

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,

Cheyenne Erickson

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

THE INFORMATION IN THIS GUIDEBOOK HAS CHANGED, PLEASE READ ITS ENTIRETY VERY CAREFULLY.

A few (but not all) 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 /Grange Showmanship (ages 5-8)
 - Beginner 4-H/Grange Showmanship (ages 9-10)
 - Junior 4-H/Grange Showmanship (ages 11-13)
 - Senior 4-H/Grange Showmanship (ages 14+)
 - Novice FFA Showmanship
 - Advanced FFA Showmanship
- **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 except for Independent exhibitors and equine (per State Rule).
 - 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 Parents/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 Reserve & Champion showman from 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.
- **Addition of Bred & Fed Market Animal Divisions:** In an effort to further recognize our exhibitors who are going above and beyond by breeding their own market animals at the conclusion of the market shows there will be a Bred & Fed for each species. To be eligible the exhibitor must have bred their own market animal and entered said market animal into the regular market show as well as the Bred & Fed division.
- **Registered vs Non-Registered Shows:** All Registered classes/divisions will be shown by their birthdate on their registration papers. All unregistered classes/divisions will be weighed in and shown by weight. The purpose of weighing the unregistered animals is to maintain consistency within the classes because there is no official birthdate on record with a breed organization.

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.
 - Exhibitors 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.
 - Exhibitors 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, Turkey Entries Due	11:59pm	showman.app
Sunday	4/12	Market Rabbit & Chicken, All Breeding & Showmanship Entries Due	11:59pm	showman.app

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -4H/Grange Turkey Showmanship -Beginner, Junior, Senior -FFA Market Turkey Show -FFA Turkey Showmanship -Novice, Advanced Chicken Show -4H/Grange Market Chicken Show -4H/Grange Chicken Showmanship -Beginner, Junior, Senior -FFA Market Chicken Show -FFA Chicken Showmanship -Novice, Advanced Dog Show -Rally Obedience -4H/Grange Dog Showmanship -Primary, Beginner, Junior, Senior -FFA Dog Showmanship -Novice, Advanced Livestock Costume Contest Livestock Exhibitor Fun Night (details coming soon) 	<p>Follows Turkeys</p> <p>3:00pm</p> <p>4:00pm 5:00pm</p>
<p>Thursday 5/14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheep Show -4H/Grange Market Lamb Show -4H/Grange Sheep Showmanship -Beginner, Junior, Senior -FFA Market Lamb Show -FFA Sheep Showmanship -Novice, Advanced -Pen of 3 (combined FFA/4-H/Grange) -Bred & Fed Market Lamb -Breeding Sheep Show Meat Goat Show -4H/Grange Market Goat Show -4H/Grange Market Goat Showmanship -Beginner, Junior, Senior -FFA Market Goat Show -FFA Goat Showmanship -Novice, Advanced -Pen of 3 (combined FFA/4-H/Grange) -Bred & Fed Market Goat -Breeding Goat Show Pygmy Goat Show -Registered Pygmy Goat Show -Unregistered Pygmy Goat Show -4-H Pygmy Goat Showmanship 	<p>8:00am</p> <p>30 min break between sheep and goats</p>

RV CAMPING INFORMATION

- RV move-in will be held on Saturday 5/10 and Sunday 5/11. Specific move in times will be distributed at a later date.
- RV reservation information will be announced at a later date after details are discussed with the California State Fire Marshall. We anticipate a change in location and quantity of spots.
- A new Dry Camp option will be available.
- 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 (including dog and registered pee wee showman) 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
- 4-H project and community leaders registered with the Contra Costa County 4-H office, FFA Advisors and Grange leaders will receive one (1) wristband and one (1) parking pass
- Exhibitor and leader passes will be available at the Livestock Office after weigh-ins. Exhibitors will bring their weight slip to the office and sign for their passes. Passes will only be given to the exhibitor
- \$35 for parking passes
- 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) as of November 1, 2025.
 - 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 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 (cow-calf pair, pair of rams etc).
 - iii. **Back Up Animals:** Exhibitors may enter one (1) backup market animal. A backup market animal is used to replace the originally entered market animal if for some reason that animal cannot come to the fair. To enter, the exhibitor simply needs to enter and pay for two (2) of the same market animal species and only bring one (1) to weigh in.
3. **Livestock Auction:** The Contra Costa Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. All animals designated as Market Ready in their market class will be sold and cannot be picked up live.
 - a. Each exhibitor must take his/her own animal through the Auction Ring, no exception unless prior approval by the CEO and Fair Board.
 - b. Exhibitors must be present in the official Contra Costa Fair uniform of their respective organization to sell their Market Animal(s).
 - c. Auction Pictures: All exhibitors are required to have a picture taken by the fair's photographer in their official show uniform with their market animal/project that is to be sold in the auction.
 - d. The Fair Office must receive a postage ready thank you note written to each sponsor of award(s) received, the buyer(s) and any add-on supporter(s) of the exhibitor's animal project(s) in order to release the proceeds from the Junior Livestock Auction. The Thank You Cards may be brought in prior to the Auction Checks being released.

