

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

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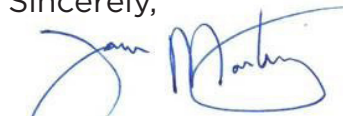
For more than 170 years the California State Fair has been a constant showcase of the talents and achievements of the people of California. Entering into the California State Fair's 2026 Competitive Exhibits Program allows you the opportunity to showcase your abilities, and revel in your accomplishments!

The California State Fair's friendly competitions are designed to acknowledge the best of the Golden State. Our Competitive Programs inspire talented Californians, as well as highlight the latest advances in technology, agriculture, and industry.

More than 750,000 visitors are expected at the State Fair this summer. Your work is an integral part of the State's celebration, and we look forward to seeing your talents on display during the annual State Fair from July 17 to August 2.

We encourage you to enter today and begin making lasting memories for yourself, and for the hundreds of thousands of State Fair patrons!

Sincerely,



Tom Martinez

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January 26, 2026

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, I am delighted to welcome you and to thank you for your involvement as we look ahead to the 2026 fair season. Each year, our fairs bring people together from every corner of our state to celebrate agriculture, community, and the dedication of those who make it all possible.

The heart of every fair lies in its people: families, volunteers, youth leaders, and countless others who share their talents and passions. Your participation as exhibitors strengthens these connections, turning each fair into a place where learning, collaboration, and pride in California agriculture come to life.

We are especially grateful for the young people who engage through 4-H, FFA, Grange, and other youth programs. Their enthusiasm and commitment represent the future of agriculture, inspiring the next generation to value hard work, stewardship, and innovation. The skills they develop through these programs, such as leadership, responsibility, and community service, extend far beyond the fairgrounds and enrich the entire state. These experiences are supported by the very spaces that make them possible, which continue to serve their communities long after the fair season ends.

Our fairgrounds are more than event spaces; they are year-round centers of community life. They host educational workshops, local markets, and cultural celebrations that bring people together and strengthen our shared sense of belonging. During emergencies, they also serve as critical response and recovery sites, underscoring their role as essential community infrastructure. These roles highlight the enduring partnership between our fairgrounds and the exhibitors, volunteers, and communities that keep them thriving.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the effort, care, and time you invest in preparing for the fair. Your commitment ensures that these traditions continue to thrive and that agriculture remains at the heart of California's identity.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to another successful fair season and to celebrating the incredible spirit of California's agricultural community together.

Yours truly,



Karen Ross
Secretary





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 2026

2026 California Fair Season

Fairs showcase the best of California, highlighting our spirit and creativity, and celebrating our agricultural heritage through competition and community. Through exhibitions and other fair offerings, Californians gain a deeper appreciation for the effort, skill, and care that sustain our food systems and support rural communities.

Although we celebrate the annual fair season, with events that bring Californians together in honor of agriculture, fairgrounds throughout the year serve as gathering places that strengthen our communities in both celebration and times of hardship. They bring people together to share, to learn, and to help one another when it matters most.

Fairgrounds and fairs are the landscape of so many happy memories for generations of Californians. This season, we show our gratitude for the countless people who put in the time and energy needed to keep these traditions alive and meaningful year after year. We all look forward to a safe, successful, and memorable 2026 fair season.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

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Entry Dates:

March 18	All completed Market Steer DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than March 18
May 1	Online Entry Registration open
May 19	DNA for Market Sheep, Market Barrows, & Market Goats due
June 16	Entries Close online at 11:59 PM & entry fees must be paid
June 16	DNA for Wether Dam Doe Goats, Wether Dam/Sire Sheep & Crossbred Gilts Due
June 19	Detailed Receipt for online entries with all required signatures due
June 24	Junior Breeding Boer Goat & Junior Pygmy Goat entries are due with all other Open Livestock Entries
July 1	CFBOS Master Showmanship Entry Deadline
July 1	Missing Information Deadline
July 3	YQCA Deadline
July 16	3:00 PM - Mandatory Meeting for Junior Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Goat Exhibitors
July 16	5:00 PM - Champion Challenge Large & Small Animal Written Exam (L1)
July 17	9:30 AM - Mandatory Meeting for Champion Challenge Participants
July 18	Cow-Calf Champions will need to turn in their promotional flyer prior to Supreme Drive
July 25	5:00 PM - Champion Challenge Dairy Animal Written Exam
July 27	6:00 PM - Mandatory Meeting for Champion Challenge Dairy Animal Participants
July 28	5:00 PM - Champion Challenge Final Interview (Administration Building)

The California State Fair July 17 - August 2, 2026

The California State Fair has always been the awe-inspiring showcase of the state's finest, and ever since the first fair in 1854, California has upheld this tradition. People come from all over to witness the competition and innovation that our exhibitors produce. We continue to add new and exciting competitions to our competitive programs to showcase California's very best!

Why enter the Competition?

Competing at the California State Fair isn't just about sportsmanship, responsibility, and discipline. It is building a relationship between the consumer and the general public, education about the facts of agriculture and interacting with people who become lasting friends. It is an opportunity to showcase what you have learned through your organization and your livestock projects. It is the ability to see how your project measures up to some of the best on the west coast; to learn how to accept victory and defeat in a professional and positive matter; to showcase that hard work and determination does pay off. Good luck to all exhibitors!



COMPETITION OVERVIEW



Junior competitions include Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Market Goats and Wether Dam Does. Junior Pygmy Goats and Junior Boer Goat information will be found in the Open Livestock Book.

Who Can Enter & Entry Fees

California Junior Livestock Competitions are open to California residents only, except where expressly noted in special division rules. If an entry is entered and shown in the Junior Show, it can be entered in the Open show.

All Junior Exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training by July 3, 2026 if not taken in 2025. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 9 to 18.

\$10.00 - Champion Challenge

Any California youth that is a recognized junior member, in good standing, in a youth program (4-H, FFA, Grange) or an Independent junior that is eligible to compete in the Junior Livestock (Large Animal, Small Animal or Dairy) Show at the California State Fair is eligible to qualify for the 2026 Champion Challenge Program.

\$17.00 - Junior Breeding Beef Cattle

\$20.00- Junior Market Steer

\$35.00- Market Heifer Show

\$18-25.00- Dairy Cattle Show

\$15.00 - Junior Breeding Sheep

\$15.00 - Junior Market Sheep

\$40.00 - Junior Breeding Swine

\$40.00 - Junior Market Barrow

\$15.00 - Junior Market Goat

\$35.00- Wether Dam Doe Show (Showmanship Entry: Additional \$5.00)

\$12.00 - Youth Dairy Goat

\$5.00 - Showmanship (Late Entry Fee: Additional \$10.00)

Entry fees are nonrefundable.

Entry Deadlines

All entries must be registered online, and entry fees paid, at <https://bigfun.fairwire.com> according to the following schedule:

1. All Junior Beef, Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Wether Does, and Junior Dairy Goat entries due no later than **June 16, 2026**.
2. All Junior Breeding Boer Goat and Junior Pygmy Goat entries are due **June 24, 2026**, with all other Open Livestock entries.

Refer to the Rules & Requirements section of this guide for more information.

When entering online, the Detailed Receipt with all required signatures is due by **June 19, 2026**. (Entries must be submitted by June 16). If the exhibitor has multiple species with multiple leaders, all leaders must sign the Detailed Receipt.

Tuesday, June 16: All Junior Livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Market Goats, Wether Dam Does, Dairy Goats) entries must be entered online on or before June 16, 2026. Please note: Entries will not be accepted until Detailed Receipt is returned.

Wednesday, June 24: Junior Breeding Boer Goat and Junior Pygmy Goat entries are due June 24, 2026. Refer to the Open Livestock Guide for rules and class listings.

Wednesday, July 1: Missing Information Deadline.

Friday, July 3: Youth Quality Care for Animals Training Deadline.

Friday, July 10: Open extended deadline for Open Boer Goats, Open NDGA Nigerian Dwarf Goat Show and Open Pygmy Goat Shows.

What's New

- New Fair Hours: Monday – Thursday: 4 pm – 10 pm and Friday – Sunday: 10 am – 10 pm (8 pm closing night, August 2)
- All Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion Market Animals will compete in the selection for State Fair Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal. The top 5 animals in each specie will be recognized.
- Junior Swine Show and Junior Market Barrow Show will have a jackpot premium payout.
- Champion Challenge Supreme Champion will be recognized on Tuesday, 7/28.
- 2027 Fair Dates: September 17 - October 3, 2027

How to Enter

1. Go to **CalExpoStateFair.com/competitions** and click on the **Junior Livestock** icon under the competitions page and follow the instructions. Use a Visa or MasterCard to pay entry fees.
 - a. Names, addresses, registration number, dam/sire name, ear tag, tattoo or permanent marking, birthdate, etc on each and every entry form(s) are required by July 1, 2026. Any entry missing all or part of the information required shall result in the disqualification of those entries. The information provided will be used **exactly** as entered for award recognition and payment of award premiums. Please pay special attention to proper spelling, capitalization, full names of cities/counties, no abbreviations and the correct mailing address.
2. Everyone must register as an exhibitor when logging in for the first time in any given year. If you entered last year, you will still enter as a first-time exhibitor.
3. Take a moment to look through this Competition Guide to see which competition your entry is eligible to compete in.
4. Note that sessions expire after 20 minutes of inactivity, so “save to cart” if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes.
5. Submission of entry implies acceptance of all rules and conditions as stated in this competition guide. Contact the California State Fair Entry Office with any questions concerning entry policies and procedures.
6. If you have any questions, please contact entryoffice@calexpo.com or *Phone: (916) 263-3149*.
7. This Competition Guide is posted in advance and will be subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of the sections, premiums or regulations listed.
8. These rules are not identical to State Rules published in other competition guides or by the Fairs and Expositions Branch of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

DAILY SCHEDULE

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

(subject to change)

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

5 PM - 8:00 PM Barns available for Tack only. No livestock will be allowed to enter California State Fairgrounds at this time.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

6 AM - 12 Noon Barns available for livestock: Beef (Market & Breeding), Sheep, Swine, Market Goats, and Wether Dam Does

1 - 3:00 PM Pre-weigh Market Steers and Market Heifers (L1)
Pre-weigh Market Goats and Wether Dam Does (L2)
Pre-weigh Market Lambs and Wether Dam/Sire Sheep (L2)
Pre-weigh Market Hogs, Crossbred Breeding Gilts (L3)

1:30 PM All livestock must be vet checked and in place.
All vehicles must be in parking lots.

3:00 PM Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting - All Species (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goats) (L1)

4:00 PM All Original Registration Papers and Tattoo's/Permanent Identification must be checked in.

4:00 - 5:00 PM Official scale available for weigh-in of Market Goats and Wether Dam Does. Weight cards for Market Goats and Wether Dam Does must be submitted by 5:30 pm. (L2)

4:00 - 5:30 PM Official scale available for weigh-in of Crossbred Breeding Gilts. Weight cards for Crossbred Gilts must be submitted by 6:00pm. (L3)

5:00 PM Written Exam for Large Animal Champion Challenge Program (L1)

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK (CONTINUED)

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Friday, July 17, 2026

California State Fair Opens

- 8 - 9:30 AM** Official Breed Classification and scale available for weigh-in of Market Barrows. All Barrows must come to the scales to be classified. Weight cards for Market Barrows must be submitted by 10 am.
- 8 - 9:30 AM** Official Breed Classification and scale available for weigh-in of Market Lambs. All Lambs must come to the scales to be classified. Weight cards for Market Lambs must be submitted by 10:00 am. (L2)
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM** Official scale available for weigh-in of Wether Dam/Wether Sire Sheep. Weight cards for Wether Dam/Sire Sheep must be submitted by 11 am. (L2)
- 9:30 AM** Mandatory Meeting for Champion Challenge participants followed by Champion Challenge Preliminary round followed by Semi-Final round (L1)
- 10 - 10:30 AM** Official weigh-in and Breed Classification of Market Steers and Market Heifers. Original Bill of Sale and Brand Inspection Papers must be available upon check-in. Weight Cards for Market Steers must be submitted by 11:00 am. All steers must come to the scales to be classified. (L1)
- 12:30 PM** Judge registered Berkshire Gilts, followed by Chester Gilts, followed by Duroc Gilts, followed by Hampshire Gilts, followed by Hereford & Tamworth Gilts, followed by Landrace Gilts, followed by Poland China & Spot Gilts, followed by Yorkshire Gilts, followed by Crossbred Gilts, followed by County and Chapter Groups, followed by Selection of Swine Supreme Champions (L3)
- 1:30 PM** Judge Market Goats followed by Wether Dam Doe Show followed by County and Chapter Groups followed by Goat Showmanship (Junior 4-H followed by Senior 4-H followed by Grange followed by FFA) (L2)
- 4:30 PM** Junior Sheep Lead Class Competition check in
- 5:00 PM** Judge Junior Sheep Lead Competition (L2)

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK (CONTINUED)

(subject to change)

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 8:00 AM** Judge Market Barrows followed by County Groups followed by Chapter Groups (L3)
- 8:00 AM** Judge Market Lambs followed by County Groups followed by FFA Chapter Groups followed by Sheep Showmanship (Junior 4-H followed by Senior 4-H followed by Grange followed by FFA) followed by Judge Leonard Bianchi Wether Dam and Wether Sire Show followed by Western Regional Junior Hampshire Sheep Show followed by Junior Dorset Show followed by Junior Southdown Spectacular Show followed by Junior All Other Breeds Meat Show followed by AOB Wool Sheep Show followed by County and Chapter Groups followed by the selection of Sheep Supreme Champion (L2)
- 10:00 AM** Judge Fitted Market Steers followed by Slick Market Steers followed by Market Heifer Show followed by County and Chapter Groups followed by Beef Showmanship (4-H Junior followed by 4-H Senior followed by Grange followed by FFA) followed by Junior All Other Breeds Beef Show followed by Junior Hereford Show followed by Junior Shorthorn Show followed by Junior Angus Show followed by Supreme Champion Beef Female, Supreme Champion Bull and Supreme Champion Cow Calf (L1)
- 1:00 PM** Judge Swine Showmanship (4-H Junior followed by 4-H Senior followed by Grange followed by FFA) (L3)
- 7:00 PM** Selection of all State Fair Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals (Hogs followed by Goats followed by Lambs followed by Steers) (L1)

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK (CONTINUED)

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Sunday, July 19, 2026

- 9:00 AM** County Fair Best of Show Large Animal Master Showmanship Exhibitors must check in at the Livestock Office no later than 9AM.
- 10:00 AM** Judge State Fair Master Showmanship and FFA Round Robin (L1)
- 12 NOON** Judge County Fair Best of Show Large Animal Master Showmanship (L1)
- 3:30 PM** Junior Livestock Awards Ceremony. Award recipients must appear in official uniform. All Large Animal Champion Challenge Exhibitors must be present. (L1)
- 5:00 PM** Release all Junior Livestock (use Gate 25 when exiting fairgrounds)

Monday, July 20, 2026

- 6:30 AM** All animals and tack must be removed from grounds

OPEN BEEF, NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT & PYGMY GOATS

(subject to change)

Monday, July 20, 2026

Not before 8:00 PM Out of state exhibitors interested in arriving to the California State Fair tie-outs must confirm arrival with the livestock superintendent prior to July 11, 4:30 pm. All exhibitors are expected to arrive within the designated arrival times.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

8:00 - 11:00 AM Barns available for Pygmy Goats, Nigerian Dwarf Goats, and Open Beef Cattle

11:00 AM All livestock must be vet checked and in place. All vehicles must be in parking lot.

1:00 PM All Original Registration Papers and Tattoo's/Permanent Identification must be checked in at this time.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

10:00 AM Judge Open Angus Show followed by Open All Other Breed Beef Show followed by A.H.A. Regional Hereford Classic Show (Females followed by Bulls) (L1)

12 Noon Judge Junior Pygmy Goat Show (L3)

3:00 PM Judge California Classic Pygmy Goat Show (L3)

Thursday, July 23, 2026

9:00 AM Judge Open Pygmy Goat Show (L3)

10:00 AM Judge Open Charolais Show followed by Open Shorthorn Show followed by selection of Beef Supreme Champions (Females followed by Bulls followed by Cow Calf Pairs) (L1)

7:00 PM Release all Beef Cattle (use Gate 25)

OPEN BEEF, NIGERIAN DWARF GOAT & PYGMY GOATS (CONTINUED)

(subject to change)

Friday, July 24, 2026

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| 10:00 AM | Judge Nigerian Dwarf Goat Show (L3)
Judge SPPGA Pygmy Goat Club Show (L2) |
| 3:00 PM | Judge State Fair Small Animal Master Showmanship (L1) |
| 4:00 PM | Release all Pygmy Goats, and Nigerian Dwarf Goats (use Gate 25) |
| 5:00 PM | Judge County Fair Best of Show Small Animals Master Showmanship (L1) |
| 8:00 PM | All animals and tack must be removed from the grounds. |

DAIRY CATTLE AND DAIRY GOAT

(subject to change)

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Not before

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Barns available for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats

2:00 PM All animals must be vet checked and in place, all vehicles must be in parking lots.

3:00 PM All Original Registration Papers and Tattoo's/Permanent Identification must be checked in by this time.

5:00 PM Champion Challenge Written Exam (L1)

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9:00 AM Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship (FFA followed by Senior 4-H followed by Junior 4-H followed by Grange) (L2)

10:00 AM Judge Dairy Cattle Showmanship (Junior 4-H followed by Senior 4-H followed by Grange followed by FFA) (L1)

12 Noon Judge Alpine Show: Youth Exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes (L2)

1:00 PM Judge All California All Other Breeds Dairy Show followed by Brown Swiss Show - Junior exhibitor classes and Open classes shall be combined. Cows approximately at 3:00 pm (L1)

4:00 PM Judge Oberhasli Show followed by Recorded Grade Show: Youth Exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes (L2)

Monday, July 27, 2026

9:00 AM Judge Junior Nubian Show & Golden State Nubian Specialty Show: Youth Exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes. (L2)

10:00 AM Judge All California Junior & Open Jersey Show - Junior exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open exhibitor classes starting with heifers (Cows approximately at 11:30 a.m.) (L1)

1:00 PM Judge ADGA Nigerian Dwarf Goat Show: Youth Exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes. (L2)

6:00 PM Champion Challenge Preliminary Round followed by Semi-Final Round (L1)

DAIRY CATTLE AND DAIRY GOAT

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

- 8:00 AM** State Fair 4-H Master Showmanship followed by FFA Round Robin Showmanship (L1)
- 9:00 AM** Judge Toggenburg Show: Youth Exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes. (L2)
- 9:00 AM** Judge Red & White Holstein Heifers alternating with Black & White Holstein Heifers, Junior Division followed by Open (L1)
- 12:30 PM** Judge Saanen Show: Youth Exhibitor Classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes. (L2)
- 1:00 PM** Judge Red & White Holstein Cows alternating with Black & White Holstein Cows, Junior Division followed by Open Division, followed by County and Chapter Groups, followed by selection of the Junior Division Supreme Junior Champion followed by Grand Champion Dairy Cattle Udders of the Junior Show followed by selection of the Supreme & Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Cattle Female of the Junior Show. Followed by selection of the Open Division Supreme Junior Champion followed by the Grand Champion Dairy Cattle Udders of the Open Show followed by selection of the Supreme Champion Dairy Cattle Female of the Open Show followed by Supreme Best Three Females. (L1)
- 2:30 PM** Judge La Mancha Dairy Goat Show: Youth Exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open Exhibitor Classes followed by County and Chapter Groups followed by the selection of the Junior Division Dairy Goat Supreme Champions followed by the selection of the Junior Division Grand Champion Dairy Goat Udders. Followed by selection of the Open Division Dairy Goat Supremes (Best Junior Doe followed by Supreme Female, followed by Supreme Best Three Females followed by Grand Champion Udder followed by Total Performer)(L2)
- 5:00 PM** Final Round Champion Challenge (Administration Board Room)
- 7:30 PM** Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Awards Ceremony. Announcement of Showmanship Winners, Dairy Champion Challenge Winners, Supreme Champion Challenge Winners and Premier Awards followed by Release all Dairy Goats and Dairy cattle (use Gate 25 when exiting the fairgrounds)

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

- 7:00 AM** All animals and tack must be removed from grounds

OPEN LONGHORNS, SHEEP, ANGORA & FIBER GOATS, BOER GOATS, LLAMAS & ALPACAS (CONTINUED)

(subject to change)

Thursday, July 30, 2026

- 7 AM - 11 PM** Barns available for Longhorns, Sheep, Boer Goats, Angora Goats, Llamas and Alpacas
- 10:00 AM** Check in Llama and Alpaca Entries (L1)
- 12:00 PM** All livestock must be vet checked and in place. All vehicles must be in parking lot.
- All Original Registration Papers and Tattoo's/Permanent Identification must be checked in for Llamas & Alpacas.
- 1:00 PM** Llama Youth Skillathon Challenge (L1)
- 2:00 PM** Check in Alpaca Fleece entries (L1)
- 3:00 PM** All Original Registration Papers and Tattoo's/Permanent Identification must be checked in at this time for all other species.
- 5:30 PM** Llama & Alpaca exhibitor meeting (L1)
- 6:30 PM** Adult Costume Class followed by Youth Costume Class (L1)
- 7:00 PM** Walk-a-Llama/Walk-an-Alpaca, Open to the Public (L1)

Friday, July 31, 2026

- 8:30 AM** Judge Llama & Alpaca Showmanship (Adult, followed by Senior Youth, Intermediate Youth, then Junior Youth) (L1)
- 10:00 AM** Judge Llama & Alpaca Halter Classes (Non-Breeder Llamas, followed by Male Llamas - Suri, Silky, Light Wool, Medium Wool, Heavy Wool followed by Female Llamas - Suri, Silky, Light Wool, Medium Wool, Heavy Wool followed by Non-Breeder Alpaca, Male Alpacas - Huacaya, Suri followed by Female Alpacas - Huacaya, Suri followed by Llama Get of Sire and Produce of Dam, followed by Alpaca Get of Sire and Produce of Dam) (L1)
- 2:00 PM** Judge Angora Goat Show followed by All Other Fiber Goat Show (L2)
- 6:00 PM** Llama & Alpaca Demonstration - Learn about Llamas and Alpacas (L1)
- 6:30 PM** Llama Limbo (L1)
- 7:00 PM** Walk-a-Llama/Walk-an-Alpaca, Open to the Public (L1)

**OPEN LONGHORNS, SHEEP, ANGORA & FIBER GOATS, BOER GOATS,
LLAMAS & ALPACAS (CONTINUED)**

(subject to change)

Saturday, August 1, 2026

- 9:00 AM** Judge Llama & Alpaca Pack Classes (Master, Advanced, Senior Youth, Intermediate Youth, Open Alpaca, Junior then Novice) (L1)
- 9:00 AM** Judge Columbia & Rambouillet Sheep Show followed by Open Western Regional Dorper and White Dorper Show followed by Western Regional Cheviot Show followed by Montadale Show, followed by Natural Colored Wool Sheep Show followed by Western Regional Hampshire Show followed by Heritage Sheep Show followed by Open Dorset Show (L2)
- 11:00 AM** Judge Llama & Alpaca Public Relations Classes (Master, Advanced, Senior Youth, Intermediate Youth, Open Alpaca, Junior Youth, then Novice) (L1)
- Judge Junior Boer Goat Show and ABGA Boer Goat Show. Junior Exhibitor classes and Open Classes shall be combined. (L3)
- 2:00 PM** Judge Llama & Alpaca Obstacle Classes (Master, Advanced, Senior Youth, Intermediate Youth, Open Alpaca, Junior Youth, then Novice) (L1)
- 6:00 PM** Llama and Alpaca Demonstration - Learn about Llamas and Alpacas (L1)
- 6:30 PM** Llama Limbo (L1)
- 7:00 PM** Walk-a-Llama/Walk-an-Alpaca Open to the Public (L1)

OPEN LONGHORNS, SHEEP, ANGORA & FIBER GOATS, BOER GOATS, LLAMAS & ALPACAS (CONTINUED)

(subject to change)

Sunday, August 2, 2026

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| 9:00 AM | Judge Llama Walking Fleece (L1) |
| 9:00 AM | Judge All Other Breeds Wool Show followed by Open Southdown Spectacular Show followed by Western Regional Suffolk Show followed by All Other Breeds Meat Show followed by Wether Dam/Wether Sire Show (L2) |
| 10:00 AM | Judge California Classic Boer Goat Show . L3 |
| 10:00 AM | Judge Texas Longhorn Mini Show followed the Texas Longhorn Halter Show followed by Loose Show followed by Youth Show (L1) |
| 2:30 PM | Llama and Alpaca Demonstration - Learn about Llamas and Alpacas. (L1) |
| 3:00 PM | Walk-a-Llama/Walk-an-Alpaca Open to the Public (L1) |
| 4:00 PM | Select Supreme Champion Sheep (L2) |
| 5:00 PM | Llama & Alpaca Award Ceremony (L1) |
| 7:00 PM | Release all Longhorns, Sheep, Angora Goats, Boer Goats and Llamas & Alpacas (use Gate 25 when exiting the fairgrounds) |

RULES & REQUIREMENTS

All Junior Exhibitors are required to complete YQCA training prior to July 3, 2026. If Exhibitors took YQCA in 2025 they do not need to retake for the 2026 California State Fair. They will need to submit a copy of their certificate with their detailed receipt. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 9 to 18.

1. Once you have submitted your entries online, print the Detailed Receipt Page, obtain all required signatures and return the signed form with your YQCA certificate to our office by the required deadline. If the exhibitor has multiple species with multiple leaders, all leaders must sign the Detailed Receipt. Entries are not accepted until Detailed Receipt is returned.
2. All completed entry forms, as well as the payment of fees, must be entered on-line according to the following schedule:
 - a. All Junior Beef, Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Wether Does, and Junior Dairy Goat entries-No later than June 16.
 - b. All Junior Boer Goat and Junior Pygmy Goat entries are due June 24 with the Open Livestock entries.
3. Entry is open to California residents only, except where expressly noted in special division rules.
4. For information on entry fees, limit of entries, and premiums paid; see Class List for each species. Entry fees are nonrefundable.
5. A penalty of \$25 per dishonored check must be paid if a check for payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. These penalties may only be paid by cash, certified bank check or money orders and made payable to the California State Fair.
6. Mail or Deliver signed Detailed Receipts to:

Mail: Junior Livestock California State Fair 1600 Exposition Blvd Sacramento, CA 95815	Deliver: Administration Building California State Fair Entry Office 1600 Exposition Blvd Sacramento, CA 95815
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or fax to: **(916) 263-7903**
or email to: **entryoffice@calexpo.com**
7. Entry in Chapter Groups, County Groups, and Livestock Special Events shall be made upon arrival at the Fair unless otherwise noted.

8. **Showmanship:** All exhibitors may officially pre-enter showmanship and pay the entry fee by the official entry deadline; June 16, 2026. See Showmanship section for late showmanship entry details.
9. No animal may be entered in more than one division in the Livestock Department unless provided for in the specifications of the division. Animals may not be transferred from one division to another unless Fair management determines a need.
10. Animals entered as individuals in the Junior Department are not eligible to be entered in classes of the Senior Department, unless the same animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show.
11. Failure to provide complete and accurate information on each and every entry on each entry form(s) by July 1, 2026, shall result in the disqualification of each entry missing all or part of the information required.
12. Breeding Animals not identified at least by birthdate and at least one of the following: dam's name and her registration number, ear tag, tattoo or permanent marking or by the registration number prior to the closing date of entries may be made eligible only by paying a penalty of \$10.00 per entry. Only cash or certified cashiers check will be accepted as payment for these penalties.
13. The registration number of the sire for the Get of Sire group and the registration number of the dam for the Produce of Dam group must be shown on the original entry form. Sires and dams not identified by the closing date may be made eligible only by paying a \$10 penalty per group entry. All animals in each group entry must be owned by the exhibitor, entered as individuals in a breeding animal class, and be of one breed.
14. See Blocking Chute, Blocking Table, and Pop Up Tent Rules under Livestock Rules for registration information and fees. Generators are also subject to a \$35 fee.
15. **Medication Declaration:** The California State Fair requires exhibitors of all market animals to complete a Medication Declaration Form for each animal brought to the scale for an official weigh-in. It is requested that breeding animals complete a Medication Declaration Form. If an animal requires medical treatment while on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official State Fair veterinarian, but the official State Fair veterinarian **must** be notified in advance and he/she **must** be present.

16. No entry will be judged if fees are outstanding on that entry, this includes NSF payments or other outstanding invoices from the past.
17. All group classes must be comprised of individuals entered & shown in individual classes.
18. DNA for Wether Dam Doe Goats is **required**. Deadline for Wether Dam Doe Goats, Wether Dam/Sire Sheep & Crossbred Gilts is June 16.
19. All dairy cattle changing ownership require an official ID ear tag.
20. Sheep Lead Competition is open to any California Junior Exhibitor, check Best of Show guide for more information.
21. If you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens you will be required to return the panels to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back a bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns that your show superintendent knows your final location.



FFA

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a national organization of students enrolled in secondary (grades 7-12) agriculture education classes. The local unit is the chapter in each school offering agriculture education, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher, who is the local chapter advisor.

The state unit includes all chapters in the State, under the supervision of the California Department of Education as represented by the agricultural education staff in the Agriculture Education & Family and Consumer Sciences Office, with its headquarters in Sacramento. The national organization consists of associations in each state, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, under the supervision of the National FFA Advisor.

Every FFA project is a part of the educational experience of the agricultural education student. The program includes the improvement of agriculture, agriculture literacy, and the development of intrapersonal skills, citizenship, and leadership. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having outstanding educational value as well as stimulation for better results and projects under the supervision of the chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the fair's management.

Jill Sperling, State Supervisor

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4-H

The exhibits, demonstrations, and projects showcased at the State Fair represent the very best work of 4-H members, made possible through the dedication of volunteer leaders from across the state. Together, they offer fairgoers an exciting window into the ever-growing world of hands-on learning, from agriculture to a wide range of other disciplines, that 4-H makes possible for all young people statewide.

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program (UC 4-H) inspires youth to discover their strengths, build confidence, and reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development. Each year, more than 75,000 youth ages 5 to 18 participate in 4-H programs in their local communities, forming meaningful relationships with nearly 8,000 caring adult volunteers. Through innovative, county-based projects and real-world, research-based learning experiences, 4-H members gain essential work readiness, leadership, and life skills—truly learning by doing, and preparing to make a positive impact wherever they go.

To find out more about UC 4-H, call (530) 750-1334 or visit <https://ucanr.edu/program/university-california-4-h-youth-development-program>

Administered by University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR).

Dr. Kimberly Holmes, Statewide 4-H Director

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

The Grange is the oldest agricultural organization in the country. Organized in 1873, the California State Grange has over 120 local chapters all across California. Membership is open to all who are interested in agriculture, both producers and consumers. The Grange Youth Fair Program is made up of young people from the ages of 5 through 19 years of age. The Grange Youth Fair Program allows members to participate in activities and projects designed to increase their confidence, strengthen their character, and learn the importance of self-discipline while enjoying the fellowship of other young men and women. The projects displayed at the Fairs by members are the results of their efforts under the supervision of volunteer leaders.

Joseph Stefenoni, President & CEO

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

Entries

1. **Participant (Junior Exhibitor), Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader or FFA Instructor Agreement of Responsibility and Liability:** It is clearly understood and agreed that the California State Fair and its officials, officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as “State Fair”) shall not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property which is caused directly or indirectly for any reason. The exhibitor, owner, parents or legal guardian, their agents and/or representatives, (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Participants”), agree to indemnify and hold State Fair harmless of any damage, injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the California State Fair Junior Livestock Show (or any other animal event or competition). In the event State Fair is subject to any expense or liability, including, but not limited to consultant fees, legal or court costs, State Fair management labor and expenses, expenses and/or costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing incurred as a result of State Fair rule and regulation violation and all agreements thereunder, including, but not limited to unethical fitting, filling, meat tampering, illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance(s) as a result of Participants involvement in the California State Fair Junior Livestock Show (or any other animal event or competition), Participant, or if participant is a minor, participants parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the State Fair for all damage, expenses, and liabilities incurred as a result thereof. Participant(s) may also be subject to criminal charges.
2. The Participants will have full control, custody, care and feeding of any animal(s) and/or personal property which are brought on or about the premises of the California Exposition & State Fairgrounds.
3. It is clearly understood between the Participants and the California State Fair that, as a material condition to any participant entering or showing at the California State Fair Junior Livestock Show (or any other animal event or competition), the State Fair will at no time have control, custody or care of any animal(s) and/or personal property which are brought on or about the California Exposition & State Fairgrounds.
4. For the overall working of the show, the Participant will maintain control, custody, care and feeding for any and all animals and/or personal property in accordance with rules and regulations of the California State

Fair Junior Livestock Show (or any other animal event or competition), and in no way will State Fair be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to or be caused by any animal or personal property.

