

2024 Youth Livestock and Small Stock Rules



ENTRY DEADLINE

Market Animals..... Online: On or Before 5:00 pm August 2nd
Breeding Animals Online: On or Before 5:00 pm, September 13th
Feeder Animals Online: On or Before 5:00 pm September 13th
Small Stock Online: On or Before 5:00 pm September 6th
ARRIVALS..... See Specific Division

JUDGING CONTESTS

Dairy Contest (Cattle Barn Arena)..... Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 am
Judging Contest (Ag Center Arena) Saturday, October 5th, 9:00 am
Judging Contest Awards (Cattle Barn Show Ring)..... Saturday, October 5th, 2:00 pm
ROUND ROBIN..... Saturday, October 5th, 3:00 pm
ARIZONA STATE FAIR SALE OF CHAMPIONS Saturday, October 5th, 6:00 pm
RELEASE Outside Maricopa County Sunday, October 6th, 6:00am-9:00am

***MUST BE OFF GROUNDS BY 9:30AM**

***ALL BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE RELEASE ON SUNDAY 10/6 FROM 6AM-9AM.**

RELEASE Maricopa County..... Sunday, October 6th, 6:00 pm

IMPORTANT: Read carefully all **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS** and all **HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS** in the front of the Exhibitor Handbook. See also, each division (Open & Youth) for specific department and barn rules.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Participation in the Youth Livestock shows is limited to Arizona Residents. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of an Arizona 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or other recognized youth organization. Exhibitors must be currently enrolled, members in good standing and active in the project they are exhibiting.
2. **Youth Livestock Exhibitors must have a current valid Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certificate to be eligible to enter livestock in the Youth Livestock Departments (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Market Goat or Swine). A copy of valid certificate must be submitted with entry. Please contact the Livestock Director, your leader, County Extension Agent or Vocational Education Instructor for additional information.**
3. If a Youth exhibitor is a member of 4-H or FFA at the time of entry and their project or entry was produced or conducted at any time during the current calendar year under the supervision of that organization, the exhibitor must enter as a member of that organization. If, however, the project or entry was not produced or conducted under the supervision the organization, the Exhibitor must enter as an Independent Youth for that project or entry. Independent Youth (not a member of 4-H or FFA) must be a member of a club (can be a family club). If club name is not on the online entry club list, please choose "Open Club" then please contact the Livestock Office (email carrie.wimer@azstatefair.com) to notify of club name. The club, chapter or youth organization must be identified on the official entry form.
4. Exhibitors may enter as 4-H, FFA or Independent Youth, but may not enter under more than one organization in any department (beef, dairy, dairy goat, market goat, sheep, or swine).
5. AGE: All youth exhibitors must be eight (8) years of age (not 7 yrs. old) and not have passed their eighteenth (18) (not 19 yrs. old) on January 1 of the current year.
6. Animals cannot have been offered for sale at a market auction at any other community, county, state, or national fair or livestock show. Violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal and disqualification of entry.
 - a. Animals must remain on the grounds from arrival deadline through release.

ENTRIES – ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE UPLOADED.

7. SIGNATURE RELEASE FORM MUST BE SIGNED by the leader- 4-H entries must be signed by the 4-H Leader, FFA entries must be signed by the FFA Advisor, Open Youth entries must be signed by the adult club leader. Supporting documents (including the signature release form) must be uploaded within 5 days of the entry deadline. **REMEMBER: EXHIBITORS – YOU MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR DEPT. OF AG SEASONAL PASS WITH YOUR MARKET ANIMAL ENTRY. ALL ANIMALS MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR SEASONAL PASS WITH THEM TO CHECK IN.**
8. ENTRY DEADLINE: Youth Market Animals will close on **August 2nd**. Youth Breeding Livestock Entries will close on **September 13th**. **Youth Feeder Beef, Feeder Lamb, Feeder Meat Goat, and Feeder Swine entries will close on September 13th**. See General Rules Entry Requirements for additional explanation. Entries will close sooner if capacity is reached. **Entries must be entered and paid online**. Documents are due online within 5 days of the deadline.
9. ENTRY FEE: An entry fee of \$10.00 per animal will be charged in all Youth Livestock Departments and must be paid at time of online entry. An entry fee of \$6.00 per department will be charged for all Youth Showmanship entries and must be paid at time of online entry.