- i. **Junior Livestock Auction Checks:** Junior Livestock Auction checks will be available in the Fair Office no later than June 22nd. Thank you cards for all buyers, add-ons and award sponsors must be turned in to receive checks.
 - e. **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 Auction.
 - i. Sale commission is used to pay for trucking, processing, auctioneer, sales staff, sale advertisement etc.
 - f. **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.
 - g. **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 in addition to the commission mentioned above.
 - h. The Sale Order is determined by the exhibitor's placing in their respective class.
 - i. **Sale of Champions:** Only 4-H Grand & Reserve Grand Champion, FFA Grand & Reserve Grand Champion, Supreme & Reserve Supreme Champions will sell in the Sale of Champions
 - i. Exhibitors with animals in the Sale of Champions are invited to place "Champion Flowers" on their animals at their own expense although no glitter or paint may be attached to the animal directly.
 - ii. Division Champion market animals will sell following the Sale of Champions.
4. **MARKET ANIMALS:**
- a. Animals judged market ready must sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction.
 - b. Animals judged NOT MARKET READY are required to be removed from the grounds by 8:00am the morning following their respective show. .
5. **Animal Health/Safety/Care:**
- 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 (excluding horse, cavies and dogs per State rule) will complete the Youth For Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program prior to entry deadline. Expiration date on submitted certificate must be after May 17, 2026.
 - c. The fair staff has the right to remove any animal that is deemed a safety hazard. This decision is final.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that their animal(s) have access to clean water, clean bedding and feed daily. It is the responsibility of the leader, advisor and parent/guardians to monitor.
 - e. All animals will be fed twice per day from move-in through Sunday night or removal from fairgrounds.
 - f. Pens/Stalls must be clean and presentable at all times. Club leaders, Advisors and Independent Parent/Guardian on record are responsible for determining their specific protocol.

6. Show Uniform:

4-H	White Jeans, white collared shirt, closed-toe shoes, 4-H hat, scarf and jacket (if applicable)
FFA	White Jeans, white collared shirt, closed-toe shoes, FFA tie/scarf and jacket
Grange	Jeans, white collared shirt, closed-toe shoes, Grange vest
Independent	White Jeans, white collared shirt and closed-toe shoes

7. Paperwork:

- a. Exhibitors must submit a completed medical declaration form at weigh in for every market animal. [Contra Costa Fair Medical Form](#)
- b. Swine exhibitors will submit proper Prop 12 paperwork with entries and present at the scale. [Prop 12 Form](#)
- c. Cattle exhibitors will submit a copy bill of sale and yellow transportation slip at the scale.
- d. Horse ownership documents/leases are due at time of entry.
- e. The name of the Junior exhibitor needs to be listed on all documentation. Parent, leader or sibling names are unacceptable except in regards to Horses per State Rule. See Horse Division rules for more information.

8. Classes & Fair Book:

- a. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.
- b. Fair management reserves the right to add or modify divisions based on entries
- c. 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.
- d. The Contra Costa fair reserves the right to change or amend any and all information included in this guide.

9. 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 fails to provide volunteers will see consequences at the discretion of the CEO.

10. Exhibitor Discipline: Any exhibitor removed from the fairgrounds will be suspended from participation for the next year's fair.

11. Club Feature Booth Requirement: All clubs and chapters that have entered livestock are required to complete a Club Feature Exhibit Booth. Any club or chapter that fails to complete their exhibit will not be allowed to weigh their animals in.

12. Independent Exhibitor Wine Barrel Competition: All independent exhibitors are required to complete a decorative wine barrel for competition. An independent exhibitor who fails to complete their exhibit will not be allowed to weigh their animal(s) in.

- 13. Breeding Classes:** Breeding classes may be broken by breeds after entries close. Class breaks will be at the discretion of the fair livestock staff
- 14. Chaperone Policy:** All youth under the age of eighteen (18) are required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian (adult - age 25+) to be admitted into the Contra Costa County Fair. Any person entering may be asked to show a valid California Driver License or Identification Card or other Government issued ID. Each adult can only chaperone 4 youths at a time. Groups larger than 4 youths require an additional chaperone for every 4 youths. The chaperone (parent/adult) are required to remain on the facility with the youth during their time at the Fair. The youth must provide a telephone number of the attending parent/adult to a Fair Security representative upon request. Any and all misbehaving youth will be held and released to their chaperone (parent/adult). Any youth under the age of eighteen (18) not accompanied by an adult will not be admitted.
- 15. Fitting/Grooming:** Per State Rule: Junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and nonexhibiting youth unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged, and the assistance is only for instruction.
- 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
- Animals cannot be entered into another fair or show under a different exhibitor's name within the ownership period.
 - 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).
 - 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.
 - 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 CA Food & Ag Code 21054
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