5. By submitting an application for entry, Participants agree to comply with all rules and regulations governing the California State Fair Junior Livestock Show (or any other animal event or competition) as published in the California State Fair Junior Livestock Competition Guide. Further, Participants certify to the accuracy of the total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days, continuous possession and care, and the provisions of the rules against unethical fitting, filling, and/or alterations of conformation and color of animal(s), meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substances on the entered animal.
6. All Junior Livestock Detailed Receipts must be signed by exhibitor, parent or legal guardian and their 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, Grange Leader or Independent Junior Exhibitor's parent or legal guardian by the close of entries. The Detailed Receipt must obtain all required signatures and return the signed form to our office by the required deadline. Entries are not accepted until the Signed Detail Receipt is received in the Entry Office with all required Signatures.

Standard Protest

(Other than appeals for Disqualification and Forfeiture of Awards and/or Proceeds from Auction for Violation of Residue Avoidance Program or DNA)

7. Any protest must be made in writing and submitted to Sandi Montiero, Expo Events Account Manager. The protest must be made within 8 hours of the cause of the protest. Any protest submitted after the exhibitors are released will not be considered. All protests must be signed and accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00 (cash, money order or certified check) payable to the California State Fair. The deposit shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
8. Protest must be based on a violation of rules and must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and set forth the facts relied upon or rule violated and must include the names of a minimum of two (2) supporting witnesses, including their phone numbers (both temporary while at the Fair and permanent) upon whom proof is to be made.
9. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation, and if necessary, a hearing is completed.

No complaint or appeal concerning a judge or judge's decision will be considered.

10. The protest shall be adjudicated by the Fair management. Fair management will consult with a member of the board of directors who shall be designated by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The decision of fair management shall be final and unappealable.
11. All questions of dispute or differences not provided for under the rules and regulations shall be referred to the Species Superintendent Captain and Chief Judge whose the decision shall be final.
12. Any animal that is involved in a protest is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved. Any class which involves a protested animal will not be officially placed until the protest is resolved. In any Championship class involving that animal, the judge shall also select a 1st and 2nd Reserve Champion, in case of disqualification.

Protests

(Protests/Appeals for Disqualification and Forfeiture of Awards for Violation of Drug Residue Program or DNA Requirements)

13. All Protests from notice of disqualification of awards because of violation of Residue Avoidance Program or DNA requirements shall:
 - a. Be submitted in writing to Expo Events Account Manager;
 - b. The Protest must be actually received by the California Exposition & State Fair address of 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA, 95815, within 48 hours of receipt of notice of disqualification or forfeiture for violation of the Residue Avoidance Program; all notices of disqualification will be sent by Fed Ex to the exhibitors address listed on the Detail Receipt of the exhibitor at the time of entry. Notice will be deemed received 3 days from the date of mailing of the notice of disqualification;
 - c. Protest/appeal must be accompanied with a \$1,000.00 Protest fee made by (cash, certified bank check or money order) and payable to the California State Fair. This fee will be applied to the Protest process. If any portion of the fee is not used during the Protest process, the remaining amount will be returned;
 - d. Protestant may obtain testing of the urine/blood split sample at any qualified drug analysis laboratory at Protestant's cost. Protestant must notify Cal Expo of the intention to test the urine/blood split sample in the same writing when Protestant notifies Cal Expo of the Protest

within 48 hours of receipt of the notice of disqualification. If Protestant elects to test split sample at a qualified certified drug analysis laboratory, then Protestant must have urine/blood split sample tested within 10 days of notifying Cal Expo of the Protest and must direct the laboratory to send the final test report to Cal Expo within 14 days after the actual test date. If Protestant does not notify Cal Expo in writing of the intention to test the urine/blood split sample within 48 hours of receipt of the notice of disqualification, Protestant waives the option to test the urine/blood split sample and Cal Expo may dispose of the split sample at any time. The protestant agrees to pay for all costs associated with the transportation and testing of the urine/blood split sample.

14. Please take notice, that failure to appeal in writing within the 48 hour time frame of receipt of notice of disqualification, the disqualification shall be deemed final and unappealable.
15. In the event a written appeal is received in a timely manner, the appeal will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California State Fair within a reasonable amount of time, and the decision of this appointed committee shall be final and unappealable. The Protestant will be given an opportunity to appear before the review committee and to present arguments and evidence.
16. After the review committee holds a hearing, within a reasonable time frame, the Protestant shall be notified by certified mail of the decision. This decision shall be final and unappealable.
17. No Protests of violations of the Residue Avoidance Program can be submitted if prohibitive substances are detected in samples taken prior to competition.
18. If the Protest concerns alleged a violation of the residue avoidance program or false identification of animal(s) based on the DNA program and require retesting of animals, the California State Fair will retest the animal(s) sample(s), once the above-stated conditions are met. If animal(s) test positive for a violative or undeclared residue or the DNA does not match, then the Protest fee will not be returned. The purpose of the fee is to offset DNA and drug testing expenses and to prevent frivolous protests. For this ground of protest, only one witness is sufficient for the protest.

Violations

19. The management shall reserve the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
20. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, the State of California, California Exposition & State Fair and all its officers, agents, and employees thereof from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries to death of any person including but not limited to workmen, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or its entries. Neither party shall request an apportionment of liability by a jury.

LIVESTOCK RULES

Ownership & Registration Papers

1. Each animal entered must be owned by the exhibitor, and be a part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management, at least 30 consecutive days (by June 16, 2026) for all Breeding Animals, 60 consecutive days for Market Goats, Market Sheep and Market Swine (by May 17, 2026), 120 consecutive days for Market Beef, (by March 18, 2026) before the first day of the California State Fair, unless otherwise noted and except in classes which specifically do not require ownership by the exhibitor. Proof of ownership may be requested.
2. All animals in "breeding animal" divisions must be registered and recorded with the breed association in the exact name of the exhibitor (owner) as declared on the entry form, except:
 - a. For pigs less than 12 months of age and still owned by the breeder; litter registrations are acceptable if recorded with the breed association and if they identify the litter by birth date, sire, dam, and ear notching.
 - b. Exhibitors whose breed association requires an inspector's approval prior to registering may present a statement by the secretary of the association that the animal is otherwise eligible to be registered if the statement identifies the animal by birth date, sire, dam, and ear tag, tattoo or notching, and the animal will not be over 12 months of age on the opening day of the Fair.
3. Exhibitors who are members of junior organizations, such as FFA, 4-H, and others can exhibit livestock as members of a breeding partnership when:
 - a. The organization's name (i.e., Smith Family Holsteins) plus the junior's name is on the registration paper.
 - b. A junior's name and non-junior's name (i.e., adult) is on the registration paper.
 - c. Two individual junior's names but not necessarily limited to two juniors (i.e., three brothers and a sister in joint ownership) names are on registration paper.

In any of the above-listed cases, the project must be a bona fide project solely conducted by the junior who is exhibiting and the breeding partnership must have been issued on individual animals only, either male or female (no herd or group partnership is allowed).

4. Original Registration Certificates, including a Duplicate of an Original Registration Certificate **issued by a breed association**, or other documents mentioned above, must be available on request at any time. Photocopies or other duplicated copies of original documents, letters, telegrams, etc. **are not eligible**. If association allows, papers may be checked through exhibitors breed association accounts. Clerks are instructed to correct entry records exactly as shown on the certificate. All registration papers must be inspected & approved by the State's representative before entries are allowed to be judged.
5. Animals may not be entered or shown in more than one breed division unless specific show rules allow for such. Animals entered and shown in Junior show may show in Open show if entered and have met all open division requirements. All animals must be shown in the breed division in which they are entered. Furthermore, an animal is eligible to enter and compete in only "one" breed classification regardless if the animal is registered in one or more breed associations or registries. The animal must also be registered in the recognized U.S. Registry for their breed classification, or if registered in the country of origin outside the U.S., the animal must be eligible for registry in the recognized U.S. Registry.
6. No deviation from or alteration in the information on a registration certificate will be permitted unless clearance in writing is first obtained from the breed association and presented with the certificate. Evidence of any attempt to alter information on a registration certificate shall be reported immediately to the Division of Fairs & Expositions, and shall result in the disqualification of that exhibitor.
7. When the owner and breeder names are not exactly the same on the registration certificate, a statement from the breed association verifying that the various names are recognized as the owner and/or breeder, including owner's mailing address, must be presented to the State Fair Livestock Office before awards can be paid.
8. No junior exhibitor may exhibit an animal in a market class once it has been sold as a market animal through a fair junior livestock auction. These animals may be shown following the 30 consecutive day ownership requirement as breeding animals only.

Animal Identification

9. All animals (except market animals) shall be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, legible, easy-to-read tattoo, brand required by the breed association or ear notching) on the animal and recorded on the entry form. When identification numbers are in both ears and the numbers are

different, both numbers shall be recorded on the entry form. (Official California calfhood brucellosis vaccination ear tags, orange plastic, are acceptable; brucellosis vaccination tattoos are not). All animals with ear notching or tattoo identification must have been tattooed or notched prior to arrival at the Fair. This means that there will be no tattooing or ear notching at the show. No exceptions. When animal identification (i.e.; tattoo, ear notch, tag, etc.) is required to be listed on the official breed association registration papers, the identification information on the animal must match that which is listed on the registration paper in order for that animal to show.

10. An exhibitor may not use the same permanent marking on more than one animal of the same breed and sex during any 5 month period for swine, any two consecutive calendar years for sheep, or any 12 month period for all other livestock, except that all pigs in one litter may be marked the same.

DNA Ownership Requirements

11. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any & all market animals, wether dam and wether sire sheep, crossbred gilts, and wether dam doe goats designated for entry in the 2026 California State Fair must have had a hair sample submitted by the exhibitor on or prior to March 18, 2026, for steers and on or prior to May 19, 2026, for market lambs, market hogs and market goats. Wether dam & wether sire sheep, crossbred gilt, and wether dam doe goat entries must have their DNA samples, DNA fees, and DNA registration form in our office no later than June 16. No market animal, wether dam and wether sire sheep, crossbred gilt, and wether dam doe goat entry will be eligible for official entry unless this sample is obtained and an official DNA Registration Form was completed and samples received by the deadline. All DNA samples in the first collection will be the responsibility of the exhibitor as required by the DNA collection packet and related collection procedures. Market Heifers do not require DNA in 2026.
12. Designated junior market animals, wether dam and wether sire sheep, crossbred gilts, and wether dam doe goats will be required to have a second DNA sample collected on their particular show day. Exhibitor must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or advisor at this time. From these two samples, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having a sample collected before the ownership deadline or at the Fair or both will not be allowed to enter or compete in the 2026 junior market beef, market goat, market hog, market lamb, wether dam/sire sheep, crossbred

gilt or wether dam doe goat shows respectively.

13. All Market Steer, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Wether Dam and Wether Sire Sheep, Crossbred Gilts, and Wether Dam Doe Goat exhibitors must request a DNA Collection Kit and complete the collection process by deadlines as listed in rules and online. Registration for receiving the collection kit must be done ONLINE at **CalExpoStateFair.com** by March 9 for market steers and May 11 for market hogs, market lambs and market goats. Wether Dam/Sire sheep, crossbred gilt and wether dam doe kits must be ordered by June 5. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection and the animal must be ear-tagged by the exhibitor at time of the first DNA collection. Exhibitor must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or advisor at this time. Ear tags are to be placed on the outside of the left ear with the numbers facing in the upright position so judge(s) and the clerk(s) may easily read your tags. Market Animals with no ear tag will not be weighed. Weigh-in schedule will be strictly enforced.
14. In the case where an animal sample of any species does not match after the DNA Analysis test, the animal in question will be disqualified, all awards must be returned, and premium money must be returned and all State Fair rules will be enforced. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent California State Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair management. The State further reserves the right to test samples at any time after collection (i.e.; during the Fair and future years).
15. All DNA packets for “all” market species, wether sire/dam sheep, crossbred gilt, and wether dam doe goat entries must be ordered online. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection and the animal must be ear-tagged by the exhibitor at the time of first DNA collection. **All market animals must be ear-tagged prior to arrival at State Fair.**
16. The official DNA Ear Tag must be on the animal’s ear at all times or awards will not be paid. DNA ear tags cannot be tagged through another tag.

Uniform Requirements

17. All 4-H exhibitors must be in 4-H uniforms when showing their animals or be disqualified from the class. The official State Fair 4-H uniform for girls consists of a white dress, white blouse and skirt or white blouse and slacks, the green collar or 4-H tie and the 4-H Club cap. The official boys’ uniform consists of white pants, white long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt, green 4-H tie, and the 4-H cap. All shirts/blouses must have a collar. Tank

tops or sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Advertising of any form on the 4-H uniform is not permissible. Any exhibitors not conforming to these qualifications will be disqualified from the class.

18. All FFA exhibitors must be in FFA uniform when showing their animals or be disqualified from the class. The official FFA uniform for boys is a white shirt with a blue FFA necktie, the official FFA jacket zipped to the top and white trousers. For girls the official uniform is a white blouse worn with the blue FFA scarf, the official FFA jacket zipped to the top and white slacks. The jacket may be omitted if the white shirt or blouse has the official FFA patch or sticker on the left pocket area. Hats are not acceptable.
19. All Grange Youth members may show in the organization's official uniform. Each Grange exhibitor has the option to wear either the "full" official uniform or "whites" as described in Rule #20 below. They cannot wear a combination of both. The official Grange uniform shall consist of dark blue denim pants; white long sleeved (short sleeve allowed in hot weather) button-front dress shirt with a collar; the official red vest with National Grange emblem on the back; black or brown belt with appropriate buckle; and closed-toed black or brown shoes with an enclosed heel.
20. All junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent), entered in "open junior shows" or any Independent exhibitor entered in 4-H or FFA divisions must wear whites during competition. Official 4-H, FFA, and Grange uniforms are acceptable but not required. "Whites" shall consist of new-appearing, white trousers or skirt, and a new-appearing, white blouse or shirt. Hats are not acceptable, (exceptions shall be the official 4-H cap). Open toe footwear, shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts or clothing with any artwork or embroidery are not acceptable. Any exhibitors not conforming to these qualifications will be disqualified from the class.
21. Assistants present in the show ring must wear the official uniform or whites as described in Rule #20.

Fitting and Showing

22. To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock show, the California State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal(s) and the owner/exhibitor of that animal(s) that have been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin (or mammary system) to alter the normal conformation. It shall also include any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide

or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development as well as dyeing or coloring the individuals which alter their natural coloration; also artificial tail heads or polls. Other specific violations include but are not limited to: liquid diets for all species (drenching); excessive shrinking; excessive exercising; tying animals with their front feet off the ground; showing animals with their front feet off the ground; not allowing animals to eat or drink for extended periods of time; icing animals down; using dog pinch collars/spike collars on any animal for any reason; electric stimulation; breaking of tails; the balancing of an udder and/or teats by abnormal means; physical abuse; and any attempts to change the degree of firmness of any individual shall also be considered unethical. Artificial means of filling animals internally is prohibited. This shall also apply to violations of the California State Fair's residue avoidance program.

23. The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method of altering the natural confirmation of any part of the animal's body, including, but not limited to, airing, injecting, applying artificial material (inorganic or organic) to increase or decrease hair length or density, operations or other tampering with the animal's natural confirmation, use of organic or inorganic products to change the natural condition of internal or external tissue, using any product or device that may act as an irritant or counter-irritant or the illegal or improper use of drugs.
24. Animals showing signs of having been operated upon or tampered with or the purpose of concealing faults in natural confirmation or with the intent to deceive relative to the animal's age, soundness or physical appearance will, in the sole and absolute discretion of State Fair management, be disqualified. As a condition precedent to the participation in the Junior Livestock competition, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal so entered to inspection by a licensed veterinarian appointed by Fair management, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian shall be final and unappealable, without recourse against the veterinarian, the California State Fair or any of its officers, directors or employees.
25. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dying will be allowed.
26. **Fitting Rule:** The intent of this fitting rule is that junior exhibitors

are primarily responsible for the fitting, grooming and/or showing of their own animals, without the physical assistance of adults and/or professionals. Physical assistance in the fitting, grooming, and showing of animals entered in the Junior Livestock Show may be performed by individuals, their parents, their leader/advisor or their siblings entered in the 2026 Junior Livestock Show. Any other assistant must further qualify by having been enrolled in a California Elementary or Secondary School within the last 12 months. Individual may not have passed their 18th birthday. Proof of enrollment must be provided by the school office upon request by Fair Officials.

27. Recognizing that some physical assistance may be required, individuals who are entered as Junior Livestock Exhibitors are allowed to physically assist in the fitting, grooming, washing and/or showing of an exhibitor's animal. Parents, Teachers, Advisors, may assist "present" exhibitors with the fitting, grooming and washing.
28. Livestock shall be offered water at regular intervals throughout each 24 hour period while on grounds, and be fed as appropriate for each species. Excessive feed or water restriction or animals left unattended for extraordinary extended periods of time will not be tolerated and is a consideration for dismissal. Animals shall not be tied for prolonged periods to restrict access to food or water or for any other reason.
29. Drench guns are not allowed on California State Fairgrounds. Any drench gun found on California State Fairgrounds will be confiscated by State Fair staff and exhibitor/exhibit will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
30. Animals will not be muzzled while on the fairgrounds.
31. To qualify to exhibit market lambs, lambs must be docked such that the ail (dock) can be lifted. Lambs that have been reduced or have complete tail removal will not be eligible.
32. Juniors, who for extraordinary reasons, cannot fit and/or show their own animals, must make arrangements for their fitting, care and showing that are acceptable to the Fair's management prior to the date for judging or be disqualified from the competition. Contact the Livestock Office to make these arrangements and receive permission in writing.
33. All animals in the livestock barns must at all times be properly cared for, and be thoroughly groomed and clean when presented in the show ring, all animals are required to be fit and groomed in a manner that is acceptable within the prevailing showing policy and/or trend as set by the breed association or species. The Fair reserves the right to withhold

premiums and/or disqualify stock that is not, in their judgment, in suitable condition.

34. Exhibitors will be required to fit and groom their animals in fitting areas designated by the State. Fitting areas will have specific boundaries and schedule limitations. Exhibitors not following these specific policies will be disqualified. Blocking Chutes, Generators, Pop up Tents, and/or Trim Tables will be assigned specific locations. Blocking Chutes, Generators, and Trim Tables not registered with the Livestock Office or those that are placed in unapproved locations shall be removed without warning and at the exhibitor's expense.
35. The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. It is also an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.
 - a. PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.
 - b. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
36. It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary for the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue.
37. The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals

presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

Grooming and Preparation

38. Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (1994), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge's evaluation in order to display the animal's natural contour, conformation, performance, and mobility. Specifically:
- a. External applications of cosmetics that affect the only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.
 - b. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the top line is not to exceed 1". Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.
 - c. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body is prohibited.
 - d. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices

39. These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:
- a. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
 - b. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
 - I. with an irritant or counter-irritant,
 - II. using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
 - III. using other substances as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the confirmation.
 - IV. plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.
 - c. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into

body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.

- d. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
- e. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the showgrounds.

Weigh-in

- 40. The only scales that will be used for the purpose of official weigh-in shall be those that are calibrated by the State and staffed by State Fair personnel. Exhibitor, parent, legal guardian or advisor must be present at weigh in. Portable Scales are not allowed on the fairgrounds.
- 41. All market animals are required to be weighed in by the schedule for that species. Any animal that does not receive an official weight during the designated time period shall be ineligible for competition. The State reserves the right to offer fresh water to any animal prior to official weigh-in at the show ring or at any other time.
- 42. If the exhibitor has a market animal that is weight sifted and as a result may not show in an individual class after passing the vet check, the exhibitor may use this animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the Fair.
- 43. Re-weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken below the minimum or above maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weighmaster during this time. Second weight shall be final. **No exceptions.**
- 44. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh market animals just prior to judging and anytime after judging. Market animals that have a variance of more than the amounts listed by species shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance shall be as follows:
 - a. Steers - Must be within 5% above or below the official arrival weight;
 - b. Market Lambs, Shep and Goats - Must be within 5% above or below the official arrival weight;
 - c. Market Hogs - Must be within 6% above or below the official arrival

weight; and

- d. Crossbred Gilts – Must be within 15 lbs. above or below the official arrival weight
- 45. Pre-weighing of all market animals will occur at prescribed times only. Pre-weighing will be supervised by a Weighmaster. This pre-weigh is for the convenience of exhibitors and shall not be considered an official weight. Only one pre-weight will be allowed per market animal.
- 46. All Market animals will have the option of weighing in on the scale as an official weight. All weight cards must be submitted to the clerk at the scales. All animals must be breed classified at the scales. Scales will not remain open after the scheduled weigh-in time.

Judging

- 47. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one division and/or class shall be entered and judged only in the division and/or class for which it best qualifies.
- 48. The reputation and ability of a judge are considered during the selection process. Judges may have to explain their placings. This is part of the educational process which assists exhibitors and livestock producers to improve their herds.
- 49. The decisions of judges are final. Judges' decisions cannot be protested. When fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered, the Show Management or appointed referee may change final placement.
- 50. The judge may disqualify any animal that is not sufficiently gentle to be shown with safety. The judge may not award premiums to any animals which show visible evidence of disease, deformity or lameness. No award will be made to entries eliminated under this rule.
- 51. Management reserves the right to combine or divide any class or division in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition. In breeding classes where age classes are combined after the closing date, Rule #52 of this Section shall be applied on the basis of classes entered rather than classes shown. In the event of a show change as a result of this rule or where classes are established after the close of entries, premiums and awards shall be distributed, divided or eliminated in a manner as deemed necessary by Fair Management.
- 52. Any specie division (breeding show only) with less than 15 head entered by less than 3 exhibitors at the close of entry deadline (June 16) may be transferred to the species All Other Breed division. The premium amount

from the original division will not transfer to the species All Other Breed division. All exhibitors will be contacted by management to verify if the exhibitor would like to continue their participation in the species All Other Breeds division or the exhibitor will be offered the option to have the original division entry fee's refunded.

53. Each entry shall be assigned an entry number by the Fair Management. Exhibitors must wear their assigned numbers while showing their animals.
54. Junior Division "Supreme Champions" are NOT eligible to compete for Supreme Champion in the Open Division unless the animal qualifies as required within the Division in which it competed.
55. Group entries must be made up of animals of the same breed, and each animal in a group must be owned by the exhibitor only. (Chapter and County Groups excluded).
56. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class. For the purpose of this rule only, a husband, wife, and unmarried children (including foster children) less than 18 years of age shall be considered as being one exhibitor, except that brothers and/or sisters shall be considered as being separate exhibitors in Junior Department classes. This rule shall have no bearing on consideration in the placing of entries by judges. Ribbons shall be presented in the order of placing by the judges. The management shall, however, pay third money to the fourth winner, etc., when the third winner is prohibited from receiving third cash award under the provisions of this rule. (Any entry or exhibit where one or more members of the family described above have a financial interest shall be included in the limitation of no more than two cash awards per class.)

Veterinarian and Tissue Collection

57. Livestock exhibitors will be responsible for all veterinary fees applied to their animals. The state may at its sole discretion require an autopsy of any animal that may die while on the fairgrounds. Autopsy fees will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
58. Removal of animal tissue other than hair or wool from any livestock unless performed by the state's designated veterinarian is considered a violation of rules and the state's animal welfare policy. Violators shall be sanctioned and reported to authorities.

Stalling, Pens and Tie Outs

59. Pens and stalls will be assigned by the Fair management. Space may not be traded without the approval of the supervisor in charge. No altering of pens or stalls is allowed without similar approval. Straw or Shavings shall

be used for bedding for all animals exclusively. Animals' pens must be bedded at all times. No large watering troughs allowed in the livestock area. Exhibitors who use shavings instead of straw must clean their pens before leaving. Exhibitors must clean their pens and alleyways before obtaining a release. Beef and Dairy animals using shavings must bring the shavings out from the panels 12 inches before leaving and obtaining a release.

- a. Stalling Request Forms will be available online. Requests will not be taken over the phone, on Detailed Receipts or post-it notes. Only one Stalling Request Form will be accepted per exhibitor. Requests are not guaranteed.
60. Stalls, pens, and animals must be neatly kept and supplied with necessary clean bedding. Pathways and approaches must be kept clean at all times for the convenience and safety of spectators. All fans, tack boxes, blocking chutes/tables and any other equipment/supplies must be kept within the tie space or pen (not in pathways or approaches). No exceptions. Electrical cords will not be allowed to lay on the ground outside of the exhibitors stall, pen or tack space. No electrical cords are allowed in any public walk spaces. The number of fans may need to be limited per exhibitor or animal based on space available. Stalls, pens, and aisles must be cleaned by 7:30 a.m. each day. Failure to adhere to these safety and cleanliness rules may result in disqualification or forfeiture of premiums.
61. The Fair does not provide wheelbarrows or any tools for cleaning (pitchforks, shovels, hoses, brooms, etc.).
62. Tie out stalls are not assigned. Cattle may be tied out at 6:30 p.m. daily and not before. Tie-out time will be strictly monitored by management. Exhibitor's that do not adhere to this schedule shall have all premiums forfeited. It is recommended that neck ropes be used in the tie out areas. Cattle placed in the tie-outs are done so at the exhibitor's own risk. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to clean area prior to departure from the California State Fair.
63. No nurse cows are allowed in the livestock barns. The recipient or host cows with embryo transfer calves must be identified and must match the ID number on Transplanted Embryo Certificate provided by the breed association. This certificate must be presented with the calf's registration papers. The natural mother may be brought to nurse a calf entered in the show.
64. State Fair will "not" provide any bedding for exhibitors. The State will

arrange for a feed vendor on the grounds that will make straw and shavings available for sale.

- 65. No manure allowed in garbage bins.
- 66. Please be advised, if you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens you will be required to return the panels to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back the bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns that your show superintendent knows your final location.
- 67. Only animals entered in the 2026 California State Fair may be on grounds.

Equipment

- 68. **BLOCKING CHUTES:** A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each blocking chute. The State Fair reserves the right to limit the number of blocking chutes per chapter, club or individual. All blocking chutes must be registered with the Livestock Office. Upon arrival at the Fair, a numbered I.D. tag will be assigned and must be attached to the blocking chute. Spaces will be assigned. No blocking chute will be allowed in spaces other than those assigned by the Beef Supervisor. Failure to keep blocking chutes in assigned locations or properly identified shall result in disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
- 69. **BLOCKING TABLES:** A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each sheep blocking table. The State Fair reserves the right to limit the number of blocking tables per chapter, club or individual. All blocking tables must be registered with the Livestock Office. Upon arrival at the Fair, a numbered I.D. tag will be assigned and must be attached to the blocking table. Spaces will be assigned. No blocking table will be allowed in spaces other than those assigned by the Sheep Supervisor. Failure to keep blocking tables in assigned locations or properly identified shall result in disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
- 70. **POP UP TENTS:** A pre-registration fee of \$30.00 will be charged for each popup tent registered and paid for by the official entry deadline of June 16. A post registration fee of \$40.00 will be charged for each popup tent registered and paid for after the official entry deadline. The State Fair reserves the right to limit the number of pop up tents per chapter, club or individual. All Pop Up Tents must be registered with the Livestock Office. Upon arrival at the Fair, a numbered I.D. tag will be assigned and must be attached to the popup tent. Pop up tents must be 10'x 10' or smaller. Side walls on tents are not allowed Junior Week, July 16-19.

71. **GENERATORS: No generators will be allowed to operate within the Livestock Pavilion.** All generators must be operated outside the Pavilion and must be stored out of sight when not in use. There is a \$35 charge per generator permit. Portable electric generators whether owned, rented or borrowed, which are operated by an exhibitor at the California State Fair, must be equipped with Ground Fault Interrupter (G.F.I.) outlets. **No exceptions.**
72. **PORT-O-COOLS:** Port-O-Cools will require a \$35 permit fee to be on grounds. The State Fair reserves the right to limit the number of Port-O-Cools per exhibitor.
73. **No gas cans are permitted inside the livestock barns.**

Show Schedule, Arrival and Departure

74. Each exhibitor shall be expected to show animals in accordance with the schedule for judging as printed in the Competition Guide or posted. The schedule is subject to change by Fair Management, and such changes will be posted or announced at the Livestock Office. Judging will not be delayed for exhibitors entering the show ring late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be ruled out and be barred from competition in the class in question.
75. All livestock exhibitors are required to have themselves and their animals available to parade or be presented in any special exhibits or exhibit areas, as requested by Fair Management. Those exhibitors chosen for parade must appear in their official uniform.
76. Exhibitors that arrive after official arrival time as scheduled in this Competition Guide may be subject to the following:
- Some or all entries may not be allowed to show.
 - Pens or ties may not be available
 - A penalty of up to \$100 per exhibitor may be assessed and must be paid prior to judging.
 - A charge for veterinary fees for health examinations may be assessed to each exhibitor
77. Releases will be scheduled beginning at the time listed in the Competition Guide, with releases being given to those exhibitors traveling the furthest distance first. Schedule of releases to be determined by Fair Management. Emergencies such as a sick or injured animal, may, at the discretion of Fair Management, require proof in the form of a Veterinarian's certificate. Exhibitors not adhering to this rule will be subject to disqualification at

the current and all future California State Fairs and/or loss of premiums, awards, and titles.

78. Exhibitors that leave the fairgrounds with livestock with no official approval prior to the scheduled approved release time are considered in violation of rules and subject to sanctioning which will include disqualification of entries, awards returned, premiums not paid and/or exhibitor not being allowed to show at any subsequent CA State Fairs.
79. Supreme Champion Judging (including Cow-Calf), Round Robin Showmanship, Master Showmanship, and Champion Challenge Exhibitors that qualify to compete in these events must participate in the events as scheduled or all premiums awarded for the current year will not be paid.

General

80. All personal belongings must be placed out of sight during the hours the Fair is open. No sleeping overnight shall be permitted in the barns.
81. Any exhibitor and/or junior exhibitor's family member or agent who has outstanding financial accounts with the California State Fair will not be allowed to enter or exhibit at the California State Fair.
82. No milk produced in the barn is to be sold or given away on the grounds. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own milking equipment. Milk must be removed from the fairgrounds or dumped at a site designated by State. All exhibitors' milking utensils must be stored out of sight when not in use.

Dogs

83. No dogs are allowed on the Fairgrounds. Guide or Service dogs, dogs in competition or as part of an exhibit, entertainment program or demonstration, and 4-H dog show entries are the only exceptions. Any dog found in the livestock barns will be subject to removal by State Fair Security or Animal Control, and the exhibitor subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.

Photographs

84. Photographs of Champions and any other livestock entry or livestock exhibitor may be taken by the Official State Fair Livestock Photographer(s). Exhibitors must make themselves and their livestock available for the taking of photographs. The official photographs become the property of the California State Fair. Exhibitors may purchase photographs from the Official State Fair Livestock Photographer. All

Champions and Reserve Champions are required to have a photograph taken by the official photographer. The State reserves the right to publish for its intended use, any and all photographs taken on the Cal Expo Grounds. Participants and their families, advisors, and leaders approve the reprinting or publishing of any photo taken on the fairgrounds upon signature of entry.

Code of Ethics

85. The California State Fair, as a member of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions is uniting with other member fairs in an effort to support the ethical and humane treatment of all animals exhibited at the Fairs as well as reinforcing the educational emphasis of competitive programs for animals and maintaining the highest integrity standards of all participants. The California Exposition & State Fair has adopted the I.A.F.E. Show Ring Code of Ethics Guidelines for our Livestock Shows and reserves the right to disqualify any animal or exhibitor that has violated those specific guidelines. The Dairy Shows will be enforced by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations. A copy of the codes is available upon written request.

Definitions

The following definitions apply:

- **Registered Animal** - An animal which is recorded with a recognized governing or registering association.
- **Purebred Animal** - Animals breeding whose sire and dam traces directly to registered animals of the same breed.
- **Grade Animal (except for Dairy Goats)** - An animal whose sire is registered or purebred and whose dam is of unknown or mixed origin.
- **Recorded Grade Dairy Goat** - All animals registered Experimental (Blue Border Certificate) or recorded (Brown Border Certificate) including Native on Appearance and Native on Performance.
- **Crossbred Animal** - An animal that is not registered or purebred.
- **Nurse Cow** - Any cow nursing a calf.
- **Open Junior Show** - An official junior exhibitor show with no designated club affiliated divisions. All junior exhibitors, regardless of club affiliation, shall compete together in the same classes.
- **Livestock** - For the purpose of this guide, Livestock shall be considered any

animal that is entered, in competition or on exhibition at the Fair.

- **Breeding Animal** - Any animal entered in a non-market class and intended for use in reproduction.
- **Market Animal** - Any animal entered in a terminal based market class/division and intended for slaughter prior to reproductive maturity.

QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS AWARENESS TRAINING POLICY

The California State Fair is committed to the Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness training program. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock** (market, breeding, dairy, and small animals) exhibitors are required to complete YQCA training prior to July 3, 2026. If the exhibitor took YQCA for the 2025 California State Fair, the class does not need to be taken in 2026. A copy of the certificate needs to be submitted with the exhibitor's entries.

