

Washington County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale



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• GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS •

1. RULES FOR ENTERING ANIMALS/EXHIBITORS

- A. The show shall be for market hogs of any breed or mixed breeding, progressive feeder steers of beef breeding, and market lambs and goats of any meat breed for 4-H members and youth in Washington County.
- B. An application must be completed by the deadlines stated on the application. These deadlines are December 1st for Steer entries and January 31st for Hog, Goat, and Lamb entries.
- C. All livestock shall be approved by the Extension Office.
- D. All livestock are subject to the approval of the Livestock Show and Sale Committee at the time for arrival of the animals.
- E. Once entered, the animal is controlled by the jurisdiction of the Livestock Show and Sale Committee.
- F. An exhibitor may enter and show two animals of different species.
- G. The home/sell preference of each animal entry may be updated until April 1st. If there are any entry deletions, the exhibitor must contact the office within seven days of the change. No other changes can be made to entries after the Jan. 31st entry deadline.

2. YOUTH AGE RULES

- A. As per National 4-H Policy, youth are considered Cloverbuds (non-competitive) if they have reached five years old by January 1 of the current year and have not yet reached their eighth birthday by January 1 of the current year. Youth that are eight by January 1 and have not yet reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year are eligible to show in competitive classes.
- B. Youth will be split into Junior and Senior age classes for the purpose of the Showmanship competition. Youth will be considered Junior Showmen if they are between the ages of 8 and 12 by January 1 of the current year. Youth will be considered Senior Showmen if they are between the ages of 13 and 18 by January 1 of the current year.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSES

- A. All animals will be judged upon confirmation and market conditions in "market classes."
- B. Each youth will be able to participate in a "showmanship class" (classes are divided by age and species). In these classes, the exhibitor who does the best job of fitting and showing his/her animal will receive an award. Second place also receives an award.
- C. Each exhibitor is required to attend one showmanship clinic or approved substitute activity to participate in the show.
- D. Cloverbud exhibitors (ages 5-7) will participate in non-competitive showmanship classes with other cloverbud-age youth. They will not participate in competitive classes (Regular Market and Showmanship Classes).

4. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Each exhibitor or buyer assumes all liabilities in case of sickness, death, or injury to their livestock. The exhibitor is responsible until animals are sold, at which time the buyer assumes the responsibility.
- B. A 5% commission will be charged on the sale price (not support price) of each exhibited animal. These funds will go into the Washington County Livestock Show Account to be used to support show improvement, infrastructure, and equipment.

5. PROJECT BOOK REQUIREMENTS

- A. Each exhibitor must complete a project record book, and turn in letter(s) to all the buyers, trophy and/or award sponsors of their animal in order to receive payment.
- B. All project books are due by August 31, following the show. For every month after this date there is a 10% reduction in the pay check. After December 1st of the show year, the exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the show and sale.

6. RULES ON SHOW DAY

- A. In order to compete, all animals must be in place at the show and sale no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the show.
- B. Each exhibitor is required to bring sufficient feed, a feed bucket, and a water bucket to keep animal(s) refreshed for 24 hours.
- C. Youth must provide bedding for their animal pens. Youth are responsible for removing the soiled bedding at the conclusion of the show.
- D. Parents and participants are responsible for keeping up with the schedule of the show and ensuring that they are with their animal prior to their classes. Animals must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may have their animals excluded from that class at the discretion of Extension Staff.

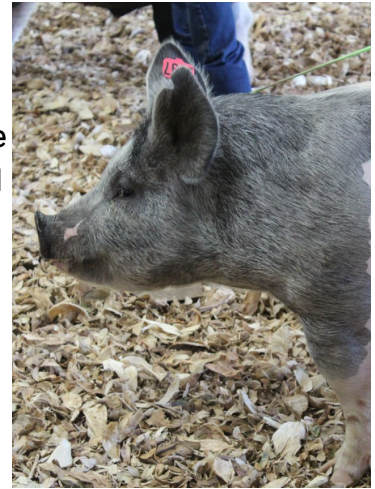
7. RULES FOR THE SALE

- A. Market and showmanship champions will be listed and sold first during the sale. The remaining exhibitors will be listed in order of placing in market classes. Cloverbud exhibitors will be randomly selected and listed in between competitive youth.
- B. Parents and participants are responsible for being on time and with their animal during the sale. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may have their animals excluded from the sale.
- C. Sponsorship, in addition to what was noted during the sale, can be added until Friday at 5 pm. after the show.

