

90TH ANNUAL CONTRA COSTA FAIR

Livestock Exhibitor Handbook



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Dear Exhibitors, Leaders, Parents, and Supporters,

My name is Cheyenne Erickson, and I am honored to serve as the CEO of the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds. It is a privilege to welcome you to the 2026 Contra Costa County Fair Livestock Program.

My roots are deeply planted in agriculture. I grew up in 4-H and FFA, showing market hogs and even managing my own breeding project. I spent many summers at my local county fair, and those experiences shaped who I am today. The fair was more than a competition—it was where I learned responsibility, hard work, leadership, and the value of community.

I later earned my bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, but the lessons I learned in the show ring and at the fairgrounds have stayed with me throughout my career. The fair had a profound impact on my life, and now I have the honor of giving that same opportunity back to the youth and families of Contra Costa County.

As we look ahead to the 2026 Fair, there will be some changes as we work to strengthen and grow our livestock program. I ask for your patience as we implement new ideas and improvements. If something does not work as intended, we will learn from it and make it better the following year. Our goal is to continue building a program that supports youth, rewards hard work, and creates meaningful opportunities for exhibitors.

I am excited to expand opportunities for youth to succeed, to recognize excellence, and—just maybe—to award a few more prizes and buckles along the way.

Thank you to our exhibitors, families, leaders, volunteers, buyers, and sponsors for your continued dedication and support. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and during fair time. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, ideas, or feedback. I am truly Wild about the Contra Costa Fair 2026, and I can't wait to see you in the show ring

Sincerely,

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

THE INFORMATION IN THIS GUIDEBOOK HAS CHANGED, PLEASE READ ITS ENTIRETY VERY CAREFULLY. A few important pieces of info are included below:

- **Livestock Secretary:** For all questions and concerns please contact the livestock secretary at livestock@ccfair.org
- **Showmanship:** Changes in showmanship divisions are as follows. Divisions will be broken by age for 4-H and grade for FFA.
 - Primary 4-H Showmanship (ages 5-8)
 - Beginner Showmanship (ages 9-10)
 - Junior 4-H Showmanship (ages 11-13)
 - Senior 4-H Showmanship (ages 14+)
 - Novice FFA Showmanship (9th and 10th grade)
 - Advanced FFA Showmanship (11th grade +)
- **Proof of Ownership:**
 - Exhibitors will submit a copy of their bill of sale as proof of ownership online while submitting entries. No photos or additional paperwork will be required this year to prove ownership.
 - Ear Tags will be distributed at a later date to FFA advisors, 4-H community leaders and Independent parent/guardian on record.
- **Divisions:**
 - Removal of Lads/Ladies Lead due to lack of enrollment
 - Addition of new divisions for all species (see specific species for info)
- **Entries:**
 - Entries will be done through showman.app this year and are accessible through the Contra Costa County Fair website.
 - If a division has fewer than three entries for two consecutive fairs, the division will be up for discussion of removal with the Fair Board and Junior Livestock Department.
- **Schedule:** Livestock show schedule has changed, please familiarize yourself.
- **Year Out Exhibitors:** To show your year out, exhibitors must have exhibited an animal at the previous year's Contra Contra Fair without any discipline incidents.
- **Independent Exhibitors:** Application is due to the fair office by December 30th at 4pm. Independent Parent/Guardian and exhibitor will be required to sign up for volunteer shifts equal to those in 4-H/FFA at the discretion of the fair office. See attached application and note changes for independent exhibitors in 2027.
- **Master Showmanship:** The champion showman from Beginner FFA, Advanced FFA, Junior 4-H and Senior 4-H will compete in Master Showmanship with the winner from Advanced FFA and Senior 4-H eligible to represent at State Fair.
- **Removal of Poultry** for 2026 due to lack of information from CDFA, we will reassess for 2027.