10. **NUMBER OF ANIMALS:** Each exhibitor may enter up to four (4) market animals in each species, exhibitor may bring 2 market animals of each species, but may sell only one (1) animal through the Livestock Auction unless the Exhibitor has both a Grand AND Reserve Grand, in which case the exhibitor must sell both. Entries of animals other than market classes are not limited.
11. **OPEN SHOWS:** Youth exhibitors may enter their animals in open competition. See open divisions for schedules and fees.

OWNERSHIP

12. **Youth livestock projects are to be owned, fed, and cared for by the Youth Exhibitor. Exhibitor must be in physical possession of, and the individual and continuous owner of animals entered from the below listed days through the day it is shown at the Fair. Proof of ownership (showing date of purchase) and any required registration and inspection papers must be in exhibitor's name. Ownership is to be verified by each Coordinator.**
 - a. **Market Beef – 60 days prior to receiving day**
 - b. **Market Swine, Lambs, Goats – 60 days prior to receiving day**
 - c. **Breeding Animals – 30 days prior to receiving day**
 - d. **Feeder Animals – 30 days prior to receiving day**
13. **Arizona State Fair reserves the right to nose print animals, collect DNA samples, perform retinal scans or any other means of identification of entered animals and to share such samples or information with other fairs and livestock shows.**

STALLS/PENS/BEDDING/BARN

14. **STALLS/PENS:** Animals must be tied in stalls or kept in pens provided. While clipping animals or cleaning stalls, animals are not to be tied in aisles or around show rings (inside or outside.) Any flagrant disregard of this rule could result in being barred from showing and/or forfeiture of premiums. Each pen/stall shall display a stall card stating the exhibitor's name, animal's name and club, chapter, or organization's name.
15. Tack stalls/pens will be assigned as available.
16. Youth Exhibitors are responsible for providing bedding for their animals, which will be available for purchase from the feed store, or exhibitors may bring their own. Stalls/pens, wash racks, and aisles must be kept clean, from arrival to release. Exhibitors receiving 2 warnings are subject to dismissal from the fairgrounds. There is ZERO tolerance for animal abuse, neglect or abandonment. Animals will be turned over to custody of the Arizona Department of Agriculture and their exhibitors/owners will be banned.
17. There are to be NO GENERATORS in, behind or around any of the livestock barns.
18. There will be NO preparation of food allowed in barns on the fairgrounds by any exhibitor (including families and club leaders). Anyone found preparing food or using cooking appliances may:
 - a. not be allowed to participate in the auction (parents and club leaders risk their children's participation in the auction),
 - b. forfeit all premium money
 - c. have action taken by the Maricopa County Health Department or fire department,
 - d. be removed from the fairgrounds and/or
 - e. lose the opportunity to participate in future Arizona State Fairs.

CLASSIFICATION, TAGGING AND WEIGH-IN

19. The Fair reserves the right to combine or divide classes as deemed appropriate.
20. Registered breeding livestock must show their Registration papers to Coordinator at check-in; otherwise, animals will only be eligible to show in classes offered for grade (unregistered) animals.
21. Non-breeding livestock, where showing by breed, will be classified by a classifier at ear tagging and weigh-in. The Classifier's decision is final.
22. Non-breeding livestock will be weighed one time only at a time designated for that department. If an exhibitor disagrees with the weight, the animal will be taken off the scale, the scale checked and balanced, and the animal re-weighed immediately. If an exhibitor leaves the scale area without requesting a re-weigh, the scale weight will be considered correct. There will be no re-weighs once the animal has left the scale area. Weight will be used for classing and will be the official sale weight if animal is sold at the auction. Exhibitor is not required to be present at weigh-in.
23. The Arizona State Fair ear tag will be the official entry number. Show officials must be notified immediately if any animal loses its ear tag.
24. Livestock entered will be reviewed and sifted for inferior animals, which will be eliminated from competition, but will be allowed to show in showmanship.