• ANIMAL SPECIFIC RULES & REGULATIONS •

HOG DEPARTMENT

1. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter hog show.
2. All hogs will be placed according to market standards.
3. All hogs must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show.
4. Target weights for market hogs are 235-285 pounds.
5. All hogs must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds on the day of the show. If a hog does not meet this qualification it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the market classes.
6. All hogs must be free from disease and external parasites.
7. Hogs must have at least 1/2 inch of hair. No clipping is allowed after check in.
8. All hogs exhibited in the show must be slaughtered directly following the show. Any hog that returns home must be quarantined away from other hogs and must be sent to slaughter within 2 weeks of the day of the show. Each exhibitor will be required to submit confirmation that their hog was slaughtered and contact information for the slaughtering facility.



LAMB DEPARTMENT

1. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the lamb show.
2. All lambs will be placed according to market standards.
3. All lambs must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show.
4. Target weights for market lambs are 110-140 pounds.
5. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds on the day of the show. If a lamb does not meet this qualification it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the market classes. In addition, underweight lambs cannot sell at market.
6. All lambs will be mouthed following check-in and must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place at the time of the show.
7. Lambs must be wethers or ewes (no ram lambs).
8. All lambs must be halter broken.
9. All lambs will be sheared before showing.
10. All lambs must have a docked tail.



GOAT DEPARTMENT

1. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the goat show.
2. All goats will be placed according to market standards.
3. All goats must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show.
4. Target weights for market goats are 60-80 pounds.
5. All goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds on the day of the show. If a goat does not meet this qualification it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the market classes. In addition, underweight goats cannot sell at market.
6. All goats will be mouthed following check-in and must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place at the time of the show.
7. Goats must be wethers or does (no bucks).
8. Goats may be shown in a halter or collar.
9. Goats should be a meat-breed (no pygmies).
10. Goats horns must be rasped to blunt ends or dehorned.



STEER DEPARTMENT



1. Youth must be 9-18 by January 1 of show year to exhibit a steer.
2. All steers will be placed according to market standards.
3. All steers must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor for at least 4 months prior to the date of the show.
4. Target weights for progressive feeder steers are 700-1,100 pounds.
5. All steers must weigh a minimum of 700 pounds on the day of the show. If a steer does not meet this qualification it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the prospect market classes.
6. No steers entered shall be older than 18 months and all steers must have been off milk for at least 90 days.
7. All steers must be halter broke and shown with a halter that has a chain under the chin.
8. All steers must be without horns.

Round Robin Showmanship

1. The Grand and Reserve Senior Showman from Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine entries will be invited to participate in the Round Robin Elite Showmanship contest. Participants are not allowed to show their own animal.
2. Participants will need to bring/borrow any needed show ring equipment (borrow a pig whip, etc.).
3. Lambs must be shown without a halter.
4. In this contest, each contestant will be judged on his or her showmanship skills with each species of animal (Goat, Sheep, and Swine).
5. Each contestant will randomly draw a tag number for each species. The Livestock Committee will use Cloverbud and Junior animals. Senior animals will only be used if necessary.
6. Each contestant will show each species of animals and then will rotate to the next species.
7. Since the point of the event is to see who can show any animal, youth will not be provided time to practice with the animal they have drawn.
8. Participants will not actually be placed in the class, but instead will have an opportunity to earn points.
9. The top two participants overall in points will receive an award and be named Grand Champion Sr. Elite Showman and Reserve Champion Senior Elite Showman.

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