

2025 GOLD COUNTRY FAIR



LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

Exhibitor Handbook



Gold Country Fair

Dates

September 4-7, 2025

Theme

We've Got a Good Thing Growing! – Celebrating 175 Years of California Statehood

Website

<https://www.goldcountryfair.com/>

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Fair Schedule

Thursday, September 4	4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Friday, September 5	12:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Saturday, September 6	11:00 AM to Midnight
Sunday, September 7	11:00 AM to 10:00 PM

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California Agriculture Fair Season



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 California fair season!

From the first fair of the season in February to the last in late October, fairgrounds across the state are busy planning for one of the largest events of the year. These annual fair events have so much to offer.

At the fair, you can expect to find the traditional corn dogs, cotton candy, and carnival rides. In addition to these delicious treats and fun entertainment, you can also enjoy competitions, exhibitions, and educational activities. Your participation as exhibitors helps promote the importance of agriculture and food production throughout our state.

Aside from the annual fair, California fairgrounds remain busy hosting a variety of other events throughout the year. Most of these events are fun and festive celebrations that represent the culture and diversity of the communities that surround the fairgrounds. However, our fairgrounds are also amongst the first to serve in times of despair during emergencies and evacuations.

As resiliency centers, our fairgrounds provide safe shelter and build community preparedness as hazards like wildfires, floods and extreme heat become longer lasting and more frequent in California. During disasters, the fairgrounds offer a place to stay with kitchen and sanitation facilities, showers, and other resources.

Our fairgrounds are so important for our communities and so are exhibitors and advocates like you! Thank you for your many contributions to the continued success of the fairgrounds.

Sincerely,



GAVIN NEWSOM



January 8, 2025

On behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, a warm welcome to you as we all prepare for the exciting 2025 fair season! We are thrilled you are joining us this year and sincerely thank you for your continued involvement in showcasing your products, livestock, and expertise. Your contributions help make our fairs successful and provide an invaluable experience for our communities.

Fairs play an essential role in connecting food and agriculture with the public. They are not only a time for us to celebrate the fruits of our labor, but also serve as a critical platform for educating future generations about the importance of farming and food production, livestock management, and sustainable practices. Through your participation, you directly contribute to the appreciation of the vital role agriculture plays in our lives and foster an understanding of the tremendous diversity, innovation and new technology that create new opportunities in agriculture and our rural communities.

The fairgrounds are not just a venue for the annual events. Throughout the year, they serve as a hub for various interim activities that support local economies, offer educational programming, and foster community engagement. From hosting agricultural workshops and livestock sales to providing facilities for regional competitions and cultural festivals, the fairgrounds contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of our agricultural community. Additionally, they play an important role in emergency preparedness, providing a space for disaster response and recovery efforts during critical situations, such as flooding or extreme weather events.

We understand the dedication and hard work that goes into preparing for the fair, and we want to express our deep gratitude for your commitment to making each fair season a success. Your participation ensures the continued relevance of our fairs and strengthens the agricultural ties that bind us all together as a community.

We look forward to this fair season and its great success!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary



Entering Your Exhibit



Livestock Entry

All entries will only be accepted via the ShoWorks Online entry system until Friday, August 1, 2025.
(please reference each department to specify each livestock's information)

Contact Information

Admin Office (530)823-4533
Admin Hours Monday – Friday – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
General Info info@goldcountryfair.com

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Credentials, Passes, and Admission

Each livestock exhibitor will be given one 4-day admission wristband and one Livestock Parking Pass to the Gold Country Fair. Wristbands will be available to pick up on Wednesday from 8 AM – 8 PM during the Livestock Exhibitor Check-In. At this time, you may purchase additional 4-day admission wristbands for \$20 each or 1-day admission pass for \$5 each. Additional passes are available for purchase for parents/family members of livestock exhibitors, FFA/4-H Instructors, and Senior Leaders. Wristbands **must** be worn during the entirety of the fair.

Carnival Bonus

Before fair time begins, livestock exhibitors may purchase a 1-day Unlimited Carnival Rides wristband for \$30. This wristband is good for all open hours of the fair (day of purchase), Thursday through Sunday. These may be purchased prior to the opening day of fair. The price of a carnival wristband will go up to \$39 at the fair.

Still Exhibit Entry

All livestock exhibitors are required to enter at least one entry into the Still Exhibit Department. Entries are due by **Friday, August 1, 2025**, by 11:59 PM. Entries are free for all youth 18 and under. The age limit is 19 and under if an exhibitor is a 4-H/FFA member.

Receiving and Judging Schedule

Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day)

8:00 am-5:00 pm: Barns available for decorations off ONLY (Remember there is no security or help here at this time)

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:00 am-5:00 pm: Barns available for tack drop off ONLY (Remember there is no security or help here at this time)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:00 am-8:00 pm: Barns available for Livestock

8:00 am-8:00 pm: **Mandatory** Livestock Exhibitor Check In

Livestock Office

~~3:30 pm-5:00 pm: Mandatory Poultry Health Inspection~~

~~Livestock Parking Gate~~

5:30 pm-6:00 pm: **Mandatory** Exhibitor Meeting

Ring 2

6:00 pm-8:00 pm: Swine Weigh In

Swine Barn

6:00 pm-8:00 pm: Beef, Goat, and Sheep Weigh In

Beef Barn

6:00 pm Small Animal Weigh-In

Small Animal Barn

8:00 pm: All remaining livestock including small animals, must be in place

Thursday, September 4, 2025

7:00 am Judge Jr. Dept. Swine

Ring 2

8:00 am Judge Jr. Dept. Poultry Market Eggs

Small Animal Barn

~~9:00 am Judge Jr. Dept. Poultry (Market Turkeys, Chickens, etc).~~

~~Small Animal Barn~~

1:00 pm Judge Jr. Dept. Goat

Ring 1

4:00 pm Judge Jr. Dept. Lamb

Ring 1

5:00 pm Judge Jr. Dept. Dog and **Primary Dogs**

Ring 2

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:00 am Judge Jr. Dept. Market Rabbits

Small Animal Barn

8:00 am Judge Jr. Dept. Dairy Goat

Ring 2

9:00 am Judge Jr. Dept. Beef

Ring 1

10:30 am Judge Jr. Pygmy Goat and **Primary Pygmy Goat**

Ring 2

Followed By Jr. Pygmy Goat Costume Contest & Obstacle Course

Ring 2

1:00 pm **Primary Poultry & Rabbit Show**

Small Animal Barn

2:30 pm Judge Futurity Barrow, Lamb, & Goat

Ring 2

6:00 pm Large Animal Family Showmanship

Ring 2 & 1

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:00 am Jr. Livestock Auction Buyer's Social

Overlook Area

9:00 am Junior Livestock Auction

Ring 2

Followed By JLA Buyer's Dinner

Overlook Area

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:00 am Judge Large Animal Master Showmanship

Ring 1 & 3

11:00 am Judge Small Animal Round Robin

Small Animal Barn

12:30 pm Small Animal Family Showmanship

Small Animal Barn

3:00 pm Small Animal Awards Ceremony

Small Animal Barn

4:00 pm Large Animal Awards Ceremony

Ring 2

6:00 pm Livestock Release

Schedule Subject to Change

Online Entry Information



Entry Form Method

How can I enter?

At the beginning of each department page is the information relative to that competition. This information includes eligibility requirements, entry deadline, delivery/pickup information and judging schedule.

When is the entry deadline?

Online entries and fees must be received online through [ShoWorks](#) by 11:59 PM on **Friday, August 1, 2025**. Entries that are not complete by August 1, 2025, will be charged a \$30 penalty fee per entry. The required information and penalty fee must be submitted by August 8, 2025, in order to participate at fair.

Where do I submit my entries and fees?

You are required to enter online through our [ShoWorks Online](#) entry system.

All entries must be submitted online before the deadline. **No** paper entries will be accepted.

Registration Link

Coming Soon!

ShoWorks

1. Click 'Sign-In' in the top right corner.
2. Use the drop-down box for 'I am a..' and choose 'Exhibitor'
3. Sign-in if you have previously used ShoWorks Software for other fairs, expositions, and/or jackpots.
4. OR, if you do not have an existing account, click 'I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year.'
5. Complete the following page of exhibitor information.
6. Use the drop-down boxes to add entries to your cart.
7. You will select 'Department' then 'Division' and then 'Class.'
8. Fill in the required information for each entry.
9. **Review** your entries, pay, and confirm. Make sure you have completed all steps to ensure your entries were successfully completed.
10. It is advised to print your confirmation number and entries for your records.

New to 2025!

Please see below for some of the new updates for the 2025 Junior Livestock Department. The significant updates are listed below as a quick point of information for planning purposes.

✓ **SHOW SCHEDULE**

- Review the Show Schedule for changes and updates.

✓ **2025 GCF Poultry Show – Cancelled Until Further Notice**

- On January 8, 2025, the California Department of Food & Agriculture State Veterinarian implemented a ban on all California Poultry and Dairy (Cattle) Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows, effective immediately until further notice. This action is required to minimize the danger of exposing people and non-infected birds and (dairy) cows to the H5N1 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu). For more information, please visit:
https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/HPAI.html

✓ **CA PROPOSITION 12 – REQUIRED**

- All market hogs are **REQUIRED** to be Proposition 12 certified to participate in the 2025 Gold Country Fair Show and Junior Livestock Auction. As such, Exhibitors must provide Proposition 12 Certification **and** a Bill of Sale at the time of pre-weigh in (Saturday, June 21st, 2025). **Market hogs will not be able to pre-weigh/be tagged without Proposition 12 certification.**

✓ **PRE-WEIGH INS – LARGE MARKET ANIMALS**

- Pre-Weigh In dates are **REQUIRED** to attend in order to be eligible to show/sell a market animal at the Gold Country Fair.
- Scales will be sanitized before, during, and after livestock weighs in.
- For further biosecurity insurance, exhibitor may opt to not physically weigh in livestock but animals must be present and must be tagged during designated weigh in date.
 - If animal does not physically weigh in, exhibitor will forfeit the opportunity to enter into any Futurity Class or any Carcass Contest.

✓ **MARKET SWINE FUTURITY**

- Market Barrow Futurity has been changed to Market **Swine** Futurity, to include gilts.

✓ **PEE WEE – LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP**

- This division is open to those that are 5-8 years old – Must sign a release of liability and have Parent/Guardian Permission.
- Please see the Showmanship page for full list of rules.

✓ **AUCTION PROTOCOL**

- Livestock Exhibitors/Sellers must stand by their pen prior to the Junior Livestock Auction. NO soliciting around the auction registration/block. Exhibitors who fail to adhere will forfeit their auction status and not be allowed to sell.