California State Fair approved Online Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness Training Program

- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species Quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. This online annual education and certification program promotes food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness. The YQCA program is owned and managed by Youth for the Quality Care of Animal nonprofit.
- The YQCA certification program requires a \$14 fee. You will receive a confirmation number upon meeting the certification requirements. You will need that number when entering the California State Fair through ShoWorks. A photocopy of the certificate is required to be submitted with the signed detailed receipt.
- Learn more about YQCA and how to enroll at <http://yqca.org/>.
- YQCA must be valid through July 19 for Junior Livestock Exhibitors, July 20 for Small Animal Exhibitors and July 28 for Junior Dairy Exhibitors. If YQCA was taken in 2025, your certificate will still be valid for the 2026 California State Fair.

FAIR CATTLE BRAND INSPECTION & MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Brand Inspection Requirements For Cattle Moving to the Fair

1. Cattle slated for a show/sale at a fair must have proof of ownership. Cattle arriving at fairgrounds without meeting inspection requirement cannot be sold and are subject to being held by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Bureau of Livestock Identification.
2. All cattle sold at auction on the Fairgrounds will be brand inspected prior to the auction. Cattle entering California must meet California Brand Inspection requirements, please see above.
3. Original Brand Inspection paper and/or bill of sale must be presented to the weigh master at the official weigh-in and must be available for inspection at all times.

Proof of Ownership

CALIFORNIA-ORIGIN CATTLE

Proof of Ownership consists of:

1. Brand Inspection Certificate in the Exhibitor's Name issued at the time of original purchase; or
2. Saleyard Out billing in the exhibitor's name; or
3. Completed Bill of Sale to the exhibitor with a state brand inspector's authorization of release for inspection at the destination. The request for verbal release must be made by the seller prior to the exhibitor taking custody of the animal and include the date, inspector's name and phone number. The animal may not be resold without physical brand inspection.

OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE

Proof of Ownership consists of:

1. A Brand Inspection Certificate in the exhibitor's name must accompany cattle originating from states requiring brand inspection.
2. Cattle originating from states not requiring brand inspection must be accompanied by a health certificate or original Bill of Sale in the exhibitor's name. If a Bill of Sale is used it must include the origin and destination, exhibitor's and seller's names, addresses, and phone numbers, and the animal's physical description including any identifying markings (California Food and Ag Code 21702, 21703).

Movement of Cattle to the Fair

1. A Bill of Sale or Consignment Form (yellow slip) is mandatory for each load of cattle and calves being transported. Fairs are encouraged to provide a Bill of Sale or Consignment Form to assist exhibitors in moving their animals to the fair (California Food and Ag Code 21054).

Brand Inspection Requirements for Cattle Prior to Sale:

1. Cattle for sale at the fair must be brand inspected by a California Brand Inspector prior to sale (California Food and Ag Code 21051f).
2. Fairs must coordinate brand inspection date and process with the local brand inspector prior to the fair. The fair will be invoiced for the brand inspection fees of the sale cattle.
3. Cattle sold privately at the fair also require a state brand inspection. It is the seller's responsibility to arrange for inspection and pay the associated fee to the brand inspector.

Movement of Cattle from the Fair

1. Non-Sale Cattle:
 - a. A Bill of Sale or Consignment Form (yellow slip) must accompany breeding cattle destined to California location.
 - b. Non-sale market cattle should receive back their original brand inspection papers.
2. Sale Cattle:
 - a. Junior Livestock Auction sales slip describing the animal, brand and brand location (Yellow slip is not required if the animal is going directly to processing); or
 - b. Copy of state brand inspector's Tally Sheet (going to processing); or
 - c. Individual animals' brand inspection slip (private sales).

Beef Promotion Fees

1. (\$1.05 per head sold at the fair) will be invoiced with the brand inspection fees for all cattle. California Department of Food and Agriculture will forward these fees to the California Beef Council.

Cattle Transportation Notice

1. Local law enforcement and California Highway Patrol, in cooperation with the livestock industry routinely make vehicle stops for cattle inspection.

For further assistance, please contact the local brand inspector or the Bureau of Livestock Identification, Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Sacramento CA 95814. *Phone:* (916) 654-0889

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR RESIDUE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

In an effort to increase awareness of responsibilities associated with the production of consumer-oriented products, the California State Fair requires exhibitors of market animals to sign a Medication Declaration Form. It is also required that breeding animals on medication also declare such treatment on a Medication Declaration Form. If an animal requires medical treatment while on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official State Fair veterinarian, but the official State Fair veterinarian **MUST** be notified in advance, and he/she **MUST** be present. Furthermore, The Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Show management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official State Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. All animals treated on the fairgrounds must submit a Medication Declaration Form. This form acknowledges the use of any substance in/on the animal for which the required withdrawal period has not completely elapsed prior to arrival at the Fair. This includes substances used per label or in an extra-label fashion. All extra-label drug usage **MUST** be done under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, and their contact information is required. Any animal requiring medically necessary treatment within 48 hours of competition may need to be withdrawn from competition if hydration status, mentation or gait will be affected by the necessary treatment. The intent of the program is not to prevent medically necessary treatment, but to ensure the animal's well being and, fair competition. The decision of the Fair's committee in regards to eligibility for competition shall be final.

The California State Fair is continuing its Residue Avoidance Program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.

Compounds tested for may include but are "not" limited to:

- Antibiotics
- Caffeine
- Local Anesthetics
- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs
- Diuretics
- Sedatives/Tranquilizers
- Steroids/Growth Promotants

Note to Parents/Legal Guardian, Leader/Supervisor

By signing the Detailed Receipt each parent/legal guardian acknowledges that:

1. He/she has read the California State Fair Junior Livestock Competition Guide Rules (General, Livestock, and Special) and Regulations;
2. The Junior Exhibitor has owned, fed and cared for the animal(s) throughout the required ownership period. He/she has supervised the Junior Exhibitor and the Junior Livestock animal(s) have not had any drugs, chemicals, feed additives, or other substances used on them except pursuant to the label specifications, or unless under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian for therapeutic purposes. All drugs, chemicals, feed additives or other substances for which the required withdrawal period has not elapsed prior to arrival at the Fair must be declared on a Medication Declaration Form at official weigh-in;
3. He/she has supervised the Junior Exhibitor and the Junior Livestock animal(s) have not been tampered with in any way, including but not limited to, unethical fitting or any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal(s) body;
4. He/she understands the penalties for violating the General, Livestock & Special Rules and Regulations; including but not limited to monetary penalties, and the immediate disqualification of the Junior Exhibitor.

Residue Avoidance Policy

1. The California State Fair reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives as well as DNA testing. At a minimum, some animals from the following groups will be tested: Champion and Reserve Breed Champions and; any animals suspect in terms of unusual physical appearance, demeanor or activity. As a condition precedent to accepting an entry, an entry form signed by the exhibitor, FFA (Agricultural Science) Instructor, 4-H Leader, Grange Advisor, Parent or Legal Guardian grants the CA State Fair permission to test any entry.
2. Testing may be performed on any body tissue, blood or fluid on both the live animal and the carcass.
3. Test samples collected from all animals must have zero tolerance for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substances including drugs (legal & illegal), chemicals of any kind or feed additives unless established as permissible by the USDA or FDA or disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.

4. If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the California State Fair. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds unless being treated by the State Fair veterinarian or a licensed veterinarian while the State Fair veterinarian is present. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
5. The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
6. Animals testing positive to an unapproved foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards or premium money. In addition to the disqualification and forfeiture of awards, and/or premiums, the State Fair may release to the media the name of the exhibitor, leader, advisor and the name of the exhibitor's animal that was disqualified and was in violation of the Drug Residue Program.
7. If entry is disqualified, the entry and/or the exhibitor will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards and/or premiums, further the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of all fees (including attorneys' fees), fines, and costs incurred by Cal Expo as a result of the disqualification and any proceeding related to the disqualification. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent California State Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair management.

Wholesome Assurance Statement

8. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law.
9. Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.
10. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances

for any foreign substances including drugs, pesticides, feed additives or other chemicals.

11. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by the USDA and FDA for prosecution.
12. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

Violations

13. If a Junior Exhibitor be found in violation of any of the Livestock Show rules, he/she and his/her family may be forever barred from showing at the California State Fair.
14. **Post Mortem Examination:** The California State may require a post mortem examination of any animal which dies at the State Fair. This will be performed by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.

Notice to Junior Livestock Exhibitors

15. **Residue Avoidance test fees:** any fees related to testing any animal or carcass as required by The California State Fair, U.S.D.A or F.D.A. or food processor will be charged to the junior exhibitor.

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16. If animal tests positive on the original residue test screen, the exhibitor shall be responsible for paying for the confirmation test. If the exhibitor fails to pay or post fees for the confirmation test, the animal in question will be declared ineligible.
17. It is the policy and rule of the California State Fair that no animal which is entered for competition in the State Fair shall contain any trace residues of any substance which are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals, unless disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.
18. It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of the prescribed drugs and substances listed on page 54. Extent of knowledge on the part of the Exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be the defense that person or persons unknown introduced the proscribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the State Fair property.
19. Personnel (employees and contractors) of the California State Fair, other approved departments (and their representatives) within Univer-

sity of California at Davis, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and Pomona, California State University at Fresno or Chico, Modesto Junior College, University of California at Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, FDA, USDA, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of Health or any other representative approved by the California State Fair reserve the right to take urine, blood, hair and other body tissue samples from any animal or its carcass at any time without notice, for the purpose of determining whether there is any residue of any substance found within the body of the tested animal. The exhibitor, by entering his/her animal, expressly agrees that he or she will cooperate with the person or persons charged with the responsibility of taking the sample from the animal at the time of arrival, weigh-in, during the show or any other time the animal is on the California State Fairgrounds. Failure to fully cooperate with testing procedures, and/or representatives collecting samples shall indicate a voluntary withdrawal by the Exhibitor of the animal from the competition, and result in the immediate disqualification of this project and automatic loss of participation privileges in all future California State Fair competitive events.

20. All samples shall be taken by persons designated by the California State Fair and tested in an approved Laboratory. Reasonable care will be taken with regard to maintaining the purity and identity of the sample. The only chain of custody required will be that routinely relied upon by veterinarians practicing in and around the **Sacramento County Region**.
21. As samples are taken, the Junior Exhibitor, a parent or legal guardian and/or a leader/supervisor shall be present to view the procedure. Upon collection of a sample, the Junior Exhibitor, and a parent or legal guardian or leader/supervisor shall provide their signatures to acknowledge that the sample was collected from the Exhibitor's animal.
22. In the event that any animal is disqualified as a result of the violation of any of the rules found within the Residue Avoidance Program, or the animal is voluntarily withdrawn from the competition as a result of failure to cooperate with the testing procedures, then the Exhibitor shall immediately return awards and/or premiums previously presented.
23. By making an entry in the California State Fair Livestock or Small Animal Program, the Exhibitor, a parent or both parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and project leader/supervisor agree to abide by this Residue Avoidance Program.

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

General Rules for All Species

1. Veterinarians and veterinarian assistants provided by the Fair shall check all livestock upon arrival and before unloading for proper health certificates, signs of communicable disease, external parasites, unsightly disease conditions, and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. Veterinarians and veterinarian assistants shall have the right to enter any pen or tie area to inspect an animal. Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from Cal Expo facilities as soon as possible. The State Fair veterinarians' decision will be final. Specific health conditions that may warrant quarantine and/or dismissal are active ringworm, warts, sore mouth, infectious scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice, mites, footrot, infectious pneumonia and abscesses which are balding showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed. Animals having surgical sites resulting from abscess removal are unacceptable if they have sutures (stitches), scabs or are draining. Animals that are lame or injured will also be dismissed at the direction of the State Fair veterinarian. Healed skin conditions may be sufficiently unsightly to warrant dismissal. (Lesions are considered active until skin is normal and hair regrowth is evidence.)
2. Each exhibitor will receive a Veterinarian health check form upon completion of the animal inspection. Each exhibitor will submit this form upon presentation of registration papers/official weight or animals will not be allowed to show.

Cattle Health Rules

CATTLE ENTRIES FROM CALIFORNIA

1. All female dairy cattle four (4) months of age and over must bear evidence of official calfhood vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
2. Owners of Purebred Registered dairy cattle without brucellosis tattoos must present documentation certifying brucellosis vaccination, or written documents showing the animal has an exemption from CDFA, AHFSS.
3. All dairy cattle need official identification (ID).
4. Acceptable methods for Official Identification of cattle include:
 - a. Official USDA individual identification eartags;
 - b. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin

- with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID)
 - c. National Uniform eartagging System (NUES) eartags (if applied prior to November 4, 2024)
 - i. USDA metal brucellosis calfhood vaccination (orange) eartags for females
 - ii. USDA metal “silver brite” eartags
 - d. Legible breed registration tattoos with accompanying registration paperwork.
5. It is unlawful to remove official identification. Requests to remove an official ID ear tag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the tag. The request must include a photo of the ID, the reason the ID must be removed, and all other official ID ear tags on the animal.
 6. Fairs will keep records of the consignor, buyer, and animal identification for five (5) years when animals change ownership in a public sale at the fair.

CATTLE ENTRIES FROM OTHER STATES

1. All exhibition cattle entering California require individual official identification (ID), an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit issued within 15 days prior to entry, and an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) obtained within thirty (30) days before moving into the state listing official ID and a California entry permit prior to entry.
2. All official ID tags applied to cattle must be both electronically (EID) and visually readable.
3. Acceptable methods for Official Identification of cattle include:
 - a. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID))
 - b. Official USDA individual identification eartags;
 - c. National Uniform eartagging System (NUES) eartags (if applied prior to November 4, 2024)
 - i. USDA metal brucellosis calfhood vaccination (orange) eartags for females
 - ii. USDA metal “silver brite” eartags
 - d. Legible breed registration tattoos with accompanying registration paperwork.
4. It is unlawful to remove official identification. Requests to remove an

official ID ear tag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the tag. The request must include a photo of the ID, the reason the ID must be removed, and all other official ID ear tags on the animal.

5. Testing and/or vaccination requirements are:
 - a. All female dairy cattle four (4) months of age and over must bear evidence of official calfhooD vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
 - b. All sexually intact dairy cattle six (6) months of age and over require a negative tuberculosis (TB) test within 60 days prior to entering California or must originate from a TB accredited free herd with documentation of the herd number and test date on the ICVI.
 - c. Cattle do not require a brucellosis test unless originating from a designated brucellosis surveillance area. If a brucellosis test is necessary, the test needs to be collected within 30 days of entry and be performed by a state or federally-approved lab.
 - d. All bulls 18 months of age and over and non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age, require a negative individual PCR Trichomonosis test performed within 60 days prior to entry, *except bulls used solely for exhibition that are confined to the exhibition location, without access to mature female cattle that will return directly to the state of origin after exhibition, and are not changing ownership.*

Sheep and Goat Health Rules

SHEEP AND GOAT ENTRIES FROM CALIFORNIA

1. All exhibition sheep and goats in California require official scrapie identification issued by the USDA. Official scrapie identification (official eartags, official tattoos, official electronic identification, or official premises identification numbers) is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition and/or when sheep change ownership.
2. Acceptable official identification includes:
 - a. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID))
 - b. Scrapie ear tags, either flock ID tags or serial tags
 - c. Legible registration tattoos in the ears (or tail-web of La Mancha goats) if accompanied by breed association registration certificates.
 - d. Electronic implants (microchips) that are ISO compliant and begin with 840, only when accompanied by registration certificates and an implant reader/scanner

3. It is unlawful to remove official identification. Requests to remove an official ID ear tag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the tag. The request must include a photo of the ID, the reason the ID must be removed, and all other official ID ear tags on the animal.
4. Fairs will not accept:
 - a. Animals from scrapie-infected flocks, scrapie source flocks, scrapie “non-compliant” flocks
 - b. Animals that are scrapie-positive, scrapie suspects or scrapie exposed unless they have been evaluated and approved for exhibition by the state scrapie epidemiologist.
5. Fairs will keep records of the consignor, buyer, and animal identification for five (5) years when animals change ownership in a public sale at the fair.
6. Fairs will try to accommodate Scrapie Flock Certification Program members with separate space if practical. Breeding animals should be housed in separate enclosures or locations from animals that are not in the certification program, if practical.
7. Sheep or goats within 30 days pre-or post-parturition, or with vaginal discharge, shall if practicable, be kept separate from animals from different flocks and in an area that can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

SHEEP AND GOAT ENTRIES FROM OTHER STATES

1. All exhibition sheep and goats entering California require official identification issued by the USDA. Official scrapie identification (official eartags, official tattoos, official electronic identification, or official premises identification numbers) is required before transport to show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition, an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) obtained within thirty (30) days before movement into the state with a scrapie statement “The animals are not scrapie-positive or suspect or from a scrapie non-compliant flock” and listing the official ID and a California entry permit prior to entry.
2. Acceptable official USDA identification includes:
 - a. Animal Identification Number (AIN) eartag (15 digits long, must begin with 840, usually Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID)
 - b. Scrapie ear tags, either flock ID tags or serial tags
3. It is unlawful to remove official identification. Requests to remove an official ID ear tag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the tag. The request must include a photo of the ID, the reason the ID must be removed, and all other official

ID ear tags on the animal.

4. Rams six (6) months of age and over imported into California require a negative *Brucella ovis* test within 60 days before entry OR originate from a *Brucella ovis* free flock. The ICVI must include the official ID number, test results, name of the approved laboratory, date of the test, or the “*Brucella ovis* free flock number.”

Swine Health Rules

SWINE ENTRIES MOVING INTERSTATE AND FROM OTHER STATES

1. All exhibition swine entering California require official individual identification (ID), an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) obtained within thirty (30) days before moving into the state and listing official ID and a California entry permit prior to entry.
2. Acceptable forms of Official Identification include:
 - a. Tags conforming to Animal Identification Number (AIN) system (commonly known as 840 tags).
 - b. USDA metal “silver brite” tags or plastic swine tags belonging to the National Uniform Tagging System (NUES).
 - c. Premises Identification Number (PIN) tags that bear a PIN and individual animal number.
 - d. Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) if recorded in a purebred registry and accompanied with registration certificates.
3. It is unlawful to remove official identification. Requests to remove an official ID ear tag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the tag. The request must include a photo of the ID, the reason the ID must be removed, and all other official ID ear tags on the animal.
4. No vaccinations are required.

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)

California import requirements specify that all horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine originating from any state where vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been diagnosed, (except cattle and swine transported directly to slaughter), or visiting an infected state and then returning to California must be accompanied by a health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection) and signed by an accredited veterinarian that includes the following statement:

“I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within seven (7) days of shipment date, and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last fourteen (14) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or a VS suspected premises.”

JUDGES

BEEF

(Breeding, Market & Showmanship) Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, IN

SHEEP

(Breeding, Market & Showmanship) Jordan Amburgey, Sterling, KY

SWINE

(Market, Breeding & Showmanship).....Miles Toenyes, Pocahontas, IL

GOAT

(Market, Showmanship & Wether Dam Does)..... Jordan Amburgey, Sterling, KY

DAIRY CATTLE

(Breeding & Showmanship)..... Jason Miley, West Salem, OH

DAIRY GOATS

(Breeding & Showmanship)..... Will Pearson Jr, Carrollton, GA

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Exhibitor Code of Practice for Participation in the California State Fair Junior Livestock, Horse, And Small Animal Competitions

As an animal exhibitor in the California State Fair Junior Program:

I believe my participation should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder and fitter of my show animal(s). I understand the need to be responsible for developing the skills necessary to take my animal from the farm to the show ring. I will assist other juniors if asked, or request assistance from other juniors eligible for the Junior Show.

I will follow the competition rules, and will not use abusive, questionable or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting and showing of my animal(s). I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices such as filling or when fitting, preparing the animal for show. I also will not allow my parents, supervisor/leader or any other adult or minor to employ such practices to my animal(s).

I have read and understood the rules and regulations found in the competition guide including the Residue Avoidance Program. I have asked that my parents and the supervisor/leader of my project not to break the rules or make an exception on my behalf. I want my animal project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer - good and bad - and how to live with the outcome.

I realize that I am responsible for:

- The proper care and humane treatment of my animals;
- The production of wholesome food if my exhibit animal is designated for market;
- The development of sound moral character in myself.

I understand and agree that when I, my parents, my supervisor or leader or any other adult or minor connected with my project or animal(s) break the rules, I agree to live by the final decision of Fair Management regarding disqualification of myself and/or my animal, loss of premium awards and my loss of future eligibility, and forfeiture of any award(s).

Exhibitor (Printed Name)	Date
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Exhibitor (Signature)	Date
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By signing this Code, I agree, as an adult associated with this junior exhibitor project and animal(s) that I will encourage the exhibitor to comply with the rules. Further, that I will not take any action or assist others to violate any of the rules contained in the 2026 Competition Guide governing the animal(s) entered by the junior exhibitor.

Exhibitor (Printed Name)	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian (Printed Name)	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian (Signature)	Date
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Project Supervisor/Leader (Printed Name)	Date
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Project Supervisor/Leader (Signature)	Date
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This form is incorporated into the Detailed Receipt.

DIVISIONS & CLASSES

Division 6000 - Champion Challenge

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 - California State Fair's Learning Laboratory

(If you are exhibiting at the 2026 California State Fair - Do Not Enter, just show up at the time your written exam is given for your species.) **Exhibitors may only take one written exam.**

For those youth who are not participating as an exhibitor but wish to participate in the Champion Challenge, please enter the class which you would like to qualify for and pay the \$10 entry fee. Check the schedule for your written exam time, date and location. To enter this competition simply enter Division 6000.

CLASSES OFFERED

- Class 1 Large Animal Participant
- Class 2 Small Animal Participant
- Class 3 Dairy Participant

Further detailed information, rules, regulations, and procedures will be available at CalExpoStateFair.com. Any inquiry's into this program can be directed to entryoffice@calexpo.com.

This unique, award-winning program is open to any youth exhibitor in the small or large animal livestock competition or any youth that is eligible to compete at the 2025 California State Fair who qualifies by completing a written exam. The competition includes a large animal division encompassing beef, sheep, swine and market goat as well as a small animal division encompassing rabbit, poultry, turkey and egg exhibitors. The dairy division includes Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats.

The California State Fair has continued to enhance our commitment to the youth livestock program. In an effort to focus on educational benefits and to improve the youth livestock program we have created the Champion Challenge.

The mission of the Champion Challenge is to expand and enhance the educational element of the youth livestock program and to reward those outstanding exhibitors who possess the skills and knowledge essential for the efficient and humane production of livestock in a commercial or seedstock operation in California.

The objectives of the Champion Challenge are to:

1. Evaluate the youth participant's knowledge and skills of his/her project and related industry.
2. Expand on the exhibitors' communication skills.
3. Provide a learning laboratory which will enhance the exhibitor's knowledge of their animal project and related industry.
4. Develop the youth's problem solving and critical thinking skills.
5. Recognize outstanding youth exhibitors who possess the skills and knowledge essential for the efficient and humane production of livestock in a commercial or seedstock operation in California.
6. Promote additional educational opportunities through cash awards.
7. To emphasize the exhibitors' involvement and success in the educational program and focus on the youth exhibitor rather than the animal.
8. To include all eligible youth in the state of California.

For competition purposes, exhibitors will be evaluated on their performance in lab type exercises and exams in the following areas:

- a. Animal Care, Handling, Health, and Quality Assurance
- b. Nutrition
- c. Reproduction and Genetics
- d. Show Preparation, Transportation and Ethics Awareness
- e. Consumer Awareness, Marketing and Food Safety
- f. Animal Identification and Industry Technologies
- g. Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability
- h. Exhibitor Interview



Schedule and Exams

CHAMPION CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16, 5 pm	Large Animal Written Exam (L1)
Friday, July 17, 9:30 am	Mandatory Large Animal meeting followed by Preliminary & Semifinal Rounds (L1)
Sunday, July 19, 3:30 pm	Junior Livestock Awards Ceremony: Announcement of Large Animal Champion Challenge Winners (L1)
Tuesday, July 21	Poultry & Rabbit Written Exam (After Show)
Wednesday, July 22	Poultry & Rabbit Written Exam (After Show)
Thursday, July 23	Small Animal Preliminary and Semi Final Champion Challenge Rounds following the show
Saturday, July 25, 5 pm	Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Written Exam (L1)
Monday, July 27, 6 pm	Mandatory Dairy meeting followed by Preliminary & Semifinal Rounds (L1)
Tuesday, July 28, 5 pm	Final Champion Challenge Interview (Administration Building) Zoom available
Tuesday, July 28, 7:30 pm	Announcement of Dairy Champion Challenge Winners and Supreme Champion Challenge Winner

Who Qualifies?

Any California youth that is a recognized junior member, in good standing, in a youth program (4-H, FFA, Grange) or an Independent junior that is eligible to compete in the Junior Livestock (Large Animal, Small Animal or Dairy) Show at the California State Fair is eligible to qualify for the 2026 Champion Challenge Program. All general rules and age requirements shall apply. An exhibitor may only take 1 written exam regardless of the number of species being exhibited.

To qualify the individual must complete a written exam on one of the pre-determined testing dates on the California State Fair facilities and rank in the top percentile determined by management. Once an exhibitor has qualified they must complete the program. If an exhibitor qualifies by written exam but does not complete the Champion Challenge program, they will be in violation of the California State Fair rules and as a result will be disqualified at subsequent California State Fairs. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to check the list to see if they qualified to the next round.

LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL CHAMPION CHALLENGE

1. Top % of those taking the written exam
2. Any Exhibitor having a Division Champion or Reserve Division Champion at the 2026 California State Fair.*
3. All 2025 Exhibitors winning 1st or 2nd place in beef, sheep, swine, or goat showmanship at the California State Fair and still meet the age requirements to exhibit at the California State Fair.*
4. All 2026 Exhibitors winning 1st or 2nd place in beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry or rabbit showmanship at the California State Fair.*
5. The 2026 3rd and 4th place overall small animal market exhibitors.*

*Written Exam not required.

DAIRY CHAMPION CHALLENGE

1. All Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champion Exhibitors of the Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Shows.* (Junior & Senior Champions)
2. All 2026 1st & 2nd place showmanship winners in Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats.*
3. Top % of those taking the written exam.

*Written Exam not required.

Champion Challenge Awards

Supreme Champion Challenge

Show Exhibitor\$2,500 by Farmers Feed, Trophy, & Banner
(Large Animal, Small Animal and Dairy will compete for 1 award)

Reserve Supreme Champion

Show Exhibitor \$1,250 & Banner

Champion Large Animal Show Exhibitor\$500 & Banner

Reserve Champion Large Animal Show Exhibitor.....\$375 & Banner

Champion Small Animal Show Exhibitor.....\$500 & Banner

Reserve Champion Small Animal Show Exhibitor\$375 & Banner

Champion Dairy Show Exhibitor\$500 & Banner

Reserve Champion Dairy Show Exhibitor.....\$375 & Banner

Champion Beef Show Exhibitor..... \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Beef Show Exhibitor \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Swine Show Exhibitor \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Swine Show Exhibitor..... \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Sheep Show Exhibitor \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Sheep Show Exhibitor..... \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Market Goat Show Exhibitor \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Market Goat Show Exhibitor..... \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Poultry Show Exhibitor \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Poultry Show Exhibitor..... \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Rabbit Show Exhibitor..... \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Rabbit Show Exhibitor \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Dairy Cattle Exhibitor \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Dairy Cattle Exhibitor..... \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Champion Dairy Goat Exhibitor..... \$250 & Crystal Award

Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Exhibitor \$100 & Vinyl Banner

Under 13, 1st place (Large, Small & Dairy Section)..... \$125 & Vinyl Banner

Under 13, 2nd place (Large, Small & Dairy Section) \$50 & Vinyl Banner

***Note:** Special Awards will be provided to the two highest placing exhibitors
13 years and under as of January 1, 2026.

Past Winners

SUPREME CHAMPION LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITORS

1996 - Ricky Lyons, Placer County 4-H
1997 - Jean Miller, Yreka FFA
1998 - Shannon Allard, Sacramento County 4-H
1999 - Jeff Cooper, Galt FFA
2000 - Justin Diener, Fresno County 4-H
2001 - Amelia Paukert, Napa Co. 4-H
2002 - Travis Kroger, Contra Costa County 4-H
2003 - Kim Stackhouse, Foothill FFA
2004 - Rachel Teagle, Santa Clara County 4-H
2005 - Samantha Downey, Merced Co. 4-H
2006 - Chrissy Renwick, Nevada Co. 4-H
2007 - Krista Anderson, Escalon FFA
2008 - Kelsey Landreth-Maben, Bret Hart FFA
2009 - Jessica Sampson, Yreka FFA
2010 - Jake Carlson, Elk Grove FFA
2011 - Joe Stefenoni, Sebastapol FFA
2012 - Spencer Downey, Merced Co 4-H
2013 - Dominic Leventini, Santa Rosa FFA
2014 - Lauren Ivey, Salinas FFA
2015 - Kelsie Kennicutt, Pleasant Grove FFA
2016 - Ellie Slick, Liberty 4-H
2017 - Melanie Hanlon, Sonoma Co 4-H
2018 - Bailey Walvoord, Oak Town 4-H
2019 - Sierra Herman, Lindhurst FFA
2022 - Josie Beoshanz, Independent
2023 - Nathan Hutchison, Madera-Liberty FFA
2024 - Madysen Dietz, El Capitan FFA
2025 - Belle Beglinger, East Union FFA

SUPREME CHAMPION DAIRY SHOW EXHIBITORS

1998 - Trinity Smith, Mendocino Co 4-H
1999 - Olivia Lyons, San Luis Obispo County 4-H
2000 - Jennifer Tereba, Stanislaus County 4-H
2001 - Angela Johnson, El Dorado County 4-H
2002 - Rebekah Mast, Stanislaus Co 4-H
2003 - Lianne Garcia, Riverside Co 4-H
2004 - John Kisst, San Joaquin Co 4-H
2005 - Rachel Conway, Humboldt County 4-H
2006 - Cody Darst, Ferndale FFA
2007 - Jeanette McClure, Petaluma FFA
2008 - Sarah Hazeltine, Yolo Co 4-H
2009 - Rocco Cunningham, Sonoma County 4-H
2010 - Mandy Brazil, Petaluma FFA
2011 - Jake Carlson, Elk Grove FFA
2012 - Jake Carlson, Elk Grove FFA
2013 - Regina Pozzi, Sonoma County 4-H
2014 - Franchesca Gambonini, Petaluma FFA
2015 - Alexandra Gambonini, Petaluma FFA
2016 - Kylie Konyn, San Diego Co 4-H
2017 - Teresa Greenhut, Pleasant Grove FFA
2018 - Bobby Marchy, Turlock FFA
2019 - Kylie Konyn, San Diego Co 4-H

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF CATTLE

ENTRY FEE: \$17.00, & Entries Close on **June 16, 2026**. The Junior Breeding Beef Show will be held **July 16-19**. American System of Judging.

The following shows will be offered during the 2025 California State Fair:

- **All Other Breeds**
- **Angus**
- **Hereford**
- **Shorthorn**

State Fair Special Awards

Ribbons through 5th Place

Age Champion (male & female).....	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Age Champion (male & female)	Vinyl Banner
Breed Champion (male & female).....	\$75 & Banner
Reserve Breed Champion (male & female)	\$50 & Vinyl Banner
Supreme Champion.....	\$200, Buckle, & Banner
(male and female, all breeds competing)	
Reserve Supreme Champion	\$100 & Banner
(male and female, all breeds competing)	
Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair.....	Buckle & Banner
(all breeds competing)	
Reserve Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair	Banner
(all breeds competing)	

Special Beef Cattle Rules

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. All Females competing in Early Senior Yearling or older classes or any female 20 months of age or older as of July 16, 2026, must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for competition: 1) Be accompanied by an affidavit from a non-owner licensed veterinarian stating the female

is safe in calf or, 2) The female must have her “first” natural born calf at side (embryo transfer progeny will not suffice) that is eligible for registry as a purebred with that Breed Association. If necessary, blood typing for parentage verification of calf will be used to determine eligibility. Short-horn calves must have papers and may have other cow requirements.

4. All bulls over 1-year-old must be shown with a nose ring or nose clip. No exceptions.
5. All females competing in Early Senior Yearling or older classes with a calf at side may be entered in their respective female breed class or respective breed Cow-Calf pair class but may not be entered in both.
6. Cattle may be tied out at 6:30 p.m. Tie out time will be strictly monitored by management. It is required that neck ropes be used in the tie out areas. All cattle must be returned to the barn by 7:00 a.m. No exceptions.
7. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/ animal is entered and meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
8. See Livestock Rules concerning Blocking Chutes, Generators and Port-O-Cools.
9. **LIMITS:** No limit on the number of head entered. Entries may be limited after the close of entries, based on space available.
10. This is an Open Junior Show, all Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes.
11. Juniors must wear whites during competition.
12. First bedding will not be provided.
13. Exhibitors that qualify to compete for California State Fair Junior Supreme or Reserve Supreme Cow/Calf, Bull or Female, must participate in the Supreme/ Reserve Supreme Competition. Exhibitors that choose not to participate in Supreme/ Reserve Supreme Champion drive will forfeit all premiums and awards.
14. Open to California residents only.

