

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 |

2026 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

*Schedule is subject to change

| Day | Event | Time |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Saturday 4/25 | Horse Show | Time TBD |
| Sun 5/10-Monday 5/11 | RV Move in & Pen Set Up (more details to come) | Time TBD |
| Tuesday 5/12 | Livestock Move-In Livestock Health Inspection | Time TBD |
| Wednesday 5/13 | Rabbit Show Cavy Show Dog Show -Obedience -Showmanship | 4:00pm 6:00pm |
| Thursday 5/14 | Sheep Show -4H Market Lamb Show -4H Pen of 3 -4H Sheep Showmanship -FFA Market Lamb Show -FFA Pen of 3 -FFA Sheep Showmanship -Bred & Fed Market Lamb -Breeding Sheep Show Meat Goat Show (After 30 MIN BREAK) -4H Market Goat Show -4H Pen of 3 -4H Goat Showmanship -FFA Market Goat Show -FFA Pen of 3 -FFA Goat Showmanship -Bred & Fed Market Goat -Breeding Goat Show Dairy Goat -Dairy Goat Show -Dairy Goat Showmanship Pygmy Goat Etc. Show -Pygmy Goat Show -Pygmy Goat Showmanship | 8:00am There will be a 30 min break between the sheep and goat shows. |

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| 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 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 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)

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| 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

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Champion Bull | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Bull | Banner |

Division **COMMERCIAL/NON-REGISTERED BULL**

Class 1 Commercial/Non-Registered Bull

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

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| Supreme Champion Bull | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Bull | Banner |

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

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 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

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|-------------------------|--------|
| 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 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

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|---------|----------------------|
| Class 1 | FFA MARKET GILT |
| Class 2 | FFA MARKET BARROW |
| Class 3 | BACK UP MARKET SWINE |

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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)

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

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

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 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)

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 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

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|----------------------|--------|
| Champion Ram | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Ram | Banner |

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

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|----------------------|--------|
| Champion Ewe | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Ewe | Banner |

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

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Champion Pair of Ram Lambs | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Pair of Ram Lambs | Banner |

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

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|------------------------|--------|
| Champion Flock | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Flock | Banner |

Class 3 Pair of Ewes, any age

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |

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|---|-----------------|
| 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 |

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 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

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Supreme Champion Market Lamb | Banner, Buckle |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|

Reserve Supreme Market Champion Lamb

Division BRED & FED MARKET LAMB

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

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|---|--------|
| Champion Bred & Fed Market Lamb | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Lamb | Banner |

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

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

DEPARTMENT 4: GOATS

Market Goats

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

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|---|-----------------|
| 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 |

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

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|---|-----------------|
| 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 |

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|---|----------------|
| 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

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|----------------------|--------|
| 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 | |

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 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 | |

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|--|--------|
| 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

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| Champion Pygmy Goat Wether | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Wether | Banner |

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

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| Champion Pygmy Goat Doe | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Doe | Banner |

Class 3 Pair of Does, any age

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| 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**

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| 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**

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

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

Breeding Rabbits

Division Rules:

Division **Polish**

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| Class 1 | Junior Doe |
| Class 2 | Intermediate Doe |
| Class 3 | Senior Doe |

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| Champion Polish Doe | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Polish Doe | Banner |

Division **Holland Lop**

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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

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| Supreme Champion Doe | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Doe | Banner |

Division **Polish**

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

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| Champion Polish Buck | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Polish Buck | |

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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

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

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| Champion Boar | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Boar | Banner |

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

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| 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 loped 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)

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| Champion Halter | Banner |
| Reserve Champion Halter | Banner |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Class 8 Advanced FFA Showmanship (11th grade +)

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

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| 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) |

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| 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:

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Division | Cattle |
| Division | Sheep |
| Division | Swine |
| Division | Goats |