Pre-Weigh In Rules

Beef Pre-Weigh In: Saturday, April 19th, 2025 – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Lamb/Goat/Swine Pre-Weigh In: Saturday, June 21st, 2025 – 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM

1. All sale animals, except for poultry and rabbits, must have been pre-weighed (replacement animals **are** required to weigh in and must be tagged and must be declared as a replacement animal at the time of pre-weigh in) and ear tagged at the designated pre-weigh in dates. Pictures may be taken at time of weigh in with ear tags in the animal ears.
2. An official Gold Country Fair ear tag/tattoo is required on all market animals from the time of weigh-in to the release of animals. At pre-weigh ins, all other identification tags will be removed at the scales (with exception of Jr. Grand National CYAE or California State Fair ear tags and scrapie tags.)
3. An exhibitor is only allowed to pre-weigh in (3) three **large** market animals per species, at pre-weigh in OR exhibitor may choose to weigh in (2) one market animal and (1) one Family Back-Up Animal.
 - a. Family Back Up Animal Definition: A family back-up animal can only be used by an immediate family member by marriage, birth, or adoption. The family member (exhibitor) using the family back up, must declare it, properly enter it, and pay the appropriate entry fee prior to the entry deadline. Only one family member (exhibitor) is eligible to enter and exhibit the animal.
 - b. All family back-up animals are required to pre-weigh in and declared as a family back-up at the time of pre-weigh in.
4. Feeder animals do NOT have to pre-weigh in. They are REQUIRED to weigh in on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
5. Animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor for the following minimum length of time prior to the Gold Country Fair:

Beef	120 days
Lambs, Swine & Goats	60 days
Small Animals	30 days
6. No early or late pre-weigh ins are permitted. If you are unable to attend the designated pre-weigh in, you must call the Gold Country Fairgrounds office at least 30 days before the pre-weigh in.
7. Official Weighmasters will be provided. No Pre-Weighing of animals is permitted. If a weight is contested, re-weigh must be requested at the scale immediately. The animal in question will be removed from the scale, the scale will be re-balanced, and the animal will again be weighed. Under no circumstances shall the animal leave the scale area.
8. There are to be no private scales on the grounds. Excessive exercise of a market animal for the purpose of weight reduction is forbidden on the Fairgrounds. Excessively wet animals will be disqualified by the Weigh Master.
9. Sheep Tail Docking - To qualify for exhibit after December 31, 2002, market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible.
10. Any foul, abusive language and/or physical abuse used toward any Fair Personnel, Weigh Master, Auction Committee Member, Judge, etc. by exhibitors or parents may result in the immediate expulsion of the violators and their animals from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair. This is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy.

Weigh In Rules

Required Weigh In: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 – starting at 6:00 PM

1. Livestock Exhibitors are required to check in and pick up credentials at the Livestock Office any time from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Exhibitors who fail to check in on Wednesday will be considered scratched from fair, even if livestock are weighed in.
2. Livestock Consignment Agreement will be issued to each exhibitor at Exhibitor Check-Ins on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. **Livestock exhibitors are responsible for submitting this agreement to the Livestock Office 30 minutes after your market class.** Failure to submit this agreement will result in **disqualification** from the sale. **NO** exceptions.
3. The Gold Country Fair requires exhibitors of all market and replacement animals to complete a Medication Declaration Form for each animal brought to the scale for official weigh-in.
4. No one is to be in the scale area except for Exhibitor, Animal, Fair Staff, and designated weigh-helper during weigh-in.
5. All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual official scrapie identification issued by the USDA. Individual identification must be kept on the animals.
6. Market lambs must be slick shorn within 10 days of the opening day of the Fair.
7. Market Beef Exhibitors must furnish a Bill of Sale and/or official Brand Inspection form to the State Brand Inspector and provide a copy with entries. A Brand Inspection or an out billing from an auction yard must be made out to the exhibitor, showing proof of 120 days ownership, or a signed statement declaring the animal was bred and raised by the exhibitor.
8. Weighmasters will be provided. No Pre-Weighing of animals is permitted (before official designated pre-weigh in date).
9. If a weight is contested, re-weigh must be requested at the scale immediately. The animal in question will be removed from the scale, the scale will be re-balanced, and the animal will again be weighed.
10. Under no circumstances shall the animal leave the scale area. Underweight market animals entered in a market class will automatically be enrolled to a feeder class, overweight feeder animals may NOT move up to a market class.
 - a. Two (2) feeder entries per specie, is allowed per exhibitor.
11. If an animal does not make weight, no replacements are allowed.
12. All scales used for official weigh in have been certified by Placer County Department of Weights and Measures. There is no recertification of scales allowed.
13. There are to be no private scales on the grounds. Excessive exercise of a market animal for the purpose of weight reduction is forbidden on the Fairgrounds. Excessively wet animals will be disqualified.
14. Any foul, abusive language and/or physical abuse used toward any Fair Personnel, Weigh Master, Auction Committee Member, Judge, etc. by exhibitors or parents may result in the immediate expulsion of the violators and their animals from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair. This is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy.

Show Week Rules

Show Days: Wednesday – Friday

1. Exhibitors must care for their animals until departure from the Fairgrounds or they will forfeit all awards, auction monies and eligibility at future Gold Country Fairs. There is zero tolerance in regard to exhibitor and parent conduct. This includes mucking stalls and always maintaining a clean stall and aisle.
2. All animals eligible for the sale must be shown as individuals in their respective classes and will be selected at the judge's discretion. Animals will be placed in Sale Order by official show clerks based upon the judge's direction.
3. A minimum of five entries per division must be judged in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be awarded.
4. Condition of Sale Animals: Only natural colored paint is to be allowed (beef). No other paint or decorations on animals is allowed. All sale animals must be in show-groom condition when entering the sale ring, or the animal will be disqualified from the Junior Livestock Auction.
5. No artificial hair-like substance or coloring changes will be permitted. No icing, slapping, drenching or muzzling will be permitted. All animals are subject to inspection by the official Fair veterinarian at all times. All animals will be inspected prior to entering the ring.
6. Junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their own animal(s) when at the Fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from anyone. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the exhibits as well as the exhibitor. NO professional fitters allowed.
7. Small Animal Barn: Shavings are required in all small animal cages. 'Pee Pads' will not be permitted. Please dispose of shavings in the correct container.
8. All exhibitors of sale animals must be present in the official uniform when photo is taken for buyer's photographs. Photographs are required to be taken immediately after the conclusion of your market class.
This photo is a requirement for the sale of the animal. NO late photos will be permitted.

Junior Livestock Auctions Rules

Junior Livestock Auction: Saturday

1. Livestock Consignment Agreement will be issued to each exhibitor at Exhibitor Check-Ins on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. **Livestock exhibitors are responsible for submitting this agreement to the Livestock Office 30 minutes after your market class.** Failure to submit this agreement will result in **disqualification** from the sale. **NO** exceptions.
2. The Gold Country Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale for animals, except Replacement Heifers, Ewes, Gilts, and Does.
3. Seven percent (7%) commission will be charged for each sale. Three percent (3%) commission will be charged for all add-ons. The commission fee will be placed in a Junior Livestock Auction Fund for promotion expenses and Auction Contingency Fund.
4. Primary members are not eligible to sell.
5. All Champions and Reserves must sell. Only in the instance that an exhibitor is awarded both a Champion and/or a Reserve Champion will an exhibitor be allowed to sell more than 1 animal.
6. The Limit of one (1) market entry to be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction has the following Pen exceptions. Rabbits: one entry consists of three (3) Rabbits. Poultry: one entry consist of (2) Ducks or (2) Chickens.
7. No junior exhibitor may exhibit a market animal which has been sold through a Fair Junior Livestock Auction whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.
8. Only animals deemed worthy by the judge and declared market ready/acceptable will be allowed to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
9. If an exhibitor enters more than one small animal market entry in the same species, the highest placed entry will sell.
10. Condition of Sale Animals: Only natural colored paint is to be allowed. No other paint or decorations on animals is allowed. All sale animals must be in show-groom condition when entering the sale ring, or the animal will be disqualified from the Junior Livestock Auction.
11. No artificial hair-like substance or coloring changes will be permitted. No icing, slapping, drenching or muzzling will be permitted. All animals are subject to inspection by the official Fair veterinarian at all times. All animals will be inspected prior to entering the ring.
12. All animals eligible for the sale must be shown as individuals in their respective classes and will be selected at the judge's discretion. Animals will be placed in sale order by official show clerks based upon the judge's direction.
13. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one (1) market entry regardless of species: One (1) Market Beef or one (1) Replacement Heifer, or one (1) Market Hog or one (1) Replacement Gilt, or one (1) Market Lamb or one (1) Replacement Ewe, or one (1) Market Goat or one (1) Replacement Doe, or one (1) pen of Rabbits or one (1) Single Fryer Rabbit, One (1) dozen Market Eggs. Exhibitor must decide/declare which eligible animal to sell and submit a consignment form to the Livestock Office within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the show.
14. The Sale Order will be posted at the Livestock Entry Office. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check this list immediately upon posting and report any changes to the Livestock Entry Office. Corrections must be made at the time posted by the Livestock Entry Office. You will have one hour after it's posted to find any mistakes. After that, once mistakes are fixed, the sale order will be FINAL.
15. Sale Order for the 2025 Junior Livestock Auction will be done on a rotational basis and will be determined by

Junior Livestock Auctions Rules

the Junior Livestock Auction Sub-Committee. The 2025 sale order is as follows: Turkeys, Goats, Eggs, Beef, Meat Birds (Pens and Single), Ducks, Swine, Rabbits (Pens and Single), Lambs, Replacement, Repeat. Champions will sell at noon. Species must have 10 animals to split in the sale order.

16. All Small Animals and replacements will be sold by the lot, not by the pound, with the exception of turkeys.
17. Any marking of sale animals required by Fairs & Expositions will be enforced.
18. PAY WEIGHT LIMITS. There will be no top weights on the following species, and the top pay weights for sale purposes are as follows:
 - Beef = 1,400 lbs.
 - Sheep = 150 lbs.
 - Goats = 110 lbs.
19. Maximum weight for all market hogs is 300 lbs. Minimum Weight is 220 lbs. Hogs weighing above 300 lbs. will be disqualified from market classes and the Junior Livestock Auction but may remain in Showmanship (State Rule VII, 30).
20. A substitute handler to sell the animal will be allowed only after approval from Gold Country Fair Management. The exhibitor must present to Fair Management a written request to have another eligible exhibitor sell their animal. The substitute exhibitor must appear in full uniform of his/her respective organization (4-H, FFA or Grange). This request must be provided to management 10 days prior to auction day.
21. Exhibitor must enter the auction block without additional handlers, (with the exception of one additional exhibitor in a uniform to hold a champion banner).
22. Exhibitors will not be allowed to ask the person who buys their animal to give or sell it back to the exhibitor. Exhibitors may not offer to trade another animal that was not sold in the auction to the buyer for the sale animal.
23. The Junior Livestock Auction Sub-Committee is responsible for shipping of all large sale animals.
24. All animals sold in the auction must go to the designated processing plant as determined by the Junior Livestock Auction Sub-Committee. Market steers and Market Lambs will go to the designated processing plant to be eligible for the carcass contest. The Junior Livestock Auction is a Terminal Sale for all Market Animals with the exception of Replacement Females.
25. Sellers of market lambs and market goats are financially responsible for animals which are rejected at the processing center due to the presence of scrapie.
26. Checks for the sale of animals will be available at the Gold Country Fair Administration Office beginning **Monday, October 6, 2025**, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Exhibitors must present a "Thank You" letter for their buyer and each add on, to the Fair office, in a **stamped**, sealed envelope.
27. In the event that an exhibitor receives an overpayment in premium or sale monies, the exhibitor is responsible for returning the overpayment to the Gold Country Fair. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of eligibility at future Gold Country Fairs.
28. Failure to observe the Junior Livestock Auction Rules may result in the animal being excluded from the sale.