CARE AND FITTING

25. Each Youth Exhibitor must exhibit, take care of, fit, clean and show all of his/her own animals unless excused by the Coordinator for reasons that are deemed sufficient.
26. No filling or feeding by artificial means will be allowed including the use of tubes or drench guns.
27. Any alteration of appearance, physical change by removal or injection, including the use of paint, powder, dye or artificial color is strictly prohibited.
 - a. **No product may be used on any animal that is not labeled for use on that specie. Shampoo and soap are not included in this rule.**

SHOW RING / SALE RING

28. An Entry Number may be assigned to each entry. If requested by the Department Coordinator, exhibitors must display this number whenever the animal is being shown.
29. Youth Exhibitors are expected to dress appropriately and act respectfully and courteously. If inappropriately dressed or showing any disrespect for judges, officials or other exhibitors, the exhibitor will be disqualified and asked to leave show ring.
 - a. **No coaching allowed. Anyone found coaching from the sidelines risks disqualification of the exhibitor.**

DRESS CODE

30. Shirts must be sleeved, collared, with shirt tails and buttons or snaps. Shirt tails must be tucked in. Pants must be belted. Shirts and pants must be clean. No T-shirts OR hats are to be worn in the show ring by any exhibitor.
 - a. 4-H members will wear, as a standard of attire for the show ring and sale ring, a shirt that is solid white (no lace shirts or lace insets) or green and tie or scarf (no T-shirts). 4-H members may wear club vests or sweaters. Pants are to be dark blue or black belted jeans and suitable footwear that stresses safety. 4-H Dairy exhibitors are to wear Show Whites.
 - b. FFA must exhibit in official dress wearing black pants (nice black jeans, black pants) - dark or blue jeans are NOT official dress - with blue tie or scarf and solid white shirt (no lace shirts or lace insets) in the Show ring.
 - c. Independent Youth exhibitors must wear dark blue or black jeans, solid white shirt (no lace shirts or lace insets), a solid color tie or scarf, and suitable footwear. Club vests are permitted.

PASSES AND PERMITS

31. Admission passes, parking passes and other permits will be issued from the appropriate livestock office at check-in. The exhibitor, parent, leader or advisor must sign for passes. Inspection Certificates and Registration Papers (where required) must be presented before passes will be issued. One free parking pass and two free one-day admission passes will be provided to each exhibitor. Additional parking passes will be available for purchase at \$40 each (if available). **Exhibitor parking is limited and the Board makes no assurance that exhibitor parking spaces either issued or purchased will be available.** There are no provisions for passes made for parents, leaders or advisors.

SECURITY

32. Exhibitors are cautioned to keep equipment stored where it will not be lost or stolen. The Board accepts no responsibility for such equipment. In the beef and dairy sections show boxes, equipment and feed will not be stored in spectator's aisles.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

33. This is an educational forum to teach the public about animals and agriculture and the high caliber of people who are associated with them. Educational displays are highly encouraged and ought to be part of your positive growth experience at the Fair. No raffles or charging to pet animals or other charges will be allowed.

YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS MARKET LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

1. All exhibitors of Youth Market Steers, Lambs, Goats and Swine must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Wholesome Assurance Statement as published herein. Health Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture require that animals treated with drugs, pesticides or any other chemical must go through the prescribed withdrawal period as listed on the label. Therefore, it is important that exhibitors determine the type of treatments used if the animals must be dipped or treated prior to leaving the point of origin.
2. *The Show Ring Code of Ethics* will be followed while at the fair, including conduct in and around the ring and barns before and after the classes have shown. Violations of any kind of the following items will result in forfeiture of all prizes and awards and other disciplinary action by fair management, state and national breed associations. Unethical and unacceptable practices or procedures include:
 - a. Any alteration of appearance, physical change by removal or injection is strictly prohibited.
 - b. Misrepresenting the age and/or the milking status of an animal.
 - c. Unnatural udder balancing.
 - d. Setting the teats (mechanical or chemical preparation).