WHAT'S COMING IN 2027

- **Independent Exhibitor Guidelines:**

- Must declare with the Fair Office with completed application by November 1st.
- Must live full time in Contra Costa County. Proof will be submitted with application and must include the following: school transcript showing Contra Costa County address and utility bill in parent/guardian's name.
- Must attend school in Contra Costa County. Proof will be submitted with application by completing the school verification form.
- Exhibitor must complete 25 hours of approved community service on the Contra Costa Fairgrounds by May 1st. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the fair office to determine need and have the fair office sign off after each day worked.
- Exhibitor must complete a Contra Costa County Fair Independent Exhibitor Record Book that is due to the fair office between 9-11am on weigh in day.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

Day	Date	Activity	Time	Location
Tuesday	12/31	Independent Exhibitor Application Due	4:00pm	www.contracostafair.com
Tuesday	12/23	Entries Open Online	12:00am	showman.app
Monday	1/12	Steer Entries Due Horse Entries Due	11:59PM	showman.app
Thursday	3/12	Market Lamb, Goat, Hog Entries Due	11:59pm	showman.app
Sunday	4/12	Market Rabbit, All Breeding & Showmanship Entries Due	11:59pm	showman.app

Friday 5/15	Swine Show -4H Market Swine Show -4H Pen of 3 -4H Swine Showmanship -FFA Market Swine Show -FFA Pen of 3 -FFA Swine Showmanship -Bred & Fed Market Hog Beef Show (After 30 MIN BREAK) -4H Market Beef Show -4H Pen of 3 -4H Beef Showmanship -FFA Market Beef Show -FFA Pen of 3 -FFA Beef Showmanship -Bred & Fed Market Steer -Breeding Beef Show	8:00am There will be a 30 min break between the swine and beef shows.
Saturday 5/16	Small Animal Master Showmanship Pee Wee Showmanship (beef,sheep, goats, swine) Adult Showmanship (beef, sheep, goats, swine) Fair Board & Staff Showmanship Large Animal Master Showmanship	9:00am 11:00am Follows pee wee 3:00pm 4:00pm
Sunday 5/17	Junior Livestock Auction Livestock Release	9am 4-7pm

RV CAMPING INFORMATION

- RV Information will be announced at a later date after details are discussed with the California State Fire Marshal.
- Details will be sent out through leaders/advisors as well as the Contra Costa Fair Livestock Exhibitors Facebook page.

CREDENTIALS & PASSES

- All junior livestock exhibitors will receive one (1) exhibitor wristband and one (1) parent/guardian wristband good for gate entrance all week as well as one (1) parking pass.
 - Additional family passes and parking are available for purchase
- Heritage Foundation Information will be released at a later date

LOCAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. All rules for California State Fair and Expositions apply. [2025 State Rules For California Fairs](#)
2. **Entries and Eligibility:** All entries will be done on www.showman.app through the link provided on [Contra Costa Fair Website](#)
 - a. By submission of entries it is understood that the exhibitor, leader/advisor and parent/guardian accept the rules and regulations of the 23rd District Agricultural Association.
 - b. If a division has less than three (3) entries for two consecutive fairs, the division will be up for discussion of removal with the Fair Board and Junior Livestock Department.
 - c. Entry into market classes are limited to members of FFA, 4-H or Grange organizations within Contra Costa County or independent exhibitors whose primary residence is within Contra Costa County (see independent exhibitor rules).
 - d. Breeding entries are limited to exhibitors of Contra Costa, Alameda, Solano, San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties.
 - e. Eligibility of FFA, 4-H and Grange members will be determined by the head of each club or chapter and their policies.
 - f. Each exhibitor may enter and show and sell the following:
 - i. One of each market animal species
 - ii. Each exhibitor may enter two (2) breeding animals per class and one (1) entry per group class.
 - iii. **Back Up Animals:** Exhibitors may enter one (1) backup market animal.
3. The fair staff has the right to remove any animal that is deemed a safety hazard. This decision is final.
4. **Animal Health:**
 - a. All animals (market and breeding) will go through a health inspection. Any animals of concern will be examined by a licensed veterinarian and their decision is final.
 - b. All exhibitors will complete the Youth For Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program prior to entry deadline.
5. **Show Uniform:** White denim pants, white collared shirt, closed toed shoes and if appropriate FFA jacket and tie/scarf or 4-H hat, tie/scarf.
6. **Care of Livestock:**
 - a. All animals will be fed twice per day from move-in through Sunday night or removal from fairgrounds.
7. **Paperwork:**
 - a. Exhibitors must submit a completed medical declaration form at weigh in for every market animal.
 - b. Swine exhibitors will submit proper Prop 12 paperwork with entries and present at the scale.
 - c. Cattle exhibitors will submit a copy bill of sale and yellow transportation slip at the scale.
8. **Junior Livestock Auction:**