General Rules

1. All entries due online only by midnight on August 1. The Gold Country Fair is not responsible for technical or website issues.
2. Jr. Exhibitors are required to conform to written State/Local rules and/or instructions.
3. Entries in the 4-H Department are restricted to bona fide members of a Placer County 4-H Club. Entries in the FFA Department are restricted to FFA members enrolled in Placer County FFA Chapters. Entries in Grange Departments are restricted to youth Grange members enrolled in Placer County Granges. Independent exhibitors MUST reside in Placer County.
4. NOTICE: Entries in 4-H, FFA, Independent and Grange divisions is restricted to residents of Placer County. Exhibitors whose club or chapter is in Placer County but who do not reside in Placer County must submit a letter requesting a waiver from this requirement to Gold Country Fair Management. The letter should explain the exhibitor's reason for enrollment in an organization outside of their county of residency. In the case of livestock projects, the letter must also state the exhibitor's guarantee that they intend to sell market animals at Placer County and/or Gold Country Fairs exclusively (the only exception is to sell a market animal at Jr. Grand National).
5. 4-H members: A bona fide 4-H member is a youth five (5) years old or in kindergarten by January 1, of the year of the fair, to exhibit as a Primary member. Primary members are eligible to enter primary classes only. Primary members are not eligible to show large livestock or sell in the Livestock Auction. Jr., Intermediate and Sr. 4-H members must be nine (9) years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, of the year of the fair. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year they turn 19 years of age. Any questions as to eligibility rest with the Placer County 4-H Leader's Executive Committee.
6. FFA members may participate in classes when they enroll in high school vocational agricultural classes and may exhibit as members to the end of the calendar year following graduation.
7. Grange members may exhibit if they are at least 5 years of age by January 1, of the year of the fair and until the end of the calendar year in which the member reaches age 19. Grange members ages 5 through 9 are subject to the same rules as 4-H Primary members.
8. Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, of the year of the fair. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Independent Jr. exhibitors must enter an open Jr. class unless one is not available. If an open Jr. class is not available, Jr. exhibitors may enter an appropriate FFA or 4-H class if they meet all appropriate FFA and/or 4-H age/grade, and State Rules requirements. Jr's who have been FFA, 4-H or Grange project members within 60 days prior to the Fair are not eligible to compete in that project as independent Jr's (120 days for market beef). Each entry in these divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made on Jr. Department entry forms provided by the Fair. The signature of a parent or guardian is required. State and Local Rules apply to all entries and scorecards in corresponding Sr. and Jr. Department classes shall be used unless otherwise provided in these divisions.
9. ALL 4-H exhibitors, FFA exhibitors and independent exhibitors MUST have completed mandatory YQCA Quality Assurance Training. Entry forms will not be accepted if training is not completed. All 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors and Parents and/or Guardians of 4-H, FFA, and Independent Exhibitors must abide by all rules and regulations of the 4-H and FFA standards in the Exhibitor's Handbook including Quality Assurance/Ethics Training rules and regulations. Visit YQCA .org to complete the training.
10. All Independent Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance. County, District, and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering Jr. exhibitors and/or their exhibits.

General Rules

Obtaining liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the Jr. exhibitors. A policy may be purchased by all exhibitors from California Fairs Service Authority (through the fair office) at a minimal cost.

11. **FFA:** The official FFA Show Uniform shall be worn by all FFA exhibitors and by helpers in individual and chapter groups while showing at the Gold Country Fair. The official FFA Show Uniform shall consist of the following: white pants, white shirt with FFA emblem attached to left pocket, FFA tie, clean shoes or boots, cuffs to be worn over boots, FFA jacket; no hats or head gear of any kind.
4-H: Every 4-H exhibitor of livestock must wear the official uniform of his or her organization while showing his or her animals. The following 4-H uniform specifications must be followed: **Boys:** 4-H cap; 4-H tie or scarf; white shirt, short sleeve, or long sleeve, buttoned at wrist; white or logan green pants with belt when belt loops are provided; shoes or boots are required; boots, if worn, should be inside pants leg.
Girls: 4-H cap; white blouse and white skirt or white dress of comparable design; or white or logan green pants with belt when belt loops are provided, green 4-H scarf with 4-H emblem on back corners, with a fastener or 4-H tie; shoes or boots are required; boots, if worn should be inside pants leg.
Independents: Must wear whites during the competition. "Whites" shall consist of new-appearing, white trousers or skirt and a new-appearing, white blouse or shirt. Hats are not acceptable. Open-toed footwear, shorts, tee shirts, 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.
12. The rules and regulations prescribed for the Jr. Department have been formulated with the cooperation and approval of state leaders of Jr. groups.
13. Representatives and leaders of the Jr. groups should consult with the Fair Management in preparing the Exhibitor Handbook for the Jr. Department. The divisions and classes to be included in the Exhibitor Handbook should be selected so as to provide the maximum of competition in order that the greatest benefits of the program of education by comparison with established standards may be achieved.
14. Jr. exhibitors are required to conform to written State and Local Rules and/or instructions. Failure to comply with the rules, or damage to the Fair and/or other exhibitors' property will result in loss of premium awards and expulsion from the Fairgrounds.
15. Entries in Showmanship and the 4-H Department are restricted to bona fide members of the Placer County 4-H Club. Entries in the FFA Department are restricted to FFA members enrolled in Placer County FFA Chapters. Entries in Grange Departments are restricted to youth Grange members enrolled in Placer County Granges. Independent Jr. exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes if they meet the age or grade level requirements and reside in Placer County.
16. If the owner or co-owner of livestock or other exhibits used or housed outside Placer County is a bona fide resident of Placer County, then such livestock or other exhibits in which they have a financial interest shall be eligible for entry in the local class. Evidence of residence may be required, i. e. : current driver's license and/or voter registration card .
17. To ensure the safety of exhibitors, livestock and fairgoers, no dogs are allowed on the Fairgrounds – except those used as guide dogs for the disabled or entered in the dog show (one hour prior to and one hour after the dog show, only).
18. By the signature on the entry, each exhibitor agrees to have his or her animals, pens, stalls, and

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barn aisle cleaned and in show condition twice daily, before 10:00 am and 5:00 pm each day of the fair. Aisles, pathways, and approaches must be clean at all times. Storage of tack is forbidden in center aisle. Excessive tack and feed will be removed at the exhibitor's expense. In addition to the above, it is required that each livestock exhibitor personally care for his or her animals once each day. There will be no exceptions. Periodic stall checks will be made. Failure to comply will forfeit premiums and exhibit privileges.

19. No ATV's, motorized bikes, scooters, skateboards are permitted on the fairgrounds at any time, without preapproval from Fair Management. If found in violation, motorized vehicles will be removed at the owner's expense.
20. Any foul and/or abusive language, and/or physical abuse used toward any Fair Personnel, Weighmaster, Sale Committee Member, Judge, animal, etc., by an exhibitor, their parent/ guardian, and/or guest will result in immediate expulsion from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair and forfeiture of eligibility in future Gold Country Fairs.
21. Exhibitors, leaders, advisors, and parents found in violation of rules or in practicing unethical or harmful behavior with the fair program shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances. The Management shall report any such incidents to the Division of Fairs and Expositions in writing and such reports may become the basis for the Gold Country Fair or any other fair to refuse entries.
22. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Fair and may be granted only upon the approval of the Fair Board of Directors. No refund of less than (\$15.00) will be given.
 - a. Refunds may be made only because of sickness, accident, or death, cancellation of a class or return of entries for lack of exhibit space.
 - b. Non-selected exhibits in a juried show are not eligible for refunds.
 - c. For animal classes, requests must be made prior to the event. Requests involving the health or soundness of an animal must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate.
23. No entry will be accepted when an exhibitor dictates the conditions under which he or she will exhibit.
24. Fair Management reserves the right to interpret the rules and regulations and to settle questions of difference.
- 25. All Livestock, Small Animal and Adult Entries that are not complete by August 1, 2025, will be charged a \$30 penalty fee. The required information and penalty fee MUST be submitted by August 8, 2025, in order to participate at fair.**
26. ALL auction & premium checks not cashed after 90 days are considered null and void. Checks will not be reissued after 90 days. NO EXCEPTIONS.
27. All livestock exhibitors ages 5 and older are required to enter and submit at least one still exhibit project.
28. Exhibitors, Leaders, Advisors and Parents are required to sign an adult code of conduct form. **Anyone** found in violation of rules or in practices deemed unethical or inimical with the Gold Country Fair shall be penalized by forfeiture of premiums awarded and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances, including ineligibility to participate at future Gold Country Fairs and/or Junior Livestock Auctions.
- 29. This handbook is produced in advance and is subject to any action that may cause revision or curtailment of classes, divisions, awards, premiums, or regulations listed above.**
- 30. The 20th District Agricultural Association shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at a show.**

Adult Code of Conduct

As the parent, guardian, leader or advisor of an animal exhibitor in the Gold Country Fair:

I believe my child should demonstrate his or her own ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder, fitter and show person of a show animal. I understand that adults may NOT participate in my child's duty of washing, grooming, fitting, handling, or showing of his or her animal while at the fair.

I will ensure that my child follows the competition rules, and does not use abusive, questionable or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting, or showing of any animals. I will ensure that my child does not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices while fitting or preparing the animal for show and will follow withdrawal protocol.

I have read and understand all of the rules and regulations found in the Livestock Handbook. I

realize that my child is responsible for:

- The proper care and humane treatment of animals before, during, and after exhibition and sale.
- The production of wholesome food when the exhibit animal is designated for market.

I will conduct myself at all times to be a credit to my child's organization, chapter, club, school, community, and family. I will follow proper procedures and chain of command if there is a conflict. **I will not post negative comments or conflict on social media.**

I am aware that **responsible alcohol use** is allowed on the fairgrounds, and I will limit my use of alcohol so that I set a proper example for my child and the children of others around me. I shall ensure that other adults are equally responsible in the use of alcohol around my child. I shall not use any drugs that are considered illegal at the federal, state or local level while on the fairgrounds.

I understand that direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. I will not allow any person connected with my child's project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official. Protest rules can be found in the State Rules for California fairs at www.cdffs.ca.gov/fe.