Turkeys	60	Bill of Sale
Chickens	30	Bill of Sale
Rabbits	30	Bill of Sale Tattoo
Breeding Projects	30	Registration papers or Bill of Sale

17. Livestock Weights:

- a. 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.
- b. All market animals will be weighed according to the schedule provided by the fair
- c. All animals will be dry, uncovered and halters/collars removed prior to weigh in
- d. 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 8:00pm on weigh-in day.
- e. The 2025 minimum weight limits, maximum pay weights, and maximum weight limitations are as follows:

Species	Minimum Weight	Maximum Pay Weight	Maximum Weight
Steers	1100lbs	1500lbs	N/A
Lambs	110lbs	180lbs	N/A
Goats	60lbs	115lbs	N/A
Swine	220lbs	280lbs	N/A
Rabbits	3lbs	N/A	5lb 8oz
Turkeys	20lbs	30lbs	30lb
Chickens	3lbs 8oz	N/A	6

- 18. 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.
- 19. 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

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
3. Market beef will be divided into two divisions: Black and All Other Color. Color classification will be finalized at the scale. Black cattle need to be predominantly black. If a steer is entered into the wrong division, the livestock office will simply transfer the steer at check in.

Market Beef

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

Champion 4-H/Grange Black Market Steer
Reserve 4-H/Grange Black Market Steer
Champion 4-H/Grange AOC Market Steer
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange AOC Market Steer
Champion 4-H/Grange Market Steer
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Market Steer

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

Champion FFA Black Market Steer
Reserve FFA Black Market Steer
Champion FFA AOC Market Steer
Reserve Champion FFA AOC Market Steer

Champion FFA Market Steer
Reserve FFA Market Steer

Supreme Champion Steer Drive

Supreme Champion Steer
Reserve Champion Steer
3rd Overall Market Steer

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
Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Steer

Division **CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**
 Class 1 4-H/FFA/Grange Group of 3

Champion Group of 3
Champion Group of 3

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 cattle 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
Reserve Champion Bull

Division **COMMERCIAL/NON-REGISTERED BULL**
 Class 1 Commercial/Non-Registered Bull

Champion Commercial Bull
Reserve Champion Bull

Supreme Champion Bull Drive

Supreme Champion Bull
Reserve Champion Bull

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

Champion Heifer
Reserve Champion British Heifer

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

Champion Commercial Heifer
Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer

Supreme Champion Heifer Drive

Supreme Champion Heifer
Reserve Champion Heifer

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
Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair
Champion Pair of Females

Reserve Champion Pair of Females

DEPARTMENT 2: SWINE

Division Rules:

1. All swine exhibitors will submit a copy of their Prop 12 paperwork at time of entry.
2. The market swine show will be broken into two divisions: Market Gilt and Market Barrow
3. All market hogs need to have their water stay in place until Monday, May 18th at 4pm. Exhibitors will need to remove them from pens prior to Tuesday, May 18th at 5pm. Any water containers remaining after this time will be removed and disposed of by the fair staff.

Market Hogs

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

Champion 4-H/Grange Market Gilt
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Market Gilt
Champion 4-H/Grange Market Barrow
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Market Barrow
Champion 4-H/Grange Market Swine
Reserve 4-H/Grange Market Swine

Division	FFA MARKET SWINE
Class 1	FFA MARKET GILT
Class 2	FFA MARKET BARROW

Champion FFA Market Gilt
Reserve Champion FFA Market Gilt
Champion FFA Market Barrow
Reserve Champion FFA Market Barrow
Champion FFA Market Swine

Reserve FFA Market Swine

Supreme Champion Swine Drive

Supreme Champion Market Swine

Reserve Champion Market Swine

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

Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Hog

Division **CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**
 Class 1 4-H/FFA/Grange Group of 3

Champion Group of 3

Champion Group of 3

Breeding Swine

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

Champion Breeding Gilt

Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt

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. Color/Division Classifications will be verified and officially determined at the official weigh-in
 - a. Black Faced: Face of lamb is black, no white or specking
 - b. White Faced/Speckle: Face of lams is mostly white or speckled in color
4. Registered and Crossbred breeding sheep will show together by weight
5. Market and Breeding classes will be broken by weight
6. Market lamb exhibitors will be responsible for moving their lambs to the designated pen on Sunday after the sale. More information regarding time and location will be announced at the exhibitor meeting.