- a. This is a terminal sale. All market animals that cross the scale will be required to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
 - b. **Sale Commission:** A charge of 9% of the gross sale will be deducted from each seller's check to defray general operational costs of the Junior Livestock/Vocational Project Auction.
 - c. **Add-ons:** Add-on's will be subject to a 9% commission fee. The minimum add-on amount required is \$20 per exhibitor/per add-on. Add-ons will be accepted until one hour after the completion of the Junior Livestock Auction.
 - d. **Fee Deductions:** Certain Fees dependent upon the species sold can be deducted from the seller's check for the Beef Council, Lamb Check-Off, National Pork Board Fee, and Brand Inspection.
9. **Classes & Fair Book:**
- a. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.
 - b. If a division has less than three entries for two consecutive fairs, the division will be up for discussion of removal with the Fair Board and Junior Livestock Department.
 - c. The Contra Costa fair reserves the right to change or amend any and all information included in this guide.
10. **Volunteer Assignments:** All clubs and chapters as well as Independent exhibitors and their parents/guardians will be required to provide volunteers for various projects prior to, during and after the fair. Any club, chapter or independent exhibitor that fail to provide volunteers will see consequences at the discretion of the CEO.
11. **Exhibitor Discipline:** Any exhibitor removed from the fairgrounds will be suspended from participation for the next year's fair.
12. **Club Feature Booth Requirement:** Any club, chapter or independent exhibitor that has entered livestock are required to enter either a Club Feature Exhibit Booth or a Club Feature Landscape Exhibit. Any club, chapter or independent exhibitor that fail to either enter or complete their exhibit will see consequences at the discretion of the CEO.
13. **Breeding Classes:** Breeding classes may be broken by breeds after entries close.
14. No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds with the exception of certified service dogs with proper paperwork and dogs used in the dog show on show day. Any other dogs will be removed from the fairgrounds with consequences at the discretion of the CEO.
15. No unauthorized golf carts, ATV's, Scooters, Motorized bicycles, etc will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any unauthorized vehicles will be dealt with at the discretion of the CEO.
16. **Ownership:** Ownership must be maintained through the show date(s). The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor
- a. Animals cannot be entered into another fair or show under a different exhibitor's name within the ownership period.
 - b. No livestock entered can be jointly owned by more than one individual unless the division or class specifically states (see California Fair and Expositions rule).
 - c. Bred and Fed animals will need to submit a declaration to the fair in place of their bill of sale and they are eligible to compete for the Champion Bred and Fed animal in their species.

- d. Junior Livestock exhibitors must own their animal in accordance with the table below:

Species	Days of Ownership	Proof Needed
Beef	120 days	Bill of Sale Yellow Transportation Slip Brand Inspection
Equine	120 days	Bill of Sale, Lease Agreement or Registration papers
Sheep & Goats	60	Bill of Sale
Swine	60	Bill of Sale Prop 12 Paperwork
Rabbits	30	Bill of Sale Tattoo
Breeding Projects	30	Registration papers Bill of Sale

17. Livestock Weights:

- Animals auctioned during the Junior Livestock Auction may not be picked up live. All animals entered into a market class will be considered terminal and weighed in by a certified weigh-master.
- All market animals will be weighed according to the schedule provided by the fair
- All animals will be dry, uncovered and halters/collars removed prior to weigh in
- Any animal weighing under or over the weight limit shall be disqualified from any market competition, but will be eligible to compete in showmanship classes. Exhibitors must notify the Livestock Office of their intent to participate in showmanship by 4:00pm on weigh-in day.
- The 2025 minimum weight limits, maximum pay weights, and maximum weight limitations are as follows:

Species	Minimum Weight	Maximum Pay Weight	Maximum Weight
Steers	1100	1500	N/A
Lambs	110	180	N/A
Goats	65	115	N/A
Swine	220	280	N/A
Rabbits	3lb	5lb 8oz	5lb 8oz

DEPARTMENT 1: CATTLE

Division Rules:

1. All steers must have a yellow transportation slip when they arrive on the fairgrounds.
Market Steers will turn in their slip and bill of sale at the scale.
2. All cattle will wear neck ropes while on the grounds

