



106th Edition - South Mississippi Fair Junior Livestock Show & Poultry Chain Show October 23-31, 2026

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES: LAMB, GOAT, CATTLE

REGISTRATION: September 1, 2026, through October 19, 2026

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 19, 2026, MIDNIGHT

WHERE TO REGISTER: Showman App

FEES: \$25.00 per entry (per head)

\$15.00 per Showmanship

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 19, 2026

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY CHAIN & RABBIT SHOW ITINERARY

Thursday, October 22

Cattle Show:

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM – CATTLE BARN

Equipment may be set up for Cattle Show

Friday, October 23

Cattle Show:

Livestock Gate Opens: 7:00AM

10:00AM until 2:00PM

Arrival/Check-In ALL CATTLE ENTRIES

Livestock gates close at 2:30PM

Saturday, October 24

Livestock Gate Opens: 6:00AM

Cattle Show starts at 9:30AM - MAGNOLIA CENTER

Commercial Heifer and Steer Show

Beef Showmanship

Beef Breeding

Tuesday, October 27

Poultry & Rabbit Show (Entry Deadline: October 19th)

Check-in: 3:15 PM – 4:15PM – CONLIFF SHOW BARN

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per entry (Three birds equals one entry/one rabbit equals one entry)

4:30PM Show Starts (*Poultry and Rabbit Show will run at same time*)

Friday, October 30

Sheep & Goat Show:

Early Arrival 3:00PM-6:00PM

Can Show Off Trailer

Saturday, October 31

Sheep & Goat Show – CONLIFF SHOW BARN

Gate Opens: 6:30AM

Check-In Deadline: 8:45AM

Show Starts at 10:00AM

*****Cattle, Goat, & Sheep Show is open to all Mississippi residents as well as out of state exhibitors. *****

*****Poultry & Rabbit Show is open to MS 4-H Youth enrolled in Poultry Chain or Rabbit Show Projects. *****

***** All Exhibitors will need to supply their own shavings. *****

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI FAIR
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. All livestock shall be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate.
2. All breeding cattle must be accompanied by original or electronic registration certificate from breed association showing that same is owned by the junior exhibitor. Such certificate must be presented to the entry clerk for checking a positive identification to establish eligibility for showing. Animals without registration certificates will not be permitted to show.
3. This show is open to any 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 5-18. All youth ages 5-7 years old (as of January 2026) will be allowed to show sheep and goats. All youth ages 8-18 years old will be allowed to show - sheep, goats, and beef. All livestock shows are open to youth in Mississippi and other states.
4. All livestock entries must be registered on the ShowmanApp.
5. All breeding animals competing for prizes must be registered in the exhibitor's name in the recognized herd book of the breed. Original or electronic registration papers must be presented to the Superintendent when entries are checked. No premium will be paid where the names and registration numbers are not properly entered.
6. Exhibitors entered in the livestock show agree to follow the "Livestock Quality Assurance" set forth by the State 4-H Livestock Show. All steers, sheep, and commercial heifers will show in the same breed as set forth at the time of classification.
7. Blocking chutes will be allowed in designated areas only.
8. Exhibitors must inform themselves when their stock is to be judged and must be in the show ring promptly after calling of class. Animals not in the ring at show time may be ruled from competition.
9. Each exhibitor is expected to show his or her entries unassisted except when prevented by illness, death in family, or because of having more than one entry in the same class. In such cases, another youth may be substituted. In addition, a substitute showman will be allowed if an exhibitor is representing their school on a school related event or trip. In case of missing the show due to a school event or trip, the show superintendent must be informed 2 weeks prior to entry deadline (September 17th). All other substitutions must inform Show Superintendent prior to an animal entering the arena.
10. Where there is no competition only one premium will be paid on any one animal and that premium maybe 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, in accordance with the ruling of the judge. The class winner will be allowed to compete in the Championship Drive.
11. Exhibitors must be able to always control their animals in the show ring. Otherwise, they shall be excused from the ring in consideration of safety and fairness to themselves and other exhibitors. Animals must show reasonable amount of fitting and grooming to be eligible for prizes. Beef cattle must show at halter.

12. All bulls entering the show must have a permanent nose ring with the exhibitor always having the nose lead in hand. Nose leads will not be allowed in showing heifers.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and attention of their animals. Exhibitors are also responsible for maintaining the appearance of the aisle and related areas immediately adjacent to their exhibits. Failure to comply with this rule may result in revocation of premium or premiums earned.
14. Any exhibitor needing the services of a veterinarian will contact the vet of his/her choice and be responsible for such.
15. All breeding animals entering this show are required to meet the following health requirements:

CATTLE: Cattle originating from Mississippi will require an Official Health Certificate. Cattle originating from Mississippi are exempt from Brucellosis and Tuberculosis tests.