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

Champion Ram
Reserve Champion Ram

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

Champion Ewe
Reserve Champion Ewe

Division **Group Classes**
 Class 1 Pair of Rams – Two rams owned by the exhibitor

Champion Pair of Ram Lambs
Reserve Champion Pair of Ram Lambs

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

Champion Flock
Reserve Champion Flock

Class 3 Pair of Ewes, any age

Champion Pair of Ewes
Reserve Champion Pair of Ewes

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/Grange Black Face Market Lamb
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Black Face Market Lamb
Champion 4-H/Grange White Face Market Lamb
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange White Face Market Lamb
Champion 4-H /Grange Market Lamb
Reserve 4-H/Grange Market Lamb

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
Reserve Champion FFA Black Face Market Lamb
Champion FFA White Face Market Lamb
Reserve Champion FFA White Face Market Lamb
Champion FFA Market Lamb
Reserve FFA Market Lamb

Supreme Champion Lamb Drive

Supreme Champion Market Lamb

Reserve Supreme Market Champion Lamb
3rd Overall Market Goat

Division **BRED & FED MARKET LAMB**
 Class 1 Bred & Fed Market Lamb (4-H and FFA show together-animal was bred and raised by exhibitor)

Champion Bred & Fed Market Lamb
Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Market Lamb

Division **CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**
 Class 1 4-H/FFA/Grange Group of 3

Champion Group of 3
Champion Group of 3

DEPARTMENT 4: GOATS

Division Rules:

1. All goats 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. Market goats will be divided into two weight divisions after weigh in: Heavyweight and Lightweight
 - a. Division break will be as close to the middle weight as possible
4. Market and Breeding classes will be broken by weight
5. Market goat exhibitors will be responsible for moving their goats to the designated pen on Sunday after the sale. More information regarding time and location will be announced at the exhibitor meeting.

Market Goats

Division **4-H MARKET GOAT**
 Class 1 4-H MARKET GOATS-Goats will be broken into divisions after weigh in

Champion 4-H/Grange Light Weight Market Goat
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Light Weight Market Goat
Champion 4-H/Grange Heavy Weight Market Goat
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Heavy Weight Market Goat
Champion 4-H/Grange Market Goat
Reserve 4-H/Grange Market Goat

Division **FFA MARKET GOAT**
 Class 1 FFA MARKET GOATS-Goats will be broken into divisions after weigh in

Champion FFA Light Weight Market Goat
Reserve Champion FFA Light Weight Market Goat
Champion FFA Heavy Weight Market Goat
Reserve Champion FFA Light Weight Market Goat
Champion FFA Market Goat

Reserve FFA Market Goat

Supreme Champion Market Goat
Reserve Supreme Market Champion Goat
3rd Overall Market Goat

Division **BRED & FED MARKET GOAT**
 Class 1 Bred & Fed Market Goat (4-H and FFA show together-animal was bred and raised by exhibitor)

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

Division **CLUB OR CHAPTER GROUPS**
 Class 1 4-H/FFA/Grange Group of 3 Market Goats

Champion Group of 3
Champion Group of 3

Breeding Meat Goats

- Division Rules:**
1. Classes will be broken by weight as this is not a registered show.
 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
Reserve Champion Doe

Dairy Goats

Division Rules:

1. All dairy goat breeds show together unless there are a substantial number in any breed. Division may be broken by breed after close of entries and at the judgement of livestock staff.
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. This is not an ADGA sanctioned show.

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

Reserve Registered Dairy Goat

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

Reserve Unregistered Dairy Goat
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Supreme Champion Dairy Goat

Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Goat
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Pygmy Goats

Division Rules:

1. Only Registered Pygmy Goats and Pygmy Goat appearing crosses will be eligible for this division
2. Pygmy Goats will be broken into Registered and Unregistered divisions.
3. Registered Pygmy Goats will need to submit original registration papers to the Livestock Office by Tuesday, May 18, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Division	Registered Pygmy Goat Doe		
Class 1	Junior Doe Kid	1-4 months	3/01/26-06/01/2026
Class 2	Intermediate Doe Kid	5-8 months	11/01/2025-02/28/2026
Class 3	Senior Doe Kid	9-12 months	6/01/2025-10/31/2025
Class 4	Dry Yearling Doe	12-24 months	6/01/2024-5/31/24
Class 5	Freshened Yearling Doe		6/01/24-5/31/24
Class 6	Two Years but less than three		6/1/23-5/31/24
Class 7	Three years but less than four		6/1/22-5/31/23
Class 8	Aged Doe		Prior to 6/1/22

Champion Registered Pygmy Goat Doe
Reserve Champion Registered Pygmy Goat Doe

Division	Registered Pygmy Goat Wether		
Class 1	Junior Wether	1-6 months	12/1/25-6/1/26
Class 2	Senior Wether	6-12 months	6/1/25-11/30/25
Class 3	Yearling Wether	1-2 years	6/1/24-5/31/24
Class 4	Aged Wether		Prior to 6/1/24

Champion Registered Pygmy Goat Wether
Reserve Champion Registered Pygmy Goat Wether

Division	Unregistered Pygmy Goat Wether
Class 1	Goats will be weighed in and classes will be broken based on weight.

Champion Pygmy Goat Wether

Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Wether

Division **Unregistered Pygmy Goat Doe**
 Class 1 Goats will be weighed in and classes will be broken based on weight.

Champion Unregistered Pygmy Goat Doe

Reserve Champion Unregistered Pygmy Goat Doe

Division **Pair of Does, any age**
 Class 1 Registered and Unregistered pair of does (owned by the same exhibitor) will all show together.