I understand and agree that if I, my child, my child's supervisor or leader or any other adult or minor connected with my child's project or animal(s) break the rules, I will accept the final decision of the Gold Country Fair Management regarding the disqualification of my child and or the animal, the loss of prizes, the forfeiture of auction participation, loss of future eligibility, and forfeiture of any monetary award(s).

I understand that my minor child will not stay overnight at the Gold Country Fairgrounds without their parent or guardian present.

I accept that these entries are subject to the rules and regulations as published in the official Livestock Handbook. I further declare that all statements made in connection with my child's entries are true.

I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the competition is for the benefit of youth, not adults.

Exhibitor's Name (Printed): _____

4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Youth Group: _____

Signature of Parents, Guardians: _____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____

This document must be signed by all parents or guardians of any child entering an animal in the Gold Country Fair

JLA Gold Key Buyers Club

The Gold Country Fair would like to welcome the following members to the premium Buyers Club:

2024

Auburn Ravine Ranch • Carson Valley Meats • Ellis & Ellis Signs – Ellis Cattle • Feed the Hungry • Foothill Electric • Foothill Fire Protection • Homes by Darcie & Taffy • Kee & Associates CPA's • NC Blasting • Streamline Engineering • Teichert Construction • Velocity Solar • Warehouse Paint

2023

Affordable RV's • Auburn Ravine Ranch • Bender Construction • Custom Grading • Feed the Hungry • Foothill Fire Protection • G&S Electric, Inc. • G&T Truck Repair • Hamilton Land Services • Kee & Associates CPA's • Nathan & Ann Baker • QTC Inc • Rick Nefzger • Streamline Engineering • Velocity Solar • Warehouse Paint

2022

Anrak Charitable Foundation • Auburn Ravine Ranch • Carson Valley Meats • Custom Grading • Ellis & Ellis Signs • Ellis Cattle • Feed the Hungry • Foothill Fire Protection • Granite Bay Excavating • Kee & Associates CPA's • Lund Construction Company • Nathan & Ann Baker • Robinson Sand & Gravel • Roseville Meat Company • Streamline Engineering • Velocity Solar • Warehouse Paint

2021

Auburn Toyota • Carson Valley Meats • Custom Grading • Ellis & Ellis Signs • Ellis Cattle • Feed the Hungry • Foothill Bowl • Foothill Fire Protection • Holy Cow Couture • Kee & Associates CPA's • Lund Construction Company • Nathan & Ann Baker • Paul & Kelly Sznaider • Robinson Sand and Gravel • Roseville Meat Company • Streamline Engineering • Water Works Engineers

2020

Custom Grading • Ellis & Ellis Signs • Ellis Cattle • Feed the Hungry • Foothill Fire Protection • Granite Bay Excavating • Jim Dobbas, Inc. • J&W Auto Wreckers • Kee & Associates CPA's • Les Schwab Tire Center of Auburn • Nathan & Ann Baker • Robinson Sand and Gravel • Roseville Meat Company • Sinclair Concrete • Streamline Engineering • Tilton Pacific Construction • Water Works Engineers

2024 Market Champions

Champion Pair of Meat Ducks

Samantha VanSant, Lincoln FFA

Purchased by Alstar Real Estate

Reserve Champion Pair of Meat Ducks

Leah Humber, Placer Hills 4-H

Purchased by Streamline Engineering

Supreme Champion Market Steer

Julia Wittinger, Del Oro FFA

Purchased by Foothill Fire Protection

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Steer

Ryder Hartley, Mt. Pleasant 4-H

Purchased by Warehouse Paint

Reserve Champion 4-H Market Steer

Garrett Baser, Sheridan 4-H

Purchased by Auburn Ravine Ranch

Reserve Champion FFA Market Steer

Lauren Pineschi, Independent Sr.

Purchased by Foothill Electric

Grand Champion Single Market Turkey

Mollee Manes, Eureka/Granite Bay 4-H

Purchased by Tess Ventures

Reserve Grand Champion Single Market Turkey

Alaina Copenhaver, Ophir 4-H

Purchased by Foothill Electric

Supreme Champion Market Hog

Joseph Stefani, Placer FFA

Purchased by Warehouse Paint

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Hog

Scotland Westberg, Thermalands 4-H

Purchased by Jacob & Marci Cavasos

Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog

Jackson Koepke, Del Oro FFA

Purchased by Anthony DeMattei

Reserve Champion 4-H Market Hog

William Ginn, Dry Creek 4-H

Purchased by Leslie Connor

Grand Champion Pen of 3 Market Rabbits

Joseph Stefani, Placer FFA

Purchased by Strictly Toy-Ondas

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of 3 Market Rabbits

Leah Humber, Placer Hills 4-H

Purchased by Armistead Family

Grand Champion Single Market Fryer

Jude Nies, Ophir 4-H

Purchased by Homes by Darcie & Taffy

Reserve Grand Champion Single Market Fryer

Sadie Hasket, Placer 4-H

Purchased by Alstar Real Estate

Supreme Champion Market Goat

Dotty Lefty, Lincoln FFA

Purchased by Flying T Ranch

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Goat

Kayla Tolentino, Dry Creek 4-H

Purchased by Auburn Ravine Ranch

Reserve Champion FFA Market Goat

Megan Wong, Del Oro FFA

Purchased by Streamline Engineering

Reserve Champion 4-H Market Goat

Julia Marino, Miner's Ravine 4-H

Purchased by Alstar Real Estate

Grand Champion Pair of Meat Birds

Ava Rhodes, Long Valley 4-H

Purchased by Strictly Toy-Ondas

Grand Champion Market Eggs

Ava Rhodes, Long Valley 4-H

Purchased by Happy Hillside Farms

Reserve Grand Champion Market Eggs

Emily Taxara, Ophir 4-H

Purchased by Stefani Family Farms

Supreme Champion Market Lamb

Lilyana Petersen, Lincoln FFA

Purchased by Streamline Engineering

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Lamb

Alexis Limbird, Del Oro FFA

Purchased by Auburn Ravine Ranch

Champion 4-H Market Lamb

Varissa Miller, Miner's Ravine 4-H

Purchased by Streamline Engineering

Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb

Cooper Knutsen, Dry Creek 4-H

Purchased by Alstar Real Estate

Market Animal Score Card

Score Card Details

The Fair Management hire quality judges. Score cards are used as a tool by judges. However, all judging is subjective. It is that person's opinion that day. Market readiness is determined by the judge.

BEEF:

- Market Ready – Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime or Choice or Select + quality grades.
- Non-Market Ready – Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. A steer projected to grade USDA Select – or lower.

SWINE:

- Market Ready – U.S. Number 1 and Number 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.
- Non-Market Ready – Any Hog of below average conformation including U.S. Number 3, U.S. Number 4 and utility grade hogs.

SHEEP:

- Market Ready – USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range of .16 to .35, average or greater conformation and cutability.
- Non-Market Ready – Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range of <.16 or >.35; under finished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

GOATS:

- Market Ready – USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range of .08 to .12 most desirable, .13 to .22 back fat acceptable, average or greater conformation and cutability.
- Non-Market Ready – Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range of <.08 or >.22; under finished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

Junior Beef

Market Steers

ENTRIES:

Entry Forms & Fees Due:	Friday, August 1, 2025
Entry Fees:	\$15.00 per head
Show Limit:	2 Animals per

RULES:

- Refer to State and Local Rules, which apply to these divisions. Fair Management may, at their discretion, combine Divisions and/or Classes.
- Weight requirement is 1000 lbs. to No Maximum. Maximum weight payout for Auction is 1400 lbs. Market Beef are not eligible for resale.
- Must be owned and managed 120 days. Proof of Ownership, Bill of Sale required.
- Market Beef are considered to be a Steer.
- All Cattle must have yellow haul slips available during weigh in for the brand inspector. (Even if yellow slip was used as proof of ownership at time of entry).
- All animals that do not make weight will automatically be entered in a feeder class.
- Exhibitor of a market steer must have been a member of FFA, 4-H, or Grange or Beef Project prior to January 1, 2025.

Division 500

Single Market Steer

Class

01 Market Steer FFA - 1,000 pounds and over. Animals weighing more than 1,400 pounds, will sell at 1,400 pounds.

02 Market Steer 4-H - 1,000 pounds and over. Animals weighing more than 1,400 pounds, will sell at 1,400 pounds.

Carcass Contest

- Only beef animals sold in Junior Livestock Auction, USDA tagged and sent to Fair designated processor, will be eligible for carcass premiums.
- The purpose of the carcass evaluation is to provide information to exhibitors, parents, and leaders so that they may be able to do a better job in the future. We are witnessing many changes and different opinions in the beef industry today as to what constitutes the ideal market animal. Variations in yields of retail cuts among beef carcasses are accounted for mainly by the amount of fat that must be trimmed in preparing the cuts, and thickness and fullness of the muscling.
- Awards are sponsored by the Tahoe Cattleman's Association.

Junior Beef

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

Gold Seal Carcass- \$50.00

Carcass of Merit - \$25.00

In order to qualify for Carcass of Merit, a carcass must meet these criteria:

- Hot Carcass Weight (lbs) 600-950
- USDA Quality Grade (min) Choice –
- USDA Yield Grade Below 3.0
- Dressing Percentage (min) Not Applicable

Gold Seal carcasses must meet these criteria:

- Hot Carcass Weight (lbs) 650-900
- USDA Quality Grade (min) Choice
- USDA Yield Grade 2.5 or lower
- Dressing Percentage (min) Not Applicable

Division 501

Group of Three Market Steers

(No entry fee- No cash award - No pre-entry required) - NO Limit on entries per Club or Chapter

Class

01 FFA Chapter, Market Group - Three animals that have been shown as individuals in Market classes. Must be owned by members of one Chapter. Does not require pre-entry. No limit on the number of entries per Chapter.

02 4-H Club, Market Group - Three animals that have been shown as individuals in Market classes. Must be owned by members of one Club. Does not require pre-entry. No limit on the number of entries per Club.

Junior Beef

Division 502

Placer County Bred & Fed Market Steer (must pre-enter)

Sponsored by Tahoe Cattleman's Assoc.

Class

01 Market Steer bred by Placer County adult breeders

02 Market Steer bred by Placer County junior breeders

Market Steers which have been bred within Placer County and fed by an FFA, 4-H, Independent Junior or Grange exhibitor may qualify. Important Note: Steers must have been bred and born in Placer County and purchased from a Placer County breeder. Steers not purchased from Placer County Do NOT qualify. A single Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in the following division.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must fill out a TCA info contact.
- Provide a copy of your bill of sale with entry.
- Provide a copy of the brand inspection attached to the entry form.
- Steers must be bred and born in Placer County.