Market Beef

Division	4-H MARKET STEER
Class 1	BLACK MARKET STEER
Class 2	ALL OTHER COLOR (AOC) MARKET STEER

Champion 4-H Black Market Steer	Banner
Reserve 4-H Black Market Steer	Banner
Champion 4-H AOC Market Steer	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H AOC Market Steer	Banner
Champion 4-H Market Steer	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Market Steer	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Division	FFA MARKET STEER
Class 1	BLACK MARKET STEER
Class 2	ALL OTHER COLOR (AOC) MARKET STEER

Champion FFA Black Market Steer	Banner
Reserve FFA Black Market Steer	Banner
Champion FFA AOC Market Steer	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA AOC Market Steer	Banner
Champion FFA Market Steer	Buckle & Banner
Reserve FFA Market Steer	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Supreme Champion Steer Drive

Supreme Champion Steer	Buckle and Banner
Reserve Champion Steer	Banner

Division **BRED & FED MARKET STEER**

Class 1 Bred & Fed Market Steer (4-H and FFA show together-animal was bred and raised by exhibitor)

Champion Bred & Fed Market Steer	Banner
Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Steer	Banner

Division **CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**

Class 1 4-H Group of 3
Class 2 FFA Group of 3

Champion 4-H Group of 3	3 Banners
Champion FFA Group of 3	3 Banners

Breeding Beef

Division Rules:

1. Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs can show in their appropriate breed division in the show.
2. Registered cattle will be shown by age and non-registered will be shown by weight.
3. Registration papers (if appropriate) need to be submitted to the livestock office by 6pm on weigh in day.
4. Paper or live login to an association website is acceptable.

Division **REGISTERED BULL**

Class 1 Registered Bull

Champion Bull	Banner
Reserve Champion Bull	Banner

Division **COMMERCIAL/NON-REGISTERED BULL**

Class 1 Commercial/Non-Registered Bull

Champion Commercial Bull	Banner
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Reserve Champion Bull	Banner
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Supreme Champion Bull Drive

Supreme Champion Bull	Banner
Reserve Champion Bull	Banner

Division **REGISTERED HEIFER**
 Class 1 Registered Heifer (classes will be broken by age)

Champion Heifer	Banner
Reserve Champion British Heifer	Banner

Division **COMMERCIAL/NON-REGISTERED HEIFER**
 Class 1 Commercial/Non-Registered Heifer (classes will be broken by weight)

Champion Commercial Heifer	Banner
Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer	Banner

Supreme Champion Heifer Drive

Supreme Champion Heifer	Banner
Reserve Champion Heifer	Banner

Division **GROUP CLASSES**
 Class 1 Cow-Calf Pair (any female with a calf younger than 270 days at side)
 Class 2 Pair of females (from same exhibitor)

Champion Cow-Calf Pair	Banner
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair	Banner
Champion Pair of Females	Banner
Reserve Champion Pair of Females	Banner

DEPARTMENT 2: SWINE

Division Rules:

1. All swine exhibitors will submit a copy of their Prop 12 paperwork at time of entry.

Market Hogs

Division	4-H MARKET SWINE
Class 1	4-H MARKET GILT
Class 2	4-H MARKET BARROW

Champion 4-H Market Gilt	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Market Gilt	Banner
Champion 4-H Market Barrow	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Market Barrow	Banner
Champion 4-H Market Swine	Banner & Buckle
Reserve 4-H Market Swine	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Division	FFA MARKET SWINE
Class 1	FFA MARKET GILT
Class 2	FFA MARKET BARROW
Class 3	BACK UP MARKET SWINE

Champion FFA Market Gilt	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Market Gilt	Banner
Champion FFA Market Barrow	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Market Barrow	Banner
Champion FFA Market Swine	Buckle & Banner
Reserve FFA Market Swine	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Supreme Champion Swine Drive

Supreme Champion Market Swine	Buckle and Banner
Reserve Champion Market Swine	Banner

Division BRED & FED MARKET SWINE

Class 1 Bred & Fed Market Swine (4-H and FFA show together-animal was bred and raised by exhibitor)

Champion Bred & Fed Market Hog	Banner
Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Hog	Banner