Champion Pair of Does

Reserve Champion Pair of Does

All Other Breed Goats

Division Rules:

1. Unregistered and registered goats that do not fit in any other class will show here.
2. Goats will show by reported birthdate on entry.
3. There is NO showmanship division for these goats. Exhibitors may enter the goat showmanship division that they feel fits best.

Class 1	Junior Doe Kid	1-4 months	3/01/26-06/01/2026
Class 2	Intermediate Doe Kid	5-8 months	11/01/2025-02/28/2026
Class 3	Senior Doe Kid	9-12 months	6/01/2025-10/31/2025
Class 4	Dry Yearling Doe	12-24 months	6/01/2024-5/31/24
Class 5	Freshened Yearling Doe		6/01/24-5/31/24
Class 6	Two Years but less than three		6/1/23-5/31/24
Class 7	Three years but less than four		6/1/22-5/31/23
Class 8	Aged Doe		Prior to 6/1/22

Champion All Other Breed Goat Doe

Reserve Champion All Other Breed Goat Doe

Class 9	Junior Wether	1-6 months	12/1/25-6/1/26
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Class 10	Senior Wether	6-12 months	6/1/25-11/30/25
Class 11	Yearling Wether	1-2 years	6/1/24-5/31/24
Class 12	Aged Wether		Prior to 6/1/24

Champion All Other Breed Goat Wether

Reserve Champion All Other Breed Goat Wether

DEPARTMENT 5: RABBITS AND CAVIES

Rabbits

Market Rabbits

Division Rules:

1. All animals must be identified by a permanent ear marking (tattoo number for rabbits)
2. Each exhibitor is responsible for taking his/her own animal to the show table.
3. Rabbits will be shown and sold by pens of three animals
4. Classes will be broken after entries are received

Division 4-H Pen of Market Rabbits

Champion 4-H Pen of Rabbits
Reserve Champion 4-H Pen of Rabbits

Division FFA Pen of Market Rabbits

Champion FFA Pen of Rabbits
Reserve Champion FFA Pen of Rabbits

Supreme Champion Pen of Rabbits
Reserve Champion Pen of Rabbits
3rd Overall Pen of Rabbits

Breeding Rabbits

Division Rules:

1. All animals must be identified by a permanent ear marking (tattoo number for rabbits)
2. Each exhibitor is responsible for taking his/her own animal to the show table.

Division	Polish
Class 1	Junior Doe (3-6 months)
Class 2	Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
Class 3	Senior Doe (8+ months)

Champion Polish Doe
Reserve Champion Polish Doe

Division	Holland Lop
Class 1	Junior Doe (3-6 months)
Class 2	Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
Class 3	Senior Doe (8+ months)

Champion Holland Lop Doe
Reserve Champion Holland Lop Doe

Division	Mini Rex
Class 1	Junior Doe (3-6 months)
Class 2	Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
Class 3	Senior Doe (8+ months)

Champion Mini Rex Doe
Reserve Champion Mini Rex Doe

Division	Other Large Breeds
Class 1	Junior Doe (3-6 months)
Class 2	Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
Class 3	Senior Doe (8+ months)

Champion Other Large Breed Doe
Reserve Champion Other Large Breed Doe

Division	Other Small Breeds
Class 1	Junior Doe (3-6 months)
Class 2	Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
Class 3	Senior Doe (8+ months)

Champion Other Small Breed Doe
Reserve Champion Other Small Breed Doe

Supreme Champion Doe

Reserve Champion Doe

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| Division | Polish |
| Class 1 | Junior Buck (3-6 months) |
| Class 2 | Intermediate Buck (6-8 months) |
| Class 3 | Senior Buck (8+ months) |

Champion Polish Buck

Reserve Champion Polish Buck

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| Division | Holland Lop |
| Class 1 | Junior Buck (3-6 months) |
| Class 2 | Intermediate Buck (6-8 months) |
| Class 3 | Senior Buck (8+ months) |

Champion Holland Lop Buck

Reserve Champion Holland Lop Buck

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| Division | Mini Rex |
| Class 1 | Junior Buck (3-6 months) |
| Class 2 | Intermediate Buck (6-8 months) |
| Class 3 | Senior Buck (8+ months) |

Champion Mini Rex Buck

Reserve Champion Mini Rex Buck

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| Division | Other Large Breeds |
| Class 1 | Junior Buck (3-6 months) |
| Class 2 | Intermediate Buck (6-8 months) |
| Class 3 | Senior Buck (8+ months) |

Champion Other Large Breed Buck

Reserve Champion Other Large Breed Buck

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| Division | Other Small Breeds |
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- Class 1 Junior Buck (3-6 months)
- Class 2 Intermediate Buck (6-8 months)
- Class 3 Senior Buck (8+ months)