Junior Beef

Feeder Steers

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

Division 503

Single Feeder Steer

Class

01 Feeder Steer - < or = to 899 pounds

RULES:

- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Feeder Beef to be shown and judged together.
- Feeder beef weigh-in will take place on Wednesday, September 3 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Animals will be classified in accordance with weight.
- Entry fee will be forfeited on animals that fail to meet feeder weight.
- Feeder Steers must be owned by Exhibitor 30 days prior to September 3, 2025.
- Steers entered in the Feeder Division are NOT eligible to move up to the Market Division and are NOT eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Auction

Junior Beef

Replacement Heifers

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

Division 504

Replacement Heifer

Class

01 Replacement Heifer

RULES:

- All Replacement Heifers must be present at the beef weigh in on Saturday, April 19, 2025.
- Refer to State and Local Rules, which apply to these divisions.
- Must be owned and managed 120 days. Proof of Ownership, Bill of Sale required
- All Cattle must have yellow haul slips available during weigh in for the brand inspector. (Even if yellow slip was used as proof of ownership at time of entry)
- Must be between 6 and 24 months of age.
- Heifers 18 months and over, must be bred. Bred heifers entered in this division, must have a mandatory pregnancy confirmation by a veterinarian within 30 days prior to arrival at the fairgrounds, at the exhibitor's expense. Proof of pregnancy must be turned in to the Livestock Office on check-in day.
- Purebred and crossbred heifers will be shown and judged together.
- All heifers must have proof of Brucellosis vaccination.
- Brand Inspector's requirements for ownership will be enforced. Brand Inspection and bill of sale must be turned in at weigh-in on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.
- Minimum of 5 entries per division must be judged in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be awarded.
- Only the top 2 placing heifers, determined by the judge, are eligible to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Limits – a total of three sale animals may be entered and shown by an exhibitor (replacement heifers are included). Only in the instance that an exhibitor is awarded both Champion and reserve Champion, will an exhibitor be allowed to sell 2 animals.
- Heifers entered in this division may not be shown in any other breeding divisions or classes but are allowed in Beef Showmanship.

Junior Beef

Breeding Cattle

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 12 Animals per exhibitor

Division 505

Registered Cattle

Division 506

Grade/Commercial Cattle

Class

01	<u>Females – Sr. & Jr. Calf</u>	Born 9/1/24 – 4/30/25
02	<u>Females – Jr. & Summer Yearling</u>	Born 1/1/24 – 8/31/24
03	<u>Females – Sr. Yearling</u>	Born 3/1/23 – 12/31/23
04	<u>Bulls – Yearlings & Calves</u>	Born 3/1/23 – 4/30/25

RULES:

- Refer to State and Local Rules, which apply to these divisions.
- Must be under owners care and management for 60 days. Proof of Ownership, Bill of Sale required
- All breeds judged together
- 4-H/FFA/Grange judged together
- All age descriptions are based on show day
- All Cattle must have yellow haul slips available during weigh in for the brand inspector. (Even if yellow slip was used as proof of ownership at time of entry)
- Registration must be from the recognized breed association.
- Nurse cows will not be permitted on fairgrounds.

Junior Beef

Bred & Owned – Cattle

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 12 Animals per exhibitor

RULES:

- Animal must be bred/owned by exhibitor and shown in breeding class.
- Must pre-register for division qualification.

Division 507

Bred and Owned Cattle

Class

- 01 Registered animals, bred and owned by exhibitor and shown in registered class
- 02 Grade animals, bred and owned by exhibitor and shown in grade class

Group of Two Heifers

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 12 Animals per exhibitor

RULES:

- (2) registered and/or grade unregistered heifers that have been shown in a breeding class, owned and shown by at least two (2) members of one Chapter or Club.

Division 508

Group of Two Heifers

Class

- 01 Group of 2 Heifers

Division 509

All Breeds Cow/Calf

Class

- 01 Registered
- 02 Grade/Commercial

Junior Meat Goats

Market Goats

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Class

RULES:

- Market Goat weigh-in will be on Wednesday, September 3 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Underweight animals will automatically be dropped to the Feeder Class if they meet the requirements.
- Only one (1) animal will be accepted for sale entry, unless the exhibitor has both Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goats.
- Exhibitor of a market goat must have been a member of FFA, 4-H, or Grange Dairy Goat or Meat Goat Project prior to January 1, 2025.
- No junior exhibitor may exhibit a market animal which has been sold through a fair junior livestock auction whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.
- ONLY wethers and does may be exhibited, no bucks.
- Market animals may not be over one (1) year of age.
- Horned breeds must be disbudded or tipped.
- Market animals must be slick sheared or 3/8" hair only.
- Dairy and Meat breeds will be judged together.

Division 511

Single Market Goat

Class

01 Market Goat FFA - weight of 70 lbs. and above - Goats weighing more than 110 lbs. will sell at 110 lbs. Classes will be determined after weigh-in based upon weights.

02 Market Goat 4-H - weight of 70 lbs. and above - Goats weighing more than 110 lbs. will sell at 110 lbs. Classes will be determined after weigh-in based upon weights.

Division 512

Group of Three Market Goats

(No entry fee- No cash award - No pre-entry required) - NO Limit on entries per Club or Chapter

Class

01 FFA Chapter group of three (3) - goats shown as individuals in market classes. Must be owned by members of one Chapter.

02 4-H Club group of three (3) - goats shown as individuals in market classes. Must be owned by members of one Club.

Junior Meat Goats

Division 513

Placer County Bred & Fed Market Goat (must pre-enter)

Class

- 01 Market Goat bred by Placer County adult breeder
- 02 Market Goat bred by Placer County junior breeder

RULES:

- A single Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen from this division.
- Market Goats which have been bred within Placer County and fed by an FFA, 4-H, Independent Junior, or Grange exhibitor may qualify.
- Important Note: Meat Goats must have been bred and born in Placer County and purchased from a Placer County Breeder. Meat Goats not purchased from Placer County do not qualify.
- A minimum of five entries per division must be judged in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be awarded.
- Eligibility Requirements:
 - Provide a copy of your bill of sale with entry.
 - Must be bred and born in Placer County.
 - If the animal was bred by the exhibitor, a letter stating that and signed by the exhibitor will take place of the bill of sale.

Feeder Goats

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Class

RULES:

- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Feeder Goats to be shown and judged together.
- The Feeder Goat weigh-in will take place on Wednesday, September 3.
- Entry fee will be forfeited on animals that fail to meet feeder weight.
- Feeder Goats must be owned by Exhibitor 30 days prior to August 4, 2025.

Division 514

Single Feeder Goat

Class

- 01 Feeder Goats, 25 to 69 pounds

Junior Meat Goats

Replacement Does

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Class

RULES:

- Must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 60 days prior to the opening of the fair.
- Replacement Does must attend pre-weigh in on Wednesday, June 21st.
- Must be between 6-12 months old.
- All does must be open.
- Purebred and crossbred does will be shown and judged together.
- Individual scrapie tag and flock identification is mandatory.
- A bill of sale or registration certificate must accompany entry form with proof of ownership and doe's age.
- A minimum of five entries per division must be judged in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be awarded.
- Only the top two placing does, determined by the judge are eligible to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Limit: a total of three sale animals may be entered and shown by an exhibitor (replacement does are included). Only in the instance that an exhibitor is awarded both Champion and Reserve Champion, will an exhibitor be allowed to sell two animals.
- Doe's entered in this division may not be shown in any other breeding divisions or classes, but are allowed in Meat Goat Showmanship.

Division 515

Replacement Doe

Class

01 Replacement Doe

Junior Meat Goats

Market Goat Futurity

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- This show is open to market wethers and market doe goats.
- Goats must be entered and shown in the Market Goat Division.
- Goats must weigh 70 lbs. – 110 lbs. Futurity Goat classes will be broken and goats shown based on their pre-fair(weigh-in) weight, not the Official Fair Weight.
- Classes judged as a standard market class. Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .08 - 12 most desirable, .13 - .22 back fat acceptable, average or greater conformation and cutability.
- Rate of Gain will be used to determine class placing and the champion.
- Placing in this Division will NOT affect the Market Goat Division Championships or sale order.

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st - \$100

2nd - \$50

3rd - \$25

Division 516

Single Market Goat Futurity

Class

01 Market Goats, 70 lbs. – 110 lbs.

Junior Meat Goats

Breeding Meat Goats

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor – 2 entries per class

RULES:

- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Meat Goats to be judged together.
- Entries will be limited to 10 animals per exhibitor (does not include market animals). Total of 10 head does not include market/feeder animals. Limit two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.
- Only meat goats will be allowed to enter this division.
- Animals with natural horns, disbudded, or dehorned may be shown without regards to discrimination.
- Does entered in the market or feeder goat division may not be entered.
- Exhibitor must show own animal except when he/she has more than one animal in a class.
- Bucks must be 31/32 to full blood. Registration papers must be checked.
- Does can be registered or non-registered. All does will be shown together.

Division 517

Breeding Meat Goats

Class - Does

- 01 Doe Kids – 2 to under 6 months
- 02 Doe Kids – 6 to under 12 months
- 03 Does – 12 to under 20 months
- 04 Does – 20 to 36 months (to have kidded)
- 05 Does – 36 months and over (to have kidded) 06 Buck Kids – 2 to under 6 months
- 07 Buck Kids – 6 to under 12 months
- 08 Best Pair – Does and/or Bucks, bred and owned by the exhibitor and shown in breeding class

Junior Dairy Goats

Dairy Goats

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Dairy Goat area or rules announcing the Youth Dairy Show will be held during the fair, and goats will stay for the duration of the fair.
- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Dairy Goats to be judged together, this is not a sanctioned show.
- Primary Exhibitors are NOT allowed to exhibit in Youth Dairy Goat Divisions.

Division 519

Predominate Breed

Division 520

All Other Purebreds Breeds

Division 521

Nigerians

Division 522

Recorded Grade

Class

- | | | |
|----|--|----------------------------|
| 01 | <u>Junior Kid</u> | Born 4/16/25 - 8/1/25 |
| 02 | <u>Intermediate Kid</u> | Born 3/1/25 - 4/15/25 |
| 03 | <u>Senior Kid</u> | Born 1/1/25 - 2/29/25 |
| 04 | <u>Junior/Senior Yearling (Not in Milk)</u> | Born 1/1/24 - 12/31/24 |
| 05 | <u>Yearling Milkers</u> | Born 1/1/24 - 12/31/24 |
| 06 | <u>2 years & under 3</u> | Born 1/1/23 - 12/31/23 |
| 07 | <u>3 years & under 5</u> | Born 1/1/22 - 12/31/22 |
| 08 | <u>5 years & over</u> | Born prior to Jan. 1, 2020 |
| 09 | <u>Get of Sire:</u> Three does of any age sired by same buck. (One entry per buck per exhibitor) | |
| 10 | <u>Dam & Daughter</u> | |
| 11 | <u>Produce of Dam:</u> Two does of any age, produced of the same doe. One entry by same dam per exhibitor. | |
| 12 | <u>Dairy Herd:</u> Three does in milk. One entry per exhibitor. | |
| 13 | <u>Best 3 Females</u> | |

Junior Dairy Goats

Bred and Owned - Dairy Goats

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 entries per Exhibitor per Class

RULES:

- Pre-Registration Required

Division 523

Bred and Owned Dairy Goat

Class

- 01 Special Award - Must be bred/owned by exhibitor and shown in individual class.

