



2026 Kings Fair Market Animal Project Guidelines & Requirements

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Available to all exhibitors of Kings County 9 years of age by December 31, 2025.

****NEW FOR 2026** CONTRACT INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED WITH ENTRIES. THIS WILL BE YOUR CONTRACT:**

In 2026 a paper contract will no longer be required. Instead, you will need to upload the required documentation with your online entry.

Entries are online only and deadlines are as follows:

Market Beef and Beef Replacement Heifers-February 24, by midnight

Market Swine, Sheep and Goats-April 24, by midnight

**Market Poultry, Turkeys and Rabbits -May 25, by
midnight**

Before an exhibitor will be able to add entries to the cart, have the following ready as you will be unable to proceed until uploaded:

1. Each exhibitor must upload a fully signed Kings Fair Code of Ethics.
2. All exhibitors must complete the annual [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](https://yqcaprogram.org) online training required by the CDFA F&E. The certificate number will be required prior to adding entries to the cart. Do not provide false numbers or entry will be disqualified.

***DO NOT UPLOAD ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS IN THIS SCREEN,
DOING SO WILL INVALIDATE YOUR ENTRY.***

Market beef, replacement heifers, swine, sheep and goats must upload a front, left and right profile picture of the entire market animal. Additionally, a bill of sale for will need to be uploaded.

All animals you wish to show at the fair must be entered in the fair through the official Kings Fair online entry system and all entry fees must be paid by entry deadline listed above. All required uploads must be completed. All entries are ONLINE ONLY.

WHAT ARE THE PROJECT GUIDELINES?

Exhibitors may sell one (1) Dairy Replacement springer, Yearling or Commercial Beef Replacement Heifer in Friday's sale and one (1) market animal in Saturday's sale at the 2026 Kings Fair. All Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion animals from each species (sheep, beef, swine & goats) are terminal and must be shipped by fair staff from the fairgrounds directly to the fairs processing facility (i.e., they may not be picked up live, resale or donated to a barbeque). Rabbit, and poultry Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champions are not terminal.

EXHIBITOR AND ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. The exhibitor is responsible for following all 2026 CA State Rules and the Kings Fair local rules as posted in the exhibitor handbook. If the exhibitor is found in violation of any state or local rules the exhibitor is to be disqualified from participating at the Kings Fair. If premiums, awards, or auction proceeds have been awarded the exhibitor forfeits the rights to those awards and proceeds.
2. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals during the Kings Fair. If the exhibitor is



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unable to sell their animal due to health or emergency, they will need to submit a request in writing to the CEO for another exhibitor to sell their animal on their behalf.

3. At the Kings Fair, exhibitors will be disqualified if not dressed appropriately and if the animal is not groomed and halter broke to lead.
4. ALL CATTLE MUST BE HALTER BROKE TO LEAD. If any cattle are found to be a danger to the public and the exhibitor cannot lead or handle the animal, they will leave the premises. *There is absolutely no exception to this rule.*
5. All exhibitors must help during their respective auction (i.e., runners).
6. Every exhibitor must upload a fully signed Kings Fair Code of Ethics (found on the Kings Fair website) with their contract.

MARKET CLASS & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

1. MARKET STEERS 1,050-1,575 LBS

- Exhibitors will be paid on full market weight of animal if deemed market ready.
- Steers weighing less than the minimum of 1,050 pounds will be placed in a feeder class, one single class with a champion selected, but are not eligible for sale.
- Steers exceeding 1,575 pounds will be placed in a single class with 4-H and FFA competing together. Heavy weight class winners are not eligible for champion and will not sell.
- Feeder and Heavyweight animals are eligible for showmanship.
- If the exhibitor chooses not to show in showmanship the animal must be taken home.

STEER CLASSES:

- a. English-Angus, Herford, Shorthorn, Red Angus, (REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED)
- b. Black/Black X
- c. All Other Colors

2. PROSPECT STEERS 500-750 LBS

- Prospect Steers are not eligible for sale.
- Animal CANNOT be more than 9 months of age on sale day, birth date to be verified by Bill of Sale or mouthing.
- Animals not making the minimum weight will be placed in a feeder class with one champion selected.
- Prospect steers exceeding 750 pounds will be placed in a single class with 4-H and FFA competing together.
- Feeder and Heavyweight animals are eligible for showmanship.
- If the exhibitor chooses not to show in showmanship the animal must be taken home.