Supreme Champion Cow/Calf

Once the Champion Cow/Calf of each breed has been selected, they will compete for Supreme Champion Cow/Calf.

NOTE: Exhibitors which win Breed Champion honors for cow/calf must show in the Supreme Champion competition or have their awards and premiums withdrawn and future participation restricted.

Exhibitors that qualify for the Supreme Champion Cow/Calf competition may be required to be interviewed by the official Beef Judge, and that interview will be used for final evaluation of the Supreme Champion Cow/Calf.

1. The following additions to judging will be made: Exhibitors will be allowed to prepare one promotional flyer. The flyer should be designed as a promotional piece, marketing the positive traits possessed by the Cow/Calf pair, not general traits about the breed. This flyer shall contain information pertinent to a potential buyer including but not limited to:
 - a. EPD Data
 - b. Breeder information
 - c. Owners information including contact name, address & phone number.
 - d. A narrative explaining strengths and addressing potential objections that could arise from a prospective buyer.
 - e. A photograph
2. Limits on the flyer include size of 8½ x 11 inches printed on one side only.
3. Flyer is due to the Clerk's table prior to the start of the Supreme Drive.
4. The flyer will be evaluated on information contained, design and professionalism.
5. The official judge shall consider the Cow, the Calf and the promotional flyer/interview for evaluation purposes.
6. The exhibitor should be prepared to answer questions pertaining to the exhibitors project.

Exhibitor will be evaluated on knowledge possessed as well as skill response to questions. Exhibitors that do not provide any type of promotional flyer will be disqualified from Supreme Champion competition.

DIVISION 6005: ALL OTHER BREEDS

California State Fair Offers \$1,610 (Premiums)

Special Rules

Open to California residents only.

1. All cattle in this division must carry registration papers from a U.S. Beef Breed Association.
2. The Breed Champion Male and Female and the Reserve Breed Champion Male and Female shall compete for **Supreme Champion** Male and Female and **Reserve Supreme Champion** Male and Female of the Junior Show regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.
3. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/ animal is entered and met all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines. See General Rules, Juniors Entering Senior Department Section for details.

Premium Payments

PER CLASS. RIBBONS THROUGH 5TH PLACE

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State fair offers	\$50	\$20	\$10	\$5

CHAMPION PREMIUM PAYMENT

Breed Champion (male & female)	\$75
Reserve Breed Champion (male & female)	\$50

Class - Females

1. Junior Heifer Calf, January 1, 2026, and over 4 months of age
2. Winter Heifer Calf, November - December 2025
3. Senior Heifer Calf, September - October 2025
4. Calf Champion and Reserve Calf Champion
5. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, July - August 2025
6. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, May - June 2025
7. Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion

8. April Junior Yearling Heifer, April 2025
9. March Junior Yearling Heifer, March 2025
10. Junior Yearling Heifer, January - February 2025
11. Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion
12. Late Senior Yearling Females, July - December 2024
13. Early Senior Yearling Females, January - June 2024
14. Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion
15. Breed Champion Heifer and Reserve Breed Champion Heifer
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Bulls

16. Junior Bull Calf, January 1, 2026, and over 4 months of age
17. Senior Bull Calf, September - December 2025
18. Intermediate Bull Calf, January - August 2025
19. Senior Yearling Bull, January - December 2024
20. Breed Champion Bull and Reserve Breed Champion Bull
Supreme Champion Bull (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Bull (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

21. **Best Pair**
22. **Cow-Calf:** An All Other Breeds cow, any age, lactating, with her natural calf at side, (E.T. calves are not eligible), the calf must be the cow's most recent calf and be born no earlier than October 16, 2025. The calf may compete in its appropriate age class, provided it meets all requirements for the show. For calves just competing in Pair Class, the calf must be eligible for registry with their specific breed registry.
23. Cow-Calf Champion and Reserve Cow-Calf Champion
NOTE: Cow-Calf Champions will need to turn in their promotional flyer prior to Supreme Drive on July 18 in order to give time for the judge to review. The exhibitor does not have to be the breeder of the cow but must be the breeder of the calf. See Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Judging Criteria. Entry fee is required by the official entry deadline.
Supreme Champion Cow-Calf Pair (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Cow-Calf Pair (All Breeds Competing)

DIVISION 6010: JUNIOR ANGUS

California State Fair Offers \$2,700

The American Angus Association will not offer premiums this year based on the number of the head shown in 2025.

Special Rules and Regulations

1. This show is sanctioned by and held in cooperation with the California Angus Association, PO Box 40, O'Neals, CA 93645 and the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph, MO 64506. The American Angus Association will participate in premiums offered in individual classes for junior Angus heifers, as included in its standard show classifications, according to the premium schedule based on the number of the head shown. The premium assistance provided by the AAA for participation in this show is in addition to the premiums offered by the show itself. The premium assistance should not be used to offset show expenses and shall be included in the premium payments distributed by the show to the exhibitors. A minimum of fifteen (15) head must be shown in the junior Angus heifer classes to receive American Angus Association premium participation.
2. All Angus must be entered under this division only. They are not eligible for the All Other Breeds Division.
3. The Breed Champion Male and Female and the Reserve Breed Champion Male and Female shall compete for **Supreme Champion** Male and Female and **Reserve Supreme Champion** Male and Female of the Junior Show regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.
4. Junior Angus Cattle that are entered and shown in this Junior Show may also enter and show in the Open Angus Show provided they 1.) show in the junior show first, and 2.) the exhibitor enters by the open show entry deadline under the open division rules.
5. Any female that qualifies for female classes are not eligible to show in the cow/calf classes. However, the calf at the side of the female is eligible to show in its respective class.

American Angus Association Junior Angus Heifer Show Participation Statement

The American Angus Association®, 3201 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, Mo., will participate in premiums offered in individual classes for junior Angus heifers, as included in its standard show classifications, according to the premium schedule based on the number of the head shown. The premium assistance provided by the American Angus Association for participation in this show is in addition to the premiums offered by the show itself. The premium assistance should not be used to offset show expense and shall be included in the premium payments distributed by the show to the exhibitors. The association will not provide premiums in 2026.

A minimum of fifteen (15) head must be shown in the junior Angus heifer classes to receive American Angus Association premium participation. The show is not required to have all classes to be eligible for premiums.

Separate classes for bred and owned heifers may be held if the size of the show merits a separate class.

To be eligible for Association premiums the entries must be recorded in the sole name of the junior exhibitor, and the issue date on the registration certificate must conform to the individual show's requirements regarding ownership. The Association's contribution is included in the total premiums listed in each class.

Premiums from the Association are paid only to registered Angus cattle and only if the registration number is a part of the show report provided to the Association. Therefore, all cattle should be registered at the time of entry to make certain they receive the Association's portion of premiums.

The Association does not pay on premiums offered in championship classes. An animal may only be counted one time toward the total count for premium participation by the Association.

Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate issued by the American Angus Association available for inspection at the show for each animal or another current proof of ownership issued by the American Angus Association pedigree look up. Any animal, upon check-in, which does not have a legible permanent identification mark (ear tattoo marks, freeze-branded marks or hot-branded marks) corresponding to the permanent identification mark on the registration certificate, is ineligible to show. Once disqualified due to an incorrect or illegible permanent identification mark, animals cannot be re-identified (tattooed/branded) and rechecked at the show.

Any female shown with a calf at side: the calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf, and the calf must be registered by show day and have proof of registration at check-in.

Only one person at a time shall lead an animal into the show ring.

Exhibitors who participate in shows that accept premium monies contributed by the American Angus Association are subject to the Association Rules as found in the Breeders Reference Guide of the Association. These rules are found in Part 2; Association Rules. The rules relating directly with the exhibition of Angus cattle are Part 2: Association Rules; Rule 800 Series; including Rule 800 - 810. These rules can be found at www.angus.org.

Altering the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for the exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of chin straps, covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), with the exception of false tail switches. The use of graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances used externally is also prohibited. Other prohibited products include those used internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals or artificial filling. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing.

At any show for which the American Angus Association appropriates funds toward the payment of premiums, no exhibitors, individuals assisting exhibitors or member-owners at such show shall be allowed to use any coloring agents, on any animal exhibited. The Association may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a “white towel” or “white glove” test. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.

All animals exhibited are subject to DNA marker or blood type test to verify the accuracy of parentage as covered under the Association Rules and for another testing as required by the individual show.

Authorized representatives of the Association have the authority to enforce the rules set forth herein as well as in the Association Rules, including the barring of a registered animal from a livestock show at which it is to be shown if there are reasonable grounds to believe a violation has occurred.

Any classes listed in this classification, which exceeds 15 head per class, should be broken into smaller classes. This should be accomplished by dividing the class as evenly as possible without splitting animals with the same birth date.

Example 1: If 16 heads are entered in class 5, the class should be broken into two classes of 8; a class of 7 and 9; or a class of 10 and 6.

Example 2: If 32 heads are entered in class 5, the class should be divided into three classes consisting of two classes with 11 head and one class of 10 head or similar without putting animals with the same birth date in different classes.

Class breaks will be at the discretion of the AAA staff in attendance.

Only registered Angus cattle that meet the age requirements listed within this classification are eligible to receive premium participation and be counted In the total number of the head shown - Champion and Reserve Champion placings are not counted in a number of the head shown

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair Offers	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30

CLASSES 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24

	1st	2nd	3rd
California State Fair Offers	\$50	\$32	\$22

CHAMPION PREMIUM PAYMENT

Breed Champion (male & female).....	\$75
Reserve Breed Champion (male & female)	\$50

Class - Females

1. Junior Heifer Calf, born after January 1, 2026 and after
2. Junior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion
3. Late Senior Heifer Calf, November - December 2025
4. Early Senior Heifer Calf, September - October 2025
5. Senior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion
6. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, July - August 2025
7. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, May - June 2025
8. Intermediate Heifer Champion and Reserve Intermediate Heifer Champion
9. Late Junior Yearling Heifer, March - April 2025
10. Early Junior Yearling Heifer, January - February 2025
11. Junior Champion Heifer and Reserve Junior Heifer Champion
12. Late Senior Yearling Heifer, November - December 2024
13. Early Senior Yearling Heifer, September - October 2024
14. Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion
15. Breed Champion Heifer and Reserve Breed Champion Heifer
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
16. *Pair of Females - 2 females, any age (judged after champion female class)

Class - Bulls

(Must be bred and owned by Exhibitor)

17. Junior Bull Calf, after January 1, 2026, and over 4 months of age
18. Senior Bull Calf, September - December 2025

19. Intermediate Bull, May - August 2025
20. Junior Yearling Bull, January - April 2025
21. Senior Yearling Bull, January - December 2024
22. Breed Champion Bull and Reserve Breed Champion Bull
Supreme Champion Bull (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Bull (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

23. ***Get of Sire:** three animals, both sexes represented, all sired by same sire.
24. ***Cow-Calf:** Any cow-calf pair may be exhibited provided the calf is bred and owned by the junior exhibitor. The cow must be bred and owned or solely owned by exhibitor. If the cow was not bred by the exhibitor, the issue date on the recorded transfer of the cow must precede the breeding date of the cow for the calf at side. An Angus cow, any age, lactating, with her natural calf at the side (E.T. calves are not eligible), the calf must be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show. The calf may compete in its appropriate age class, provided it meets all requirements for the show. For calves just competing in Cow-Calf Class, the calf must be tattooed and registered by date of show.

NOTE: Cow-Calf Champions will need to turn in their promotional flyer prior to Supreme Drive on July 18 in order to give time for the judge to review. See Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Judging Criteria. The exhibitor does not have to be the breeder of the cow but must be the breeder of the calf.

Entry fee required. Entry must be submitted by the official entry deadline. Exhibitor must be a member of the California Junior Angus Association.

Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds Competing)

Reserve Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds Competing)

NOTE:* American Angus Association will **not pay premiums in these classes.

DIVISION 6035: JUNIOR HEREFORD

California State Fair Offers \$2,800 (Premiums)

Special Rules and Regulations

1. This Junior Hereford Show is a combined show of Junior Hereford and Junior Polled Hereford entries. This show is held in conjunction with the California-Nevada Hereford Association, Corinne Santos, Treasurer, 2401 Patterson Rd, Riverbank, CA 95361, the California-Nevada Junior Hereford Association, and the American Hereford Association, 11500 N. Ambassador Dr. Ste 410 Kansas City, MO 64153.
2. Exhibitors in Hereford classes are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification. Entries must be duly recorded with the American Hereford Association. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show competition. All entries are subject to provisions and rules for showing as set forth by the American Hereford Association Board of Directors and are subject to supervision of the Show and Sale Committee representing the AHA.
3. Junior Exhibitors must be members of the California Nevada Junior Hereford Association to be eligible for premiums sponsored through the association.
4. Open to California residents only.
5. All Junior Horned Hereford and Junior Polled Herefords must be entered under this division only. They are not eligible for the All Other Breeds Division.
6. The Breed Champion Male and Female and the Reserve Breed Champion Male and Female shall compete for SUPREME CHAMPION Male and Female and RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION Male and Female of the Junior Show regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.
7. Junior Horned Hereford Cattle and all Junior Polled Hereford Cattle that are entered and shown in this Junior Hereford Show may also enter and show in the Open Hereford Classic provided they 1.) Show in the junior show first, and 2.) The exhibitor enters by the open show entry deadline under the open division rules, without jeopardizing their junior status.
8. CA-NV Hereford Association will provide \$160 in premiums for Junior Hereford exhibitors in class 15. Exhibitors must be junior members of the association. CNHA will pay these premiums at the show.

Premium Payment Per Class

ALL CLASSES (EXCLUDING CHAMPION CLASSES)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State fair offers	\$60	\$50	\$30	\$25

CHAMPION PREMIUM PAYMENT

Breed Champion (male & female).....	\$75
Reserve Breed Champion (male & female)	\$50

Class - Females

1. Spring Heifer Calf, March - April 2026
2. Junior Heifer Calf, January - February 2026
3. Junior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion
4. Winter Senior Heifer Calf, November - December 2025
5. Senior Heifer Calf, August - October 2025
6. Senior Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion
7. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, June - July 2025
8. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, May 2025
9. Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion
10. Spring Yearling Heifer, March - April 2025
11. Spring Yearling Champion and Reserve Spring Yearling Champion
12. Junior Yearling Heifer, January - February 2025
13. Junior Yearling Champion and Reserve Junior Yearling Champion
14. Senior Yearling Heifer, August - December 2024
15. Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion
16. Breed Champion Female and Reserve Breed Champion Female **SUPREME Champion Female** (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
17. Cow-Calf - Any Hereford female older than the above ages with calf at side. Calf older than 240 days of age on the show date is not eligible to show in cow-calf class. Calf is eligible for individual classes but must be entered in the appropriate class.
18. Cow-Calf Champion and Reserve Cow-Calf Champion
NOTE: Cow-Calf Champions will need to turn in their promotional flyer prior to Supreme Drive on **July 18** in order to give time for the judge to

review. See Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Judging Criteria. The exhibitor does not have to be the breeder of the cow but must be the breeder of the calf. Exhibitor must be a member of the California-Nevada Junior Hereford Association.

Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds Competing)

Reserve Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)

19. Pair of Females - 2 females, any age (judged after champion female class)

Class - Bulls

(Must be bred and Owned by Exhibitor)

20. Junior Bull Calf, January - April 2026

21. Senior Bull Calf, August - December 2025

22. Intermediate Bull, May - July 2025

23. Yearling Bull, January - April 2025

24. Senior Bull, January - December 2024

25. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion Bulls

Supreme Champion Bull (All Breeds Competing)

Reserve Supreme Champion Bull (All Breeds Competing)

26. Get of Sire - four animals, all sired by the same sire. No sex requirement.

DIVISION 6040: JUNIOR SHORTHORN SHOW

California State Fair Offers	\$2,750
California Shorthorn Association Offers	\$ 1,024
Total Premiums Offered	\$3,774

Special Rules

1. This show is held in cooperation with the California Shorthorn Breeders Assn., Amanda McKeith, President and the California Junior Shorthorn Breeders Assn., Russell McKeith, 2107 N Silverdale Ct., Visalia, CA 93291, and the American Shorthorn Association (ASA), Cassie Reid, 7607 NW Prairie View Rd., Kansas City, CA 64151.
2. The California Shorthorn Association will pay additional premiums offered by the California State Fair in classes 2-24, not including champion classes, and not to exceed \$400 total. They will also pay an additional \$100 in premiums for the special "Cow-Calf Class." All California Shorthorn Association premiums will be paid through the offices of the California State Fair.
3. Animals in the junior show may only be in the sole name of the individual junior exhibitor.
4. Any Senior/Junior Yearling female that is 28 months of age or older on or before the date of the show must have a registered purebred natural calf at side and must be shown with such. All females 20 months of age or older on or after the date of the show must have a 60-day pregnancy verification signed by an accredited, non-owner veterinarian at the time the female is processed for the show. If verification cannot be produced, the female may be allowed to participate if the exhibitor can produce a qualified veterinarian to examine the female at the show site and verify a 60-day pregnancy. Any infractions against this rule will lead to disqualification.
5. The highest placing female and bull owned by a California resident of this division shall compete for the Supreme Champion Awards. Out-of-state juniors are not eligible for these Supreme Champion Awards. Out-of-state juniors are eligible to compete for Open Division Supreme Champion honors when they qualify.
6. All cattle must be purebred and have an original ASA registration paper (no copies or faxes accepted) to be eligible to show. All animals must be registered as the property of the exhibitor in the records of the American

Shorthorn Association. All Junior Shorthorns must be entered under this Division only. They are not eligible for the All Other Breeds Division.

7. Animals in the Shorthorn Junior Show may only be in the sole name of the individual junior exhibitor.
8. The Breed Champion Male and Female and the Reserve Breed Champion Male and Female shall compete for **Supreme Champion** Male and Female and **Reserve Supreme Champion** Male and Female of the Junior Show regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.
9. Entry into this show binds the exhibitor to all regulations pertaining thereto.
10. "Green" American Shorthorn Association pedigreed entries may NOT show in the Shorthorn division. CSBA will refuse to contribute premiums if this rule is not followed by the California State Fair.
11. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/ animal is entered and met all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
12. The Shorthorn Sweepstakes Class (Class 1) will be the first class judged in the Junior Shorthorn Show. Premiums will be paid at ringside.

Premium Payment Per Class

SWEEPSTAKES CLASS - CLASS 1 - PAID RINGSIDE						1st	2nd	3rd	4th			
California Shorthorn Association Offers						\$250	\$100	\$50	\$25			
CLASSES 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15												
						1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
California State Fair offers						\$60	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$10
California Shorthorn Association Offers						\$10	\$7	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$1	
CLASSES 18-22, 24												
						1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
California State Fair Offers						\$35	\$25	\$20	\$16	\$15		
California Shorthorn Association Offers						\$8	\$5	\$4	\$2	\$1		
COW-CALF CLASS - CLASS 25												
						1st	2nd	3rd	4th			
California Shorthorn Association Offers						\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10			

CHAMPION PREMIUM PAYMENT

Breed Champion (male & female).....	\$75
Reserve Breed Champion (male & female)	\$50

Class - Females

1. Sweepstakes Class - For animals purchased from the 2025 Spotlight on Quality Sale. Premiums will be paid at ringside for this class. If this is the only class the animal is entered in for this division, a \$17 entry fee is required. The winner of this class is not eligible for Champion. The Sweepstakes class will be the first class shown at the beginning of the Shorthorn Show.
2. Early Spring Heifer Calf, March - April 2026
3. Early Spring Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Early Spring Calf Champion
4. Junior Calf, January - February 2026
5. Junior Calf Champion and Reserve Junior Calf Champion
6. Winter Heifer Calf, November - December 2025
7. Senior Heifer Calf, September - October 2025
8. Senior Calf Champion and Reserve Senior Calf Champion
9. Summer Yearling Heifer, July - August 2025
10. Late Spring Yearling Heifer, May - June 2025
11. Intermediate Champion Female & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female
12. Early Spring Yearling Heifer, March - April 2025
13. Junior Champion Female and Reserve Junior Champion Female
14. Junior Yearling Heifer, January - February 2025
15. Senior Yearling Female, September - December 2024
16. Senior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Female
17. Breed Champion Female and Reserve Breed Champion Female
Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)
18. Pair of Females - two females any age (judged after champion female class)

Class - Bulls

19. Junior Bull Calf, January 1, 2026, and over 4 months of age
20. Senior Bull Calf, September - December 2025
21. Junior Yearling Bull, January - August 2025
22. Senior Yearling Bull, January - December 2024
23. Breed Champion Bull and Reserve Breed Champion Bull
Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)

Class - Groups

24. **Get of Sire Class:** four animals, all sired by same sire.
No sex requirements.
25. **Cow-Calf Class:** A Shorthorn cow, any age, lactating, with her natural calf at the side (E.T. calves are not eligible), the calf must be the cow's most recent calf and be born no earlier than October 16, 2025. The calf must be purebred, if calf is shorthorn plus, it must show in All Other Breeds. The calf may compete in its appropriate age class, provided it meets all requirements for the show. For calves just competing in Cow-Calf Class, the calf must be eligible for registry with the American Shorthorn Association.

NOTE: Cow-Calf Champions will need to turn in their promotional flyer prior to Supreme Drive on **July 18** in order to give time for the judge to review. See Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Judging Criteria. The exhibitor does not have to be the breeder of the cow but must be the breeder of the calf. Entry fee is required. Entry must be postmarked by the official entry deadline. Exhibitor must be a member of the California Junior Shorthorn Association.

Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Cow/Calf Pair (All Breeds competing)

DIVISION 6041: JUNIOR SHORTHORN HERDSMAN AWARD

No Entry Fee. The California Shorthorn Association and the California State Fair are pleased to offer this special herdsman competition to Junior Shorthorn Exhibitors. The competition is presented to recognize superior leadership, animal husbandry practices, and agricultural education programming within Junior Shorthorn Seedstock Producers and their project(s). All premiums will be paid through the offices of the California State Fair.

All exhibitors and their exhibit area will be evaluated daily from July 16-19 based on the Herdsman Scorecard below:

Herdsman Scorecard

General Appearance	65
Neatness & Cleanliness of bedding/aisle way	20
Use of attractive consistent signs, banners, decorations, QR codes, etc	15
Educational Information (attractive, neat, professional appearance).....	30
Condition of animals	15
Tack and Equipment Storage (neat and orderly)	15
Attendant	5

In addition, a total of 100 points will be available based on a one time interview with California Shorthorn Association representatives. Exhibitors will be contacted for interview times.

Interview (Exhibitor's knowledge, community activities, leadership, verbal presentation and ability to promote the Shorthorn Breed).....100

Exhibitors must enter on Junior Livestock Entry Forms and must provide (on the day of interview) a one page summary of their experience based on the interview criteria.

Awards

California Shorthorn Association offers an Award Jacket.

JUNIOR MARKET STEER

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per entry, per class & Entries Close on **June 16, 2026.**

American System of Judging. Ribbons through 5th place.

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. **Weigh-in:** After official weigh-in, steers will be divided into equal classes per division (minimum weight of 1,000 lbs, no maximum weight). Market Steers will have the option of weighing in on the scale.
4. All weight cards must be submitted to the clerk at the scales. Original Brand Inspection papers and/or Bill of Sale must be presented to the weighmaster at official weigh-in/ Breed Classification. See details in the "Fair Cattle Brand Inspection & Movement Requirements" section of this guide.
5. Each Market animal exhibitor must submit at the time of official arrival weigh-in a fully completed and signed Medication Declaration Form for each market animal entered and weighed.
6. Re-Weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final. **No exceptions.**
7. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh market animals just prior to judging and anytime after judging. **Market animals placing first through third will be weighed back immediately following their market class.** Market animals that have a variance of more than the amounts listed as follows by species shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance for steers: must be within 5% above or below the official weigh-in weight.
8. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any and all market steers designated for entry in the 2025 California State Fair must have had a hair sample taken prior to

March 18, 2026. No market steer will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official market steer Registration Form was completed online. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection, and the animal must be ear-tagged by the exhibitor at the time of this DNA collection. All completed Market Steer DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than March 18.

9. All market steers are then required to be officially entered by the owner, pay the entry fee and do so by the June 16 deadline. Remember, DNA registration does not complete the entry requirements for market steers. The State Fair must receive an official entry form according to entry deadline requirements.
10. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all junior market beef animals may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. **The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected.** From these two samples of hair, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 junior market beef show.
11. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and fur & feather) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026 if not taken in 2025.
12. We will be offering Slick and Fitted Divisions. All “Slick” market steers must be slick shorn to within 1/4” of hair growth (no more than 7 days prior to fair). Entire steer must be shorn, optional leg area from knee and hock down to tail switch. No adhesive or paint allowed. Hair sheen can be used. Slick requirements will be checked at the scale.
13. Drench guns are not allowed on California State Fair grounds. Any drench gun found on California State Fair grounds will be confiscated by State Fair staff, and exhibitor/exhibit will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
14. **No generators will be allowed to operate within the Livestock Pavilion.** All generators must be operated outside the Pavilion and must be stored out of sight when not in use. There is a \$35 charge per generator permit.
15. Portable electric generators whether owned, rented or borrowed, which are operated by an exhibitor at the California State Fair, must be equipped with Ground Fault Interrupter (G.F.I.) outlets. **No Exceptions.**

16. No gas cans are permitted inside the livestock barns.
17. The following competitions will be offered: Slick 4-H & FFA British Straightbreds , Slick 4-H & FFA All Other Colored Straightbreds and Crossbreds, Slick 4-H & FFA Black Straightbreds and Crossbreds, Fitted 4-H & FFA British Straightbreds , Fitted 4-H & FFA All Other Colored Straightbreds and Crossbreds, Fitted 4-H & FFA Black Straightbreds and Crossbreds. Management reserves the right to combine divisions if entries do not merit its own division. Any division which does not have at least 5 head shown will have their premiums reduced by 50% this year.

SLICK SHOW

California State Fair Offers..... \$1,900 per division

Division 6045: 4-H & FFA British Straightbreds

(Must be straightbred and display typical characteristics of the breed. The following breeds qualify Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford or Shorthorn. Any cattle of questionable parentage shall be placed in Colored or Black Divisions)

Division 6050: 4-H & FFA All Other Colored Straightbreds & Crossbreds

(includes Reds, Yellows, Browns, Whites or any steer that is not primarily Black)

Division 6055: 4-H & FFA Black Straightbreds & Crossbreds

(primary body color is Black; includes Black steers with White markings)

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR SLICK SHOW

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair Offers	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Champion Steer (each division)	\$725 & Vinyl Banner				
Reserve Champion Steer (each division)	\$400 & Vinyl Banner				

FITTED SHOW

California State Fair Offers..... \$1,900 per division

Division 6060: 4-H & FFA British Straightbreds

(Must be straightbred and display typical characteristics of the breed. The following breeds qualify Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford or Shorthorn. Any cattle of questionable parentage shall be placed in Colored or Black Divisions)

Division 6065: 4-H & FFA All Other Colored Straightbreds & Crossbreds

(includes Reds, Yellows, Browns, Whites or any steer that is not primarily Black)

Division 6070: 4-H & FFA Black Straightbreds & Crossbreds

(primary body color is Black; includes Black steers with White markings)

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR FFA SHOW

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair Offers	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Champion Steer (each division)	\$725 & Vinyl Banner				
Reserve Champion Steer (each division)	\$400 & Vinyl Banner				

STATE FAIR GRAND CHAMPIONS

The Slick and Fitted Champion Steers and Reserve Champion Steers will compete against each other for State Fair Grand Champion and State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer. The winners will receive:

State Fair Grand Champion Market Steer	Buckle, Banner, & \$8,000
State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer.....	Banner & \$4,000
Third Place Overall Market Steer	Banner & \$1,500
Fourth Place Overall Market Steer.....	Banner & \$1000
Fifth Place Overall Market Steer	Banner & \$500

Top 3 in each Division will be eligible to compete for Top 5.

DIVISION 6072: MARKET HEIFER SHOW

Entry Fee: \$35.00 per entry, per class & Entries Close **June 16, 2026.**

American System of Judging. Ribbons through 5th place.

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. **Weigh-in:** After official weigh-in, Heifers will be divided into equal classes. Market Heifers will have the option of weighing in on the scale. All weight cards must be submitted to the clerk at the scales.
4. Original Brand Inspection papers and/or Bill of Sale must be presented to the weighmaster at official weigh-in/ Breed Classification. See details in the "Fair Cattle Brand Inspection & Movement Requirements" section of this guide.
5. Each Market heifer exhibitor must submit at the time of official arrival weigh-in a fully completed and signed Medication Declaration Form for each market heifer entered and weighed.
6. Re-Weighing of market heifers will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final.. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh market heifers just prior to judging and anytime after judging. Market heifers placing first through third will be weighed back immediately following their class. Market heifers that have a variance of more than the amounts listed as follows by species shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance for heifers: must be within 5% above or below the official weigh-in weight.
8. Market Heifers do not require DNA for 2026.
9. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and small animals)** exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026 if not taken in 2025.

10. Drench guns are not allowed on California State Fair grounds. Any drench gun found on California State Fair grounds will be confiscated by State Fair staff and exhibitor/exhibit will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
11. All Market Heifers will enter Division 6072 Class 1
12. Market Heifers are not eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions.
13. Management reserves the right to cancel this show if there is not a minimum of five (5) entries received by June 16, 2026 to hold the Market Heifer Show.
14. **No generators will be allowed to operate within the Livestock Pavilion.** All generators must be operated outside the Pavilion and must be stored out of sight when not in use. There is a \$35 charge per generator permit.
15. Portable electric generators whether owned, rented or borrowed, which are operated by an exhibitor at the California State Fair, must be equipped with Ground Fault Interrupter (G.F.I.) outlets. **No exceptions.**
16. No gas cans are permitted inside the livestock barns.

Premium Payment Per Class

Entry Fee will be **\$35**. \$15.00 will be used for the entry fee, and \$20.00 will be paid out using the following schedule:

1st	50% of class premiums
2nd	20% of class premiums
3rd	15% of class premiums
4th	10% of class premiums
5th	5% of class premiums

CHAMPION PREMIUM PAYOUTS

Champion	\$50 & Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champion	\$25 & Vinyl Banner

Class

1. **Heifers:** After official weigh-in, heifers will be divided into classes based on weight.

DAIRY CATTLE

ENTRY FEE: \$18 or \$25 per entry depending on Division entered. **No limit on number of head entered.** Entries Close on **June 16, 2026.** The Junior Dairy Cattle Show will be held **July 25-28.** American System of Judging. Ribbons through 5th Place.

- **All California Junior All Other Breeds Show**
- **Junior Brown Swiss Show**
- **Junior Holstein Show**
- **Junior Red & White Holstein Show**
- **Junior Jersey Show**

Special Dairy Cattle Rules

1. All dairy animals will be examined upon arrival by a licensed veterinarian or inspected by a UCD veterinary technician .
2. All dairy cattle entries must bear official individual ID (have an 840 RFID ear tag in place). NPIN for the farm of origin will be required for each animal/group.
3. All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.
4. Exhibitors assume their own risk for the potential for disease transmission while participating in the show.
5. The California State Fair is continuing its Residue Avoidance Program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
6. Senior Yearlings that have freshened must be shown as 2-year-olds in both individual and group classes, except for Jerseys.
7. Blocking Chutes do not pertain to Dairy Exhibitors.
8. All Juniors must wear whites during competition. Official 4-H, FFA, and Grange uniforms are required, unless shirts are provided by the Breed Association.
9. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independents) shall compete in the same classes.
10. Exhibitors that qualify to compete for California State Fair Supreme or Reserve Supreme Female must participate in the Supreme/Reserve Supreme Competition. Exhibitors choosing not to participate in Supreme/

Reserve Supreme Champion drive will forfeit all premiums and awards.

11. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and fur & feather) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026 if not taken in 2025.
12. All Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Breed Champion Exhibitors qualify to participate in the Champion Challenge. All Dairy exhibitors may participate in the Champion Challenge Program. Details, rules and regulations are available in this guide.
13. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Boer Goats, and Market Gilts that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/animal is entered and meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines. Refer to General Rules, Juniors Entering Senior Department Section.
14. Red & White Holsteins entered in the Red & White Holstein Show may also enter in the Junior Holstein Show. Animals must be shown in the Junior Show to be eligible to compete in the open show (entry fee required).
15. **Generators:** There is a \$35 permit fee for all generators on grounds. Portable electric generators whether owned, rented or borrowed, which are operated by an exhibitor at the California State Fair, must be equipped with Ground Fault Interrupter (G.F.I.) outlets. NO EXCEPTIONS.
16. Dairy Cattle Exhibitors will be allowed to have Port-O-Cools on grounds. Port-O- Cools will require a \$35 permit fee to be on grounds. The \$35 fee will be paid the day of arrival at the Livestock Office. The State Fair reserves the right to limit the number of Port-O-Cools per exhibitor

HEALTH RULES - CATTLE ENTRIES FROM CALIFORNIA

17. It is unlawful to remove official identification. Requests to remove an official ID ear tag must be submitted to CDFA, AHFSS in writing at least 72 hours prior to the need to remove the tag. The request must include a photo of the ID, the reason the ID must be removed, and all other official ID ear tags on the animal.
18. If originating from a designated brucellosis surveillance area, a negative test is required within 30 days prior to entering California.
19. All female dairy cattle four (4) months of age and over must bear evidence of official calfhooD vaccination against brucellosis with a legible,

official tattoo visible in the right ear.