Division CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS

Class 1 4-H Group of 3
 Class 2 FFA Group of 3

Champion 4-H Group of 3	3 Banners
Champion FFA Group of 3	3 Banners

Breeding Swine

Division

Class 1 Breeding Gilt (classes will be broken by weight)

Champion Breeding Gilt	Banner
Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt	Banner

DEPARTMENT 3: SHEEP

Division Rules:

1. All sheep must have a scrapie tag attached in their ear to be weighed in. Scrapie tag number must match the bill of sale.
2. Bill of Sale will be turned in online with entries
3. Registered and Crossbred sheep will show together by weight
4. Classes will be broken by weight

Division **Registered & Crossbred Ram (previously Farm Flock)** Class 1 Classes will be broken by weight

Champion Ram	Banner
Reserve Champion Ram	Banner

Division **Registered & Cross-Bred Ewe (previously Farm Flock)** Class 1 Classes will be broken by weight

Champion Ewe	Banner
Reserve Champion Ewe	Banner

Division **Group Classes** Class 1 Pair of Ram Lambs – Two ram lambs owned by the exhibitor

Champion Pair of Ram Lambs	Banner
Reserve Champion Pair of Ram Lambs	Banner

Class 2 Flock- 1 ram, 2 ewes, any age

Champion Flock	Banner
Reserve Champion Flock	Banner

Class 3 Pair of Ewes, any age

Champion Pair of Ewes	Banner
Reserve Champion Pair of Ewes	Banner

Market Lambs

Division	4-H MARKET LAMB
Class 1	4-H BLACK FACE MARKET LAMB
Class 2	4-H WHITE FACE/SPECKLE MARKET LAMB

Champion 4-H Black Face Market Lamb	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Black Face Market Lamb	Banner
Champion 4-H White Face Market Lamb	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H White Face Market Lamb	Banner
Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Buckle & Banner
Reserve 4-H Market Lamb	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Division	FFA MARKET LAMB
Class 1	FFA BLACK FACE MARKET LAMB
Class 2	FFA WHITE FACE/SPECKLE MARKET LAMB

Champion FFA Black Face Market Lamb	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Black Face Market Lamb	Banner
Champion FFA White Face Market Lamb	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA White Face Market Lamb	Banner
Champion FFA Market Lamb	Buckle & Banner
Reserve FFA Market Lamb	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Supreme Champion Lamb Drive

Supreme Champion Market Lamb	Banner, Buckle
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DEPARTMENT 4: GOATS

Market Goats

Division	4-H MARKET GOAT
Class 1	4-H LIGHT WEIGHT MARKET GOAT
Class 2	4-H HEAVY WEIGHT MARKET GOAT

Champion 4-H Light Weight Market Goat	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Light Weight Market Goat	Banner
Champion 4-H Heavy Weight Market Goat	Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Heavy Weight Market Goat	Banner
Champion 4-H Market Lamb	Buckle & Banner
Reserve 4-H Market Lamb	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Division	FFA MARKET GOAT
Class 1	LIGHT WEIGHT MARKET GOAT
Class 2	HEAVY WEIGHT MARKET GOAT

Champion FFA Light Weight Market Goat	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Light Weight Market Goat	Banner
Champion FFA Heavy Weight Market Goat	Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Light Weight Market Goat	Banner
Champion FFA Market Goat	Buckle & Banner
Reserve FFA Market Goat	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Supreme Champion Market Goat	Banner, Buckle
Reserve Supreme Market Champion Goat	Banner

Division BRED & FED MARKET GOAT

Class 1 Bred & Fed Market Swine (4-H and FFA show together-animal was bred and raised by exhibitor)

Champion Bred & Fed Market Goat	Banner
Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Goat	Banner

Division CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS

Class 1 4-H Group of 3 Market Goats

Class 2 FFA Group of 3 Market Goats

Champion 4-H Group of 3	3 banners
Champion FFA Group of 3	3 banners

Breeding Meat Goats

Division Rules:

1. Classes will be broken by weight
2. All breeds will show together
3. Eligible breeds include: Boer and other meat goats upon fair office approval

Division Registered & Crossbred Does

Class 1 Classes will be broken by weight

Champion Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Doe	Banner

Dairy Goats

Division Rules:

1. All dairy goat breeds show together.
2. Eligible dairy goat breeds include: Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Saanean, Oberhasli, Alpine, Sable, Toggenberg, Guernsey and La Mancha
3. This is a female only show
4. American Dairy Goat Association Rules Apply