Champion Other Small Breed Buck
Reserve Champion Other Small Breed Buck

Supreme Champion Buck
Reserve Champion Buck

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 |

Champion Boar
Reserve Champion Boar

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

Champion Sow
Reserve Champion Sow

DEPARTMENT 6: POULTRY

Market Turkey Show

Division Rules:

1. The Turkeys sex will be determined at the Poultry Health Inspection.
2. All turkeys must be banded with regulation numbered bands. The band will be provided by the fair and put on the bird at poultry inspection.
3. Limit of one (1) market turkey per exhibitor not over 22 weeks of age, 20 - 30 lbs. Birds under 20 lbs. or over 30 lbs. will be disqualified.
4. Animals judged market ready must sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction.
5. Animals judged NOT MARKET READY will remain in their assigned pen throughout the duration of the fair and be harvested by the fair’s contracted poultry processor at the exhibitor’s expense.
6. All Turkey exhibits are required to be inspected by the Poultry Health Inspector upon arrival and prior to being penned. Health Inspections of ALL Poultry locations will be announced at a later date.

Division	Market Turkey
Class 1	Market Turkey

Champion 4-H/Grange Market Turkey
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Market Turkey
Champion FFA Market Turkey
Reserve Champion FFA Market Turkey
Supreme Champion Market Turkey
Reserve Supreme Market Champion Turkey
3rd Overall Market Turkey

Market Broiler Pen Show

Division Rules:

1. Market Broiler Pens consist of two (2) broiler chickens
2. All breeds judged together.
3. All meat pen birds must be banded with regulation numbered bands. The band will be provided by the fair and put on the bird at poultry inspection.
4. Limit of one (1) meat pen per exhibitor. Two (2) birds the same sex, breed and not over 8 weeks of age. 2 birds - 3.5 - 6 lbs. each.
5. Animals judged market ready must sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction.
6. Animals judged NOT MARKET READY will remain in their assigned pen throughout the duration of the fair and be harvested by the fair's contracted poultry processor at the exhibitor's expense.
7. All Poultry exhibits are required to be inspected by the Poultry Health Inspector upon arrival and prior to being penned. Health Inspections of ALL Poultry locations will be announced at a later date.

Division	Market Broiler Pen
Class 1	Market Broiler Pen

Champion 4-H/Grange Market Broiler Pen
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Broiler Pen

Champion FFA Market Broiler Pen
Reserve Champion FFA Broiler Pen

Supreme Champion Broiler Pen
Reserve Supreme Broiler Pen
3rd Overall Broiler Pen

DEPARTMENT 7: DOG

Dog Show

Division Rules:

1. Dog shows 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. Dogs do not have to be owned by the exhibitor. No proof of ownership is needed.
5. Official Show Uniform must be worn.
6. Leashes shall be 6 feet in length. Flat collar, Martingale or Slip Collar are acceptable. No prong or pinch collars.
7. Dogs must remain on leash expect for when required to unleash for the show
7. No baiting of dogs with food or treats etc. in obedience classes
8. Any dog showing signs of aggression or showing concern to either the judge or fair staff will be asked to leave.
9. No females in season.
10. 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.
11. Dog Rally Obedience will follow:
[Dog Rally Information](#) [What is Dog Rally? Video](#) [Dog Rally Video Examples](#)
[Dog Rally Signs](#)

Division	Dog Rally Obedience
Class 1	Primary (ages 5-8)
Class 2	Junior (ages 9-13)
Class 3	Senior (ages 14+)

Champion Primary Dog Rally Obedience
Reserve Champion Primary Dog Rally Obedience

Champion Junior Dog Rally Obedience
Reserve Champion Junior Dog Rally Obedience

Champion Senior Dog Rally Obedience

Reserve Champion Senior Dog Rally Obedience

DEPARTMENT 8: 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 and photos of horses 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 a 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.
15. Per pages 31-36 of the [State Rules for California Fairs](#) "Any horse exhibited in the junior or youth division must be owned or leased by the junior exhibitor showing the horse or owned by the junior exhibitor's parent, stepparent, sibling, halfsibling, stepsibling, grandparent, step grandparent, sibling's spouse, half sibling's spouse, stepsibling's

spouse, or legal guardian (as evidenced by court documents) or owned by the institution in which the junior exhibitor is enrolled as a ward. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts, or partnerships, are also authorized owners of the youth exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorized by this rule."

16. Horse show exhibitors will receive points throughout their classes which will determine the High Point Buckle winners in each division: walk/trot, 13 and under and 14 and over.

