
34. 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.
35. 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, Grange, 4-H and Independent classes of the junior department (refer to 4-H/FFA/F&E Agreement at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe for more information).
36. Animals entered in market or feeder divisions may not be entered in breeding divisions.
37. Classes may be combined if there are less than 3 in a class, if Fair Management determines it necessary.
38. Most buckles, banners and special awards are supplied by each club/group. Independents and Clubs may purchase awards on their own. The Fair supplies Rosettes and ribbons in Livestock Classes as well as Supreme Buckles in Market Classes. NOTE: Youth Organizations (FFA, 4-H, Grange) 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 2nd 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 1st place fair exhibitor will still compete for Overall Supreme and the 1st Place Fair showman will move on to the Master Showmanship competition.
39. 4-H/FFA/Grange all fundraise to buy awards (buckles, banners, etc.) for their participants.
40. Due to safety concerns, no intact male livestock animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds unless nursing on their Dam.
41. All Livestock exhibitors will be charged for Animal Liability Insurance, \$2 per exhibitor per species.
42. All Market Exhibitors selling at the auction must stay in uniform throughout the entire sale.

Rules for Horse Show Exhibitors:

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

EMERGENCY OR SITUATIONS OUT THE EXHIBITOR'S CONTROL

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 (except for Showmanship classes). Fair officials will meet to discuss the issues surrounding situation. Officials will look at each situation separately and decide. Prior decisions will have no bearing on current or future decisions.

ORDER OF SHOWING

4-H followed by Grange followed by FFA.

VEHICLES ON GROUNDS PRE- FAIR:

ONE WAY TRAFFIC, EXCEPTION: Beef haulers

Enter through Red Gate (through parking tiers and behind racetrack)

Exit through Fair Lane Gate (next to Denny's)

No Vehicles may be PARKED on grounds. All vehicles must park in Livestock parking area or parking tiers.

Only animals exhibited in their respective section in the current Fair's Junior Livestock Department may be sold. The Jr. Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. Once entered for sale, animals cannot be withdrawn or be taken off the grounds. Any Animal entered into a market class becomes a terminal lot at time of entry.

Definitions

Market Animals - Any beef, sheep, swine, goat (for large animals) and poultry, meat pen, rabbit meat pen, single fryer rabbit and turkeys (for small animals) that are raised for the purpose of becoming food products for consumers.

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.

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.