Division	Registered Dairy Goats	
Class 1	Newborn/Junior Kid	1/1/26-3/30/26
Class 2	Intermediate/Senior Kid	6/1/25-12/31/25
Class 3	Yearlings	6/1/24-5/31/25
Class 4	Yearling Milker	6/1/24-5/31/25
Class 5	2 & 3 Year olds	6/1/22-5/31/24
Class 6	4 years and older	5/31/22 and prior
Class 7	Any pair owned and exhibited by the same individual	

Champion Registered Dairy Goat	Banner
Reserve Registered Dairy Goat	Banner

Division	Unregistered Dairy Goats	
Class 1	Newborn/Junior Kid	1/1/26-3/30/26
Class 2	Intermediate/Senior Kid	6/1/25-12/31/25
Class 3	Yearlings	6/1/24-5/31/25
Class 4	Yearling Milker	6/1/24-5/31/25
Class 5	2 & 3 Year olds	6/1/22-5/31/24
Class 6	4 years and older	5/31/22 and prior
Class 7	Any pair owned and exhibited by the same individual	

Champion Unregistered Dairy Goat	Banner
Reserve Unregistered Dairy Goat	Banner
Supreme Champion Dairy Goat	Banner
Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Goat	Banner

Pygmy Goats

Division Rules:

1. Only Registered Pygmy Goats and Pygmy Goat appearing crosses will be eligible for this division

Division **Pygmy Goat Wether**
 Class 1 Shown by weight

Champion Pygmy Goat Wether	Banner
Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Wether	Banner

Division **Pygmy Goat Doe**
 Class 1 Shown by weight

Champion Pygmy Goat Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Doe	Banner

Class 3 Pair of Does, any age

Champion Pair of Does	Banner
Reserve Champion Pair of Does	Banner

DEPARTMENT 5: RABBITS AND CAVIES

Rabbits

Market Rabbits

Division Rules:

1. Rabbits will be shown by pens of three animals
2. Classes will be broken after entries are received

Division 4-H Pen of Market Rabbits

Champion 4-H Pen of Rabbits	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Pen of Rabbits	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Division FFA Pen of Market Rabbits

Champion FFA Pen of Rabbits	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Pen of Rabbits	Banner
Class Placing	Ribbon

Supreme Champion Pen of Rabbits	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion Pen of Rabbits	Banner

Breeding Rabbits

Division Rules:

Division	Polish
Class 1	Junior Doe
Class 2	Intermediate Doe
Class 3	Senior Doe

Champion Polish Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Polish Doe	Banner

Division	Holland Lop
Class 1	Junior Doe
Class 2	Intermediate Doe
Class 3	Senior Doe

Champion Holland Lop Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Holland Lop Doe	Banner

Division	Mini Rex
Class 1	Junior Doe
Class 2	Intermediate Doe
Class 3	Senior Doe

Champion Mini Rex Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Mini Rex Doe	Banner

Division	Other Large Breeds
Class 1	Junior Doe
Class 2	Intermediate Doe
Class 3	Senior Doe

Champion Other Large Breed Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Other Large Breed Doe	Banner

Division	Other Small Breeds
Class 1	Junior Doe
Class 2	Intermediate Doe
Class 3	Senior Doe

Champion Other Small Breed Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Other Small Breed Doe	Banner

Supreme Champion Doe	Banner
Reserve Champion Doe	Banner

Division	Polish
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Class 1 Junior Buck
 Class 2 Intermediate Buck
 Class 3 Senior Buck

Champion Polish Buck	Banner
Reserve Champion Polish Buck	

Division **Holland Lop**
 Class 1 Junior Buck
 Class 2 Intermediate Buck
 Class 3 Senior Buck

Champion Holland Lop Buck	Banner
Reserve Champion Holland Lop Buck	Banner

Division **Mini Rex**
 Class 1 Junior Buck
 Class 2 Intermediate Buck
 Class 3 Senior Buck

Champion Mini Rex Buck	Banner
Reserve Champion Mini Rex Buck	Banner

Division **Other Large Breeds**
 Class 1 Junior Buck
 Class 2 Intermediate Buck
 Class 3 Senior Buck