MARKET ANIMALS: An Official Health Certificate shall accompany all market animals with each animal individually identified and be apparently free of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease.

GOATS: All goats shall be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate and shall comply with the following:

- A. Originate from herds that are not quarantined for any contagious or communicable disease.
- B. Free of scabies, lice and foot rot.

16. All disputes and interpretation of rules will be decided by the MSU Extension Service County Agent/South Mississippi Fair Junior Livestock Show Superintendent Lulu Ladner, the South MS Fair Commission Executive Director, Kasey Smith.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for providing stall shavings. Each stall will be presented to the exhibitors in clean and orderly condition. It is requested that exhibitors clean out their stall at the end of the event and place shavings and manure in the dumpsters provided.
18. Please Park livestock trailers in an orderly fashion and exercise courtesy and consideration for others. The grass area north of the Magnolia Center is the designated area for the trailers.
19. Exhibitors, parents, advisors, and agents will not be allowed to have dogs in the Livestock Barns. Failure to comply may result in revocation of all premiums earned. **Service animals will be permitted if they meet the following criteria:

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Equipment set-up Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 7AM to 2PM

Check-in Friday, October 23, 2026 - 10:00AM-2:00PM

Show: Saturday, October 24, 2026 - 9:30AM

Lots – English, European, American

***Three classes divided by weight or as equal as possible**

Class:

1. Lightweight Heifers
2. Mediumweight Heifers
3. Heavyweight Heifers
4. Grand Champion Commercial Heifer
5. Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Heifer

Commercial Heifer Premiums: 1st-\$40; 2nd-\$35, 3rd-\$25; 4th-\$20; 5th-\$15

Heifers will be weighed on the official show management scales by designated show committee members. There will be no re-weights. Commercial heifers must weigh at least 500lbs.

PROGRESS STEER SHOW

Equipment set-up Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 7AM to 2PM

Check-in Friday, October 23, 2026 - 10:00AM-2:00PM

Show: Saturday, October 24, 2026 – following commercial heifer show

All Steers will show as Progress Steers. Steers will be weighed on the official show management scales by designated show committee members. There will be no re-weights. Steers must weigh at least 500lbs.

Lots – European, American, English

***Three classes divided by weight or as equal as possible**

TO FOLLOW STATE FAIR RULES, THERE ARE NO HAIR RESTRICTIONS. YOU MAY SHOW WITH HAIR OR SLICK SHEARED AT THE South Mississippi Fair.

Progress Steer Classes:

1. Lightweight Steers
2. Mediumweight Steers
3. Heavyweight Steers
4. Grand Champion Progress Steer
5. Reserve Grand Champion Progress Steer

Steer Premiums: 1st-\$40; 2nd-\$35, 3rd-\$25; 4th-\$20; 5th-\$15

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Check-in Friday, October 23, 2026 - 10:00AM-2:00PM

Show: Saturday, October 24, 2026, following Steer Show

Depending on participation of each age division, management may combine age divisions

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

1. Lead-in (Under 8 years of age not entered in the show) (no charge for entry)
2. 8-9 years of age
3. 10-11 years of age
4. 12-13 years of age
5. 14-15 years of age
6. 16-18 years of age

Showmanship Premiums: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$15; 4th-\$10; 5th-\$5

JUNIOR BEEF BREEDING SHOW

Equipment set-up Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 7AM to 2PM

Check-in Friday, October 23, 2026 - 10:00AM-2:00PM

Show: Saturday, October 24, 2026 – following Beef Showmanship

Must have at least 6 of the breed to make a show.

Show Order: TBA

Beef Premiums: 1st-\$40; 2nd-\$35; 3rd-\$25; 4th-\$20; 5th-\$15

Class

1. Summer Heifer Calves; calved on or after May 1, 2026.
2. Spring Heifer Calves; calved between March 1 and April 30, 2026.
3. Junior Heifer Calves; calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026.
4. Winter Heifer Calves; calved between November 1 and December 31, 2025.
5. Senior Heifer Calves; calved between September 1 and October 31, 2025.
6. Late Summer Yearling Heifers; calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025.
7. Early Summer Yearling Heifers; calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025.
8. Spring Yearling Heifers; calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025.
9. Junior Yearling Heifers; calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025.
10. Late Senior Yearling Heifers; calved between November 1 and December 31, 2024.
11. Early Senior Yearling Heifers; calved between September 1 and October 31, 2024.
12. Champion Female (1st Place winners competing).
13. Reserve Champion Female (2nd Place winner from same class as Champion eligible to show for Reserve).
14. Summer Junior Bull Calves; calved on or after May 1, 2026.
15. Spring Bull Calves; calved between March 1 and April 30, 2026.
16. Junior Bull Calves; calved between January 1 and February 28, 2026.
17. Winter Bull Calves; calved between November 1 and December 31, 2025.
18. Senior Bull Calves; calved between September 1 and October 31, 2025.
19. Late Summer Yearling Bulls; calved between July 1 and August 31, 2025.
20. Early Summer Yearling Bulls; calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025.
21. Spring Yearling Bulls; calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025.
22. Junior Yearling Bulls; calved between January 1 and February 28, 2025.
23. Late Senior Yearling Bulls; calved between November 1 and December 31, 2024.
24. Early Senior Yearling Bulls; calved between September 1 and October 31, 2024.
25. Champion Bull (1st Place winners competing).
26. Reserve Champion Bull (2nd Place winner from same class as Champion eligible to show for Reserve).