20. All dairy cattle need official identification (ID).
21. Acceptable methods for Official Identification of cattle include:
 - a. Brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags
 - b. USDA metal “silver brite” tags
 - c. Tags conforming to Animal Identification Number (AIN) system (commonly known as 840 tags)

California State Fair Awards

Age Champion	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Age Champion	Vinyl Banner
Breed Champion.....	Banner
Reserve Breed Champion	Vinyl Banner
Breed Champion Udder.....	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Breed Champion Udder	Vinyl Banner
Grand Champion Udder (all breeds competing).....	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Udder	Vinyl Banner
Supreme Champion Female (all breeds competing).....	\$200, Buckle & Banner
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (all breeds competing	\$100 & Banner
Supreme Junior Champion Female (all breeds competing).....	Buckle & Banner
Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Female (all breeds competing	Banner

DIVISION 6076: ALL CALIFORNIA JUNIOR ALL OTHER BREEDS SHOW

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per entry, per class & **Entries Close June 16, 2026.**

Special Junior Show Rules

1. Junior exhibitors must enter Division 6076. We will not be holding a separate Junior All Other Breeds Show. We will recognize the Junior Champion, Senior Champion and Grand Champion Female in the Open Show owned and exhibited by a Junior Exhibitor.
2. Open to California residents only.
3. All cattle must be registered with a recognized breed association and only original registration certificates are acceptable.
4. All juniors are automatically entered in the Open Show by paying the \$25.00 entry fee per entry, per class in Division 6076.
5. Junior exhibitors shall compete against the Open exhibitors.
6. Junior exhibitor animals may only be used as part of an Open exhibitors group entry when; (1) the junior exhibitor's animal was bred by the Open exhibitor and the group calls for the animal in question to be bred-by exhibitor and (2) when the Junior exhibitor's animal is to be used to fulfill the owned by exhibitor requirement of the group class. In the case of item (2) however, the Junior exhibitor's animal must be housed and tested at the operation of the open exhibitor.
7. All juniors must wear whites during the competition.
8. Production and Udder premiums will only be paid in the open show.
9. Senior Yearlings that have freshened must be shown as two-year-olds in both individual and group classes.

Class - Females

1. Junior Heifer Calf, March - May 2026
2. Intermediate Calf, December 2025 - February 2026
3. Senior Heifer Calf, September - November 2025
4. Summer Yearling, June - August 2025
5. Junior Yearling, March - May 2025
6. Winter Senior Yearling, December 2024 - February 2025
7. Fall Senior Yearling, September - November 2024
8. Junior Champion Female and Reserve Junior Champion Female

Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)

9. Junior Best Three Females enter Division 6515, Class 9
10. Junior Two-Year-Old, March - August 2024
11. Senior Two-Year-Old, September 2023 - February 2024
12. Three-Year-Old Cow, September 2022 - August 2023
13. Four-Year-Old Cow, September 2021 - August 2022
14. Five Years & Older Cow, born before September 2021
15. Dry Cows, born prior to September 2023
16. Senior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Female
17. Breed Champion & Reserve Breed Champion
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
18. Champion Udder & Reserve Champion Udder
Grand Champion Udder (All Breeds Competing)

To enter Open Group Classes:

Junior Best Three Females: Three animals, senior yearling or younger, none of which have freshened, all bred and at least one owned by exhibitor, limit of one per exhibitor. Enter Division #6515 Class 9 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Produce of Dam: Two animals, any age, both the produce of same dam, owned by exhibitor. No more than one entry per exhibitor per dam. Enter Division #6515 Class 19 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Daughter-Dam: One cow and one of her daughters, any age, both must be owned by exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor per dam. Enter Division #6515 Class 20 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Best Three Females: Three females, any age, all bred by exhibitor. Enter Division #6515 Class 21 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

DIVISION 6080: JUNIOR BROWN SWISS SHOW

Entry Fee: \$18.00 per entry, per class & Entries Close **June 16, 2026.**

California State Fair offers (regular classes)	\$800
California State Fair offers (for production)	\$504
Total Premiums Offered	\$1,254

Show Committee

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Special Rules

1. This show is recognized by and held in cooperation with the California Brown Swiss Cattle Association.
2. This is an open junior show. All junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, and Independents) shall compete in the same classes. All other rules apply.
3. For an animal to be exhibited as junior owned, in all classes the recorded ownership must show in the sole ownership of the exhibitor or partnership comprised of Brown Swiss Junior Members (Adult-Junior partnerships and family farm partnerships are not acceptable). If joint ownership, one of the owners must be declared the exhibitor during check-in. Awards will be presented as one unit, to all owners equally. Animals that are leased through the National Brown Swiss Association Lease Program are also eligible to be shown by juniors. The leased animal's recorded owner will receive open show awards. (This was requested by the National Brown Swiss Association)
4. The junior member who owns the animal is to show her. If the owner cannot attend the show, another Brown Swiss Association Junior Member may show the animal. Also, in a class where a junior member owns more than one animal, the owner must show one animal; another Brown Swiss Association Junior Member may show the second animal.
5. Junior Brown Swiss Exhibitors may enter the Open Brown Swiss Show as long as the animal was entered and shown in the Junior Show and the \$25 open entry fee was paid by the Open Entry Deadline of June 24.
6. Junior exhibitor animals are eligible for open groups classes not offered in the junior show but must enter the appropriate division and class number (pay the \$25 entry fee).

7. All Juniors must wear whites during competition.
8. Junior exhibitor animals must be registered in the name of that junior exhibitor.
9. All Open Division All California Brown Swiss Show Rules shall apply.
10. Important Notice: See Livestock Rules regarding bedding requirements.
11. **Definitions & Special Rules** 6, 7 and 8 of the Open Show shall apply.
12. Any animal sold or exhibited as registered by the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association can be blood/DNA typed at the discretion of the Executive Secretary. All expenses to be paid by Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association.
13. Junior exhibitor classes shall be combined with Open classes.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1-7, 10-13, 15-17, 21

	1st	2nd
California State Fair offers	\$30	\$23

Class - Females

1. Spring Heifer Calves- March - April 2026
2. Winter Heifer Calves - Born December 2025 - February 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calves - Born September - November 2025
4. Summer Yearling Heifer - Born June - August 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer - Born March - May 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer - Born December 2024 - February 2025
7. Fall Yearling Heifer, Born September - November 2024
8. Junior Champion Female and Reserve Junior Champion Female
Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
9. Junior Best Three Females (Enter Division 6495, Class 9)
10. Junior Two-Year-Old Cow-Born March - August 2024
11. Senior Two-Year-Old Cow- Born September 2023 - February 2024
12. Junior Three-Year-Old Cow-Born March - August 2023
13. Senior Three-Year-Old Cow-Born September 2022 - February 2023
14. Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion
15. Four-Year-Old Cow-Born September 2021 - August 2022
16. Five-Year-Old Cow-Born September 2020 - August 2021

17. Aged Cow, Six Years Old and Over-Born before September 1, 2020
18. Senior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Female
19. Breed Champion Female and Reserve Breed Champion Female
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
20. Champion Udder and Reserve Champion Udder
Grand Champion Udder (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

21. **Best Pair:** Two females, any age, owned by exhibitor. Limit of one entry per exhibitor.

To enter the following open classes:

Junior Best Three Females: Group to consist of 3 animals less than two years of age, none of which have freshened. All three animals must have been bred by exhibitor and at least one owned by the exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor, enter Division #6495, Class 9 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Best Three Females: Group to consist of any 3 females. At least one must have freshened, the other two any age, all bred by exhibitor, and at least one owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry. One entry per exhibitor, enter Division #6495, Class 21 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Produce of Dam: Group to consist of 2 females, any age, the produce of one cow which must be named. Animals need not both be owned by one exhibitor. Enter Division #6495, Class 22 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Exhibitors Herd: Five animals, all owned by exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor, enter Division #6495, Class 23 and pay the \$25 entry fee.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION AWARD

All females two years or older placing 1st-5th as individuals (in the division which they compete, i.e., Brown Swiss) are eligible for additional premiums in their class if the following minimum production requirements for 305-day lactation are met:

Age	Pounds Milk
5 years and over	21,250
4 years and under 5	20,250
3 years and under 4	18,500
2 years and under 3	16,000

Additional Class Premiums

PAYMENT SHALL BE BASED ON ACTUAL CLASS PLACING

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15

Production record may have been made at any age, not necessarily at the age which the cow is being shown. Production record should be mailed with Detailed Receipt and verified 12 hours before scheduled judging time to qualify for additional premiums. If this information is not provided at the time of entry, a \$5 fine per entry in question will be charged. Premium awards for production will not be paid unless the fine is paid. Please include a photocopy of the cow's DHI Sheet when submitting the cow's entry form, due June 16. Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry Certificates or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Official Plan records will be accepted for verification.

DIVISION 6085: JUNIOR RED & WHITE HOLSTEIN SHOW

ENTRY FEE: \$18.00 per entry, per class & Entries Close on **June 16, 2026**.

California State Fair offers (for regular classes)\$2,500

California State Fair offers (for production)\$504

Total Premiums Offered **\$3,004**

Special Rules

1. Open to California Juniors only.
2. The Breed Champion Female in this division will compete for **Supreme Champion** Female regardless of the exhibitors' designated organization.
3. See Livestock Rules regarding bedding requirements.
4. Junior Red & White Holstein Exhibitors may enter the Junior Holstein Show by paying the additional entry fee. Junior Red & White Holsteins are also eligible for the Open show as long as the animal was entered and shown in the Junior Show and the \$25 open entry fee was paid by the Open Entry Deadline of June 24.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1-7, 9-12, 14-16

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25

CLASSES 20-22

	1st	2nd	3rd
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$25	\$21

Class - Females

1. Junior Heifer Calf, March - April 2026
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf, December 2025 - February 2026
3. Senior Heifer Calf, September - November 2025
4. Summer Yearling, June - August 2025
5. Junior Yearling, March - May 2025
6. Winter Senior Yearling, December 2024 - February 2025
7. Fall Senior Yearling, September - November 2024

8. Junior Champion Female and Reserve Junior Champion Female
Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
9. Junior Two-Year-Old, March - August 2024
10. Senior Two-Year-Old, September 2023 - February 2024
11. Junior Three-Year-Old Cow, March - August 2023
12. Senior Three-Year-Old Cow, September 2022 - February 2023
13. Intermediate Champion Female & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female
14. Four-Year-Old Cow, September 2021 - August 2022
15. Five-Year-Old Cow, September 2020 - August 2021
16. Aged Cow, born before September 2020
17. Senior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Female
18. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
19. Champion Udder and Reserve Champion Udder
Grand Champion Udder (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

20. **Produce of Dam:** Two animals, any age, all the produce of the same dam, owned by exhibitor. No more than one entry per exhibitor per dam.
21. **Daughter-Dam:** One cow and one of her daughters, any age, both must be owned by exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor per dam.
22. **Best Pair:** Two females, any age, owned by exhibitor. Limit of one entry per exhibitor.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION AWARD

All females two years or older placing 1st-5th as individuals (in the division which they compete, i.e., Guernsey) are eligible for an additional premium in their class if the following minimum production requirements for 305-day lactation are met:

Age	Pounds Milk
5 years and over	23,750
4 years and under 5	22,500
3 years and under 4	21,000
2 years and under 3	20,000

Additional Class Premiums

PAYMENT SHALL BE BASED ON ACTUAL CLASS PLACING

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State fair offers.....	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15

Production record may have been made at any age, not necessarily at the age which the cow is being shown. Production record should be mailed with Detailed Receipt and verified 12 hours before scheduled judging time to qualify for additional premiums. If this information is not provided at the time of entry, a \$5 fine per entry in question will be charged. Premium awards for production will not be paid unless the fine is paid. Please include a photocopy of the cow's DHI Sheet when submitting the cow's entry form, due June 16. Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry Certificates or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Official Plan records will be accepted for verification.

DIVISION 6090: JUNIOR HOLSTEIN SHOW

ENTRY FEE: \$18.00 per entry, per class & Entries Close on **June 16, 2026**.

California State Fair offers (for regular classes)	\$3,400
California State Fair offers (for production)	\$504
Total Premiums Offered	\$3,904

Special Rules

1. Open to California Juniors only.
2. The Breed Champion Female in this division will compete for **Supreme Champion** Female regardless of the exhibitors' designated organization.
3. All Holsteins need to be at least 87% Registered Holstein Ancestry and be registered with Holstein Association USA to be shown in Holstein Division.
4. See Livestock Rules regarding bedding requirements.
5. Junior Holstein Exhibitors may enter the Open Holstein Show as long as the animal was entered and shown in the Junior Show and the \$25 open entry fee was paid by the Open Entry Deadline of June 24.
6. Junior Red & White Holstein Exhibitors may enter the Junior Holstein Show by paying the additional entry fee. Junior Holsteins are also eligible for the Open show as long as the animal was entered and shown in the Junior Show and the \$25 open entry fee was paid by the Open Entry Deadline of June 24.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1-7, 9-12, 14-16

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
California State Fair offers	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$10

CLASSES 20-22

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$12

Class - Females

1. Junior Heifer Calf, March - April 2026
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf, December 2025 - February 2026
3. Senior Heifer Calf, September - November 2025

4. Summer Yearling, June - August 2025
5. Junior Yearling, March - May 2025
6. Winter Senior Yearling, December 2024 - February 2025
7. Fall Senior Yearling, September - November 2024
8. Junior Champion Female and Reserve Junior Champion Female
Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
9. Junior Two-Year-Old, March - August 2024
10. Senior Two-Year-Old, September 2023 - February 2024
11. Junior Three-Year-Old Cow, March - August 2023
12. Senior Three-Year-Old Cow, September 2022 - February 2023
13. Intermediate Champion Female & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female
14. Four-Year-Old Cow, September 2021 - August 2022
15. Five-Year-Old Cow, September 2020 - August 2021
16. Aged Cow, born before September 2020
17. Senior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Female
18. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
19. Champion Udder and Reserve Champion Udder
Grand Champion Udder (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

20. **Produce of Dam:** Two animals, any age, all the produce of the same dam, owned by exhibitor. No more than one entry per exhibitor per dam.
21. **Daughter-Dam:** One cow and one of her daughters, any age, both must be owned by exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor per dam.
22. **Best Pair:** Two females, any age, owned by exhibitor. Limit of one entry per exhibitor.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION AWARD

\$576 in additional Premiums

Limit: No more than two monies paid per exhibitor per class.

All females two years or older placing 1st-5th as individuals (in the division which they compete, i.e., Holstein) are eligible for an additional premium in their class if the following minimum production requirements for 305-day lactation are met:

Age	Pounds Milk
5 years and over	23,750
4 years and under 5	22,500
3 years and under 4	21,000
2 years and under 3	20,000

Additional Class Premiums

PAYMENT SHALL BE BASED ON ACTUAL CLASS PLACING

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State fair offers	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15

Production record may have been made at any age, not necessarily at the age which the cow is being shown. Production record should be mailed with Detailed Receipt and verified 12 hours before scheduled judging time to qualify for additional premiums. If this information is not provided at the time of entry, a \$5 fine per entry in question will be charged. Premium awards for production will not be paid unless the fine is paid. Please include a photocopy of the cow's DHI Sheet when submitting the cow's entry form, due June 16. Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry Certificates or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Official Plan records will be accepted for verification.

DIVISION 6100: JUNIOR JERSEY SHOW

ENTRY FEE: \$18.00 per entry, per class & Entries Close on **June 16, 2026.**

California State Fair offers (for regular classes)\$3,500

California State Fair offers (for production) \$576

Total Premiums Offered**\$4,076**

Special Junior Show Rules

1. This show is recognized by the American Jersey Cattle Association, Neal Smith, Executive Secretary/C.E.O., 6485 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. All cattle must be registered with the American Jersey Cattle Association and only original registration certificates are acceptable. No Original Animal (OA) or Provisional Register (PR) certificates will be eligible to be shown.
2. Junior Jersey Exhibitors will **not** automatically role into the Open Show. Junior Jersey Exhibitors may enter the Open Jersey Show as long as the animal was entered and shown in the Junior Show and the \$25 open entry fee was paid by the Open Entry Deadline of June 24.
3. **Junior exhibitor classes shall alternate with Open classes.** Heifer classes followed by cows.
4. Junior exhibitor animals must be registered in the name of junior exhibitor.
5. Junior exhibitor animals may only be used as part of an Open exhibitors group entry when; (1) the junior exhibitors animal was bred by the Open exhibitor and the group calls for the animal in question to be bred-by exhibitor and (2) when the Junior exhibitor's animal is to be used to fulfill the owned by exhibitor requirement of the group class. In the case of item (2) however, the Junior exhibitor's animal must be housed and tested at the operation of the open exhibitor. Junior exhibitor animal must have been showed in the Open Show,
6. This is an open junior show. All junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, and Independents) shall compete in the same classes. All other rules apply.
7. All junior exhibitors must wear whites during competition.
8. Important Notice: See Livestock Rules regarding bedding requirements.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1-7, 9-13, 15-17

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
California State Fair offers	\$50	\$45	\$35	\$26	\$22	\$20	\$18

CLASSES 21-22

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$50	\$35	\$25	\$20

Class - Females

1. Junior Heifer Calf, March - April, 2026
2. Intermediate Heifer Calf, December 2025 - February 2026
3. Senior Heifer Calf, September - November 2025
4. Summer Yearling, June - August 2025
5. Junior Yearling, March - May 2025
6. Winter Senior Yearling, December 2024 - February 2025
7. Fall Senior Yearling, September - November 2024
8. Junior Champion Female & Reserve Junior Champion Female
Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Junior Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
9. Senior Yearling in Milk, September - November 2024
10. Junior Two-Year-Old, March - August 2024
11. Senior Two-Year-Old, September 2023 - February 2024
12. Junior Three-Year-Old Cow, March - August 2023
13. Senior Three-Year-Old Cow, September 2022 - February 2023
14. Intermediate Champion Female & Reserve Intermediate Champion Female
15. Four-Year-Old Cow, September 2021 - August 2022
16. Five-Year-Old Cow, September 2020 - August 2021
17. Aged Cow, Born before September 2020
18. Senior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Female
19. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion Female
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
20. Champion Udder & Reserve Champion Udder
Grand Champion Udder (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

21. **Produce of Dam:** Two animals, any age, and all the produce of same dam and at least one owned by exhibitor. No more than one entry per exhibitor per dam
22. **Best Pair:** Two females, any age, owned by exhibitor. Limit of one entry per exhibitor.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION AWARD

All females two years or older placing 1st-5th as individuals (in the division which they compete, i.e., Jersey) are eligible for an additional premium in their class if the following minimum production requirements for 305-day lactation are met:

Age	Pounds Milk
5 years and over	17,250
4 years and under 5	16,500
3 years and under 4	15,500
2 years and under 3	14,250

Additional Class Premiums

PAYMENT SHALL BE BASED ON ACTUAL CLASS PLACING

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State fair offers	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15

Production record may have been made at any age, not necessarily at the age which the cow is being shown. Production record should be mailed with Detailed Receipt and verified 12 hours before scheduled judging time to qualify for additional premiums. If this information is not provided at the time of entry, a \$5 fine per entry in question will be charged. Premium awards for production will not be paid unless the fine is paid. Please include a photocopy of the cow's DHI Sheet when submitting the cow's entry form, due June 16. Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry Certificates or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Official Plan records will be accepted for verification.

JUNIOR BREEDING SHEEP

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per entry, per class. **No limit to total number of head entered** & Entries Closes on **June 16, 2026**. The Junior Breeding Sheep Show will be held **July 16 - 19**. American System of Judging. Ribbons through 5th Place. Entries may be limited after June 16 based on space available.

The following competitions will be offered during the 2026 California State Fair:

- **Junior All Other Breeds - Meat**
- **Junior All Other Breeds - Wool**
- **Junior Dorset Show**
- **Western Regional Junior Hampshire Show**
- **Junior Southdown Spectacular Show**
- **Wether Dam/Wether Sire Show**

Special Breeding Sheep Rules

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. See Livestock Rule concerning Sheep Blocking Tables.
4. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes.
5. All Junior exhibitors must wear whites during competition. Official 4-H and FFA uniform is acceptable but not required.
6. Management reserves the right to split any classes and will determine implementation of such a process.
7. All lambs must have lambs teeth.
8. No Hot Shots or Sheep Lamb Racks will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. This does not include blocking tables.
9. The Fair reserves the right to collect tissue samples from champions and/or reserves to test for DNA matches and/or sire/dam verification.
10. Exhibitors that qualify to compete for California State Fair Junior Supreme or Reserve Supreme Ram or Ewe must participate in the Supreme/Reserve Supreme Competition. Exhibitors that choose not to participate

- in Supreme/Reserve Supreme Champion drive will forfeit all premiums and awards.
11. Junior Breeding Sheep that are entered and shown in the Junior Show may also enter and show in the Open Sheep Show provided they 1.) show in the junior show first, and 2.) the exhibitor enters by the open show entry deadline under the open division rules.
 12. Please be advised; if you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens, you will be required to return the panels to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back the bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns that your show superintendent knows your final location.
 13. Animals housed in L2 and L3 during Junior Livestock Week, July 16 - 19 may use shavings instead of straw. Exhibitors must clean their pens before obtaining a release.

STATE FAIR SPECIAL AWARDS

Breed Champion (male & female).....	Banner
Reserve Breed Champion (male & female)	Vinyl Banner
Supreme Champion (male & female) (all breeds competing)	\$200, Buckle, & Banner
Reserve Supreme Champion (male & female) (all breeds competing)	\$100 & Banner

DIVISION 6135: JUNIOR ALL OTHER BREEDS, MEAT DIVISION 6140: JUNIOR ALL OTHER BREEDS, WOOL

California State Fair offers..... \$1,100 per division (Premiums)

Special Rules

1. Open to California residents only.
2. All sheep in this division must carry registration papers from a Breed Association.
3. Montadale Sheep Breeders Association will provide premiums to the exhibitors of Montadale sheep.
4. Dorset Advantage Sheep will show in the All Other Breeds, Meat Show.
5. Any California Junior who wishes to participate in the open show must show the animal in the junior show.
6. The Breed Champion Ram and Ewe and the Reserve Breed Champions Ram and Ewe in these Divisions will compete for the Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.

Premium Payment per Class

CLASSES 1-4

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$30	\$20	\$12	\$10	\$10

CLASSES 6-10

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$35	\$27	\$14	\$10	\$10

CLASSES 12-15

	1st	2nd	3rd
California State Fair offers	\$30	\$25	\$18

Class - Rams

1. Yearling Ram, September 2024 - August 2025
2. Fall Ram Lamb, September - December 2025
3. Spring Ram Lamb, January - May 2026
4. Pair of Ram Lambs, Bred by Exhibitor
5. Breed Champion Ram and Reserve Breed Champion Ram
Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Ewes

6. Yearling Ewes, September 2024 - August 2025
7. Pair of Yearling Ewes
8. Fall Ewe Lambs, September - December 2025
9. Spring Ewe Lambs, January - May 2026
10. Pair of Ewe Lambs, Bred by Exhibitor
11. Breed Champion Ewe and Reserve Breed Champion Ewe
Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

12. **Young Flock:** one ram lamb and two ewe lambs, bred-by exhibitor
13. **Get of Sire:** four animals, any age, all get of one sire
14. **Flock:** one ram, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs
15. **Best Pair:** two animals, either sex, bred by exhibitor
16. **Cheviot Young Flock (No entry fee):** Ribbons 1st through 3rd
17. **Shropshire Young Flock (No entry fee):** Ribbons 1st through 3rd

DIVISION 6150: JUNIOR DORSET SHOW

California State Fair offers	\$1,200
Continental Dorset Club offers	\$500
Total Premiums offered	\$1,700

Special Rules

1. This is an open junior show. All junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independents) shall compete in the same classes. All other rules apply.
2. Any Dorset Sheep shown as Slick Shorn, must have no more than 7 days of wool.
3. Dorset Advantage Sheep will show in the All Other Breeds, Meat Show.
4. If less than 15 heads are entered by less than 3 exhibitors at the close of entry deadline (June 16) entries may be transferred to the All Other Breeds Division.
5. The highest placing Ram and Ewe owned by a California resident of this division shall compete for the Supreme Champion Awards.
6. The Breed Champion Ram and Ewe and the Reserve Breed Champion

Ram and Ewe in these Divisions will compete for the SUPREME CHAMPION and RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION Ram and Ewe regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASS 6, 8, 9

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State fair offers	\$50	\$35	\$30	\$20	\$15

CLASSES 1-4, 7, 10, 12-15

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$50	\$30	\$25	\$20

Class - Rams

1. Yearling Rams, September 2024 - August 2025
2. Fall Ram Lambs, September - December 2025
3. Spring Ram Lambs, January - May 2026
4. Pair of Ram Lambs - Bred and owned by Exhibitor
5. Breed Champion Ram and Reserve Breed Champion Ram
Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Ewes

6. Yearling Ewes, September 2024 - August 2025
7. Pair of Yearling Ewes - Bred and owned by Exhibitor
8. Fall Ewes Lambs, September - December 2025
9. Spring Ewes Lambs, January - May 2026
10. Pair of Ewe Lambs, Bred and owned by Exhibitor
11. Breed Champion Ewe and Reserve Breed Champion Ewe
Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

12. **Young Flock:** one ram lamb and two ewe lambs, bred and owned by exhibitor.
13. **Get of Sire:** four animals, any age, all get of one sire.
14. **Flock:** one ram, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs owned by exhibitor.
15. **Best Pair:** two animals, either sex, bred and owned by exhibitor

DIVISION 6155: WESTERN REGIONAL JUNIOR HAMPSHIRE SHOW

California State Fair offers.....\$1,200 (Premiums)

This show is sanctioned by and held in cooperation with the American Hampshire Sheep Association, Karey Claghorn, Secretary, 15603- 173rd Ave., Milo, Iowa 50166 and the California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association, Scott Layne, 3113 North Ave, Modesto, CA 95358.

Special Rules

1. This competition is open to California residents and out-of-state Juniors that meet California 4-H and FFA age requirements.
2. All Junior Hampshire sheep must be entered under this division only. They are not eligible for the **All Other Breeds-Meat Division**.
3. If less than 15 heads are entered by less than 3 exhibitors at the close of entry deadline (June 16) entries may be transferred to the All Other Breeds Division.
4. The Breed Champion Ram and Ewe and the Reserve Breed Champion Ram and Ewe in these Divisions will compete for the **Supreme Champion** and **Reserve Supreme Champion** Ram and Ewe regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1-4, 7-10, 12-15

	1st	2nd	3rd
California State Fair offers	\$35	\$30	\$25

CLASS 6

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20

Class - Rams

1. Yearling Rams, September 2024 - August 2025
2. Fall Ram Lambs, September - December 2025
3. Spring Ram Lambs, January - May 2026
4. Pair of Ram Lambs, Bred by Exhibitor
5. Breed Champion Ram

Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)

Reserve Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Ewes

6. Yearling Ewes, September 2024 - August 2025
7. Pair of Yearling Ewes
8. Fall Ewe Lambs, September - December 2025
9. Spring Ewe Lambs, January - May 2026
10. Pair of Ewe Lambs, Bred by exhibitor
11. Breed Champion Ewe and Reserve Breed Champion Ewe
Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

12. **Young Flock:** one ram lamb and two ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor
13. **Get of Sire:** four animals, any age, all get of one sire
14. **Flock:** one ram, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs
15. **Best Pair:** two animals, either sex, bred by exhibitor

DIVISION 6170: JUNIOR SOUTHDOWN SPECTACULAR SHOW

California State Fair offers..... **\$1,200 (Premiums)**

Special Rules

1. Open to California residents and out-of-state juniors that meet California 4-H and FFA requirements.
2. All Junior Southdowns must be entered under this division only. They are not eligible for the All Other Breeds division.
3. If less than 15 heads are entered by less than 3 exhibitors at the close of entry deadline (June 16) entries may be transferred to the All Other Breeds Division.
4. The Breed Champion Ram and Ewe and the Reserve Breed Champion Ram and Ewe in these Divisions will compete for the Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe regardless of the exhibitors' respective organization.
5. All Southdowns must be **Slick Shorn** within five days of the show. Wool may be left below the knees and hocks, also below the eyes and around the muzzle.

Premium Payment Per Class

CLASSES 1-5, 12

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$30	\$20	\$14	\$10	\$8

CLASSES 7-11

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$35	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$8

CLASSES 14-17

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$25	\$18	\$14	\$10

Class - Rams

1. Yearling Ram, September 2024 - August 2025
2. Fall Ram Lamb, September - December 2025
3. Winter Ram Lamb, January - February 15, 2026
4. Spring Ram Lamb, February 16, 2026, and later
5. Pair of Ram Lambs Bred by Exhibitor
6. Breed Champion Ram and Reserve Breed Champion Ram
Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Ewes

7. Yearling Ewe, September 2024 - August 2025
8. Pair of Yearling Ewes
9. Fall Ewe Lamb, September - December 2025
10. Winter Ewe Lamb, January - February 15, 2026
11. Spring Ewe Lamb, February 16, 2026, and later
12. Pair of Ewe Lambs Bred by Exhibitor
13. Breed Champion Ewe and Reserve Breed Champion Ewe
Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

14. **Young Flock:** one ram lamb and two ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor
15. **Get of Sire:** four animals, any age, all get of one sire
16. **Flock:** one ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs
17. **Best Pair:** two animals, either sex, bred by exhibitor

DIVISION 6177: THE LEONARD BIANCHI WETHER DAM & WETHER SIRE SHOW

California State Fair offers..... \$3,500 (Premiums)

This show is dedicated in the memory of Mr. Leonard Bianchi of Oakdale, California. Mr. Bianchi spent a lifetime in the pursuit of excellence to the California Sheep Industry, youth development, agriculture education, and the California State Fair.

Special Rules

1. **Weigh-in:** After official weigh-in, wether dams and wether sires will be divided into equal classes. All wether dam and wether sire sheep will come across the official scale. Weight-cards are to be filled out and submitted by the exhibitor prior to 11 a.m. deadline.
2. All sheep must be slick shorn within seven (7) days of show day.
3. Re-Weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final.
4. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that all wether dam and wether sire entries must have had a hair sample taken prior to June 16, 2026. No wether dam or sire entries will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official DNA Registration Form was completed. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection. **All completed DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than June 16.**
5. At the time of entry all entries must be identified by assigned DNA ear tag and retain that ear tag through the duration of the fair. When entry forms are completed please use the ear tag as identification.
6. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all junior wether dam and wether sire animals may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected. From these two samples of hair, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 Leonard Bianchi Wether Dam & Wether Sire show.

7. The Division Champion Ram and Ewe and the Reserve Division Champion Ram and Ewe will compete for the **Supreme Champion** and **Reserve Supreme Champion** Ram and Ewe regardless of the exhibitor's respective organization.
8. Age requirements for this competition are the same as all other divisions within the junior show. Entries will be weighed and classes will be split.
9. Ewes shown in the wether dam show are not eligible to compete in the market lamb show.
10. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) shall compete in the same classes. All other rules apply.
11. Purebred and Crossbred entries will be shown together in one division.

Premium Payment Per Class

RAM CLASSES

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$24

EWE CLASSES

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th-10th
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$17	\$15	\$12
Champion Ewe								\$100
Reserve Ewe.....								\$50

Class - Rams

1. Yearling Rams
2. Rams (All Rams except Yearling - classes will be split after weigh-in)
4. Pair of Ram Lambs - owned by exhibitor
5. Breed Champion Ram and Reserve Breed Champion Ram
Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ram (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Ewes

6. Yearling Ewes, September 2024 - August 2025
8. Pair of Yearling Ewes, owned by exhibitor
9. Ewe Lambs (All Ewe Lambs in class 8 - classes will be split after weigh-in)
18. Pair of Ewe Lambs, owned by exhibitor
19. Breed Champion Ewe and Reserve Breed Champion Ewe
Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (All Breeds Competing)

JUNIOR MARKET SHEEP

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per entry, per class. No limit on number of market sheep entered per division. Entries Close on **June 16, 2026**. American System of Judging. Ribbons through 5th Place. Entries may be further limited after June 16 based on space available.