Champion Other Large Breed Buck	Banner
Reserve Champion Other Large Breed Buck	Banner

Division **Other Small Breeds**
 Class 1 Junior Buck
 Class 2 Intermediate Buck
 Class 3 Senior Buck

Champion Other Small Breed Buck	Banner
Reserve Champion Other Small Breed Buck	Banner

Supreme Champion Buck	Banner
Reserve Champion Buck	Banner

Breeding Cavies

Division Rules:

1. All breeds of cavies show together
2. Classes will be broken by weight

Division	Breeding Cavies
Class 1	Senior boar Over 32 oz
Class 2	Int. boar 23-32 oz.
Class 3	Junior boar U12-22 oz

Champion Boar	Banner
Reserve Champion Boar	Banner

Class 4	Senior sow Over 32 oz.
Class 5	Int. sow 23-32 oz.
Class 6	Junior sow 12-22 oz.

Champion Sow	Banner
Reserve Champion Sow	Banner

DEPARTMENT 6: DOG

Dog Show

Division Rules:

1. Dog show and rules are based on American Kennel Club (AKC) however this is not an AKC sanctioned show.
2. All dogs must have current rabies, distemper and vaccination. Proof of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian must be turned in to the fair office to check the exhibitor into the show.
3. One dog is allowed per exhibitor per division
4. Leashes shall be 6 feet in length and be made of leather
5. Dogs must remain on leash except for when required to unleash for the show
6. No baiting of dogs with food or treats etc. in obedience classes
7. Any dog showing signs of aggression or showing concern to either the judge or fair staff will be asked to leave.
8. All dogs must leave the grounds within one hour of the completion of the show and only return if asked to use for Master Showmanship.

Division

Obedience

Dog show classes will be announced at a later date

DEPARTMENT 7: EQUESTRIAN

Horse Show

Division Rules:

1. American System of Judging
2. Approved helmets must be worn by ANY person on horseback while showing at Rafter D Ranch. No Exceptions. Failure to comply will result in dismissal without refund.
3. Classes are open to Contra Costa County 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitors whose primary residence is in Contra Costa County.
4. Exhibitors must have owned or leased their horse for a minimum of 120 days prior to the closing date of entries. All leases must be attached to entry when submitting online prior to the 120 day deadline.
5. USA Equestrian/USEF, California State Fair 4-H show rules apply.
6. Classes will be judged under the USEF/USA Equestrian system.
7. Stallions are not permitted.
8. Dress Code:
 - a. Long sleeves, boots and belts are required
 - b. Showmanship Dress Code: Exhibitors will wear the same uniform as all other livestock shows
 - c. Riding Dress Code: Riders can choose to wear show clothing associated with their style of riding but must be long sleeve collared shirt/jacket and boots.
9. The Walk & Trot classes are for riders who have not lope or cantered in a show either 4-H or open. Level testing or regular Mastership classes do not count. Walk & Trot riders may not cross enter into classes that require a lope or canter gait.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing Showmanship and Horsemanship patterns before entering the show ring. Any questions concerning the patterns should be directed to the gate steward. A demonstration will be shown for Novice classes only.
11. Splitting large classes: Walk Jog Classes that exceed 15 horses will be split by age 13 & under / 14 & over. Junior and Senior classes that exceed 15 horses will be split by experience Novice / Advance.
12. Riders are responsible for knowing their patterns, if they go off course, it will result in a no score/no place.
13. Pattern Classes will be pre-loaded, one rider at start marker, and one rider showing on course.
14. The Light Horse Show is a qualifying show for the California State Fair Best of Show Competition.

Division EQUESTRIAN

- Class 1 Halter Mares (top 2 advance)
Class 2 Halter Geldings (top 2 advance)

Champion Halter	Banner
Reserve Champion Halter	Banner

Class 4 Beginner 4-H Showmanship (ages 9-10)

Champion 4-H Beginner Showman	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Beginner Showman	Banner

Class 5 Junior 4-H Showmanship (ages 11-13)

Champion 4-H Junior Showman	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Junior Showman	Banner

Class 6 Senior 4-H Showmanship (ages 14+)

Champion 4-H Senior Showman	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion 4-H Senior Showman	Banner

Class 7 Novice FFA Showmanship (9th and 10th grade)