JUNIOR WETHER DAM SHOW, MARKET LAMB SHOW, BREEDING HAIR SHEEP SHOW
& MARKET HAIR SHEEP SHOW

Early Check-in Friday, October 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Check- Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 7am - 8:45am

Show starts - Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 10am

Show Order: Showmanship, Wether Dam Show, Market Lamb Show, breeding hair sheep and market hair sheep

All Lambs will show by weight. Minimum weights:

Market Lambs: 70lbs.

Wether Dams: 75lbs.

Breeding hair sheep: 75lbs.

Market Hair sheep: 70lbs

Class: (Three classes divided by weight)

1. Lightweight

Champion, Reserve Champion

2. Mediumweight

Champion, Reserve Champion

3. Heavyweight

Champion, Reserve Champion

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

Lamb Show Premiums: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$15; 4th-\$10; 5th-\$5

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Lead-in (Under 8 years of age not entered in the show) (no charge for entry)

2. 5-7 years of age (entered in the show)

3. 8-11 years of age

4. 12-15 years of age

5. 16-18 years of age

Sheep Showmanship Premiums: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$15; 4th-\$10; 5th-\$5

BREEDING BOER GOAT, MARKET GOAT & COMMERCIAL DOE SHOWMANSHIP

Early Check-in Friday, October 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Check- Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 7am - 8:45am

Show starts - Saturday, October 31, 2026 – following the Lamb show

1. Lead-in (Under 8 years of age, not entered in the show)
2. 5-7 years of age (entered in the show)
3. 8-10 years of age
4. 11-13 years of age
5. 14-16 years of age
6. 17-18 years of age

Goat Showmanship Premiums: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$15; 4th-\$10; 5th-\$5

REGISTERED BREEDING BOER DOE SHOW

Early Check-in Friday, October 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Check- Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 7am - 8:45am

Show starts - Saturday, October 31, 2026 – following the GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class:

Breeding Boer Doe Kid Classes:

1. Junior Doe Kids, 3 months and under 6 months
2. Intermediate Doe Kids, 6 month and under 9 months
3. Senior Doe Kids, 9 months and under 12 months
4. Grand Champion
5. Reserve Grand Champion

Breeding Boer Doe Yearling Classes:

6. Junior Yearling Does, 12 months and under 16 months
7. Intermediate Yearling Does, 16 months and under 20 months
8. Senior Yearling Does, 20 months and under 24 months
9. Grand Champion Yearling Boer Doe
10. Reserve Grand Champion Yearling Boer Doe
11. Overall Grand Champion Registered Breeding Boer Doe
12. Overall Reserve Grand Champion Registered Breeding Boer Doe

Breeding Boer Goat Premiums: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$15; 4th-\$10; 5th-\$5

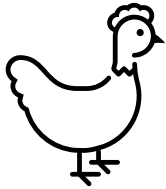
COMMERCIAL DOE SHOW & MARKET GOAT SHOW

Early Check-in Friday, October 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Check- Saturday, October 31, 2026 – 7am - 8:45am

Show starts - Saturday, October 31, 2026 – following the Breeding Boer show

1. Goats will be weighed only once (no re-weighs). The minimum weight for Market Goats and Commercial Meat Goat Doe is 40 pounds, no maximum weight. All market goats and commercial does will be shown by weight. All Market Goats and Commercial Does will be broken into equal weight groups.
2. Market Goats may be shown that are polled, dehorned, disbudded. Removal of horns is not allowed on show grounds. Commercial Does may be horned, polled, or dehorned.
3. All Market Goats and Commercial Does are to use halters, lead chains or collars with or with a lead that is no longer than 12" in the show ring. No dog-spike or spike collar of any kind is allowed in the show ring
4. Market goats will be required to have health certificates. Any goat exhibiting an abscess or signs of any other infectious disease (sore mouth, pinkeye, ringworm, etc.) will be immediately disqualified and must be removed from the show grounds.
5. Goats may be shown with hair or shorn. Goats should be clean and neat in appearance.