Special Rules

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its Residue Avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. **Weigh-in Process:** All market sheep will come across the official scale. Weight-cards are to be filled out and submitted by the exhibitor prior to 10:00 a.m. deadline. Sheep will be classified and tail checked.
4. After official weigh-in, market lambs will be divided into equal classes per division (minimum weight for all breeds excluding Southdown's and Dorpers is 110 lbs. Minimum weight limit of Southdowns is 90 lbs. Minimum weight limit of Dorpers is 70 lbs. No maximum weight on market lambs.)
5. All market lambs must have been slick shorn from the knee and hock up 7 days before official weigh-in. Fleece not to exceed 1/4" in length and fleece length must be uniform over the entire body. Lambs with excessive wool will not be weighed or cataloged until shorn to meet the satisfaction of the weighmaster or another state representative.
6. Each Market animal exhibitor must submit at the time of official arrival weigh-in a fully completed and signed Medication Declaration Form for each market animal entered and weighed.
7. Re-Weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weighmaster during this time. Second weight shall be final. **No exceptions.**
8. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh market animals just prior to judging and anytime after judging. **Market animals placing first through third will be weighed back immediately following their market**

class. Market animals that have a variance of more than the amounts listed as follows by specie shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance for market lambs must be within 5% above or below the official arrival weight at the time of weighing back.

9. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any and all market lambs designated for entry in the 2026 California State Fair must have had a hair sample taken prior to May 16, 2026. No market lamb will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official market lamb Registration Form was completed online. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection, and the animal must be ear tagged by the exhibitor at the time of this DNA collection. All completed Market Lamb DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than May 16.
10. All market lambs are then required to be officially entered by the owner, pay the entry fee and do so by the June 16 deadline. Remember, DNA registration does not complete the entry requirements for market lambs. The State Fair must receive an official entry form according to entry deadline requirements.
11. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all junior market lamb animals may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. **The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected.** From these two samples of hair, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 junior market lamb show.
12. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and small animal) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026 if not taken in 2025.
13. Drench guns are not allowed on California State Fair grounds. Any drench gun found on California State Fair grounds will be confiscated by State Fair staff and exhibitor/exhibit will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
14. If you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens you will be required to return the panels to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back the bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns

- that your show superintendent knows your final location.
15. Animals housed in L2 and L3 during Junior Livestock Week, July 16 - 19 may use shavings instead of straw. Exhibitors must clean their pens and alleyways before obtaining a release.
 16. All lambs must have lambs teeth.
 17. Castration sites must be healed and free from inflammation.
 18. **Special Substitution Rule:** Substitutions may be made between different divisions only if the animal to be substituted has fulfilled the DNA Registration requirements prior to May 16, 2026. All substitutions must be submitted to the sheep clerk by official weigh-in on July 17, 2026.
 19. All market lambs eligible to compete in the 2026 California State Fair must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have been re-docked or have complete tail removal will not be eligible.
 20. Ewes entered in these classes are not eligible to compete in breeding classes.
 21. No Hot Shots or Sheep Lamb Racks will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. This does not include blocking tables.
 22. Astro-turf is acceptable to be used as bedding in the Sheep Barn. Exhibitors are required to clean pens on a daily basis and keep them clean during the duration of the fair. If at any time the pens are not cleaned to an acceptable manner and are compromising the welfare of the animal, management reserves the right to withhold all premiums and/or disqualify exhibitor.
 23. The California State Fair has a policy of zero tolerance as it pertains to active sheep fungus. Market lambs that have been diagnosed with “active” sheep fungus or suspicious lesions (diagnosed by approved Veterinarian staff) shall be quarantined by the veterinarian on duty and removed from the Cal Expo grounds. See Sheep Health Rules for details.
 24. Dorper market lambs must meet the Western States Dorper Association classification guidelines: updated 9/3/2021.

Market Lamb Division Specifications

Natural Color - Any sheep that displays a majority of black, grey, brown fiber or version of the same.

MARKET LAMB SHOW

California State Fair offers..... \$640 per Division

Division 6180: 4-H & FFA All Other Black Face & Crossbreds

Division 6185: 4-H & FFA Speckle & Brockle Face

Division 6188: 4-H & FFA All Other White Face

Division 6190: 4-H & FFA Hampshire

Division 6194: 4-H & FFA Natural Color

Division 6195: 4-H & FFA Southdown

Division 6196: 4-H & FFA Dorper

Division 6200: 4-H & FFA Suffolk

PREMIUMS OFFERED SHOW

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th-7th
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$10
Champion Market Lamb (each division).....	\$150 & Vinyl Banner				
Reserve Champion Market Lamb (each division)	\$75 & Vinyl Banner				

STATE FAIR GRAND CHAMPIONS

Each Breed Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb will compete against each other for State Fair Grand Champion and State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. The winners will receive:

State Fair Grand Champion Market Lamb.....	Buckle, Banner, & \$2,500
State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.....	Banner & \$2,000
Third Place Overall Market Lamb.....	Banner & \$1000
Fourth Place Overall Market Lamb.....	Banner & \$750
Fifth Place Overall Market Lamb.....	Banner & \$500
Top 3 in each Division will be eligible to compete for Top 5.	

JUNIOR BREEDING SWINE

ENTRY FEE: \$45.00 per entry, per class. Entries close on **June 16, 2026**.

Junior Breeding Swine Show will be held **July 16-19**. American System of Judging. Jackpot Premiums. Class Ribbons through 5th Place.

The following competitions will be offered in 2026:

- **Berkshire**
- **Chester**
- **Crossbred**
- **Duroc**
- **Hampshire**
- **Hereford & Tamworth**
- **Landrace**
- **Poland China & Spot**
- **Yorkshire**

Special Breeding Swine Rules

1. **This is a female show only.**
2. All crossbred gilts must submit DNA. DNA kits must be requested by June 5, 2026. DNA samples must be returned to the California State Fair Entry Office by 5:00 p.m. on **June 16, 2026**.
3. All Junior Yearling sows shall have farrowed and suckled a litter, or must show ample evidence of carrying a litter at time of exhibition.
4. No limit on the total number of head entered; however, no more than two entries per exhibitor per class. Entries may be limited after June 16, based on space available.
5. Open to California residents only.
6. This is an Open Junior Show. All Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes.
7. Junior exhibitors must wear whites during competition. Official 4-H and FFA uniforms are acceptable but not required.
8. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring fans and generators to help generate air movement in L3. Fans and equipment and their locations must satisfy the state's safety requirements.
9. If a market barrow was entered in error instead of a gilt, exhibitor may pay an additional \$40 entry fee and move to the gilt division. If moving to a division that requires DNA, DNA must have been submitted and accepted by DNA deadline. All other rules and guidelines must be met.
10. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including

but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.

11. Animals housed in L2 and L3 during Junior Livestock Week, July 16-19 may use shavings instead of straw. Exhibitors must clean their pens and alleyways before a release can be issued.
12. Crossbreds will compete for Supreme Champion.
13. Jackpot Premium Payout.
14. See Swine Health Rules in front of this Guide.
15. See Swine division descriptions.

SPECIAL STATE FAIR AWARDS

Breed Champions	\$30 & Banner
Reserve Breed Champions	\$15 & Vinyl Banner
Supreme Champion Female.....	\$200, Buckle, & Banner
(all breeds and crossbred champions competing)	
Reserve Supreme Champion Female	\$100 & Banner
Third Overall Female.....	Vinyl Banner
Fourth Overall Female.....	Vinyl Banner
Fifth Overall Female.....	Vinyl Banner
Top 3 in each division will be eligible to compete for Top 5.	

DIVISIONS

Division 6238: Berkshire

Division 6239: Chester

Division 6240: Duroc

Division 6241: Hampshire

Division 6242: Hereford & Tamworth

Division 6243: Landrace

Division 6244: Poland China & Spot

Division 6245: Yorkshire

PREMIUMS

Entry Fee will be **\$40**. \$15.00 will be used for the entry fee, and \$25.00 will be paid out using the following schedule:

1st	50% of class premiums
2nd.....	20% of class premiums
3rd.....	15% of class premiums
4th.....	10% of class premiums
5th.....	5% of class premiums

Class - Females

1. March 2026 Gilt
2. February 2026 Gilt
3. January 2026 Gilt
4. December 2025 Gilt
5. November 2025 Gilt
6. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)

DIVISION 6246: JUNIOR SWINE CROSSBRED GILTS

Special Rules

1. **Weigh-in:** After official weigh-in, crossbred gilts will be divided into equal classes (no minimum weight, the maximum weight limit is 375 lbs.)
2. Re-Weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh crossbred gilts just prior to judging and anytime after judging. **Crossbred gilts placing first through third will be weighed back immediately following their class.** Crossbred gilts that have a variance of more than the amounts listed as follows by species shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance for crossbred gilts must be within 15 lbs. above or below the official arrival weight at the time of weighing back.
4. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any and all crossbred gilts designated for entry in the 2026 California State Fair must have had a hair sample taken prior to June 16, 2026. No crossbred gilt will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official crossbred gilt Registration Form was completed online. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection and the animal must be ear tagged by the exhibitor at time of this DNA collection. All completed Crossbred Gilt DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than June 16.
5. All crossbred gilts are then required to be officially entered by the owner, pay the entry fee and do so by the June 16 deadline. Remember, DNA registration does not complete the entry requirements for crossbred gilts. The State Fair must receive an official entry form according to entry deadline requirements.
6. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all crossbred gilts may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. **The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected.** From these two samples of hair a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 Junior Crossbred Gilt Swine Show.

CHAMPION PREMIUMS

Division Champion & Reserve Division Champion..... Vinyl Banner
Breed Champion.....\$30 & Banner
Reserve Breed Champion\$15 & Vinyl Banner

Entry Fee will be **\$40**. \$15.00 will be used for the entry fee, and \$25.00 will be paid out using the following schedule:

1st 50% of class premiums
2nd 20% of class premiums
3rd 15% of class premiums
4th 10% of class premiums
5th 5% of class premiums

Class - Females

1. Females - classes to be split after weigh-in
19. DIV I Champion
20. DIV II Champion
21. DIV III Champion
22. Breed Champion Female and Reserve Breed Champion Female
Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)
Reserve Supreme Champion Female (All Breeds Competing)

JUNIOR MARKET BARROW

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 per entry, per class. Entries close on **June 16, 2026**. No limit on market barrows per division. American System of Judging. Ribbons awarded through 5th Place. Entries may be limited based on space available.

Special Rules

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. **Weigh-in:** After official weigh-in, market barrows will be divided into equal classes per division (Minimum weight of 210 lbs, maximum weight of 280 lbs). Proof of Official Bill of Sale will be required at time of official weigh-in.
4. **Weigh-in Process:** All market barrows will come across the official scale. Weight-cards are to be filled out and submitted by the exhibitor prior to 10:00 a.m. deadline. Once barrow's weight is recorded by exhibitor, barrows will proceed directly to the designated holding pens for breed classification. Breed classification will be determined by a committee. The National Swine Registry breed guidelines will be used to determine breed classification.
5. Each Market animal exhibitor must submit at time of official arrival weigh-in a fully completed and signed Medication Declaration Form for each market animal entered and weighed.
6. Re-Weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final. **No Exceptions.**
7. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh market animals just prior to judging and anytime after judging. **Market animals placing first through third will be weighed back immediately following their market class.** Market animals that have a variance of more than the amounts listed as follows by species shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance for barrows: must be within 6% above or below the official weight at the time of weighing back.

8. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any and all market barrows designated for entry in the 2026 California State Fair must have had a hair sample taken prior to May 19, 2026. No market barrow will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official market barrow Registration Form submitted. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection, and the animal must be ear-tagged by the exhibitor at the time of this DNA collection. All completed Market Barrow DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than May 19.
9. All market barrows are then required to be officially entered by the owner, pay the entry fee and do so by the June 16 deadline. Remember, DNA registration does not complete the entry requirements for market barrows. The State Fair must receive an official entry form according to entry deadline requirements.
10. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all junior market barrows may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. **The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected.** From these two samples of hair, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 junior market barrow show.
11. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and small animal) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2025 if not taken in 2024.
12. Drench guns are not allowed on California State Fair grounds. Any drench gun found on California State Fair grounds will be confiscated by State Fair staff and exhibitor/exhibit will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
13. Animals housed in L2 and L3 during Junior Livestock Week, July 16 - 19 may use shavings instead of straw. Exhibitors must clean their pens and alleyways before obtaining a release.
14. *Management reserves the right to combine divisions in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition.*

DESCRIPTIONS

Berkshire – A common color pattern of black body, erect ears with 6 white points (face, four socks, tip of tail) shall serve as the base with a combination or variation pattern which may include: Black based body color with white color on at least 3 legs, cannot have white skin or hair exceeding 2/3 rds the area of the upper body (above the legs) or in any continuous manner as to cover 1/3 of the body area as well as not to have any white color that encircles the entire body(to form a belt). There must be white on the face but do not include the entire head.

Chester White – All white in color with medium sized drooping ears. No more than 5 non- white pigmented color spots. No spot of nonwhite colored pigment greater in size than a silver dollar. No color hair other than white.

Dark Crossbred – Those barrows possessing colors of the solid pattern from black, red, brown, or the variation of those colors in a distinct pattern and which do not fit other breed classification requirements. A red-headed white bodied, black/ red spotted or black-headed white bodied barrow will be classified dark cross. This would include broken and off belted black barrows.

Duroc – Red to brown color covering the entire body with drooping ears. Black spots cannot exceed 3 with any covering an area larger than 2 inches in diameter. No other color shall be allowed on the body or legs and no shading or coloring resembling a belt is allowed.

Hampshire – The color pattern shall be black body in color with erect ears, a white belt shall start on one front foot and continue over to the opposite foot. No white shall be allowed over the rim of the nose and no white greater in size than a quarter covering the chin. All half or off belts will classify dark cross. No white shall be allowed from the front of the sheath back. White is allowed on the back legs as long as it does not rest above the joint of the hock.

Hereford and Tamworth – Hereford will be red or dark or light in color, white head or blaze from ear line forward on the face, white ears, white feet or legs, and ears carriage is broken forward. Splashes of white color may be present in various patterns across the body but no other color or full belt is allowed. Tamworth shall be a general red to brown color with erect ear carriage. Black colored hair is permissible but no more than 20 spots and nothing larger than 4 inches in diameter.

Landrace – All white in color with large drooping ears. No more than 3 color pigmentation spots and none larger than a quarter in size. No other hair color than white.

Light Crossbred – Those barrows are possessing white hair and skin pigment, general light to deep blue coloring in any pattern located on the body, legs or head. Any color pattern of mixed red roan with blue colored variations located on the body, legs or head. The distinct coloring of a white body pronounced red and no presence of blue or mixed blue/ reddish tint will be classified dark cross.

Poland China and Spotted – Polands will be black bodied with 6 white points (face, feet, and tail) and drooping ears. No more than 1 solid black leg and free of any different colored hair other than black or white. No indications of a belt but a splash of white on the body is allowed. Spotted will be a base pattern of black and white colored spots only, with drooping ears. No color tinted hair other than black or white and head may not be solid black in color from the ears forward. No signs of a solid belt or solid color of black or white which covers more than 1/3 of the animals' body.

Yorkshire – All white in color with erect ear carriage. Not more than 2 spots of different color pigmentation, no spot larger than a dime, no single spot larger than a quarter or both spots combined greater than a silver dollar. No other hair color than white.

BARROW SHOW

The following divisions are Market Swine (Barrows Only)

Division 6250: 4-H & FFA Berkshire

Division 6251: 4-H & FFA Chester

Division 6252: 4-H & FFA Duroc

Division 6253: 4-H & FFA Hampshire

Division 6254: 4-H & FFA Hereford & Tamworth

Division 6255: 4-H & FFA Landrace

Division 6256: 4-H & FFA Poland China & Spot

Division 6257: 4-H & FFA Yorkshire

Division 6258: 4-H & FFA Light Crossbred

Division 6259: 4-H & FFA Dark Crossbred

Management reserves the right to combine divisions in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition.

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR BARROW SHOW

Entry Fee will be **\$40**. \$15.00 will be used for the entry fee, and \$25.00 will be paid out using the following schedule:

1st	50% of class premiums
2nd.....	20% of class premiums
3rd.....	15% of class premiums
4th.....	10% of class premiums
5th	5% of class premiums
Champion Market Barrow (each division).....	\$100 & Banner
Reserve Champion Market Barrow (each division)	\$50 & Vinyl Banner
Third Overall Market Barrow (each division if over 25)	Vinyl Banner

STATE FAIR GRAND CHAMPIONS

Each Champion Market Barrow and Reserve Champion Market Barrow will compete against each other for State Fair Grand Champion and State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow. The winners will receive:

State Fair Grand Champion Market Barrow	Buckle, Banner & \$2,500
State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow.....	Banner & \$2,000
Third Place Overall Market Barrow	Banner & \$1000
Fourth Place Overall Market Barrow	Banner & \$750
Fifth Place Overall Market Barrow	Banner & \$500

Top 3 in each Division will be eligible to compete for Top 5.

JUNIOR MARKET GOAT

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per entry, per class & Entries close on **June 16, 2026.**

No limit on the number of market goats entered. American System of Judging. Ribbons awarded through 5th Place.

Special Rules

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand, and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its residue avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals, or feed additives.
3. **Weigh-in Process:** All market goats will come across the official scale. Weight-cards are to be filled out and submitted by the exhibitor prior to 5:30 p.m. deadline.
4. **Weigh-in:** After official weigh-in, market goats will be divided into equal classes (minimum weight 55 lbs., maximum weight 120 lbs.)
5. All Market Goats to be entered and eligible to show must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed, and under the daily care of the exhibitor for 60 consecutive days (May 19, 2026) prior to the opening day of the fair. Proof of Official Bill of Sale will be required at the time of official weigh-in.
6. Each market animal exhibitor must submit at the time of official arrival weigh-in a fully completed and signed Medication Declaration Form for each market animal entered and weighed.
7. Re-Weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight is taken is below the minimum or above the maximum. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final. **No exceptions.**
8. The California State Fair reserves the right to weigh market animals just prior to judging and anytime after judging. **Market animals placing first through third will be weighed back immediately following their market class.** Market animals that have a variance of more than the amounts listed as follows by species shall be disqualified. Maximum allowable weight variance for market goats: must be within 5% above or below the official weight at the time of weighing back.

9. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any and all market goats designated for entry in the 2026 California State Fair must have had a hair sample taken prior to May 19, 2026. No market goat will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official market goat Registration Form was completed online. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection, and the animal must be ear-tagged by the exhibitor at the time of this DNA collection. All completed Market Goat DNA packets must be in the State Fair office no later than May 19.
10. All market goats are then required to be officially entered by the owner, pay the entry fee and do so by the June 19 deadline. Remember, DNA registration does not complete the entry requirements for market goats. The State Fair must receive an official entry form according to entry deadline requirements.
11. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all junior market goats may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. **The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected.** From these two samples of hair, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 junior market goat show.
12. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and small animal) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026 if not taken in 2025.
13. Drench guns are not allowed on California State Fair grounds. Any drench gun found on California State Fair grounds will be confiscated by State Fair staff and exhibitor/exhibit will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
14. Please be advised, if you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens you will be required to return the panels to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back the bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns that your show superintendent knows your final location.
15. Animals housed in L2 and L3 during Junior Livestock Week, July 16 - 19 may use shavings instead of straw. Exhibitors must clean their pens and

alleyways before obtaining a release.

16. Market Goats must have milk teeth in normal positions and no permanent teeth showing at that time. Any goat having lost any of its milk teeth will be disqualified.
17. This show is open to any breed or crossbred female (unbred) or wether goat. Any animal showing signs of pregnancy or testicular development will be disqualified.
18. All goats must be slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less above the knee or hock joints upon arrival at the fair.
19. No painting or artificial coloring to change the natural color. Powder is acceptable.
20. Goats must be dehorned or horns tipped with blunt ends (flat and have no point) and less than two inches in length.
21. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring. Exhibitors using prolonged or spiked collars shall be disqualified,
22. No Hot Shots or Lamb Racks/Show rails will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. This does not include blocking tables.
23. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
24. Goats front feet must be on the ground while showing. The front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the ground.

DIVISION 6128: GOAT SHOW

PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR SHOW

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$40	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$10
Champion Division I Market Goat	\$100 & Vinyl Banner				
Reserve Champion Division I Market Goat	\$50 & Vinyl Banner				
Champion Division II Market Goat	\$100 & Vinyl Banner				
Reserve Champion Division II Market Goat.....	\$50 & Vinyl Banner				
Champion Division III Market Goat	\$100 & Vinyl Banner				
Reserve Champion Division III Market Goat.....	\$50 & Vinyl Banner				

STATE FAIR GRAND CHAMPIONS

The Division I, II and III Champion Market Goats and Reserve Champion Market Goats will compete against each other for State Fair Grand Champion and State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat. The winners will receive:

State Fair Grand Champion Market Goat.....	\$2,500, Buckle, & Banner
State Fair Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat	\$2,000 & Banner
Third Place Overall Market Goat.....	\$1000 & Banner
Fourth Place Overall Market Goat	\$750 & Banner
Fifth Place Overall Market Goat.....	\$500 & Banner

Top 3 in each Division will be eligible to compete for Top 5.

DIVISION 6130: WETHER DAM DOE SHOW

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 per entry, per class.

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FEE: \$5.00. Entries close on **June 16, 2026.** American System of Judging. Ribbons awarded through 5th Place.

Special Rules

1. Does must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management at least 30 consecutive days prior to the fair. For the purpose of enforcing ownership requirements, the California State Fair will require that any and all wether dam doe goats designated for entry in the 2026 California State Fair must have had a hair sample taken prior to June 16, 2026. No wether dam doe will be eligible for official entry unless this hair sample has been obtained and an official wether dam doe goat Registration Form was completed online. The Exhibitor will be responsible for the hair sample collection, and the animal must be ear-tagged by the exhibitor at time of this DNA collection. All completed Wether Dam Doe Goat DNA packets must be in the California State Fair office no later than June 16.
2. All wether dam doe goats are then required to be officially entered by the owner, pay the entry fee and do so by the June 16 deadline. Remember, DNA registration does not complete the entry requirements for wether dam does goats. The State Fair must receive an official entry form according to entry deadline requirements.
3. Upon arrival at the California State Fair, all wether dam doe goats may be required to have a second sample of hair taken. **The exhibitor and parent/legal guardian and/or leader/advisor must be present when the second hair sample is collected.** From these two samples of hair, a DNA Matching Analysis test may be run to verify that both samples match and confirm the identity of each animal. There will be no deviation from this procedure. Any animal not having hair taken (from either pre-fair or at the Fair or both) will not be allowed to enter the 2026 Wether Dam Doe Show.
4. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
5. The California State Fair is continuing its Residue Avoidance testing program and reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.

6. **Weigh-in Process:** All wether dam does will come across the official scale. Weight-cards are to be filled out and submitted by the exhibitor prior to 5:30 p.m. deadline.
7. After official weigh-in, does will be divided into classes.
8. All does must have a DNA ear tag in their ear prior to weigh-in.
9. Re-Weighing of animals will only be allowed when the exhibitor requests. The exhibitor must state to the Weighmaster immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The second weight will be taken immediately following the initial weight, and the animals must be held in view of the weigh master during this time. Second weight shall be final.
No exceptions.
10. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and fur & feather) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026, if not taken in 2025.
11. Please be advised, if you remove or rearrange a panel in your assigned pens you will be required to return the panels to their original location before a release slip is issued. Failure to do so will result in a \$50.00 back charge for each panel our staff has to re-install to its original configuration. Barn assignments will be used to back the bill, so make sure if you change locations in the barns that your show superintendent knows your final location.
12. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
13. The use of prolonged or spiked collars is prohibited.
14. This is a replacement program. All does must resemble the maternal line of a meat goat. Does will be shown as a breeding animal.
15. All does must have milk teeth or yearling teeth.
16. No painting or artificial coloring to change the natural color. Powder is acceptable.
17. Show does will be groomed to exhibitors liking.
18. Structural correctness disqualifications are at the discretion of the judge.
19. Goats shall be free of any health or skin illness.
20. Does may be shown with or without horns. No discrimination without horns.
21. All does will be divided into weight classes. All first and second place does will come back for Division Champion Selection. Division I, II & III Champion & Reserve Champions will compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion.

22. Does shown in the market show CANNOT show in Division 6130.
23. All Animals must be exhibited by the exhibitor. The only exception to this rule would be if exhibitor has more than one animal entered in the same class, in which case another junior exhibitor may show the additional entry.
24. NEW: Wether Dam Doe exhibitors will compete in large animal showmanship classes. Enter the respective division and class 4 for Goats.
25. All entry fees are non-refundable. Animals may not be transferred from the market show into this division.
26. This is an Open Junior Show; all Junior exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independents) shall compete together in the same classes.
27. Juniors must wear whites during competition.

Premium Payout per Class

CLASSES 1-10

Entry Fee will be \$35. \$15.00 will be used for entry fee, and \$20.00 will be paid out using the following schedule:

1st	50% of class premiums
2nd	20% of class premiums
3rd	15% of class premiums
4th	10% of class premiums
5th	5% of class premiums

CHAMPION PREMIUM PAYOUTS

Champion	\$50, Banner and Buckle
Reserve Champion	\$25 & Vinyl Banner
Division Champion (3)	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Division Champion (3)	Vinyl Banner

Class

1. Does - after official weigh-in, goats will be divided into classes based on weight.

JUNIOR YOUTH DAIRY GOATS

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 per entry, per class. Entries close on **June 16, 2026**.

Ribbons awarded through 5th Place.

ADGA Rules shall govern. *The show order is subject to change to make the show run smoothly.*

The following shows will be offered during the 2026 California State Fair:

- **Youth Alpines**
- **Youth LaMancha**
- **Youth Nigerian Dwarf Goats**
- **Youth Nubian**
- **Youth Oberhasli**
- **Youth Recorded Grades**
- **Youth Saanen**
- **Youth Toggenburg**

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR AWARDS

Age Champions	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Champions	Rosette
Breed Champion.....	\$25 & Banner
Reserve Breed Champion	\$15 & Vinyl Banner
Breed Champion Udder & Reserve Breed Champion Udder	Rosette
Supreme Champion Doe (all breeds competing)	\$200, Buckle, & Banner
Reserve Supreme Champion Doe (all breeds competing)	\$100 & Banner
Grand Champion Udder (all breeds competing)	Vinyl Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Udder (all breeds competing)	Vinyl Banner

Special Rules

1. **All exhibitors must read, understand and adhere to the residue avoidance program.**
2. The California State Fair is continuing its Residue Avoidance Program and reserves the right to collect body fluids or tissue and test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
3. As a requirement for entry, **all junior livestock (market, breeding, dairy, and fur & feather) exhibitors** are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training prior to July 3, 2026, if not taken

4. The feature breed this year is Nubian. Juniors may enter the Golden State Nubian Specialty Show as long as the same animal is entered and shown in the junior show and has been entered in the open show and met all open entry guidelines.
5. Junior Dairy Goat Show will alternate with the Open Dairy Goat Show in L2 show ring.
6. This is an Open Junior Show, all Junior Exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent) shall compete together in the same classes. All other rules apply as well.
7. Juniors must wear whites during the competition, Official 4-H or FFA uniforms are acceptable but not required.
8. This show is open to California Juniors only.
9. Junior Livestock Exhibitors in the Dairy Goat Show that officially enter and show in the Junior Show are eligible to compete in the Open Dairy Goat Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/ animal is entered and met all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
10. Any division which does not have at least 15 heads shown will have premiums reduced by 50% this year. Divisions which do not meet management's entry requirements may be combined or eliminated in 2027.
11. All milk is to be dumped in a location designated by the State. No exceptions.
12. All dairy goats exhibited must be registered with American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society. The original registration or recording certificate for all animals of all ages is required. Pending transfers are not allowed.
13. Beginning January 1, 2026, stamped duplicates will be valid for 90 days. Animals with extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
14. **Exhibitor Reminder:** Per ADGA rule, your animal must be tattooed before registering it with ADGA. This means that there will not be any tattooing allowed at the show.
15. The State Fair reserves the right to require milk-out on Breed Champion Females and Udders for Supreme Champion selection.
16. The Junior Doe and Senior Doe Shows are **not** separately sanctioned.

17. Exhibitors that qualify to compete for California State Fair Supreme or Reserve Supreme Doe must participate in the Supreme Drive. Exhibitors that choose not to participate in Supreme/Reserve Supreme Champion drive will forfeit all premiums and awards.

Division 6105: Youth Alpines

Division 6108: Youth LaMancha

Division 6110: Youth Nigerian Dwarf Goats

Division 6115: Youth Nubian

Division 6118: Youth Oberhasli

Division 6119: Youth Recorded Grades

Division 6120: Youth Saanen

Division 6125: Youth Toggenburg

California State Fair offers (for regular classes)\$1,223 per Division

California State Fair offers (for production) \$50 per Division

Premium Payment

CLASSES 1-4, 7-11 AND 17-20

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$30	\$20	\$16	\$13	\$12

Class - Doe Kids

This show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association.

1. Junior Kid, April - June 16, 2026
2. Intermediate Kid, March 2026
3. Senior Kid, January - February 2026
4. Yearlings Not in Milk, January - December 2025
5. Junior Champion Doe and Reserve Junior Champion Doe
6. Junior Get-of-Sire (OPEN DIVISION Only)

Class Does

7. One Year and Under Two, January - December 2025
8. Two Years and Under Three, January - December 2024
9. Three Years and Under Four, January - December 2023
10. Four Years and Under Five, January - December 2022
11. Five Years and Over, Prior to January 2022
12. Seven Years and Over (OPEN DIVISION ONLY)

13. Senior Champion Doe and Reserve Senior Champion Doe
14. Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion
15. Champion Udder and Reserve Champion Udder
- Best Doe In Show** (All Breeds Competing)
- Grand Champion Udder Of Show** (All Breeds Competing)

Class - Groups

Per division, no mixing of divisions.

16. **Produce of Dam:** (OPEN DIVISION Only)
17. **Get of Sire:** 3 does, any age, all sired by the same sire.
18. **Daughter-Dam:** One doe and one of her daughters, any age. Daughters must be bred by exhibitor, and both must be owned by exhibitor. Each entry must consist of two animals; no animal may be used in two entries. Limited to one entry, per dam.
19. **Dairy Herd:** Three does in milk, any age, all owned by exhibitor, one entry per exhibitor.
20. **Best Three Females:** Three does, any age all owned by exhibitor, limit 1 entry per exhibitor.

PRODUCTION AWARD

No more than two monies paid per exhibitor, per class.

All milking females 1 year or older, placing 1st-5th in Classes 7-11 as individuals, are eligible for an additional premium if the following minimum production requirements are met: American Dairy Goat Association Blue Border Certificates of Registry are eligible.

Minimum Production

305 Day Lactation	Milk (lbs)	Butterfat (lbs)
4 years and over	2300	80
3 years and under 4	2200	75
2 years and under 3	2100	70
1 year and under 2	1700	54.5

NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS	Milk (lbs)	Butterfat (lbs)
4 years and over	1500	53
3 years and under 4	1450	50
2 years and under 3	1390	42
1 year and under 2	1120	36

A minimum of \$10.00 for does placing 1st-5th in Classes 7-11 will be paid for having met the above requirements. An added \$5.00 for every 500 lbs. over the minimum pounds of milk or 15 pounds, butterfat over the minimum pounds of butterfat will be added to a maximum of \$20.00.

NOTE: Yearlings or two-year-olds in the first lactation may have production paid on the projected 305-day records.

The record of production may have been made at any age and need not have been made at the age which the doe is being shown.

Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry Certificates or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Official Plan records which are supervised and approved by the State Agricultural Extension Service, will be accepted. Certified excerpts containing all necessary information will be acceptable. Official Production projections are acceptable for first fresheners. Progress reports on yearling milkers are acceptable. Please include a photocopy of the doe's DHI sheet with doe's entry form. DHIA Sheets will not be returned to exhibitors.

SHOWMANSHIP

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 & *LATE ENTRY FEE: Additional \$10.00.(Total \$15) Entries close on **June 16, 2026**. American System of Judging. Ribbons awarded through 5th Place, and Plaques to 1st Place winners.

*Entries entered after June 16 but received by July 16, 7 p.m. must pay an additional entry fee of \$10 (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goat showmanship), or by July 25, 7 p.m. (Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats).

Scorecard

All Showmanship entrants will be judged according to the following scorecard.

Fitting	40
Condition and quality of the animal. Cleanliness: Hide, hair, fleece, horns, and hoofs must be clean, neat and free from dirt.	
General groomed appearance.	
Showmanship	60
Appearance of exhibitor/equipment used to show animals.	
Must properly pose animal. Must demonstrate the ability to move an animal about the ring as directed by the judge.	
Total	100

Division 6315: Junior 4-H Showmanship

13 years & under on or before December 31, 2025.

Division 6320: Senior 4-H Showmanship

14 years & over on or before December 31, 2025.