Division 524

Non-Recorded Grade

Class

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|----|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 | <u>Jr. Kid</u> | Born 4/16/25 – 8/1/25 |
| 02 | <u>Intermediate Kid</u> | Born 3/1/25 – 4/15/25 |
| 03 | <u>Sr. Kid</u> | Born 1/1/25 – 2/29/25 |
| 04 | <u>Yearlings (Not in Milk)</u> | Born 1/1/24 – 12/31/24 |
| 05 | <u>Yearlings & Milkers</u> | Born 1/1/24 – 12/31/24 |
| 06 | <u>2 years & under 3</u> | Born 1/1/23 – 12/31/23 |
| 07 | <u>3 years & under 4</u> | Born 1/1/22 – 12/31/22 |
| 08 | <u>4 years & under 5</u> | Born 1/1/21 – 12/31/21 |
| 09 | <u>5 years & over</u> | Born prior to Jan. 1, 2020 |

Junior Pygmy/Dwarf Goats

Pygmy/Dwarf Goats

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: No entry fee required
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Open to all Placer County youth exhibitors. Exhibitors do not have to be in a pygmy goat project to enter. No entry fee required.
- Pre-entry is required - deadline is Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 PM.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own goat. Animals can be borrowed from an exhibitor, with their permission.
- ONLY wethers and does may be exhibited. No Bucks
- Animals must be conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter. Final grooming must be done by entrant.
- **Primary** pygmy goat **and** Jr. Dairy Goat exhibitors will have the option to occupy a stall for the duration of the Gold Country Fair **or** bring their goats before the show and take them home following the show. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own water bucket/equipment for the duration of the show.
 - Exhibitor must declare which option they chose on entry. Stall chart will not reserve exhibitor a stall if not declared.

Division 526

Pygmy Goat Obstacle Course

Division 527

Pygmy Goat Costume Contests

Class

01 All Exhibitors

Junior Pygmy/Dwarf Goats

Pygmy/Dwarf Goats Continued

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head - No Fee for Primary Members
- Show Limit: 6 Animals per Exhibitor 2 entries per class

RULES:

- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Pygmy Goats to be shown and judged together.
- Registration not required for Grade/Dwarf Goats.
- Animals may be horned or dehorned.
- A permanent ear tag or tattoo is required.
- Exhibitor must show own animal except when he/she has more than one animal in a class.
- Primary members must enter only Primary Division classes. Entries receive participation award ribbons and are not eligible for champions.
- Exhibitor may be required to show proof of ownership upon request.
- Primary Divisions are for 4-H and Grange Primary members only. **Animals entered by primary members cannot be entered in any other Pygmy/Dwarf Goat Division. Primary exhibitors are limited to 1 animal per species.**

Division 528

Registered Pygmy Goats

Division 529

Grade/Dwarf Goats

Class - Does

01	<u>3 to 6 months</u>	Born 3/4/25 – 6/3/25
02	<u>6 to 12 months</u>	Born 9/4/24 - 3/3/25
03	<u>12 to 24 months</u>	Born 9/3/23 – 9/4/24
04	<u>24 months and over</u>	Born prior to September 4, 2023

Class - Wethers

05	<u>3 to 6 months</u>	Born 3/4/25 – 6/3/25
06	<u>6 to 12 months</u>	Born 6/4/24 – 3/3/25
07	<u>12 to 24 months</u>	Born 9/3/23 – 9/4/24
08	<u>24 months and over</u>	Born prior to September 4, 2023

Junior Pygmy/Dwarf Goats

Pygmy/Dwarf Goats Continued

Division 530

All Primary/Pygmy & Dwarf Goats

Class

- 01 [Does](#)
- 02 [Wethers](#)

Limit - Primary Divisions are for 4-H and Grange

- **Primary members only.** Animals entered by Primary Members cannot be entered in any other Pygmy/Dwarf Goat Division. Primary exhibitors are limited to one (1) animal per specie.
- Note: Nigerian dwarf goats are allowed in this division.

Junior Sheep

Market Lambs

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- All Market Lambs to be shown and judged separately in groups designated as 4-H and FFA.
- Market lamb weigh-in will take place on Wednesday, September 3, 2025..
- Weight Limit: 110 lbs. and above. Lambs weighing more than 150 will sell in auction at 150 lbs. After weighing, market lambs may be divided into weight lots for convenience in judging. Lambs must show lamb's teeth.
- Underweight animals will automatically be dropped to the Feeder Class, if they meet the requirements.
- Only one (1) animal will be accepted for sale entry, unless exhibitor has a Champion and Reserve Champion market animal.
- Ewes entered in the market/feeder lambs divisions may not be entered in the breeding or grade/ commercial divisions or vice-versa.
- Lambs must be slick sheared within 10 days of the opening day of the fair. Animals are to be in a clean and fitted condition at time of arrival at the Fairgrounds.
- It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions and of the Fair that the quality standards established for market animals be maintained. Therefore, classification will be subject to change in the event that there are changes made in federal grading.
- No junior exhibitor may exhibit a market animal which has been sold through a fair junior livestock auction whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.

Division 533

Single Market Lamb

Class

- 01 Market Lamb FFA - Wether or Ewe Lamb, 110 lbs. and above. Lambs weighing more than 150 lbs. will sell in auction at 150 lbs.
- 02 Market Lamb 4-H - Wether or Ewe Lamb, 110 lbs. and above. Lambs weighing more than 150 lbs. will sell in auction at 150lbs.

Junior Sheep

Divisions 534

Group of Three Market Lambs

(No entry fee- No cash award - No pre-entry required) - NO Limit on entries per Club or Chapter

Class

01 FFA Chapter group of three (3) lambs - shown as individuals in market classes.

Must be owned by members of on Chapter.

02 4-H Club group of three (3) lambs - shown as individual in market classes. Must

be owned by members of one Club.

Division 535

Placer County Bred & Fed Market Lambs

Class

01 Market Lamb bred by Placer County adult breeder

02 Market Lamb bred by Placer County junior breeder

RULES:

- Market Lambs which have been bred in Placer County and Fed by an FFA, 4-H, Independent Junior, or Grange exhibitor may qualify.
- A single Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen from this division.

Important Note: Meat Lambs must have been bred and born in Placer County and purchased from a Placer County Breeder. Meat Lambs not purchased from Placer County do not qualify.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Provide a copy of your bill of sale with entry
- Must be bred and born in Placer County
- If animal was bred by the exhibitor, a letter stating that and signed by the exhibitor will take place of the bill of sale.

Junior Sheep

Feeder Lambs

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Feeder Lambs to be shown and judged together.
- Feeder lamb weigh-in will take place on Wednesday, September 3.
- Entry fee will be forfeited on animals that fail to meet feeder weight.
- Feeder Lambs must be owned by Exhibitor 30 days prior to September 4, 2025.

Division 536

Single Feeder Lamb

Class

01 Feeder Lamb - 50 to 109 pounds

Market Lamb Futurity

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- This show is open to market wethers and market ewe lambs.
- Lambs must be entered and shown in the Market Lamb Division.
- Lambs must weigh 110 – 150 pounds. Futurity Lamb classes will be broken and lambs shown based on their pre-fair(weigh-in) weight, not the Official Fair Weight.
- Classes judged as a standard market class. Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16-.35, average or greater conformation and cutability.
- Rate of Gain will be used to determine class placing and the champion.
- Placing in this Division will NOT affect the Market Lamb Division Championships or sale order.

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st - \$100

2nd - \$50

3rd - \$25

Junior Sheep

Division 537

Single Market Lamb Futurity

Class

01 Market Lambs - 110-150 pounds

Replacement Ewes

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Replacement Ewes must attend the pre-weigh in on June 21, 2025.
- Must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 60 days prior to the opening of the fair.
- Must be between 6 and 11 months of age.
- Must be open.
- Purebred and crossbred ewes will be shown and judged together.
- Individual scrapie tag and flock identification is mandatory.
- A bill of sale or registration certificate must accompany entry form with proof of ownership and ewe's age.
- A minimum of five entries must be judged in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be awarded.
- Only the top two placing ewes, determined by the judge are eligible to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Limit - a total of three sale animals may be entered and shown by an exhibitor (replacement ewes are included). Only in the instance that an exhibitor is awarded both Champion and Reserve Champion, will an exhibitor be allowed to sell two animals.
- Ewes entered in this division may not be shown in any other breeding divisions or classes but are allowed in Sheep Showmanship.

Division 538

Replacement Ewe

Class

01 Replacement Ewe

Junior Sheep

Registered Sheep

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Registration must be from a recognized breed association. Natural Colored Sheep must be registered in the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association or any recognized breed association issuing registration of Natural Colored Sheep.
- Flock numbers shall be used to identify all entries.
- Numbers shall be on regular and practical tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear.
- An exhibitor may not use the same flock number on more than one animal during any two consecutive calendar years.
- Registration numbers may be used as flock numbers.
- Flock numbers and breeder's initials, name or association prefix shall be on regular and practical tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear for yearlings and lambs bred by the exhibitor.
- Lambs must show lamb's teeth.
- Ewes entered in the market or feeder sheep division may not be entered.
- Exhibitor must show own animal except when he/she has more than one animal in a class. No extra handlers will be allowed in the ring except in groups.
- All animals shown in group classes must be bred by exhibitor except for flock class.

Division 539

All Meat Breeds

Division 540

All Wool Breeds

Class - Ewes

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|----|------------------------|------------------------|
| 01 | <u>Spring Ewe Lamb</u> | Jan. 2025 – April 2025 |
| 02 | <u>Fall Ewe Lambs</u> | Sept. 2024 – Dec. 2024 |
| 03 | <u>Ewe Yearlings</u> | Sept. 2023 – Aug. 2024 |

Class - Rams

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|----|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 04 | <u>Spring Ram Lambs</u> | Jan. 2025 – April 2025 |
| 05 | <u>Fall Ram Lambs</u> | Sept. 2024 – Dec. 2024 |
| 06 | <u>Ram Yearlings</u> | Sept. 2023 – Aug. 2024 |

Junior Sheep

Class - Groups

- 07 Best Pair - Two (2) Ewes or two (2) rams or one (1) Ewe and one (1) Ram*
- 08 Pair of Yearling Rams - Two (2) rams bred by exhibitor
- 09 Pair of Ram Lambs - Two (2) ram lambs bred by exhibitor
- 10 Pair of Yearling Ewes - Two (2) yearling ewes bred by exhibitor
- 11 Pair of Ewe Lambs - Two (2) ewe lambs bred by exhibitor
- 12 Young Flock - One ram and two (2) ewes bred by exhibitor
- 13 Get of Sire - Four (4) sheep sired by same ram bred by exhibitor
- 14 Flock - One yearling or lamb ram, two (2) yearling ewes and two ewe lambs.

Bred & Owned - Sheep

Division 541

Bred & Owned Sheep

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor

Class

- 01 Must be bred/owned by exhibitor and shown in individual class. Open to registered animals only.