Champion Novice FFA Showman	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Champion FFA Showman	Banner

Class 8 Advanced FFA Showmanship (11th grade +)

Champion Advanced FFA Showman	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Advanced FFA Showman	Banner

- Class 9 English Equitation (walk/trot)
- Class 10 English Equitation Junior (13 & under)
- Class 11 English Equitation Senior (14 & over)
- Class 12 English Pleasure (walk/trot)
- Class 13 English Pleasure Junior (13 & under)
- Class 14 English Pleasure Senior (14 & over)
- Class 15 English Horsemanship (walk/trot)
- Class 16 English Horsemanship Junior (13 & under)
- Class 17 English Horsemanship Senior (14 & over)
- Class 18 Western Horsemanship (walk/jog)
- Class 19 Western Horsemanship Junior (13 & under)
- Class 20 Western Horsemanship Senior (14 & over)
- Class 21 Western Pleasure (walk/jog)
- Class 22 Western Pleasure Junior (13 & Under)
- Class 23 Western Pleasure Senior (14 & Over)
- Class 24 Ranch Horse Pleasure (walk/jog)
- Class 25 Ranch Horse Pleasure Junior (13 & Under)
- Class 26 Ranch Horse Pleasure Senior (14 & Over)
- Class 27 Western Equitation (walk/jog)
- Class 28 Western Equitation Junior (13 & Under)
- Class 29 Western Equitation Senior (14 & Over)

High Point Walk/Trot	Buckle & Banner
High Point 13 & Under	Buckle & Banner
High Point 14 & Over	Buckle & Banner

DEPARTMENT 8: SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. Showmanship age divisions are determined by their age on January 1st of the current calendar year and/or grade in school on date of entry.
2. Exhibitors are required to show their own animal in showmanship. No borrowed animals are allowed (this includes family members).
3. Champion and Reserve Champion Beginner Showman are allowed to move up and compete in the division drive for Junior 4-H showmanship.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Beginner FFA Showman are allowed to move up to the division drive of Advanced FFA Showmanship.
5. Champion and Reserve Champion Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, Beginner FFA and Advanced FFA qualify to compete in Master Showmanship.

Divisions:

Dog
Cavy
Rabbit
Pygmy Goat
Beef

Sheep
Swine
Meat Goat
Dairy Goat

Classes:

- 1 Primary 4-H Showmanship (ages 5-8)
- 2 Beginner 4-H Showmanship (ages 9-10)
- 3 Junior 4-H Showmanship (ages 11-13)
- 4 Senior 4-H Showmanship (ages 14+)
- 5 Novice FFA Showmanship (9th and 10th grade)
- 6 Advanced FFA Showmanship (11th grade +)

Master Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. Champion and Reserve Champion in each of the following species are eligible to compete:
 - a. Small Animal: Turkey, Chicken, Rabbit, Pygmy Goat, Dog
 - b. Large Animal: Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine
2. Scoring: Judge will score each exhibitor out of 10 points.
3. Tiebreakers:
 - a. The exhibitor who scored the highest in their species

- b. One species will be drawn out of a hat and the score that each exhibitor received from that species will now count for an extra 0.5 point.
- c. Each exhibitor will be asked a predetermined set of questions which will include one question per species.

Divisions:

Class 1	FFA Novice Master Showmanship
Class 2	FFA Advanced Master Showmanship
Class 3	Junior 4-H Master Showmanship
Class 4	Senior 4-H Master Showmanship

Pee Wee Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. Must pre-enter online to be considered an exhibitor which would allow for the exhibitor to receive an entry wristband. Ringside entries are allowed but will not receive wristbands.
2. Only animals already on the fairgrounds that have passed the health inspection are allowed to compete. No animals may move in on show day.

Division	Cattle
Division	Sheep
Division	Swine
Division	Goats

Adult Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. No pre-entry required. Show up to the show ring
2. Only animals already on the fairgrounds that have passed the health inspection are allowed to compete. No animals may move in on show day.

Division	Cattle
Division	Sheep
Division	Swine
Division	Goats

Fair Board & Fair Staff Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. No pre-entry required. Show up to the show ring
2. Only animals already on the fairgrounds that have passed the health inspection are allowed to compete. No animals may move in on show day.

Division	Cattle
Division	Sheep
Division	Swine
Division	Goats