1. All entrants must enter by the required entry deadlines.
2. Animal must be owned by exhibitor and must have been eligible to be shown in a 4-H class other than Showmanship. The preparation for showing must have been done by the owner. Exhibitors entering the Showmanship contest must be 4-H members and will be required to wear the official 4-H uniform.
3. If necessary, classes will be divided to accommodate comfortable conditions in the showring. When classes are divided, it shall be the discretion of the judge as to how many showmen shall compete in a final class to determine the final five placings for that species.
4. Independent Exhibitors are eligible for species showmanship classes.

Classes and Premiums Paid

California State Fair offers.....\$5,360

CLASSES 1-6

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$175	\$100	\$50	\$30	\$25

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|----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Beef | 4. Goat (Market & Wether Dam Does) |
| 2. Swine | 5. Dairy Cattle |
| 3. Sheep | 6. Dairy Goat |

Any exhibitor placing first or second in classes 1-6 are required to participate in 4-H Master Showmanship. If the exhibitor chooses not to compete in 4-H Master Showmanship management reserves the right to withhold all premiums. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one species, the highest placing will determine what species the exhibitor will represent. If exhibitor wins multiple species, Exhibitor must declare what species they would like to represent within 30 min after their last showmanship class or the State Fair will determine species. If necessary the third place will roll up to complete. If third is already competing, fourth will move up.

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

1st Place Golden Bear Trophy
1st & 2nd Place from Classes 1-4 Vinyl Banner through 8th Place
1st & 2nd Place from Classes 5-6 Vinyl Banner through 4th Place

DIVISION 6325: FFA SHOWMANSHIP

1. All entrants must enter by the required entry deadlines.
2. Animal must be owned by exhibitor and must have been eligible to be shown in a FFA class other than Showmanship. The preparation for showing must have been done by the owner. Exhibitors entering the Showmanship contest must be FFA members and will be required to wear the official FFA uniform.
3. If necessary, classes will be divided to accommodate comfortable conditions in the show ring. When classes are divided, it shall be the discretion of the judge as to how many showmen shall compete in a final class to determine the final five placings for that species.
4. Independent exhibitors are eligible for Specie Showmanship Classes.

Classes and Premiums Paid

California State Fair offers\$2,680

CLASSES 1-6

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Fair offers	\$175	\$100	\$50	\$30	\$25
1. Beef					
2. Swine					
3. Sheep					
4. Goat (Market & Wether Dam Does)					
5. Dairy Cattle					
6. Dairy Goat					

Any exhibitor placing first or second in classes 1 - 6 are required to participate in FFA Master Showmanship. If the exhibitor chooses not to compete in FFA Master Showmanship management reserves the right to withhold all premiums. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one specie, the highest placing will determine what specie the exhibitor will represent. If exhibitor wins multiple species, Exhibitor must declare what specie they would like to represent within 30 min after their last showmanship class or the State Fair will determine species. If necessary the third place will roll up to complete. If third is already competing, fourth will move up.

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

1st Place Golden Bear Trophy
 1st & 2nd Place from Classes 1-4 Vinyl Banner through 8th Place
 1st & 2nd Place from Classes 5-6 Vinyl Banner through 4th Place

DIVISION 6330: GRANGE SHOWMANSHIP

1. All entrants must enter by the required entry deadlines.
2. Animal must be owned by exhibitor and must have been eligible to be shown in an individual class. The preparation for showing must have been done by the owner. Exhibitors entering the Showmanship contest must be Grange members and will be required to wear the official Grange uniform. The official Show Uniform for exhibitors shall consist of: Dark Blue denim pants; white long sleeved (short sleeve allowed in hot weather), button-front dress shirt with collar; the official red waist vest with National Grange emblem on the back; black or brown belt with appropriate buckle; and closed-toed black or brown shoes with an enclosed heel.
3. If necessary, classes will be divided to accommodate comfortable conditions in the show ring. When classes are divided, it shall be the discretion of the judge as to how many showmen shall compete in a final class to determine the final five placings for that specie.
4. Grange classes may be combined with 4-H or FFA divisions for competition purposes however awards will be separate.
5. In order for a Livestock Grange Master Showmanship to be offered, there must be at least 3 exhibitors in each class competing in at least three of the four classes (Class 1 -4). For a Dairy Master Showmanship to be offered there must be at least two exhibitors competing in each class. If Master Showmanship is offered, the first and second place exhibitor will be required to participate.

Classes and Premiums Paid

California State Grange offers\$2,280

CLASSES 1-6

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
California State Grange offers.....	\$175	\$100	\$50	\$30	\$25
1. Beef					
2. Swine					
3. Sheep					
4. Goat (Market & Wether Dam Does)					
5. Dairy Cattle					
6. Dairy Goat					

DIVISION 6305: 4-H COUNTY GROUPS

No Entry Fee. Enter upon arrival at the Fair. Sign-up ring side with the official specie show clerk. American System of Judging. Vinyl Banner to First Place.

Five animals owned by 4-H members of one county, not more than two owned by any one member (Market beef shall be 3 head). Grange organizations may compete in 4-H County Groups.

Class

1. Beef (Breeding)
2. Beef (Market, 3 heads competing)
3. Dairy
4. Sheep (Breeding)
5. Sheep (Market)
6. Swine (Breeding)
7. Swine (Market)
8. Dairy Goats
9. Goats (Market & Wether Dam Does)

All animals entered in County Groups must be shown in their individual classes.

DIVISION 6310: FFA CHAPTER GROUPS

No Entry Fee. Enter upon arrival at the Fair. Sign-up ring side with the official specie show clerk. American System of Judging. Vinyl Banner to First Place.

Five animals owned by FFA members of one chapter, not more than two owned by any one member (Market beef shall be 3 heads).

Class

1. Beef (Breeding)
2. Beef (Market, 3 heads competing)
3. Dairy
4. Sheep (Breeding)
5. Sheep (Market)
6. Swine (Breeding)
7. Swine (Market)
8. Dairy Goats
9. Goats (Market & Wether Dam Does)

All animals entered in County Groups must be shown in their individual classes.

DIVISION 6340: BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

A \$100 premium will be awarded to the Best Educational Exhibit in each of the following species: beef, sheep, swine, goat, dairy cattle and dairy goats. The exhibit shall include but not limited to: signage, video, handouts, special display material, photographs, use of QR codes, etc. 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Exhibitors will compete against each other for an overall Best Educational Exhibit in each specie. Interested exhibitors must sign up in the livestock office by 7:00 p.m., July 16. (Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat exhibitors) or 4:00 p.m., July 25. (Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats).

1st Place.....Vinyl Banner

COUNTY FAIR BEST OF SHOW MASTER SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

Entries close July 1, 2026, American System of Judging

This special competition is open to exhibitors winning the senior level Master Showmanship or Senior Round Robin Showmanship in large animal competitions (beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, market goats, horse or dairy goats.) Or in small animal competitions (poultry, rabbit, dog, pygmy goat and cavy) at their County, District or Citrus Fair, between June 28, 2025 and July 1, 2026.

Classes are offered in Large Animal Livestock Showmanship and in Small Animal Showmanship.

Large Animal Master Showmanship Show Day - July 19, 2026

Small Animal Master Showmanship Show Day - July 24, 2026

Refer to County Fair Best of Show Competition Guide for complete rules.

To obtain a Competition Guide and further information log onto **www.CalExpoStateFair.com** and click on the County Fair Best of Show page under Competitions or contact your local County, District or Citrus Fair office or phone (916) 263-3149.

Special Awards

In recognition of the superior 4-H Senior and FFA showmen in the Large Animal Division of the County Fair “Best of Show” Master Showmanship competition.

1st PlaceGolden Bear Trophy

DIVISION 78: JUNIOR SHEEP LEAD CLASS

Entries close July 1, 2026, American System of Judging. **Show: July 17, 2026**

This special competition is open to any exhibitor interested in competing in the Junior Sheep Lead Competition. You do not need to participate at your County Fair. If you are a class winners of Junior Sheep Lead Class at a County, District or Citrus Fair between June 28, 2025 and July 1, 2026, please note that on your entries. **Junior and Senior exhibitors will compete together in the same class.**

Special Awards

1st Place Lambskin Rug and Award Jacket
(Wool Pelt provided by California Wool Growers Association)

DIVISION 6335: PREMIER AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITOR COMPETITION

No Premiums or Entry Fee

In recognition of the high-quality presentation made annually by 4-H, Grange, and FFA members, the California State Fair will recognize one Premier 4-H Exhibitor and one Premier FFA Exhibitor during the 2026 Exposition. To qualify for this award, entrants must first be selected as an Outstanding Exhibitor in their specific category of entry..

Special Rules

1. FFA, Grange and 4-H Outstanding Exhibitor applications and official 4-H Report Forms must be received or postmarked by June 24, 2026, and must be signed by the 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. Applications and/or official 4-H Report Forms are available on our website **www.CalExpoStateFair.com** or contact (916) 263-3149.
2. Official FFA Record Books and Grange Project Records must be available for judge's inspection at all times during judging schedule (judging times will vary according to program area.)
3. **FFA and Grange Applicants** - Do not mail record books with the application. Original record books must be available for judging/ interview.
4. **4-H Applicants** - Do not mail County 4-H record books with the application. Mail the official California State Fair 4-H Report Form with the application.
5. Each entrant will be required to be interviewed, in uniform and make a formal presentation. The presentation is to be no more than seven (7) minutes and emphasize the following areas: the member's exhibit, project scope and growth, knowledge, and skills gained in project, leadership, and citizenship within the organization.
 - a. Poultry, Rabbit, and Cavy entrants: Formal, oral presentation using visual aids and/or demonstration is required.
 - b. Livestock entrants: Formal, oral presentation is required using visual aids that are a part of the exhibitor's pen or tie pace (i.e., signage, banner, educational information, etc.).
 - c. Dog, rabbit & cavy entrants, your animal must be present during the interview.
 - d. Interviews will be scheduled during dates listed for each category in the Judging Interview Schedule. Check-in with Livestock Office for a specific interview time.

6. Only one entrant will be selected within each category and award recipients must receive a minimum of 70 points (from the scorecard) to qualify.
7. Outstanding Exhibitor applicants must enter and show in regular 2026 State Fair classes to qualify for this award and must compete within the program area for which they apply.
8. All Outstanding Exhibitor award recipients in each category must be available for a second complete interview when competing for the Premier Exhibitor award. This interview will be held during the 2026 California State Fair on Tuesday, July 28. Check in at the Livestock Office upon arrival at the Fair.
9. Cause for disqualification of an entrant shall be as follows:
 - a. Missing or incorrect signatures on the application or official 4-H report form
 - b. Providing false information.
 - c. Late entries. (Entries postmarked after June 24, 2026.)
 - d. Using any forms other than those printed for 2026.
 - e. Failing to attend a scheduled interview.
 - f. Failing to appear in uniform for any interviews.
10. Applicants must appear in uniform for all interviews and during award ceremonies.
11. **Do not alter or add pages to the official 4-H Report Form or to the application.** Altered forms or any additional pages (or back page of original) will not be considered.
12. All other rules of this competition guide apply.

Scorecard

To be used for both Premier and Outstanding Exhibitor judging.

Exhibit Evaluation	20%
<i>At State Fair: awards won, fitting & showing, exhibit area, entry presentation.</i>	
Interview	30%
<i>Knowledge of project area, communication skills & formal presentation, QR codes.</i>	
Leadership/Citizenship within an Organization.....	20%
<i>Breadth and depth of leadership and citizenship activities.</i>	
Total Project Program Scope and Growth	20%
Records Evaluation.....	10%
<i>Completeness, appearance, documentation of learning experiences.</i>	

FFA & GRANGE - Official Record Books required at time of judging
4-H - CA State Fair 4-H Report Form required

Selection of winners will be based on results compiled through the use of the above scorecard by official judges.

Judges

4-H - State Ambassadors and Ambassador Coordinator
FFA - FFA State Officers and Mr. Charles Parker

Judging/Interview Schedule

Applicants will be scheduled for specific interview times. It is the responsibility of applicants to check-in with Task Force Leaders upon arrival to Fairgrounds for specific details.

Livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Market Goats) July 17-18

Rabbits - July 22

Cavies - July 22

Dog Care & Training - July 24

Dairy Cattle - July 25 - 27

Dairy Goats - July 25 - 27

Premier Exhibitor - July 28

Outstanding Exhibitor Awards

Awards will be presented to the Outstanding Exhibitors in each of the following areas:

Award (each) - Plaque

4-H Beef Cattle	Grange Beef Cattle	FFA Beef Cattle
4-H Dairy Cattle	Grange Dairy Cattle	FFA Dairy Cattle
4-H Dairy Goats	Grange Dairy Goats	FFA Dairy Goats
4-H Sheep	Grange Sheep	FFA Sheep
4-H Swine	Grange Swine	FFA Swine
4-H Goats	Grange Goats	FFA Goats
4-H Cavies	Grange Cavies	FFA Cavies
4-H Rabbits	Grange Rabbits	FFA Rabbits
4-H Poultry	Grange Poultry	FFA Poultry
4-H Dog Care & Training		

Award Presentations

Winners of the Outstanding Exhibitor award will be announced at the regular award ceremonies for each general category (livestock, dairy, poultry, rabbit, cavy, and dog).

Premier Exhibitor

All Outstanding Exhibitor award winners who want to compete must return on Tuesday, July 28 for a final interview to be considered for Premier Exhibitor. This interview will not involve any demonstrations, visual aids or animals. FFA and Grange record books must be available, and both 4-H, FFA and Grange applicants must appear in uniform. Check in with the Livestock Office upon arrival at the Fair.

4-H Premier Exhibitor Award Golden Bear Trophy
FFA Premier Exhibitor Award..... Golden Bear Trophy

Past Winners of Premier Exhibitor Award

4-H

1987 - Corrie Skidmore, Fresno Co.
 1988 - Becky Dell, Sonoma Co.
 1989 - Patti Hurtgen, Stanislaus Co.
 1990 - Douglas Wakida, Fresno Co.
 1991 - Kristie Moon, Sacramento Co.
 1992 - Tanya Bickel, Sacramento Co.
 1993 - Yvonne Rawlings, Sacramento
 1994 - Janice McCord, San Benito Co.
 1995 - Julie Sims, San Luis Obispo Co.
 1996 - Philip Brunnengraeber, Fresno Co.
 1997 - Erinne Mailman, Contra Costa Co.
 1998 - Kristy Siefkin, Sacramento Co.
 1999 - Kristy Siefkin, Sacramento Co.
 2000 - AnneMarie Diener, Fresno Co.
 2001 - Daniel Ryan, Sonoma Co.
 2002 - Marta Kroger, Contra Costa Co.
 2003 - Lianne Garcia, Riverside Co.
 2004 - Halley Fobes, Sacramento Co.
 2005 - Karen Van Dollen, Santa Barbara Co.
 2006 - Chrissy Renwick, Nevada Co.
 2007 - Keelyn Hanlon, Sonoma Co.
 2008 - Alexandra Baker, Sacramento Co.
 2009 - Regina Pozzi, Sonoma Co.
 2010 - Cynthia Hinde, Sonoma Co.
 2011 - Kayla Withrow, Sacramento Co.
 2012 - Kristin Clark-Webb, Solano Co.
 2013 - Rebecca Schwartz, Napa Co.
 2014 - Kaitlin Kozlowski, Sacramento Co.
 2015 - Ellorine Carle, Sonoma Co.
 2016 - Samuel Patton, Nevada Co.
 2017 - Samantha Albiani, Sacramento Co.
 2018 - Avery Permenter, Yolo Co.
 2021 - Allison O'Neal - Madera Co.
 2022 - Madeline Evans, Shasta Co.
 2023 - Paige Swier, Stanislaus Co.
 2024 - Paige Swier, Stanislaus Co.
 2025 - Mikayla Wilson, Vaca Valley
 Grange

FFA

1988 - Dennis Albiani, Elk Grove FFA
 1989 - Candi Grumbles, Kingsburg FFA
 1990 - Eric Anson, Livingston FFA
 1991 - Thomas Albin, Sanger FFA
 1992 - Richey Hurtgen, Oakdale FFA
 1993 - Scott Layne, Turlock FFA
 1994 - Debbie Holbrook, Dixon FFA
 1995 - Justin Mayo, Red Bluff FFA
 1996 - Kalei Coleridge, Fairfield FFA
 1997 - Nicola Xanthus, Hollister FFA
 1998 - Jake Parnell, Bear River FFA
 1999 - Doug Paasch, Bear River FFA
 2000 - Rachel Bailey, Turlock FFA
 2001 - Tracy Schohr, Gridley FFA
 2002 - Shannon Nodolf, Casa Robles
 2003 - Alex Xanthus, Hollister FFA
 2004 - Chrissy Renwick, Bear River FFA
 2005 - Krista Anderson, Escalon FFA
 2006 - Krista Anderson, Escalon FFA
 2007 - Cody Jacobsen, Le Grand FFA
 2008 - Jeannette McClure, Petaluma FFA
 2009 - Jesse Silva, LeGrand FFA
 2010 - Dominic Agresti-Assali, Turlock
 2011 - Jacob Carlson, Elk Grove FFA
 2012 - Jacob Carlson, Elk Grove FFA
 2013 - Regina Pozzi, Petaluma FFA
 2014 - Abby Carlson, Elk Grove FFA
 2015 - Steven Pozzi, Petaluma FFA
 2016 - Steven Pozzi, Petaluma FFA
 2017 - Josh Heupel, Golden Valley FFA
 2018 - Josh Heupel, Golden Valley FFA
 2021 - Cole Marchy, Turlock FFA
 2022 - Allison Lemm, Kerman FFA
 2023 - Nathan Hutchison, Liberty-
 Madera FFA
 2024 - Nathan Hutchison, Liberty-
 Madera FFA
 2025 - Peyton Wood, Yreka FFA

DIVISION 6345: ED LEAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Entry Requirements

Do not pre-enter

This award is presented in memory of Mr. Edward Leal, a Professional Educator, Swine Industry Leader, respected Livestock Judge and Friend. Ed will long be remembered for his constant dedication to the fields of Agriculture Education, Youth Development, and as a Friend of the California State Fair.

In recognition of Ed's contribution to California's 4-H and FFA programs, the State Fair will present one award to the outstanding 4-H County Club and one award to the Outstanding FFA chapter, this year and each year thereafter.

Final results will be based on the highest points accumulated from the point system listed below.

Results will be announced on our website at www.calexpostatefair.com

1. Specie Showmanship

FFA, 4-H Sr. and 4-H Jr.

Beef

Goats (Market & WDD)

Sheep

Wether Dam Doe

Swine

Dairy Cattle

Dairy Goats

Placing	Points
1st	150
2nd.....	120
3rd.....	100
4th.....	80
5th.....	70
6th.....	60
7th.....	50

2. Round Robin and Master Showmanship

- a. Round Robin Showmanship - FFA (Livestock and Dairy)
- b. Master Showmanship - 4-H Sr & 4-H Junior (Livestock and Dairy)
- c. County Fair Best of Show 4-H Master Showmanship (1st-5th only)
- d. County Fair Best of Show FFA Master Showmanship (1st-5th only)

Note: Points awarded based on ribbon placing only.

Placing	Points
1st	175
2nd	125
3rd	100
4th	80
5th	60
6th	40

3. County and Chapter Groups

Beef (Breeding)	Sheep (Breeding)	Swine (Market)
Beef (Market)	Sheep (Market)	Dairy Goats
Dairy Cattle	Swine (Breeding)	Goats

Placing	Points
1st	100
2nd	80

4. Breeding Animal Supreme Champions

Placing	Points
Supreme Champion (each Specie)	100
Res. Supreme Champion (each Specie)	50
Beef	3 Champions (Males, Females, Cow-Calf)
Sheep	2 Champions (Males, Females)
Swine	1 Champion (Female)
Dairy Cattle	1 Champion (Female)
Dairy Goats	1 Champion (Female)

5. Grand Champion Market and Wether Dam Doe

Placing	Points
Grand Champion (each Specie).....	100
Res. Grand Champion (each Specie)	50

6. Herdsman Award

Placing	Points
1st	150
2nd.....	100
3rd.....	50

7. Other

Placing	Points
Champion Challenge Specie Winner (Beef, Poultry, Dairy Goats, etc)	300
Champion Challenge Reserve Specie Winner	200
Champion Challenge Large Animal Exhibitor.....	400
Champion Challenge Reserve Large Animal Exhibitor.....	300
Champion Challenge Small Animal Exhibitor.....	400
Champion Challenge Reserve Champion Small Animal Exhibitor.....	300
Champion Challenge Dairy Show Exhibitor.....	400
Champion Challenge Reserve Dairy Show Exhibitor.....	300
Supreme Champion Challenge Exhibitor.....	500
Reserve Supreme Champion Challenge Exhibitor	400
Premier Exhibitor	250
Outstanding Exhibitor (Livestock & Dairy only).....	200
Educational Exhibit Award	250
Sheep Lead Class	
1st	100
2nd.....	80
3rd.....	70

Tie: In the case of a tie, the county or chapter having the greatest number of points in the swine categories shall be declared the winner, if a tie still exists, Dairy Cattle Points shall be used.

Awards

TROPHY TO FIRST PLACE

1st Place FFA Chapter.....Bear Track Trophy

1st Place 4-H County.....Bear Track Trophy

Past Winners

4-H

1991 - Stanislaus County 4-H
1992 - Stanislaus County 4-H
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2013 - Sonoma County 4-H
2014 - Shasta County 4-H
2015 - Shasta County 4-H
2016 - Sonoma County 4-H
2017 - Sonoma County 4-H
2018 - Merced County 4-H
2019 - Sonoma County 4-H
2022 - Merced County 4-H
2023 - Sacramento County 4-H
2024 - San Joaquin County 4-H
2025 - San Joaquin County 4-H

FFA

1991 - Oakdale FFA
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1994 - Atwater FFA
1995 - Turlock FFA
1996 - Elk Grove FFA
1997 - Gustine FFA
1998 - Turlock FFA
1999 - Bear River FFA
2000 - Los Banos FFA
2001 - Los Banos FFA
2002 - Gustine FFA
2003 - Merced/Golden Valley
2004 - Escalon FFA
2005 - Escalon FFA
2006 - Escalon FFA
2007 - Rubidoux FFA
2008 - East Nicolaus FFA
2009 - Yreka FFA
2010 - Elk Grove FFA
2011 - Elk Grove FFA
2012 - Elk Grove FFA
2013 - Elk Grove FFA
2014 - Petaluma FFA
2015 - Petaluma FFA
2016 - Petaluma FFA
2017 - Pleasant Grove FFA
2018 - Core Butte FFA
2019 - Core Butte FFA
2022 - Elk Grove FFA
2023 - Liberty Madera FFA
2024 - Chowchilla FFA
2025 - Yreka FFA

DIVISION 6001: HERDSMAN AWARD

To promote a greater interest in the display of livestock, the following awards will be made to 4-H Counties and FFA Chapters for the best display of:

4-H and FFA Beef Cattle

4-H and FFA Dairy Cattle

4-H and FFA Goats

4-H and FFA Dairy Goats

4-H and FFA Sheep

4-H and FFA Swine

Exhibits will be inspected daily and will be scored on the condition and appearance of the animals, the condition of the stalls, pens and aisles, neatness and orderliness of the areas used for tack and equipment, and use of decorations and educational displays.

Awards

1. For each specie, first place will receive a vinyl banner. Winners will be determined by total points and accumulated over the entire show period.
2. The winners (1st Place) of both the 4-H and FFA Herdsman Contest in each specie will have the opportunity to choose where they would like to be stalled the following year. A Stalling Request Form must be completed and herdsman winner specified. Please keep in mind we will do our best to accommodate your desire.
3. All Counties and Chapters to be judged must sign up on the appropriate log in the Livestock Office indicating the location of the respective livestock exhibits on check-in day.

Herdsman Award Scorecard

General Appearance	65
Neatness and Cleanliness of bedding and aisle way	20
Use of attractive consistent signs, banners, decorations, etc	15
Educational Information (attractive, neat, professional appearance).....	30
Condition of animals	15
Tack and Equipment Storage (neat and orderly)	15
Attendant	5

Rules

1. **Special Note: County or Chapter sign must be in clear view, or no points will be awarded.**
2. The State reserves the right to judge all exhibit areas and withhold or deduct premiums from chapters, counties, clubs or individuals not meeting a minimum of 60 point average for each show period.
3. Only one score will be given in these categories at the beginning of the exhibit period. If elements are missing or in disarray points will be deducted from the neatness category on all subsequent days.

BREEDING BEEF SPECIAL AWARDS

Award Recipients should write "Thank you" letters

Western States Angus Auxiliary

Cindy Kinder, Trophy Chairs
1150 East 2600 South
Hagerman, ID 83332

The Western States Angus Auxiliary, 1150 East 2600 South, Hagerman, Idaho 83332, will present an award to the outstanding 4-H Angus exhibitor and/or outstanding FFA Angus exhibitor. The purpose of this award program is to stimulate and promote interest in Angus Cattle and among junior livestock exhibitors. The selection of the winner is based on showing placing of individual animals, placing in showmanship and educational display. The following point system must be followed. Conformation point placing: Grand Champion: 40, Reserve Champion: 30, 1st place: 20, 2nd place: 15, 3rd place: 10. Showmanship: participation: 6. Educational display promoting the Angus breed: 25. If steers and breeding animals are both exhibited, points may be combined to select a winner.

For breeding animals, the animal must be registered with papers. This is open to exhibitors with one or more breeding and/or market animals. Winning the award in previous years shall not exclude an exhibitor from winning again.

For market steers this award should go to the highest placing predominately black steer, **the sire must be Angus.**

It must be kept in mind that the purpose of this award is the promotion of the Angus breed; therefore Angus breeding animals should take precedence over market animals.

American Angus Association

Caitlyn Brandt
Events and Industry Partnership Manager
3201 Frederick Boulevard
St. Joseph, MO 64506

The American Angus Association will participate in premiums offered in individual classes for junior Angus heifers, as included in its standard show classifications, according to the premium schedule based on the number of the head shown.

California Angus Association

Debbie Wise, President
PO Box 40
O'Neals, CA 93645

The California Angus Association will provide the following awards:
Champion & Reserve Champion Angus Bull, Champion & Reserve Champion Angus Female & Champion & Reserve Champion Cow-Calf Pair.

California Shorthorn Breeders Association

Amanda McKeith
2107 Silverdale Ct.
Visalia, CA 93291

The California Shorthorn Association will present awards to exhibitors of the following:

Champion Shorthorn Bull Reserve Champion Shorthorn Bull
Champion Shorthorn Female Reserve Champion Shorthorn Female

The Association will also provide a \$75 cash award to exhibitors of the Supreme Champion Bull or Female and/or a \$50 cash award to the Reserve Supreme Champion Bull or Female providing the animal(s) is a registered Shorthorn and the exhibitor is a member of the California Junior Shorthorn Association. The Association will also provide awards to the highest placing Shorthorn exhibitor in 4-H Junior, 4-H Senior and FFA Beef Showmanship. (3 Awards Total) Exhibitors must be exhibiting a Shorthorn entry to be eligible for awards. The Association will also sponsor the Shorthorn "Cow-Calf" class by providing \$100 and will provide an award for the 1st place cow-calf exhibitor. In addition, the association will provide \$500 in added premiums for the Junior Shorthorn Show. All premiums to be paid through the office of the California State Fair. The Association will also provide an award jacket to the 1st place winner of the Junior Shorthorn Herdsman competition.

California Shorthorn Breeders Association

Amanda McKeith
2107 Silverdale Ct
Visalia, CA 93291

The California Shorthorn Association will award \$50 Spotlight on Quality Sale gift certificates to the Outstanding 4-H and FFA Registered Shorthorn Exhibitors. The competition is to run the duration of the fair. The selection of the Outstanding Exhibitor will be based on the following and determined by the fair: 1) Dollars Earned. 1 point per dollar earned in individual Registered Shorthorn classes. Top five animals per exhibitor to be considered for points. 2) Showmanship. 15 points for competing in showmanship. Additional 10 points if placed in the final lineup of each showmanship division as recorded by fair management.

California-Nevada Hereford Association

Corinne Santos, Treasurer
20570 W Johnson Ave
Hilmar, CA 95324

The association will provide a \$200 cash award to the exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Cow-Calf if it is a Hereford animal and owned and shown by a member of the California Nevada Junior Hereford Association. In addition, the association will pay \$160 to be split equally for a Hereford animal that is Supreme Champion or Reserve Supreme Champion Female, Bull or Steer provided the animal is owned and shown by a member of the California Nevada Junior Hereford Association.

The association will also provide \$160 in premiums for a special Cow/Calf class for Junior Hereford Exhibitors. This money will be evenly distributed among the Junior Hereford exhibitors competing in this class provided they are a member of the California-Nevada Junior Hereford Association. CNHA will pay these premiums at the show.

The association will also provide \$160 to split equally for a Hereford animal that is Supreme Champion or Reserve Supreme Champion Female, Bull or Steer provided the animal is owned and shown by a member of the California Nevada Junior Hereford Association.

MARKET STEER SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

American Shorthorn Association

Cassie Reid
Director of Shows and Events
7607 NW Prairie View Rd
Kansas City, MO 64151

Will award a certificate to the exhibitor of a Champion English Purebred Steer, providing the animal in question is a purebred Shorthorn.

California-Nevada Hereford Association

Corinne Santos, Treasurer
20570 W Johnson Ave
Hilmar, CA 95324

The California Nevada Junior Hereford Association will pay \$100 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Steer of the junior Show if the animal in question is a purebred Hereford with a steer registration from AHA.

California Shorthorn Breeders Association

Amanda McKeith
2107 Silverdale Ct
Visalia, CA 93291

The California Shorthorn Breeders Association will provide a \$100 cash award to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Market Steer of the Junior Show if the animal in question is a purebred Shorthorn.

DAIRY SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

The Holstein Foundation

Kelli Dunklee
P.O. Box 816
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0816

Will present ribbons to five places in all individual sections, a champion ribbon, and reserve champion ribbon in the Junior Holstein division.

American Jersey Cattle Association

Kim Billman
6486 E. Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2362

Will present a set of three ribbons for each individual female Jersey class, plus a rosette to the Grand Champion female.

COUNTY FAIR "BEST OF SHOW" SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

California Wool Growers Association

Susan Taylor
PO Box 68
Catheys Valley, CA 95306

The California Wool Growers Association will provide a Lambskin Rug to the Best of Show Sheep Lead Winner.

BREEDING SHEEP SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

California Suffolk and Hampshire Breeders Association

Scott Layne, President
3113 North Ave
Modesto, CA 95358

The Association will provide (direct from their office) special awards for the following:

Champion Wether Ram and Ewe
Champion Hampshire Ram and Ewe

The association will also award the Pam Perkins Memorial Plaque, to the Champion Hampshire Ewe in the Junior Show. This plaque is in memory of a woman who dedicated her life to her family and the sheep industry. She was a great teacher, mother, and friend.

Dane Robinson

9917 Swigart Road
Montague, CA 96064

Will sponsor an award belt buckle for the highest placing Natural Colored Wool Ram in the Junior All Other Breeds Wool Show.

Taylor Robinson

9917 Swigart Road
Montague, CA 96064

Will sponsor an award belt buckle for the highest placing Natural Colored Wool Ewe in the Junior All Other Breeds Wool Show.

California Dorset Breeders Association

Jerry Dean
9225 N. Santa Margarita Rd,
Atascadero, CA 93422

The California Dorset Breeders Association will provide the following awards to exhibitors of the Western Regional Junior Dorset Show:

Champion Ewe
Champion Ram

MARKET SHEEP SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

California Suffolk and Hampshire Breeders Association

Scott Layne, President
3113 North Ave
Modesto, CA 95358

Will award banners to the Champion Suffolk, Hampshire and Blackface Crossbred Market Lambs.

Continental Dorset Club

Michelle Torrance, Executive Secretary/Treasurer
PO Box 186
North Scituate, RI 02857

The Continental Dorset Club will offer \$500 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Market Lamb in the Junior Show if it is a registered purebred Dorset and \$250 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb if it is a registered purebred Dorset.

CDC will also offer \$100 to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Dorset Market Lamb in Memory of Bob Huevel, Wilton, CA.

Lombardi Family

Jim Lombardi
21453 Ave 160
Porterville, CA 93257-9281

Will provide special banners to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.

BREEDING & MARKET SWINE SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

American Berkshire Association

Rose Criswell, Director
2637 Yeager Rd
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Will award a plaque for the Champion Barrow over all breeds, if they are pure-bred Berkshire from a recorded litter, and if a picture and story is supplied to the association within 30 days of the show.

Associated Feed & Supply Co.

Chris Benevedes & Brady Otto
P.O. Box 2367
Turlock, CA 95380

Will sponsor award banners for the Market Barrow Breed Champions.

Bob May Livestock

Bob May
8233 N E Watts Rd
Fletcher, OK 73541

Will sponsor award banners for the Market Barrow Breed Champions.

California Pork Producers

Mackenzie Bressler
1521 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Will sponsor award jackets to each exhibitor of the State Fair Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt and the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow. Will also contribute to the banners for the Market Barrow Breed Champions.