Division	EQUESTRIAN
Class 1	Halter Mares (top 2 advance)
Class 2	Halter Geldings (top 2 advance)

Champion Halter
Reserve Champion Halter

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

Champion 4-H/Grange Beginner Showman
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Beginner Showman

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

Champion 4-H/Grange Junior Showman
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Junior Showman

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

Champion 4-H/Grange Senior Showman
Reserve Champion 4-H/Grange Senior Showman

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

Champion Novice FFA Showman
Reserve Champion FFA Showman

Class 8 Advanced FFA Showmanship (11th grade +)

Champion Advanced FFA Showman
Reserve Advanced FFA Showman

- 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
High Point 13 & Under
High Point 14 & Over

DEPARTMENT 9: 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
Turkey
Chicken
Equine

Classes:

- 1 Primary 4-H Showmanship (ages 5-8) *only pygmy goats and rabbits
- 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 (First time showman)
- 6 Advanced FFA Showmanship

Master Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. Champion and Reserve Champion showmen 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, Horse (although horses will not be shown in Master Showmanship.)



2. Each Master Showmanship participant will be required to bring the animal that they won with (except horses) however they will not be allowed to show their own animal in master showmanship. Additional animals will be located by the fair livestock staff.
3. Participants will draw a number at check in to determine their participant number.
4. Animals will be selected by a draw for each species.
5. Scoring: Judge will score each exhibitor out of 10 points.
6. 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 2 FFA 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	Swine
Division	Sheep	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	Swine
Division	Sheep	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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**Cattle
 Sheep**

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 Division**

**Swine
 Goat**

DEPARTMENT 10: CLEAN BARN

Clean Barn

Division Rules:

1. All clubs/chapters are pre-entered by group and species
2. Judging Criteria:
 - a. General Appearance of the Area and Animals: 20 points
 - i. Manure picked up at all times, bedding must be neat and clean 5 points
 - ii. Animals clean 5 points
 - iii. Alleyways clean and common area raked 5 points
 - iv. Equipment and tack area arranged neatly 5 points
 - b. Signs: 20 points
 - i. Club or Chapter properly identified 10 points
 - ii. Individuals properly identified 5 points
 - iii. Signs Legible and of good quality 5 points
 - c. Meeting the Public: 10 points
 - i. A club or chapter member "on duty" at all times during judging 5 points
 - ii. Ability to greet the public and answer questions 5 points

Total 50 points per day
3. Guidelines:
 - a. All Chapters, Clubs and Independent Exhibitors are REQUIRED to participate in all species shown and should make their exhibit areas into attractive, user-friendly displays for the public.
 - b. Plant material may be used to enhance the exhibit but should not overwhelm the display.
 - c. Entries will be judged one (1) or more times daily.
 - i. Blue 40-50 points
 - ii. Red 29-39 points
 - iii. White 28 or less
4. Awards:
 - a. Points will be awarded daily and on display at the Livestock Office
 - b. Champion Clean Barn group will have their names added to the perpetual plaque and receive a fun prize!

DEPARTMENT II: CLUB FEATURE BOOTHS

Club Feature Booth

Division Rules:

1. All clubs/chapters are pre-entered by group.
2. American system of judging
 - a. The winning booth will be included on our new Perpetual Plaque Trophy and the group members will earn a party!
3. There is no cost to the club/chapter.
4. Each club will build a 10 foot x 10 foot exhibit booth that represents local agriculture as well as the fair theme.
5. Booths need to be built by the club members. Adults may assist but the work needs to be primarily from the members.
6. Exhibits must be completed by Tuesday, May 12th at 2:00pm
7. Exhibits may be built during the following hours:
 - a. Saturday, May 9th 8:00am-5:00pm
 - b. Sunday, May 10th 8:00am-5:00pm
 - c. Monday, May 11th 8:00am-5:00pm
 - d. Tuesday, May 12th 8:00am-2:00pm
8. Booths will be scored using the rubric below. A committee of judges will score each booth. Score cards will be available to the club leader/chapter advisor after the fair.

Scoring Rubric:

Category	Points
Representation of of California Agriculture	50
Use of Fair Theme "Wild About The Fair"	40
Exhibit teaches the community something/Educational value	30
Neat, organized, detail oriented	20
Club/Chapter Identification	10
Total Points	150

DEPARTMENT 12: INDEPENDENT WINE BARREL CONTEST

Independent Exhibitor Wine Barrel Contest

Division Rules:

1. All registered independent exhibitors are pre-entered.
2. American System of Judging (awards will be given for 1st-3rd place)
3. The fair will provide an empty wine barrel. Please leave wine barrels free of dirt, plants, etc. when dismantling your exhibit on Monday, May 18, 2025.
4. Decorate the wine barrel with flowers, color foliage and other plants or decorative items representative of the fair theme “Wild About The Fair”.
5. Do not use articles of value. Any accessories must be secured and shall remain for the duration of the fair.
6. Refurbishing and watering during the Fair shall take place between 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
7. Exhibits may be built during the following hours:
 - a. Saturday, May 9th 8:00am-5:00pm
 - b. Sunday, May 10th 8:00am-5:00pm
 - c. Monday, May 11th 8:00am-5:00pm
 - d. Tuesday, May 12th 8:00am-2:00pm
8. All Wine Barrels must meet the following requirements:
 - a. A minimum of 50% color
 - b. 40% of other living plant material
 - c. 10% for other materials and accessories