PROSPECT STEERS CLASSES:

- a. 50/50 Dairy/Beef Breeds, 500-750 lbs.
- b. 100% Beef Breeds, 500-750 lbs.
- c. Feeder class 499 and under (not eligible for sale)

3. COMMERCIAL BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFERS



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- Each heifer must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor for at least 120 consecutive days prior to the start of the Fair.
- A copy of the Bill of Sale and/or Brand Inspection is required for the entry to be accepted. (If submitting a yellow slip, it must include the brand inspector's name and the date.) Additionally, current photographs of the heifer must be submitted by the entry deadline.
- Heifers must meet all specified requirements and pass both the Fair veterinarian's health inspection and the pregnancy check to be eligible for showing and sale.
- Heifers do not need to be pre-tagged; they will receive a neck chain during the pregnancy check.
- Every heifer will be weighed on the official Fair scales and must weigh at least 1,000 pounds.
- Each heifer must be confirmed as a minimum of four (4) months pregnant at the time of the pregnancy check.
- Each heifer must be between 20 and 28 months of age on the opening day of the Fair.
- Heifers must not have calved prior to the Fair, and their due date must not be later than July 31, 2026.

COMMERCIAL BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER CLASS:

- a. All Commercial Bred Heifers

4. MARKET LAMBS 110-150 LBS

- Exhibitors will be paid on full market weight of animal if deemed market ready.
- Lambs weighing less than the minimum of 110 pounds will be placed in a feeder class, one single class with a champion selected, but are not eligible for sale.
- Lambs exceeding 160 pounds will be placed in a single class with 4-H and FFA competing together. Heavy weight class winners are not eligible for champion and will not sell.
- Feeder and Heavyweight animals are eligible for showmanship.
- If the exhibitor chooses not to show in showmanship the animal must be taken home.

MARKET LAMB CLASSES:

- a. Market Lamb White Face
- b. Market Lamb Black Face

5. MARKET GOATS 60-115 LBS

- Exhibitors will be paid on full market weight of animal if deemed market ready.
- Goats weighing less than the minimum of 60 pounds will be placed in a feeder class, one single class with a champion selected, but are not eligible for sale.
- Goats exceeding 115 pounds will be placed in a single class with 4-H and FFA competing together. Heavy weight class winners are not eligible for champion and will not sell.
- Feeder and Heavyweight animals are eligible for showmanship.
- If the exhibitor chooses not to show in showmanship the animal must be taken home.

MARKET GOAT CLASSES:

- a. Market Goats (shown by weight class)
- b. Feeder market goats (not eligible for sale)



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6. MARKET HOGS 215-280 LBS

- Exhibitors will be paid on full market weight of animal if deemed market ready.
- Hogs weighing less than the minimum of 215 pounds will be placed in a feeder class, one single class with a champion selected, but are not eligible for sale.
- Hogs exceeding 280 pounds will be placed in a single class with 4-H and FFA competing together. Heavy weight class winners are not eligible for champion and will not sell.
- Feeder and Heavyweight animals are eligible for showmanship.
- If the exhibitor chooses not to show in showmanship the animal must be taken home.

MARKET HOG CLASSES:

- a. Hampshire
- b. Yorkshire
- c. Duroc
- d. All Other Breeds
- e. Cross Bred

7. RABBIT MEAT PENS 3 Rabbits, not over 70 days old and weighing between 3.5 – 5.5 LBS each). List all 3 markings on the entry and only one entry per pen. A bill of sale or statement certifying that rabbits were bred by the exhibitor showing a minimum of 30-day ownership required at weigh-in.

- a. All Meat Pens

8. POULTRY MEAT PENS 2 chickens 42-45 days old at the time of show and will be separated by weight class. Light weight chickens are 4.5-7.5 LBS each. Heavy weight chickens are 8-10 LBS each. Super heavy weight chickens are 10.5 LBS each. Pick-Up Date No later than May 1, 2026, for possible purchase locations contact Sanchez Feed & Seed, Evangelho Feed & Farm Store, or any authorized dealer to pre-order. Proof of age, signed bill of sale, receipt or donation must accompany birds at check in. No Exceptions.

- a. Poultry Meat Pen

9. MARKET TURKEY One (1) bird Tom or Hen. Turkey must weigh between 20-35 LBS. Turkey's over 35 LBS will be shown in the super heavy weight class. Turkey's must be a minimum of 10 weeks old and a maximum of 22 weeks old at the time of show. Pre-Order Turkey's between 1/16/2026 and 4/10/2026. Contact Sanchez Feed & Seed, Evangelho Feed & Farm Store, or any authorized dealer to pre-order. Proof of age, signed bill of sale, receipt or donation must accompany birds at check in. No Exceptions.

- a. Turkey- Tom
- b. Turkey- Hen

*Note: These are basic guidelines, the **official** 2026 Kings Fair exhibitor handbook will have all available classes, local rules and show schedule.*