

Western Kentucky State Fair
Open 4-H & FFA Livestock Shows
2026 Schedule

Saturday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m.

SWINE SHOW

Check in 7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Saturday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m.

BEEF CATTLE SHOW

Check in 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

RABBIT SHOW

Check in 4 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

POULTRY SHOW

Check in 4 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

(Poultry and Rabbit shows will run simultaneously, with alternating showmanship times for youth to be able to participate in both if they are interested)

Wednesday, July 1 at 6:00 pm

GOAT SHOW

Check in 4 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m.

SHEEP SHOW

Check in 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

WKSF Open Youth Livestock Shows

GENERAL RULES

All livestock entries are to be entered by 5:00 p.m. the day of the show.
With the intent of the show starting at 6 p.m. and be released after the show.

With the following exceptions:

Hogs: To be entered and weighed between 7:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. the day of the show.
To be judged Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

All livestock/animals offered for sale or exhibition at Kentucky County Fairs shall meet the following regulations according to KRS Chapter 257:

- a. 302 KAR 20:040 (Entry into Kentucky)
- b. 302 KAR 20:065 (Sale and exhibition of Kentucky origin livestock)

Any questions concerning these health regulations should be directed to your local veterinarian or the Kentucky State Veterinarian's office at 502-564-3956.

Livestock health regulations can be obtained on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture website:
<http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/ah/index.htm>

Please be advised that livestock Health requirements are subject to change at any time.

REGISTRATION:

This year, to cut down on registration time, we are utilizing an online fair registration website, www.fairentry.com. **It is strongly encouraged that all participants pre register for the shows. This allows us to better prepare for the shows.** Simply go to the website and search for Western Kentucky State Fair. Once you find the fair, create an account. Market animals will still be weighed in at the fair but will need to be pre-registered in the system. Should you have any questions, please let our office know. Please note, the system will ask you for a Social Security Number. You DO NOT need to enter one, unless you are a Christian County 4-H member and have non-livestock exhibits. Enter a fake number such as 123-45-6789 to process your registration.

For the registration process you will need the following information on hand for each specie:

Cattle

Animal Name
Birthdate
Breed
Tag Number

Goat

Animal Name
Birthdate
Sex
Tag

Poultry

Animal Name
Breed
Sex

Rabbit

Animal Name
Birthdate
Breed
Sex

Sheep

Animal Name
Birthdate
Tag

Swine

Birthdate
Breed
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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:

Agricultural Committee

LOCATION:

Western Kentucky State Fairgrounds Livestock Barn
2810 Richard Street
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

The Agricultural Committee reserves the right to change show structure and rules at any time. Premium payouts are subject to change due status of funds. Changes will be posted day of show.

Market animals will be weighed at check in the day of show.

SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

Top Showman	Award Block
1 st place	\$15.00 & Ribbon
2 nd place	Ribbon
3 rd place	Ribbon

Showmanship classes will be broken based on age as of January 1 of this year.

For divisions with a Novice Showmanship Class, winners of the Novice Showmanship class will not be eligible for overall top showman.

Showmanship Divisions:

Novice: 5-8 years old**

***(excluding cattle division)*

Division I: 9-11 years old

Division II: 12-13 years old

Division III: 14-16 years old

Division IV: 17-21 years old

For each showmanship division, a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be selected, with the first place in each competing for Top Showman for that Show.

For some shows, there may be an adult showmanship division offered if time permits. This will be for bragging rights only and winners will receive a meal ticket to the 4-H Food Booth.

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RABBIT SHOW

Open to youth age 9-21

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in Rabbit Show.

Rabbits judged and released on same day.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the Youth Grand Champion Animal of Show.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the Youth Reserve Champion Animal of Show

Youth Classes are open to 4-H and/or FFA members from any county. 4-H and FFA will show together

CLASSES:

1. Compact Breeds

1. Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
2. Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)
3. Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
4. Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)

2. Commercial Breeds

1. Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
2. Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)
3. Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
4. Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$10.00
2 nd	\$ 8.00
3 rd	\$ 6.00

NOVICE RABBIT SHOW

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the Novice Youth Grand Champion Animal of Show.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the Novice Youth Reserve Champion Animal of Show

Novice Youth Classes are open to youth aged 5-8 from any county.