National Spotted Swine Record

Roy Flach
PO Box 9758
Peoria, IL 61612-9758

The Association will award the Grand Champion Barrow a \$100 provided that each hog is sired by a registered Spotted Boar, that notification is made to the Association by show officials, and picture and story is submitted by the exhibitor. Will present an award to each of the exhibitors of the 4-H and FFA Grand Champion Market Hogs over all breeds provided the exhibitor is a member of the National Record and the hog is from a verified litter reported with the National Record and that all are registered and officially transferred to the exhibitor prior to showing.

No Limit Genetics

Adam Mendonza
5720 Woodland Ave
Modesto, CA 95358

Will sponsor award banners for the Market Barrow Breed Champions.

Poland China Record Association

Roy Flach
PO Box 9758
Peoria, IL 61612-9758

The Association will present a \$100 to each of the exhibitors of the 4-H and FFA Grand Champion Market Hogs over all breeds providing each is out of recorded Poland China litter. A picture of winning animal, registration certificate and a certification by a California State Fair official must be sent to the Poland China Record Association within 30 days of show and officially transferred before exhibiting.

Primo Feeds

102 Henrietta St
Wichita Falls, TX 76301

Primo Feeds is a silver sponsor of the Junior Swine Show.

Small Town Genetics

James Backman
2812 Hickman Rd
Denair, CA 95316

Will sponsor award banners for the Market Barrow Breed Champions.

CHAMPION CHALLENGE SPECIAL AWARD

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

Farmers Best Feed

Jay Gilbert
PO Box 160
Keyes, CA 95328

Farmers Best Feed will provide \$2,500 to the Supreme Champion Challenge Show Exhibitor.

Alltech

Tanya Pillon
1843 S Lincoln Ave
Jerome, ID 83338

Alltech will sponsor all Specie Division Champion and Reserve Champion Awards in addition to the awards for the Champion and Reserve Champion Large Animal, Small Animal and Dairy Section Champion Challenge Winner. The Supreme and Reserve Supreme awards are also sponsored by Alltech.

Associated Feed

Chris Benevedes
PO Box 2367
Turlock, CA 95380

Associated Feed will provide the premiums for the Champion Swine Exhibitor, Champion Sheep Exhibitor, Reserve Champion Dairy Cattle Exhibitor, Champion & Reserve Champion Market Goat Exhibitor and the Champion Large Animal Exhibitor for the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

California Farm Water Coalition

Deja Coke-Lo
6133 Freeport Blvd, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95822-3534

California Farm Water Coalition will sponsor the Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Exhibitor for 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

California Milk Advisory Board

Jennifer Giambroni
2156 W Grant Line Rd, Ste 100
Tracy, CA 95377

California Milk Advisory Board will provide CMAB materials to the Champion and Reserve Dairy Cattle exhibitors of the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Central Life Sciences

Anna Smith
7400 Collier Canyon Rd
Livermore, CA 94551

Central Life Sciences will sponsor the Champion Beef Show Exhibitor and the Champion Dairy Goat Show Exhibitor of 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Diamond V

Travis Thayer, DVM
20515 Eagle Feather Ln
Elbert, CO 80106

Diamond V will sponsor all Champion Challenge T-Shirts for contestants and judges for the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Friends of the California State Fair

Lisa Fong Fok, Treasurer
1600 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95815

Friends of the California State Fair will sponsor the Reserve Champion Small Animal Show Exhibitor, Reserve Champion Poultry Show Exhibitor, Reserve Champion Rabbit Exhibitor and the Reserve Champion Under 13 Small Animal Exhibitor of 2026 Champion Challenge Competition. In addition to being an overall general Champion Challenge sponsor.

High Sierra Bio Distributing & Dakota Blenders, LLC

Bill Buchmann
1255 E Rice Lake St
Owatonna, MN 55060

High Sierra Bio Distributing & Dakota Blenders, LLC will sponsor the Champion Dairy Show Exhibitor of 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Jefo USA Inc

Jennifer Brown
1016 Homestaed Dr
Lubbock, TX 79416

Jefo will sponsor the Champion Small Animal Show Exhibitor of 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Krista & Ryan McCoon

2151 Bonds Ct
Escalon, CA 95320

Will sponsor the Reserve Champion Sheep Exhibitor for the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Mitchell Farms

Ken & Charlotte Mitchell
9651 Grantline Rd
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Mitchell Farms will sponsor the Champion Under 13 Livestock Exhibitor in the Small Animal Champion Challenge Competition.

Nutra Blend LLC/Kemin

Erin Mendes
5086 Bangor Ave
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Nutra Blend LLC/Kemin will sponsor the Reserve Supreme Champion Challenge Exhibitor and the Champion Dairy Show Exhibitor of the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Progressive Dairy Solutions

Michael Neves
120 S Sierra Ave
Oakdale, CA 95361

Progressive Dairy Solutions will sponsor the Reserve Champion Large Animal Show Exhibitor and Reserve Champion Beef Show Exhibitor in the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Protekta

Miguel Morales
156 W Jordan Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

Protekta will sponsor the Champion Poultry Show Exhibitor in the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Robinson's Feed & Farm Supply

Guillermo Juarez
1150 E Victor Rd
Lodi, CA 95240

Robinson's Feed & Farm Supply will sponsor the Reserve Champion Under 13 Livestock Exhibitor in the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Rosa Brother's Milk Company

Kathleen Johnson
2400 South K St
Tulare, CA 93274

Rosa Brother's Milk Company will provide ice cream after the Dairy Section Written Exam.

Select Sires Member Cooperative

Rory White
1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd
Columbus, OH 43228

All West Select Sires will provide \$125 for the Under 13 Champion Dairy Exhibitor in the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Sunsweet

Alma Parham
901 N Walton Ave
Yuba City, CA 95993

Will donate 2 cases of prunes to the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Trans Ova Genetics

Emily Warnimont
855 W Hawkeye Ave
Turlock, CA 95380

Transova will sponsor the Reserve Champion Dairy Show Exhibitor and Champion Under 13 Large Animal Exhibitor for the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

Zinpro

Tanner Schmidt
17796 Rd 320
Springville, CA 93265

Zinpro will sponsor the Champion Rabbit Show Exhibitor, the Reserve Champion Swine Show Exhibitor and the Reserve Champion Under 13 Dairy Exhibitor of the 2026 Champion Challenge Competition.

SHOWMANSHIP SPECIAL AWARDS

Award recipients should write "Thank You" letters

California State Grange

Joseph Stefenoni
3830 U St
Sacramento, CA 95817

California State Grange will sponsor premiums for the Grange Showmanship division.

California Junior Angus Association

Marisa Tsuboi, CJAA Advisor
PO Box 40
O'Neals, CA 93645

The California Junior Angus Association will sponsor special awards to the highest placing Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, and FFA in Beef Showmanship exhibiting an Angus entry.

California Shorthorn Breeders Association

Amanda McKeith
2107 Silverdale Ct
Visalia, CA 93291

The California Shorthorn Association will present awards to the highest placing Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, and FFA exhibitor in Breeding Beef Showmanship exhibiting Shorthorn cattle.

BLUE RIBBON SPONSORS

California Pork Producers

Mackenzie Bressler
1521 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dr. Lloyd & Sheila McCabe

7933 Jahn Rd
Dixon, CA 9562

ADMISSION & PARKING

Livestock Exhibitors Credentials

The State Fair has an exhibitor credential policy which will make additional exhibitor credentials available for a nominal fee. Each exhibitor will receive one exhibitor credential at no charge upon check-in at the Livestock Office. Credentials will be provided for the entire show period only (These will be called limited season credentials). Additional credentials may be purchased at a rate to be determined before the opening day of the Fair. These credentials may be purchased from the Box Office after obtaining an authorization form from the Livestock Office upon arrival at the Fair.

4-H leaders responsible for exhibitors and named on Exhibitor's Detailed Receipt as project leader will receive one admission credential at no charge and good for the length of the junior show. 4-H County I.D./Leader cards must be presented prior to receiving the credential.

FFA advisors will receive one admission credential good for the length of the junior show. All advisors must be approved through the CATA representative at the State Fair.

These credentials are good for the length of the Show.

Livestock Parking Permits

Each exhibitor will receive one parking permit (limit of one free per family) at no charge upon check-in at the Livestock Office. Additional parking permits may be purchased at a rate \$8.00 per day.

Parking permits DO NOT include in and out privileges. These additional permits may be purchased from the Livestock Office upon arrival at the Fair. Parking permits allow parking in designated parking lots ONLY. Parking permits must be visible in the windows of all vehicles and stock trailers on the grounds. **NOTE: A stock trailer parking area will be designated for Livestock Exhibitors. All trailers and/or trucks will be parked in this parking area. Contact the Fair office for specific information.** (Vehicles with parking permits also have access to the barn area after 10:00 pm and before 7:00 am) All vehicles must be removed from the barn area to designated parking lots by 7:00 am.

4-H leaders responsible for exhibitors will receive one limited season parking credential (limit of one per family) at no charge good for the length of the show period. 4-H County I.D./Leader cards must be presented prior to receiving the credential.

FFA advisors will receive one limited season parking credential (limit of one per family good for the length of the show period. All advisors must be approved through the CATA representative at the State Fair.

Overnight Camping

Exhibitors with campers, trailers and or motor homes, must camp in their vehicles in the R.V. Park only. There will be NO parking area without hook-ups. R.V. spaces are \$1,000 for the State Fair season, July 10 to August 9, 2026, or \$75 per day for full hook-ups with 30 or 50 AMP service.

To apply for RV Space, please complete an RV Park application and return with a rental fee to the RV Park Office - Trailer Space Rental, California Exposition and State Fair, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815. **All R.V. Park applications and payments must be received by June 17, 2026.**

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Cal Expo RV Park at (916) 263-3187 or rvpark@calexpo.com for further information and RV space reservations. Their hours are 8 am to 4 pm daily.

2026 GENERAL RULES

California Exposition & State Fair

General Rules are subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment at any time before each competition or judging. Upon submission of online entry and signature on detailed receipt if applicable, the exhibitor acknowledges that they have read and understood these rules and all others of the competition in which they enter. Furthermore, exhibitors are responsible for viewing, reading and understanding all revisions or curtailments on the State Fair's website before the competition. Exhibitors may request an additional copy of the most current rules by contacting the entry office: email: entryoffice@calexpo.com.

Exhibitors Entry Responsibilities

STILL EXHIBITS

1. All submissions and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be submitted online, uploaded if necessary, and entry fees paid by Visa or MasterCard by the entry deadline.

It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitors to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in the Competition Guide.

Entries will not be judged if deficiencies have not been cleared or fees paid.

LIVESTOCK & AG MECHANICS

2. All signatures and information necessary to determine that the exhibit is eligible must be submitted online for Junior Livestock, Open Livestock, Best of Show and Small Animals.

All Livestock, Small Animal, Best of Show and Ag Mechanics exhibitors will be required to submit a Detailed Receipt with all required signatures within one week of the entry deadline.

It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to correct all deficiencies in connection with entries or exhibiting which are required of them by the rules printed in the Competition Guide.

A deficiency penalty of \$20 per entry must be paid for any deficiency or fees which have not been paid by July 1 for Livestock and Small Animals, this includes not returning the detailed receipt by the due date.

Entries will not be judged if the detailed receipt is not received.

This rule shall apply to all equine shows with a requirement for their fees, forms, and signatures being submitted by the entry deadline date within each equine section of any competition guide.

ENTRY LIMIT

3. The State Fair management shall reserve the right to limit entries displayed and/or exhibited to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor.

Entries may also be limited or not displayed based on size, content, subject material, or for any reason determined not in the best interest of the California State Fair.

Any return of entries under this rule will be done at the sole discretion of the State Fair management.

OWNERSHIP OF ENTRY

4. Unless specific provisions are otherwise made in the Competition Guide (printed or on the web), exhibitors must be the bona-fide owner of their entries.

The management may demand such proof of ownership as it deems necessary in each case.

EXHIBITOR LIABILITY

5. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her.

Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, the State of California, California Exposition & State Fair and all officers, agents, and employees thereof from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries to death of any person including but not limited to workers, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or entries.

Neither party shall request apportionment of liability by a jury.

NO GUARANTEE

6. The State Fair cannot guarantee that all exhibition requirements of an entry can be provided (i.e., electricity, a showcase, a pedestal, special lighting, special location, total space requirements, water source, computer services, or any other special requirements).

DIVISION/CLASS CANCELLATION

7. The State Fair management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.

ENTRY ERRORS

8. State Fair management is not responsible for finding errors in entries.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which were submitted online.
10. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error.
11. The State Fair management shall withhold the payment of awards for exhibits that are ineligible and may recover awards that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of State Fair records. However, exhibitors with a cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the State Fair management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance.

SUBSTITUTION

12. Substitutions may be made in still exhibits only in the same division of the original entry of the original exhibitor, and may be made only if completed by the entry delivery date.
13. Substitutions for livestock must be in the same division of the original entry by the original exhibitor.
14. Substitutions must be made at the time of check-in to avoid penalty.
15. Fees may apply for substitutions in excess of two per division.
16. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct division or class any entry which is not a true representative of the division or class in which it is entered.

PREVIOUSLY ENTERED ENTRY

17. Any non-animal (still exhibit) entry that has been exhibited at a previous California State Fair is not eligible for entry in the 2026 California State Fair.

VERIFICATION

18. Online submissions will receive a confirmation once entries are submitted.

RESPONSIBILITY

19. The State Fair shall not be responsible for exhibits remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release times.
20. All Still Exhibits or display elements remaining on the fairgrounds after designated release time will be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of on or before September 1 of the same year.

REMOVAL OF ENTRIES

21. An exhibitor may not remove his or her entry from the California State Fair once it has been accepted.
22. **Judged or Accepted:** Entries must be on exhibit at the official opening of the State Fair or at any other time specified in the Competition Guide and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in the guide, except (at the discretion of the State Fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident and/or death, or other circumstances that are in the best interests of the State Fair.

DISHONORED CHECKS

23. A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check for payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for the penalty payment.

ENTRY FEES

24. Entry Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

LATE ENTRIES

25. Late Entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the California State Fair under the following conditions:
 - a. Late Entries will **NOT be accepted** for **California Crafts, Fine Art, Student Showcase, Photography, Canning & Baking, and County Fair Best of Show Master Showmanship**.
 - b. If the department accepts late entries, the completed entry form(s) and other completed required forms, signatures and full payment for all required fees must arrive at the California State Fair Entry Office

(by Certified Mail, Hand Delivery or Electronically) no later than five calendar days after the official entry deadline requirement of the competition.

For example, if the Official Entry Deadline is June 17, the last day and time a late entry may be eligible would be June 22 at 4:00 pm. If late entries arrive after 4:00 pm on that fifth day, they will NOT be considered.

- c. Open **Livestock Late Entries** will be accepted until July 8, 2026, with **an additional \$100 per entry**. Payment must be received no later than 5 pm on July 8, 2026.
- d. Extended Entry Deadline for Open Boer Goats, NDGA Nigerian Dwarf Goats and Open Pygmy Goat Shows will be July 8.
- e. All late entries must be accompanied with the entry fee as listed within the program in addition to a **late fee of \$20 per entry for all Junior Livestock and Open Livestock** entries and a **late fee of \$10 per entry for non-livestock competitions and small animals** (Small Animals and dogs). Acceptable forms of payment are Visa, Master Card, check or money order.
- f. Exhibitors who are already entered as exhibitors may add additional entries as long as the animal is already entered by paying a \$100 late fee plus the original entry fee.
- g. No entries will be accepted beyond the capacity of the facility.
- h. All other entry requirements as well as any rules, regulations and schedules shall apply.
- i. No entry is a guarantee of acceptance and it is the exhibitor's responsibility to confirm that the State Fair has accepted any and all entries.
- j. The California State Fair expressly reserves the right to reject any and all entry forms for any reason whatsoever.

DESIGN

- 26. The California State Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibits.
- 27. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the State Fair.
- 28. No exhibit changes will be made once the entries have been displayed.
- 29. Once an entry has been received by the State Fair, no further handling of entry by exhibitor shall be permitted.

30. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by State Fair personnel.
31. Entries requiring assembly/disassembly must include detailed instructions and sketches for assembly/disassembly.
32. Instructions should indicate lifting points, unsecured parts and any other information required for such handling. Where necessary bank pins will be utilized to attach exhibits for display.

JUNIORS ENTERING SENIOR DEPARTMENT

33. All divisions and classes within Junior Departments are intended for Juniors exclusively. Entry into the Junior Department is regulated by age and youth organization requirements as outlined in this competition guide. In no case may a person, group or organization outside of these age requirements (younger or older) be allowed to enter and compete in the Junior department.
34. However, Juniors may elect to enter, exhibit and compete (animal or non-animal) in the Senior Department when the rules of that department, division or class allow for such. Such entries shall be restricted to:
 - a. A class for the exhibit that is not provided in the Junior Department.
 - b. Junior Livestock Exhibitors that officially enter and show in the Junior Livestock Show are eligible to compete in the Open Show as long as the same exhibit/animal is entered and shown in the Junior Show and the same exhibit/animal is entered and meets all Open Division entry deadlines and guidelines.
 - c. Open classes or divisions that allow for the participation of Juniors due to the open competition being a specialty, feature, regional or national show sanctioned by the State Fair and/or recognized organization. In this case, the Junior exhibitor must also enter and compete (with the same exhibit) in the current year's Junior department, division, class offered for the exhibit. This provision must be printed specifically within the rules of the feature show within this guide.
35. Anyone under the age of 18 who meets the California State Fair age requirements and is planning to exhibit in a Senior department must have their parent or legal guardian sign their detailed receipt.
36. If the exhibitor is required to be on the fairgrounds, the Junior must be supervised by their parent or legal guardian while at the State Fair.

37. Exhibit animals owned in partnership between Seniors and Juniors shall not affect Junior's eligibility when the Senior partner is the exhibitor.

STATE FAIR EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION

38. No employee of the State Fair will be permitted to enter an exhibit for competition. No person shall be an exhibitor or sign an entry form as an agent in any Division or Department in which the exhibitor is a department head, judge, or paid employee.

Disqualification

ENTRY DISQUALIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS

39. A complete exhibit eligible in more than one Division and/or Class shall be entered and judged only in the Division and/or Class for which it best qualifies.
40. The State Fair or the judge may disqualify or transfer to the correct Class (at his/her discretion) any exhibit which is not a true representative of the Division or Class in which it is entered.

It is not, however, the responsibility of the State Fair or judges to transfer an entry to the correct Division and/or Class.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

41. The State Fair management shall reserve the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the State Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the State Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
42. In the event, an entry or an exhibitor is disqualified for any rule or policy violation (including but not limited to practices or procedures that are unethical, those in violation of the State Fair's Residue Avoidance Program, DNA Testing Program and those not adhering to the State Fair's schedule for the program), any or all of the following actions may take place:
- a. The entry or exhibitor that is disqualified will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premium money and/or any sale proceeds. Further, the exhibitor shall be responsible for payment of any fees, fines due or costs incurred by the State as a result of disqualification.
 - b. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family will not

be eligible to compete in subsequent California State Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by State Fair Management.

- c. State Fair Management reserves the right (but does not guarantee) to move entries up in placing after judging has taken place when an award void is created by a disqualification.
- This process of moving up judged entries shall only take place, however, when it is clear what the judge's placing would have been had the disqualified entry not been in competition.
 - For example, when a Champion is disqualified, the Reserve shall move up and be named the Champion; however, no other changes shall take place below the Reserve Champion. The same shall apply in the case of a class, section or division winner when a 2nd place has been clearly indicated by the judge.
 - If it is not possible to clearly determine a new placing, no change shall take place.
 - When a placing change does take place the entry moving up will receive all the awards, appropriate titles and all premiums of the disqualified entry but will not receive any of the original placing awards or premiums won in the second category. In other words, 2nd place will now receive 1st money and "no" entry will receive 2nd money.

COOPERATION

43. Exhibitors, their immediate family, leaders, advisors and agents thereof, not cooperating with security personnel or any other State Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, judging and/or animal care will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately and forfeit all awards, premium monies, and sale proceeds. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in being banned from the State Fair.

PUBLIC DISTURBANCES

44. Exhibitors causing public disturbances, those who are uncooperative and/or unsportsmanlike, those not following good animal welfare practices as determined by management, or those found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the State Fair program and/or policies/procedures shall be penalized by forfeiture of premiums awarded, any and all awards, payments of fines and/or damages to State Property,

privileges, and/or disqualification at this or subsequent State Fairs as may be deemed appropriate by the State Fair Management and/or the Board of Directors.

Further, if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's adult supervisor, parent or family member's actions are deemed to be illegal, inhumane or unethical to livestock; the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation by those agencies for possible prosecution and/or civil penalties.

PROBATION

45. Any exhibitor found in violation of any rule may be placed on probation for one year or longer if State Fair management deems appropriate.

Judging

JUDGING

46. The judge(s) shall award first, second or third place, etc., according to merit and if without merit the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.

JUDGE/EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

47. No person shall act as a judge in any Division in which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, in charge of a group of exhibitors, or is a member of a group of exhibitors.

JUDGE/FRATERNIZATION/CRITICISM

48. Judges should avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge, or judges, during their adjudications, or with the State Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit of another.

Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area and competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the State Fair management shall consider appropriate.

49. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class. This rule shall have no bearing on consideration in the placing of entries by judges. Ribbons shall be presented in the order of placing by the judges.

The management shall, however, pay third money to the fourth winner, etc., when the third winner is prohibited from receiving third cash award under the provisions of this rule. (Any entry or exhibit in which one or more members of the family described above has a financial interest shall be included in the limitation of not more than two cash awards per class.)

50. Management reserves the right to combine or to divide classes in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition.

In the event of a show change, as a result of this rule, or where classes are established after the close of entries, premiums and awards will be distributed, divided or eliminated in a manner as deemed necessary by State Fair Management.

JUDGE'S DECISION

51. The judge's decision is final.
52. The judge's decision cannot be protested.

CHIEF JUDGE POLICY

53. A Chief Judge will be assigned by the State Fair, for still exhibits only, to mediate in the event there is a conflict during the judging process. All decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final and may not be protested.

PROTESTS

54. **For still exhibits and horse only** - Any protest must be submitted in writing and given to the State Fair's staff member responsible for the Competitive Program in question within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest.

Protests must be based on a violation of rules, and you must reference the rule in your protest. The judge's decisions on awards cannot be protested.

No protest shall be considered by the management unless accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00 (Cash, money order or certified check).

The deposit shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

Protests shall be adjudicated by State Fair management.

State Fair management will consult with a member of the California State Fair Board of Directors who shall be designated by the Chairman of the Board.

The decision of State Fair Management shall be final and unappealable. See special livestock rules for protests in the Livestock Program.

55. Under no circumstances will any entry which has been previously judged be “rejudged” due to the disqualification or removal or another entry.

Awards

SPECIAL AWARDS

56. Special Awards contributed by businesses or individuals are offered in some California State Fair Competitive Programs. These Special Awards are the obligation of the contributor/donor. The California State Fair is not responsible for redemption of these awards.

TAX LAWS

57. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to investigate and adhere to State and Federal tax laws/regulations regarding premiums paid, and awards received.

As an out-of-state payee who earns \$1500 or more, Cal Expo must withhold 7.5% for State taxes.

You may request an exemption or a reduction of this withholding by filling out and submitting the Nonresident Withholding Waiver Request, California Form 588.

PREMIUM AWARDS

58. Awards, ribbons, tags or cards have no value as payment. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges’ sheets.
59. Premium checks will be issued as soon as auditing, drug testing, if applicable, and processing can be completed. If checks are not received by November 15, please phone or write the State Fair.
60. Checks must be **cashed within six months** of the date of issue.
61. Exhibitors have until December 31 of the same year, to claim checks returned to the State Fair. Checks will not be reissued after this date.

Age Requirements

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MEMBERSHIP AGE AND AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS

62. Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization. (Please refer to 4-H/FFA/Grange/ Fairs & Expositions Youth Agreement at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fairsandexpositions/> for more information).

If, however, the project or entry was not produced or conducted under the supervision of the organization, the Junior must enter as an Independent Junior for that project or entry.

Example: If a 4-H member wishes to enter a Market Lamb competition and the Youth Canning & Baking competition, in a situation where they are only enrolled in a 4-H Sheep project, the entry is as follows: Enter 4-H for the Market Lamb competition and Independent Junior for the Canning & Baking competition (even though the exhibitor is a 4-H member, the baked goods project was not produced or conducted under the supervision of the organization).

63. Non-designated “Junior” shows or divisions: If a show or division offered is not specified as 4-H or FFA, Junior exhibitors who are enrolled in a 4-H or FFA project relating to that show or division must still enter as members of their respective organizations and follow all applicable rules and regulations of the department.
64. All 4-H exhibitors must be 9 years old by December 31, 2025, and not be older than 19 years old as of December 31, 2025. Exhibitors must also meet age and membership requirements of their organizations when entering as a member of an organization. Exhibitors must also meet the ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR AND GRANGE AGE REQUIREMENTS

(Rules 65-68 apply to Indoor non-animal Exhibits only.)

65. Independent Junior and Grange exhibitors may enter California State Fair classes and divisions in indoor (Still Exhibit) competitions if they are 5 years old as of January 1, 2026.
66. Independent exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 18 years of age.
67. Grange exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Exhibitors must meet the ownership and all other requirements of the competition to be eligible for entry.
68. Independent Still Exhibit Exhibitors: Persons, who are “not” 4-H, FFA or Grange members may enter the Junior competitions provided they meet age requirements for youth exhibitors in the competition they are entering. Exhibitors who enter Independent of an organization must not be older than 18 years old as of January 1, 2026.

FFA AGE REQUIREMENTS

69. FFA members must be enrolled in a state-approved agricultural education program at their school to participate as an FFA exhibitor and may participate as members as early as entering into the seventh grade, until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school.

INDEPENDENT AND GRANGE ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

70. Persons who are “not” 4-H or FFA members may enter the Junior Livestock Show provided they meet age requirements for animal exhibitors at the State Fair.

These Independent and Grange exhibitors shall enter 4-H or FFA classes as follows:

- a. Independent and Grange Junior exhibitors who are 13 years of age or under (as of show day) shall compete in the appropriate 4-H divisions only.
- b. Independent and Grange Junior exhibitors who are 14 years of age (as of show day) or are incoming freshmen in high school shall be placed by State Fair Management in either 4-H or FFA divisions.
- c. Independent Junior exhibitors are eligible to enter 4-H or FFA Showmanship. Independent Juniors are not eligible for County or Chapter Groups or Outstanding Exhibitor.

MEMBER STANDING AND OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

71. Juniors who are members of 4-H, FFA or Grange must be in good standing with their organization and projects entered as such must have been conducted under the supervision of the organization and must be owned by the exhibitor (unless otherwise stated).

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

72. Any questions as to the eligibility of an entry shall be determined by the exhibitor’s advisor (for 4-H, FFA or Grange), instructor (for Student Showcase) or parent or guardian (for Independent Juniors). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Fair shall make the final determination of eligibility in all cases.

4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS

73. The levels of membership for 4-H are aged based. Each level is defined as follows:

- a. **Primary Level:** Must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2025. Primary membership ends when members qualify as junior members. Exhibitors who are under nine years of age on or before December 31, 2025, are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.
- b. **Junior, Intermediate & Senior:** Must be 9 years old by December 31, 2025. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
- c. **Home Schooled Children:** Age criteria, as listed in 1 and 2, only will apply to home-schooled children. A grade level will not be a consideration. (Exhibitors who are under 9 years of age as of December 31, 2025, are not eligible to compete in animal competitions at the California State Fair.)

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR AND GRANGE AGE REQUIREMENTS

(This rule applies to Animal Exhibitors)

- 74. Independent Junior and Grange animal exhibitors must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2026, and are eligible to compete through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Independent Juniors and Grange exhibitors shall enter 4-H or FFA animal classes.

NO DUAL AFFILIATION IN COMPETITION

- 75. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor show the same species or project in more than one Division of the Junior Department.

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

- 76. All Junior exhibitors, required to be on the State Fairgrounds, must be accompanied and supervised by an adult while on the State Fairgrounds. Instructors, advisors, leaders and other adults in charge of Junior exhibitors shall be responsible for their conduct at all times.

FFA SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

- 77. All FFA exhibitors entered as such must be supervised by their agricultural instructor.

Any deviation from this rule must be taken up with the State Agriculture Education unit representative in charge.

The CATA Curricular Activities Code shall govern the conduct and eligibility of FFA exhibitors and their projects.

UNIFORMS

78. Uniform requirements for Independent youth shall be the same as required for 4-H and FFA members excluding insignia.

The official show uniform for animal exhibitors at the California State Fair will be white pants, trousers or dress and a white blouse or shirt.

79. No exhibit owned by a chapter or club, or conducted, as a joint project by two or more individuals is eligible in the Junior Department unless the division/class specifically states.

FREE SPEECH ACTIVITIES GUIDELINE

80. The California Exposition & State Fair (Cal Expo) hereby finds that these guidelines are intended to set forth in writing Cal Expo's long-standing policy governing the conduct of Cal Expo employees and exhibitors, as well as members of the public, under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I of the California Constitution, on Cal Expo's grounds.

These guidelines are not intended to enlarge upon nor create any rights guaranteed by existing law nor waive any defense or rights available to Cal Expo, nor do they represent any admission that the facilities of Cal Expo are open as a public forum.

It is the policy of Cal Expo to allow within the parameters set forth herein, reasonable access to its grounds and designated free speech expression zones for demonstrations for free speech activity as allowed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I to the California Constitution.

For further information regarding Free Speech Activities at the California Exposition & State Fair please write to:

Chief of Police, California Exposition & State Fair
1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815

81. Should contractors, associations, clubs or individuals desire to arrange for beverages and food service, all such arrangements must be coordinated through Oak View Group Hospitality, the State's Master Food & Beverage Contractor. **No exceptions.**

Contractor shall be responsible for expenses related to these services if any. Alcoholic beverage service areas/facilities will only be allowed in designated locations. Only persons 21 years or older will be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. Further, no alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the grounds. These products may only be acquired at OVG permitted locations on the grounds. Individuals that endanger themselves or others will be reported to authorities.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this guide

American System of Judging: Each entry in a class is judged in comparison to the other entries in the class. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc. according to relative merit. There will be no more than one first, second, third, etc. per class.

Danish System of Judging: Each entry in a class is judged on its own merit. Entries are placed first, second, third, etc., depending on points received based on the score card. There may be more than one first, second, third, etc. per class.

Senior Departments: California Fine Art, California Crafts, Canning & Baking, Photography, Commercial Wine, Commercial Craft Brew, Home Brew, California Cheese, California Olive Oil, Open Livestock by species and Open Small Animals by species.

Junior Departments: Youth Canning & Baking, Student Showcase, Ag Mechanics, Junior Livestock by species and Junior Small Animals by species.

Senior/Open Exhibitor: An exhibitor who is no longer eligible to be a Junior Exhibitor or enter a Junior Department.

Junior Exhibitor: An exhibitor who is a member of 4-H, FFA, Grange, or an Independent Youth Exhibitor who meets the requirements of Independent Junior divisions offered. See the specific show and General Rules for exceptions to this definition.

Entry Office: The California State Fair Entry Office is located at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. Contact may be made by phone, mail, email or personal contact. Questions regarding competitions may also be directed to the Entry Office. (916) 263-3149 - entryoffice@calexpo.com.

Still Exhibits: All competitive exhibits which are typically indoor and not involving animals, such as art, quilts, foods, crafts, sewing, metalwork, jewelry, graphics, drafting, sciences, etc.

Livestock & Small Animals: All competitive exhibits which animals are the entry; such as beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, llamas, cavies, rabbits, poultry, dogs, etc.

Online Entry: Commitment to enter and abide by rules.

Detailed Receipt: An official form used in submitting an entry/exhibit in the

California State Fair. The Detailed Receipt is only required for Open and Junior Livestock, Small Animals, Best of Show and Ag Mechanic exhibitors.

Entry Fees: A fee charged to enter a competition. All entry fees must be paid online when entries are submitted.

Entry/Exhibit: Terms used to define the item entered in the competition or contest.

Entrant/Exhibitor: Terms used to define the person entering the competition.

Premium: A cash award is given to winners of the competition.

Department: Competition you wish to enter, i.e., California Crafts, Fine Art, Student Showcase, etc. which is comprised of similar shows.

Shows: Generalized sections of the competition.

Division: Categories within a show.

Class: Specific categories within a division.

Competition Guide: a printed or electronic (web) book, prospectus, or flyer which contains information for entry into the California State Fair competitions. Competition Guides can be a printed document or as an electronic document found on the California Exposition & State Fair website CalExpoStateFair.com.

Bona-fide Ownership of Exhibit - ownership is the state or fact of exclusive rights and control over property considered an entry or exhibit. This definition includes livestock, small animals, and horses although not limited to that type of property. Objects/products created or produced are also included as well as intellectual property. Proof of such ownership may be required by management.