Junior Sheep

Grade/Unregistered Sheep

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 8 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- By his or her signature on an entry form as the owner or agent, the exhibitor also certifies that the sire of each animal entered in the following classes for grade animals was either registered or purebred.
- A scrapie tag is required.
- Animals which have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in this division.
- Animals entered in Grade/Unregistered Sheep may not enter other feeder/market/breeding classes.
- All animals shown in group classes must be bred by exhibitor except for flock class.

Division 542

Wether Dam/Sire

Class - Ewes

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|----|---------------------|------------------------|
| 01 | <u>Spring Lambs</u> | Jan. 2025 - April 2025 |
| 02 | <u>Fall Lambs</u> | Sept. 2024 - Dec. 2024 |
| 03 | <u>Yearlings</u> | Sept. 2023 - Aug. 2024 |

Class - Rams

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|----|---------------------|------------------------|
| 04 | <u>Spring Lambs</u> | Jan. 2025 - April 2025 |
| 05 | <u>Fall Lambs</u> | Sept. 2024 - Dec. 2024 |
| 06 | <u>Yearlings</u> | Sept. 2023 - Aug. 2024 |

Class - Groups

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| 07 | <u>Best Pair</u> - Two (2) Ewes or two (2) rams or one (1) Ewe and one (1) Ram | 08 |
| | <u>Pair of Yearling Rams</u> - Two (2) rams bred by exhibitor | |
| 09 | <u>Pair of Ram Lambs</u> - Two (2) ram lambs bred by exhibitor | |
| 10 | <u>Pair of Yearling Ewes</u> - Two (2) yearling ewes bred by exhibitor | |
| 11 | <u>Pair of Ewe Lambs</u> - Two (2) ewe lambs bred by exhibitor | |
| 12 | <u>Young Flock</u> - One (1) ram lamb and two ewe lambs bred by exhibitor | |
| 13 | <u>Get of Sire</u> - Four (4) sheep sired by same ram bred by exhibitor | |
| 14 | <u>Flock</u> - One (1) yearling ram lamb, two (2) yearling ewes and two (2) ewe lambs | |

Junior Swine

Market Hogs

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor up to 10 overall swine, which 2 can be market and/or replacement gilt)

RULES:

- Exhibitors may exhibit two (2) market hogs but may only sell one in Junior Livestock Auction. **Must be Proposition 12 certified.**
- All Market Hogs to be shown and judged separately in groups designated as 4-H and FFA.
- Market Swine weigh-in will occur on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.
- After official weigh in at fair time, market hogs may be divided into weight lots for convenience in judging.
- Underweight animals will automatically be dropped to the Feeder Class if they meet the requirements.
- Only one (1) animal will be accepted for sale entry, unless the Exhibitor has a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animal.
- It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions and of Fair that the quality standards established for market animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change if there are changes made in federal grading.
- No junior exhibitor may exhibit a market animal which has been sold through a fair junior livestock auction whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.
- Maximum weight for all market hogs is 300 lbs. Minimum Weight is 220 lbs. Hogs weighing above 300 lbs. will be disqualified from market classes and the Junior Livestock Auction but may remain in Showmanship.
- A total of two (2) sale animals may be entered and shown by an exhibitor (market swine and replacement gilts are included).

Division 544

Single Market Hog

Class

- 01 Market Hog FFA - 220-300 lbs.
- 02 Market Hog 4-H - 220-300 lbs.

Junior Swine

Feeder Hogs

Division 545

Group of Three Market Hogs

(No entry Fee - No cash award – No pre-entry required) No limit on entries per club or chapter

Class

01 FFA Chapter group of three (3) hogs - previously shown as individuals in the FFA market classes. Each group must be owned by members of one Chapter.

02 4-H Club group of three (3) hogs - previously shown as individuals in the 4-H market classes. Each group must be owned by members of one Club.

Division 546

Placer County Bred & Fed Market Hog

Class

01 Market Hog, 220-300 lbs., entered and shown in the Market Division

02 Market Hog, 220-300 lbs., bred by Placer County adult breeders

RULES:

- Market Swine which have been bred with Placer County and fed by an FFA, 4-H, Independent Junior, or Grange exhibitor may qualify.

Important Note: Meat Swine must have been bred and born in Placer County and purchased from a Placer County Breeder. Meat Swine not purchased from Placer County do not qualify.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Provide a copy of your bill of sale with entry
- Must be bred and born in Placer County
- If animal was bred by the exhibitor, a letter stating that and signed by the exhibitor will take place of the bill of sale.

Junior Swine

Feeder Hogs

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor up to 10 overall swine, which 2 can be

RULES:

- FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent Feeder Swine to be shown and judged together.
- Feeder Swine weigh-in will take place on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.
- Entry fee will be forfeited on animals that fail to meet feeder weight. Animals that fail to reach weight requirements in the Market Class will automatically be dropped to the Feeder Class.
- Gilts entered in the Market or Feeder Hog Divisions may not be entered in the Breeding Classes.
- The Gold Country Fair reserves the right to cancel any or all of the swine shows as deemed necessary based on the status of pseudo rabies in the state.
- Only three (2) animals will be accepted for feeder entry.
- Feeder Swine must be owned by Exhibitor 30 days prior to September 3, 2025.
- Animals will NOT be released prior to 6 p.m. on September 7, 2025 to be tagged or weighed for another fair.

Division 547

Single Feeder Hog

Class

01 Feeder Hog - 50 to 219 pounds

Junior Swine

Market Hog Futurity

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor up to 10 overall swine, which 2 can be Barrow Futurity

RULES:

- This show is open to market barrows and market gilts.
- Hogs must be entered and shown in the Market Swine Division.
- Hog must weigh 220 – 300 pounds. Futurity classes will be broken and shown based on pre- fair(weigh-in) weight, not the Official Fair Weight.
- Classes judged as a standard market class. Market Acceptable: U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.
- Rate of Gain will be used to determine class placing and the champion.
- Exhibitors are still limited to two (2) total market animals.
- Placing in this Division will NOT affect the Market Swine Division Championships or sale order.

Premiums Offered Per Class

1st - \$100

2nd - \$50

3rd - \$25

Division 548

Single Market Hog Futurity

Class

01 Market Hogs- 220-300 lbs.

Junior Swine

Replacement Gilts

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Animals per Exhibitor up to 10 overall swine, which 2 can be Replacement Gilts and or Market

RULES:

- Replacement Gilts must attend the pre-weigh and be ear tagged on June 21st, 2025.
- Must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 60 days prior to the opening of the fair.
- A bill of sale or registration certificate must accompany entry form with proof of ownership and gilts age.
- All replacement gilts must be weighed-in on Wednesday, September 4, 2025.
- Must be between 6 and 11 months of age.
- Must be open.
- Replacement gilts will be divided into weight lots for convenience in judging.
- Purebred and crossbred gilts will be shown and judged together.
- A minimum of five entries must be judged in order for a Champion and Reserve Champion to be awarded.
- Only the top two placing gilts, determined by the judge are eligible to sell in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Limit - a total of two (2) sale animals may be entered and shown by an exhibitor (re- placement gilts are included). Only in the instance that an exhibitor is awarded both Champion and Reserve Champion, will an exhibitor be allowed to sell two animals.
- Gilts entered in this division may not be shown in any other breeding divisions or classes but are allowed in division Swine Showmanship.

Division 549

Replacement Gilt

Class

01 Replacement Gilt

Junior Swine

Registered Swine

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Junior yearlings must have raised a litter of pigs to be eligible for entry.
- Use numbers to identify notches on entry form. Attach to the entry form a separate page with drawings matching the numbers.
- Registration papers must be checked by the Fair Staff.
- A survey has been made of the seven recognized purebred swine associations regarding acceptance of litter registrations:
 - The Berkshire and Poland China Association accept litter registrations.
 - The Duroc Association accepts litter registration only if submitted by the owner/breeder.
 - The Chester White, Hampshire, Spotted Poland and Yorkshire Associations no longer accept litter registration certificates.
 - The Gold Country Fair reserves the right to cancel any or all of the swine shows as deemed necessary based on the status of pseudo rabies in the state.
- All swine must originate in validated brucellosis-free herds or areas. If not from a free herd/free area, sexually intact swine more than 4 months of age require a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry into California.

Division 550

Registered Swine

Class - Gilts

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|----|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 | <u>Spring Gilt Hog</u> | Born 1/1/25 – 4/1/25 |
| 02 | <u>Fall Gilt Hog</u> | Born 6/30/24 – 12/31/24 |
| 03 | <u>Jr. Gilt Yearling</u> | Born 1/1/24 – 6/29/24 |

Class - Boars

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|----|------------------------|----------------------|
| 04 | <u>Spring Boar Hog</u> | Born 1/1/25 – 4/1/25 |
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Junior Swine

Bred & Owned – Swine

Division 551

Bred & Owned Swine

(\$15.00 per head – No cash award – Pre-Registration Required – Limit 2 entries per exhibitor) up to 10 overall swine, which 2 can be registered swine)

Class

01 Must be bred/owned by exhibitor and shown in individual class. Registered animal only.

Grade/Unregistered Swine

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Junior yearlings must have raised a litter of pigs to be eligible for entry.
- Class limited to females only.
- Entry shall be identified by a permanent number. (Ear tag, tattoo, brand required by breed association or ear notching) on the animal and recorded on the entry form.
- Animals entered in Grade/Unregistered Swine may not enter other feeder/market/breeding classes.

Division 552

Grade/Unregistered Swine

Class

01	<u>Female Spring Hog</u>	Born 1/1/25 – 4/30/25
02	<u>Female Fall Hog</u>	Born 6/30/24 – 12/31/24
03	<u>Jr. Yearling Hog</u>	Born 1/1/24 - 6/29/24

Junior Cavies

Cavies

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 6 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Proof of ownership is required for each animal.
- Refer to Local and State Rules that apply to these divisions.
- Exhibitors are to supply their own water bottles and feeders.
- Cavies that are disqualified because of permanent defects, deformities, or blemishes, and those absent at the time of judging do not count when computing the number of exhibitors in the class.
- A Judge may eliminate (excuse) a Cavy from competition because of temporary or curable defects, but the Cavy should be counted as an entry.
- Ear number, birth date and sex must be on entry form.
- Every exhibitor is personally responsible for the care of their Cavy(s), including feeding, watering, and cleaning of cage(s), for all four days of the fair, and to see that their cage has feed and water containers. If this is not done, exhibitors may lose premiums won.
- Duplications of identification numbers are acceptable on animals of different varieties.
- Primary members must enter only Primary Division classes. Entries receive participation award ribbons and are not eligible for Champions.
- Primary Divisions are for 4-H and Grange Primary members only. Animals entered by primary members cannot be entered in any other Cavy Division. Primary exhibitors are limited to one (1) animal per specie.

Division 554

Purebred Cavies

Variety of each animal must be listed on entry form. See next page for breed identification.