- e. Treating any part of the body (internally or externally) with any substance or method to mask deformities, weaknesses, or produce unnatural animation.
- f. Unnatural surgery performed to change the natural appearance.
- g. Insertion of foreign material.
- h. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area.
- i. Use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or given as a drench.
- j. Administration of a drug which affects circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous system of an animal, except for treating a recognized disease or injury.
- k. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or any other conduct detrimental to the show will also result in award forfeiture.

USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT

1. The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Arizona State Fair as follows:
 - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
 - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
 - c. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.
 - d. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
 - e. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. If drug or other chemical residues are found in the urine, blood or tissue from an animal sold through a sale connected with the Arizona State Fair, the Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor will forfeit all rights to the sale proceeds.

WHOLESOME ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA, is a violation of federal law.*

Food animals must not test positive for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals. A positive test is immediate disqualification. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any amount/residue of any foreign substances is not permitted – ZERO TOLERANCE.

Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

* Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences, such as license revocation.

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PROJECT LEADER IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS

TESTING ENTRIES

1. The Arizona State Fair will test the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of each market division and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in the Fair for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
2. When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, or project leader signs the entry form, they are granting permission to the Arizona State Fair to test the exhibitor's animal(s).
3. Test samples must be free of any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
4. Initial residue tests performed by fair officials will be paid for by the Arizona State Fair. Further testing (i.e. tissue tests) will be at the exhibitor's expense.
5. Animals that test positive for an unapproved foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and ineligible for awards, premiums and sale proceeds. The disqualified animal's carcass will be disposed of.
6. If an animal is disqualified, changes will not be made to the placings of other animals. The owner of the disqualified animal and his/her immediate family members will be barred from competing in future Arizona State Fairs, and information may be shared with other fairs and livestock shows.

**ARIZONA STATE FAIR SALE OF CHAMPIONS
LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Saturday, October 5th, 6:00 pm – Ag Center Arena**

AUCTION RULES

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market steers, market lambs, market goats & market swine are required to sell at the Arizona State Fair Sale of Champions."
2. The Champion of Each Division is eligible to sell at the auction. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell only ONE ANIMAL AT THE AUCTION. The only exception is if an exhibitor has more than one Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal which is required to sell. An Exhibitor who must sell a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal will not be allowed to sell a Division Champion. The Exhibitor must advise the Department Coordinator of his/her intention to sell. (Examples of champions eligible to sell - Champion Heavy Weight animal, Champion Middle Weight animal, Champion Duroc, Champion Hampshire, etc.)
3. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that his/her animal is at the auction ring according to SALE ORDER. If the exhibitor misses her/his turn, they will not sell. Exhibitors must be in the sale ring with his/her own animal unless excused by the livestock committee. Exhibitor MUST provide, in writing, to the livestock office the reason for not being able to attend the Auction. The request MUST be turned into the livestock office NO LATER than noon on Friday, October 4, 2024. Besides a death in the family or exhibitor illness, an exception may be made for an organized youth event that the exhibitor would not have been aware of at the time of entry (i.e.: championship game, etc.). Exhibitors will be notified of the Committee's decision. The animal will not sell if exhibitor is absent and unexcused. Exhibitors not complying with this regulation may be barred from future shows.
4. The sale is terminal. All market animals sold at the Auction will be custom harvested upon removal from exhibit at the Arizona State Fair. These animals will be shipped and processed ONLY at a packing facility designated by the Arizona State Fair.
5. Animals will be sold by the head. A 6% Administrative Fee will be deducted from the Exhibitor's sale proceeds from the Auction.
6. Consignors to the Arizona State Fair Sale of Champions" will receive their checks by mail following the Fair as soon as their check is fully funded (all buyers and add-on buyers have paid in full), less the Administrative Fee and any other unsettled amounts due Arizona State Fair.