Scoring Rubric:

Category	Points
Use of Fair Theme “Wild About The Fair”	50
Eye appealing, attractive	30
50% color, 40% plant material. 10% other materials	20
Total Points	100

DEPARTMENT 13: COSTUME CONTEST

Costume Contest

Division Rules:

1. Exhibitors will sign up at the Livestock Office by Noon on Wednesday, May 13th
2. All species will compete against one another-schedule will be determined after entries close
3. Open to all junior livestock exhibitors
4. No paint or glitter directly on the animals
5. Awards Include:
 - a. Best Use of Fair Theme
 - b. Most Creative
 - c. Best Pair (exhibitor and animal)
 - d. People's Choice

DEPARTMENT 14: EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Livestock Stall/Pen Educational Display Contest

Division Rules:

1. All clubs/chapters are pre-entered by group.
2. American system of judging
3. There is no cost to the club/chapter.
4. All items used need to be out of the reach of the animals
5. Exhibit cannot impede walkways
6. Exhibit need to be completed by Tuesday, May 12th at 4:00pm
7. Prize TBD

Scoring Rubric:

Category	Points
Club/Chapter/Group Name Present	20
Each animal pen/stall is labeled with exhibitor name	20
Use of theme "Wild About The Fair"	30
Exhibit teaches the public something	50
Total Points	120

ADDENDUM

The highlighted areas have been changed. Please read through carefully.

Showmanship

Classes:

- 1 Primary 4-H Showmanship (ages 5-8) *only pygmy goats and rabbits
- 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 (Never shown before)
- 6 Advanced FFA Showmanship

Master Showmanship

Division Rules:

1. Champion and Reserve Champion showmen 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, Horse (although horses will not be shown in Master Showmanship).
2. Each Master Showmanship participant will be required to bring the animal that they won with (except horses) however they will not be allowed to show their own animal in master showmanship. Additional animals will be located by the fair livestock staff.
3. Participants will draw a number at check in to determine their participant number.
4. Animals will be selected by a draw for each species.
5. Scoring: Judge will score each exhibitor out of 10 points.
6. 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 Advanced Master Showmanship |
| Class 2 | Junior 4-H Master Showmanship |
| Class 3 | Senior 4-H Master Showmanship |

Goat Show Changes

All Other Goats

Division Rules:

1. Unregistered and registered goats that do not fit in any other class will show here.
2. Goats will show by reported birthdate on entry.
3. There is NO specific showmanship division for these goats.
4. Exhibitors may enter another goat showmanship category that they feel fits their animal.

Class 1	Junior Doe Kid	1-4 months	3/01/26-06/01/2026
Class 2	Intermediate Doe Kid	5-8 months	11/01/2025-02/28/2026
Class 3	Senior Doe Kid	9-12 months	6/01/2025-10/31/2025
Class 4	Dry Yearling Doe	12-24 months	6/01/2024-5/31/24
Class 5	Freshened Yearling Doe		6/01/24-5/31/24
Class 6	Two Years but less than three		6/1/23-5/31/24
Class 7	Three years but less than four		6/1/22-5/31/23
Class 8	Aged Doe		Prior to 6/1/22

Champion All Other Goat Doe
Reserve Champion All Other Goat Doe

Class 9	Junior Wether	1-6 months	12/1/25-6/1/26
Class 10	Senior Wether	6-12 months	6/1/25-11/30/25
Class 11	Yearling Wether	1-2 years	6/1/24-5/31/24
Class 12	Aged Wether		Prior to 6/1/24

Champion All Other Goat Wether
Reserve Champion All Other Goat Wether

Miscellaneous Clarification

Primary Members

- Primary Exhibitors are Age 5-8 as of December 31, 2025.
- Primary exhibitors are eligible to participate in the following:
 - Primary Pygmy Goat Showmanship and breeding pygmy goat show
 - Primary Rabbit Showmanship and breeding rabbit show
- Primary exhibitors are NOT allowed to participate in the following:
 - Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama

Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age on or before December 31, 2025 are not eligible to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats, Horse & Llama) competitions at California Fairs. (page 14 2026 State Rules)

Pee Wee Showmanship

- Pee Wee showmanship is for anyone under the age of 9
- This is a non uniform division, exhibitors will wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the species they are showing
- Awards will be given including a Champion Pee Wee Showman per division
- Pre-Entry is not required, however by pre-entering the exhibitor becomes an exhibitor and receives a wristband
- Animals used in Pee Wee Showmanship are borrowed animals already on the fairgrounds who have been entered in the fair and passed the health inspection.

Dairy Goat Kids:

- Each lactating dairy goat may be accompanied by up to two (3) nursing kids at no charge, provided the kids are not entered in the Junior Livestock Show.
- All nursing kids must pass a health inspection upon arrival at the Fair.
- Nursing kids entered in competition must submit an entry and pay the applicable entry fee.
- Exhibitors planning to bring nursing kids must notify the Fair Office in advance.