CLASSES:

1. Compact Breeds

1. Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
2. Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)
3. Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
4. Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)

2. Commercial Breeds

1. Junior Buck (under 6 months of age)
2. Senior Buck (over 6 months of age)
3. Junior Doe (under 6 months of age)
4. Senior Doe (over 6 months of age)

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$10.00
2 nd	\$ 8.00
3 rd	\$ 6.00

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POULTRY SHOW

CHICKENS OF ALL BREEDS, PIGEONS, DOVES, GAME BIRDS,
DUCKS, GEESE, GUINEAS AND TURKEYS

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in Poultry Show.

Open to youth age 9-21

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion Animal of Show.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion Animal of Show

Classes are open to 4-H and/or FFA members from any county. 4-H and FFA will show together

All poultry will be judged and released on same day.

Champions and reserve champion will be judged from the following:

Classes 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, & Class 5.

* Classes 3-5 must have at least 6 entries for Champion and Reserve Champion to be selected.

*Note: All birds must be at least 6 months old.

Class 6 will be judged separately from class 1-5. One adult division champion animal of show will be named.

CLASSES:

1. Standard Breeds
 - A.) Feather Leg
Will be broken into male and female subclasses
 - B.) Clean Leg
Will be broken into male and female subclasses
2. Bantam Breeds
 - A.) Feather Leg
Will be broken into male and female subclasses
 - B.) Clean Leg
Will be broken into male and female subclasses
3. Turkeys & Guineas
 - A.) Turkey
 - B.) Guinea
4. Ducks, Geese, & Other Water Fowl
 - A.) Duck
 - B.) Goose
 - C.) Other Waterfowl
5. Game Birds (Quails, Pheasants, etc.)

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$10.00
2 nd	\$ 8.00
3 rd	\$ 6.00

NOVICE POULTRY SHOW

The Novice Poultry Show will have the same classes and premiums as the Poultry Show above.

The winner of the Novice Showmanship Class will be the Top Novice Showman and will not be eligible for overall top showman.

Novice Youth Classes are open to youth aged 5-8 from any county.

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LAMB SHOWS

Classes are open to 4-H and/or FFA members from any county. 4-H and FFA will show together
Open to youth age 9-21

MARKET LAMB SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in market show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion.

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$18.00
2 nd	\$16.00
3 rd	\$14.00

SHEEP BREEDING SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in breeding show. A minimum of 6 per breed to make a breed show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion.

CLASSES:

1. **Champion Ewe**
2. **Reserve Champion Ewe**
 - a) Late born junior ewe lamb – born 2/15/26 and after
 - b) Early born junior ewe lamb – born 1/1/26-2/14/26
 - c) Yearling ewe – born 9/1/25-12/31/25
 - d) Aged ewe

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$18.00
2 nd	\$16.00
3 rd	\$14.00

NOVICE LAMB SHOW

Novice Market Sheep Show

Novice Breeding Sheep Show *A minimum of 6 per breed to make a breed show.*

Novice participants will have similar show classes to the 4-H and FFA show classes.

Novice Youth Classes are open to youth aged 5-8 from any county.

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GOAT SHOWS

Classes are open to 4-H and/or FFA members from any county. 4-H and FFA will show together
Open to youth age 9-21

MARKET GOAT SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in the market goat show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion.

Goats will be shown by weights.

There is no minimum weight.

GOAT BREEDING SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in the breeding show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion.

CLASSES:

- 1. Champion Doe**
- 2. Reserve Champion Doe**
 - a) Late born junior doe – born 2/15/26 and after
 - b) Early born junior doe – born 1/1/26-2/14/26
 - c) Yearling doe – born 9/1/25-12/31/25
 - d) Aged doe
- 3. Champion Buck**
- 4. Reserve Champion Buck**
 - a) Late born buck – born 2/15/26 and after
 - b) Early born junior buck – born 1/1/26-2/14/26
 - c) Yearling buck – born 9/1/25-12/31/25

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$18.00
2 nd	\$16.00
3 rd	\$14.00

NOVICE GOAT SHOW

Novice Market Goat Show

Novice Breeding Goat Show

Novice participants will have similar show classes to the 4-H and FFA show classes.