Goat Show Premiums: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$20; 3rd-\$15; 4th-\$10; 5th-\$5

SOUTH MS FAIR POULTRY CHAIN SHOW

October 27, 2026 | 3:15PM – 4:15PM

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per entry (3 birds are considered one entry)

NOTICE: Poultry Chain Show does not register using the Showman APP. See below.

This show is open to all Mississippi.

What to Bring:

- 3 most uniform birds that are part of the flock which was ordered through the Poultry Chain Project in 2025
 - All birds must remain in their coop for the duration of the show.
 - All birds must be free of apparent illness, disease and parasites. Birds not complying must be removed from the premises immediately.
 - Each exhibitor will need to bring a table for their display.
- **Record Book**
 - There is no standard for the record book. It can be as basic or as fancy as the exhibitor wants it, but remember, the record book is a large part of the judging.
- **Coops**
 - Coops for show must meet the following criteria (if coops do not meet these criteria, entry will be disqualified):
 - Coops must have 50% or more opening for air circulation. Three birds will be in this coop, please make sure your coop is large enough.
 - Coops must be constructed to contain waste and so the animals do not sit in their waste.
 - Coops must be large enough so animals are comfortable and can move around freely. They must have a big enough opening for animals to be taken in and out safely for judging.
 - All exhibitors will be responsible for their own coops. Keeping them clean and feeding and watering their own birds.
 - The following are unacceptable coops: bird cages that are too small, cardboard boxes, milk crates, aquariums, or bushel baskets.
- **Judging**
 - Judging will be based on records kept by the exhibitor, knowledge of their project, flock and coop cleanliness, health and production by the American Standard of Perfection. Each entry will be judged and awarded. (~50% Record Book, ~50% Birds).

▪ Junior Meat Division (8-13 year old)	Junior Layer Division (8-13 year old)
▪ Senior Meat Division (14-18 year old)	Senior Layer Division (14-18 year old)
▪ Peewee Meat Division (5-7 year old)	Peewee Layer Division (5-7 year old)
 - Showmanship will not be judged at the South MS Fair Poultry Chain Show.



SOUTH MS FAIR RABBIT SHOW

October 27, 2026 | 3:15PM – 4:15PM

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per entry (1 bunny is considered one entry)

NOTICE: Rabbit Show does not register using the Showman APP. See below.

This show is open to all Mississippi.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This is not a sanctioned show but is under the Official Show Rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Exhibitors must enter their rabbits at their own risk. South MS Fair, Jones County Extension Service, and Jones County Board of Supervisors will not be responsible for loss by accident, fire, theft, or providential destruction.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to any Mississippi youth members of a 4-H or FFA program interested in rabbits. YOUTH DIVISION: Shall be for exhibitors 5 to 18 years of age.

LIMITATIONS:

No entry limit per youth participant.

Each rabbit breed must consist of a minimum of six (6) rabbits to make a breed, if not, the rabbit will show under "Other Breeds".

You must clean area prior to leaving.

NO BREEDING OF ANIMALS IS ALLOWED.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PREMISE ENTRY:

1. Any Rabbits exhibiting illnesses at check in will be sent home for the greater good of your animal and others on exhibit.
2. Check in for all entries at the South MS Fairgrounds from 3:15PM to 4:15PM on the day of the show.
3. All rabbits should have a legible tattoo ear mark in the left ear. If not tattooed the Rabbit Superintendent will make other arrangements as needed for identification purposes.

HEALTH:

No sick or diseased animals will be allowed in the show. Any rabbit rejected because of sickness or disease will not be allowed to return for the duration of the event. Any rabbit showing signs of illness or disease during the show will be quarantined and the owner will be contacted to remove the rabbit immediately.

CARE:

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and parents to provide the following:

1. Cage
2. Feed
3. Water

JUDGING / SHOW:

The Modified Danish System of Judging will be used. There will be no remark cards.

Classes will be as follows per breed:

Junior – Rabbit is 180 days or younger. Intermediate – Rabbit is 181 days to 240 days. Senior – Rabbit is 240 days or older.

THE RABBIT SHOW DIRECTOR AND/OR SHOW SUPERINTENDENT will have the final judgment regarding the interpretation of all rules and regulations. During the creating/typing/printing of these rules, changes, errors, deletions, or omissions may occur, in which case the "Jones County Extension Service" reserves the right to construe its own rules and regulations, and to decide all matters and differences in regards thereto including amendments. The Jones County Extension Service also reserves the right to refuse exhibitors.



All exhibitors will supply their own shavings.
If you have questions, please contact Lulu Ladner/Kim Hancock 601-428-5201.

