GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All 4-H, FFA, FCCLA livestock exhibitors must be members actively enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA in **Culpeper, Madison, Rappahannock County**. (Active membership is determined by individual club/county policy.) The Homemaker's Building is open to any youth who would like to exhibit.

2. Junior exhibitors must be age 9 as of September 30, 2022, and not have had their 14th birthday prior to October 1, 2022. Senior exhibitors are 14 years or older on October 1, 2022, and not passed their 19th birthday by December 31, 2022. **FFA members will be allowed to show and sell until the summer following the year they graduate from High School.**

3. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 4, 2022 unless otherwise stated.** Entry fees are listed under each department. **A completed form with fee should be mailed to Ashley Hoffman, P.O. Box 174, Mitchells, VA 22729 or in person at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises: Saturday June 4th 10am-12:00am.**

4. Entries must be on the enclosed official entry form. Additional copies may be obtained from your club leader, at your local Extension Office or on the cmrfarmshow.com web site.

5. Any person entering more than one exhibit is requested to use the same name and full mailing address on all exhibits.

6. Exhibitors must place exhibits at the location designated by department leaders.

7. All animal, homemaking, arts and crafts, crops, and garden entries must be in place by the time stated on the schedule.

8. Early unauthorized removal of entries will result in forfeiture of premium money, awards, and trophies and the exhibitor will not be allowed to participate in the following CMR Farm Show. Authorization must be obtained from the Executive Committee.

9. Classes with only one entry will be awarded the placing at the judge's discretion. Prize money will be given during the show or prior to end of the Farm Show.

10. Each livestock exhibitor must supply his/her own feed and bedding. He/she must keep manure removed from aisle behind his animals and deposit it at a location designated to the rear of the building.

11. All animals must meet health regulations and required in specific departments.

12. No youth will be allowed to stay at night as stated by the Executive Board. Ground will close at 11 p.m. or one hour after the last show ends, whichever is later. The grounds will reopen at 5 a.m.

13. The CMR Farm Show reserves the right to refuse any entry offered and to require removal from the grounds of any exhibit or animal, which the Fair shall for any reason, deems unfit or objectionable.

14. The exhibitor assumes all risks of damage or loss either to person or property for any cause whatsoever. It is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor and the CMR Farm Show that the said Farm Show incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitor other than to permit the exhibitor to use the grounds or building for exhibits.

15. Prize money will be pro-rated in case of deficit receipts.

16. All written complaints or suggestions should be directed to the Department Leader within 24 hours of the incident. If complaint cannot be resolved, a $50.00 deposit will be required for Farm Show Board review. All valid complaints shall receive the $50.00 deposit returned in full and any complaints deemed invalid shall forfeit the $50.00 deposit. After Farm Show Board decision, parties may appeal to the Grievous Committee.

17. The maximum number of animals that can be sold by an exhibitor may not exceed three (3), of which only one (1) can be a beef. Exhibitor must meet other department requirements.

18. The Executive Committee will only consider petitions for exemptions from the show and sale in extraordinary circumstances.

19. All individuals, adults and youth, on the grounds of the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises during the Culpeper-Madison-Rappahannock Farm Show, will be expected to exhibit appropriate behavior. The CMR Executive Board, or their designee(s), reserve the right to enforce consequences to behavior infractions including but not limited to removal from the CAE grounds.

20. If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Cristy Mosley at (540)727-3435 ext 347 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120

21. **TO BE A BRED & OWNED PROJECT, THE EXHIBITOR IS THE Breeder and the First and Continuous owner of the animal entered.** "Breeder" is defined as the owner and carer of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the owner and carer of the dam and offspring at the time the offspring is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the owner and carer of the animal without history of transfer.

"Good Luck at the CMR Farm Show "

"Thanks to our Supporters!"

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct is an agreement, formal or implied, between the participants and the management of this Farm Show. Its purpose is:

- To ensure the overall well being of animals exhibited.
- To ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show.
- To maintain a safe and wholesome food supply.
- To maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations.

Animal exhibitors participating at this Farm Show agree to the following guidelines:

1. No exhibitor may show an animal that has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.
2. Animals must be transported to and from the Farm Show in accordance with all transport regulations and standards.
3. Intentional misrepresentation of an animal in any way including age of the animal, ownership, prior show activity, altering of the pedigree, or other misinformation provided by the exhibitor is prohibited.
4. Animals must be treated and handled in a responsible manner. They will be fed and watered at least twice daily.
5. Junior exhibitors are expected to be the primary care provider for their animals. Assistance may only be provided by the parents and family members, bona fide 4-H volunteer leader, enrolled in Virginia, Virginia Extension Agent, Virginia FFA Instructor or another youth exhibitor with animals entered in the show.
6. Market animals can only be exhibited if they will enter the food chain free of drugs or foreign substances. The act of entering an animal in this Farm Show is the giving of consent by the owner to have specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other samples from the animal or carcass taken to be used for testing. All animals entered into competitions shall be subject to testing for foreign-substances; that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA or EPA.
7. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives or depressants is prohibited.
8. Treating an animal internally or externally with any substance or procedure used to artificially change the conformation, appearance, or handling characteristics of the animal for show is prohibited. This does not apply to accepted-methods of clipping or combing an animal's hair.
9. The use of abusive showing and/or handling practices such as striking animals or administering an electrical shock to cause swelling or to affect the bracing behavior of an animal is prohibited.
10. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after a competitive event is prohibited.

Any violation of this Code of Conduct will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, possible loss of sale proceeds, and probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future competition at this Farm Show.

An overview committee consisting of at least three people generally recognized as knowledgeable of livestock management and exhibition are responsible for the administration of this Code of Conduct. Their decisions are final and not subject to appeal.