Novice Youth Classes are open to youth aged 5-8 from any county.

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SWINE SHOWS

To be entered and weighed between 7:00 and 8:15 a.m. the day of the show.

To be judged Saturday, 9:00 am.

Classes are open to 4-H and/or FFA members from any county. 4-H and FFA will show together

Open to youth age 9-21

MARKET HOG SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in the Market Hog Show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion Hog.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion Hog

MARKET HOG CLASS NON-TERMINAL

CLASSES:

1. **Grand Champion Market Hog**
2. **Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog**
 - a) Best Market Hog – Weight Class 1
 - b) Best Market Hog – Weight Class 2
 - c) Best Market Hog – Weight Class 3
 - d) Best Market Hog – Weight Class 4

BREEDING HOG SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in the Breeding Hog Show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion Hog.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion Hog

BREEDING CLASSES:

1. **Champion Hog of Breed**
 - a) Class A: December 1- December 31
 - b) Class B: January 1 - January 31
 - c) Class C: February 1 - February 28
 - d) Class D: March 1 - March 31

*There must be at least 5 of the same breed to make their own show.

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$18.00
2 nd	\$16.00
3 rd	\$14.00

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BEEF SHOWS

Open to youth age 9-21

MARKET STEERS

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in the Market Steer Show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion Beef Cattle.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion Beef Cattle.

1. Market Steers – Measured by weight
2. Champion of show
3. Reserve Champion of show

Note: Only first and second place winner blue ribbon animals will be eligible to compete for championship.

BEEF BREEDING SHOW

Exhibitors limited to a maximum of 6 entries in the Beef Breeding Show.

AWARD: An award of \$50.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Grand Champion Beef Cattle.

AWARD: An award of \$25.00 will be given for the 4-H/FFA Youth Reserve Champion Beef Cattle.

4-H/FFA Beef Animals to be shown alphabetically such as: Angus, Red Angus, Charolais, Herefords, Polled Herefords, Limousine, Simmental, other breeds.

Must have 5 or more of one breed to have their own show.

CLASSES:

- 1. Champion Female of Breed.**
- 2. Reserve Champion Female of the Breed.**

Junior Heifer Calf – calved Jan. 1-April 30, 2026.

Late senior Heifer Calf – calved Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2025.

Early senior Heifer Calf – calved Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2025.

Late summer Yearling Heifer – calved July 1-Aug. 31, 2025.

Early summer Yearling Heifer – calved May 1-June 30, 2025.

Late Junior Yearling Heifer – calved Mar. 1-April 30, 2025.

Early Junior Yearling Heifer – calved Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2025.

Late senior Yearling Heifer – calved Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 2024.

Early senior Yearling Heifer – calved Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2024.

Best producing Cow, any age, with 2025 calf by side. *

**Not eligible for Grand Championship. Calf may show in individual class.*

- 3. Overall Female Champion.**
- 4. Overall Female Reserve Champion.**

The following premiums shall apply to all classes listed in the Beef Cattle department except Championship Classes.

PREMIUMS OFFERED:

1 st	\$25.00
2 nd	\$15.00
3 rd	\$10.00

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All shows will begin with
Showmanship classes

Following Showmanship Classes, we will transition into Market (Weight) Classes. We will name class champions of each weight class and the champions will come into the ring for a Grand and Reserve Champion. The second-place animal may be brought into the ring if that specific class champ gets Grand Champion.

Following the conclusion of the Market classes, we will begin breed specific shows. In the breeding shows, the livestock will be shown by age, with all the class champions brought back for an overall Grand and Reserve of that breed.

Premiums will be disbursed following the conclusion of all breeding shows.

Rules and show schedules are subject to change, day of show at the discretion of the judge or show committee. All changes will be posted prior to show start.