Class

- 01 Senior Boar – 6 months of age or over or over 30 oz
- 02 Intermediate Boar – 4 months to 6 months of age; 22 oz minimum/ 30 oz maximum weight
- 03 Junior Boar – Up to 4 months of age; 22 oz maximum weight
- 04 Senior Sow – 6 months of age and over or over 30 oz
- 05 Intermediate Sow - 4 months to 6 months of age 22 oz minimum / 30oz maximum weight
- 06 Junior Sow – up to 4 months of age; 22 oz maximum weight

Junior Cavies

Cavies Continued

Below is a list of the categories and divisions that correspond with the various divisions. Please list your category, breed and variety (color) on your online entries. Categories with more than 20 entries may be moved into their own division. The final decision for all division changes is at the discretion of Fair Management. Please contact your leader and/or advisor for help determining your category, breed, and/or variety (color).

Abyssinian	Abyssinian, Satin	American	American, Satin
Coronet	Peruvian	Peruvian, Satin	Silkie
Silkie, Satin	Teddy	Teddy, Satin	Texels
White Crested			

Division 555

Mixed Breed Cavies

Variety of each animal must be listed on entry form. Example: American x Texel

Class

- 01 Senior Boar – 6 months of age or over or over 30 oz
- 02 Intermediate Boar – 4 months to 6 months of age; 22 oz minimum/30 oz maximum weight
- 03 Junior Boar – Up to 4 months of age; 22 oz maximum weight
- 04 Senior Sow – 6 months of age and over or over 30 oz
- 05 Intermediate Sow - 4 months to 6 months of age 22 oz minimum/30 oz maximum weight
- 06 Junior Sow – up to 4 months of age; 22 oz maximum weight

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

Division 556

Bred and Owned

Class

- 01 Must be bred and owned by exhibitor and shown in individual class.

Division 557

Primary Cavies

Class

- 01 Boars and Sows – All ages

Junior Dogs

Dogs

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Please pick up wristbands on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at the Livestock office.
- Non-purebred dogs are welcome.
- Participants must wear appropriate uniform.
- All dogs must have choke chains and a six-foot leather lead in obedience classes.
- Only animals owned, trained and entered by junior exhibitors in the junior department are eligible for entry by the owner in the showmanship classes.
- Dog need not be entered in Showmanship.
- No interference or double handling permitted.
- Bitches in season will not be permitted to compete.
- Exhibitors must have entered a class in obedience in order to be eligible to enter showmanship. Different dog may be used for showmanship.
- Dogs are only to be on the Fairgrounds for the period of time while judging is taking place.
- Dogs are to be kept in the immediate judging area. Dogs must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately upon completion of the competitions.
- All classes will run in accordance with A.K.C. rules and regulations, provided that they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.
- Classes will be shown in the same order as listed in the Exhibitor Handbook.
- All dogs must have complete, current vaccinations and be disease and parasite free.
- Open to 4-H, FFA, Grange, Independent Junior and Primary Exhibitors.

Junior Dogs

Dogs Continued

Division 560

Obedience

Class

01 Novice A – Open to all exhibitors who have not won more than 2 blue ribbons in the Novice A category. Novice A will follow all A.K.C. novice guidelines with the distinction that all exercises are performed on-leash.

02 Novice B – Open to exhibitors who have won 2 blue ribbons in the Novice A category. Once an exhibitor moves to Novice B, they may no longer compete in Novice A. Novice B follows A.K.C. novice guidelines and includes off-leash work.

Division 561

Primary Obedience

01 Primary – Open to all youth Exhibitors ages 5-9 years old.

Junior Poultry

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 2 Entries per Division

****ATTENTION ALL POULTRY EXHIBITORS!!!****

Judging will begin immediately following Poultry Showmanship.

Poultry health checks will start at 3:30 PM through 5:00 PM prior to coop-in. Poultry will not be permitted on grounds prior to check in on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

RULES:

- Only two market entries for the Small Animal Departments will be accepted, only one entry is eligible for auction unless exhibitor has a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animal.
- Hatchery receipt or delivery invoice must be presented for proof of age. If birds are hatched from exhibitors' own stock, a written verification of hatching date must be presented, signed by exhibitor, parent and 4-H Poultry Leader or FFA Instructor.
- See auction and State Rules that pertain to this division.
- Two pens may be weighed in and shown BUT ONLY ONE PEN will be eligible for the auction. Pens not making weight must be removed from the grounds by midnight on Wednesday.
- If exhibitor is entering and weighing in TWO PENS OF MEAT BIRDS, LIST ALL SETS OF LEG BANDS on entry form.
- After judging of division, JUDGE will place eligible pens of meat birds in sale order for Auction.
- Exhibitors must be present during auction.
- Primary members are not eligible for market classes.
- Poultry Health checks will be performed upon arrival, prior to coop-in.
- Meat birds will be weighed-in at check-in on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.
- Market Turkey Exhibitor may be required to turn (flip) their turkey. The final decision will be made by the official judge and or fair management.
- Market Turkey Exhibitor may have assistance when turning (flipping) their bird. It is preferred to have help from another uniformed Exhibitor, but if none are available, a parent or leader may assist.
- If an Exhibitor has more than one animal being judged at the same time, another uniformed Exhibitor may present the animal.

Division 575

Pair of Meat Birds

Class

01 Pair of Meat Birds - Two birds 3.5 lbs. to 7 lbs. each (not over 10 weeks old)

Junior Poultry

Division 576

Single Market Turkey

Class

- 01 Single Market Turkey - Minimum 14 lbs. (not over 20 weeks)

Division 578

Pair of Meat Ducks

Class

- 01 Pair of Meat Ducks - Two (2) Ducks, 3.5 to 8 lbs. each (not over 10 weeks)

Poultry Continued

RULES

- 10 birds per exhibitor, plus two market entries; or 11 birds per exhibitor (no meat pen). A max of 100 birds in show. Large birds may be limited due to space.
- Animals will not be released until exhibitor has dumped and hosed out trays and feeders, to the satisfaction of Fair Management.
- Birds & coops must be banded with a metal or plastic tag. Tape will not be allowed.
- Utility Chickens – To be judged 2/3 on a utility basis and 1/3 on a standard basis. Breeds must be named on entry form, if cross-bred both breeds need to be listed.
- Rules, Definitions, and Judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the official show rules and the standard of perfection of the American Poultry Association, Inc., shall apply to all district and county fair poultry shows, except in such instances where they are in conflict with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.
- A judge may excuse a bird from competition if it appears to be fatigued or out of condition, but the bird shall be counted as an entry.
- Every exhibitor is personally responsible for the care of their birds, including feeding, watering, and cleaning of cage(s), for all 4 days of the fair, and to see that their cage has feed and water containers. If this is not done, exhibitor may lose premiums won and the right to sell at auction.
- Exhibitor will furnish containers for food and water, as well as own bird's food, and will be responsible for the care and well-being of his or her poultry exhibit.
- Primary members must enter only Primary Divisions. Entries receive participation award ribbons and are not eligible for Champions.
- All birds will be checked for mites prior to cooping.
- Refer to local and state rules that apply to these divisions.

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- All birds will be inspected by certified poultry health inspectors prior to cooping-in.
- Divisions/Classes may be combined at the discretion of management. Divisions may be expanded after animals are checked in.

Scorecard or Judging meat birds conformity to breed type to be considered in judging standard-bred entries.

Symmetry	10%
Condition	10%
Wings and Shoulders	10%
Back and Spring	10%
Breast, Length of Keel	10%
Breast, Fleshing	10%
Legs, Fleshing (upper thigh 10%, drumstick 10%)	20%
Skin, color, texture, and distribution of fat under skin	20%
Total	100%

Breeding Poultry Show

Please list your category, breed, and variety (color) on your online entries. Categories with more than 20 entries may be moved into their own division. The final decision for all division changes is at the discretion of Fair Management. Please contact your leader and/or advisor for help determining your category, breed, and/ or variety (color).

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

Division 579

All Breeds - Chickens

Class

- 01 Cock – one year and older
- 02 Hen – one year and older
- 03 Cockerel – under one year
- 04 Pullet – under one year

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Division 580

All Breeds - Turkeys

Class

- 01 Old Tom - one year and older
- 02 Old Hen - one year and older
- 03 Young Tom - less than one year
- 04 Young Hen - less than one year

Division 581

All Breeds - Waterfowl Class

Class

- 01 Old Tom - one year and older
- 02 Old Hen - one year and older
- 03 Young Tom - less than one year
- 04 Young Hen - less than one year

Division 582

Bred & Owned Poultry

Class

- 01 All Poultry
- 02 All Turkey
- 03 All Waterfowl

Division 583

Primary Poultry

Not eligible for Best of Show or Reserve Best of Show

Limit -

Primary Divisions are for 4-H and Grange Primary members only.

Animals entered by Primary Members cannot be entered in any other Poultry Division.

Primary exhibitors are limited to one (1) animal per species. Showmanship is automatically included in Primary Poultry.

See Livestock Schedule for Primary Show Dates and Times

Class

- 01 All Poultry
- 02 All Turkey
- 03 All Waterfowl

Junior Poultry

Market Eggs

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per entry
- Show Limit: One Dozen Eggs per Exhibitor

ARRIVAL AND JUDGING

- Exhibitors must check in eggs by 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. Exhibitors must be present in their whites for judging at 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 4, 2025, unless an exhibitor is exhibiting in another ring. At this point a proxy showman may be used.

RULES

- Only two entries per Small Animal Market Divisions will be accepted, only one entry is eligible for auction unless exhibitor has a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animal
- Deliver eggs to the Small Animal Barn in a clean egg carton; please do not label or decorate the carton. Decorative/display cartons can be arranged for auction.
- Exhibitor is responsible for three (3) extra eggs for cracking and display during the fair.
- Exhibitor may be asked to move eggs to a judging carton/flat upon delivery.
- Market eggs must be gathered, selected, and produced by hens owned by the exhibitor.
- Hens producing Market Egg entries must be owned 60 days prior to the opening day of the fair.
- Market eggs must be refrigerated prior to judging.
- Market eggs will be judged on cleanliness, shape, texture, uniformity of size, color, and freedom of defects.
- Eggs may be broken as part of the judging process.
- The Danish System of Judging will be used to judge Market Eggs.
- Judge will award an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion and will determine the sale order.
- One (1) Market Egg will be on display in the Small Animal Barn after judging if eggs are available.
- Eggs will be stored after judging and returned to the exhibitors on Saturday for the Auction. While not required, market eggs that qualify for the auction can be packaged with a basket of items complimenting the eggs.

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Market Eggs Continued

Division 585

Market Eggs

Class

- 01 Pee Wee Market Eggs – Species and Breed must be indicated (1 dozen) + 3 extras
- 02 Bantam Market Eggs – Breed must be indicated (1 dozen) + 3 extras
- 03 Commercial Grade Market Eggs – Size medium to x-large (1 dozen) + 3 extras
- 04 Jumbo Waterfowl or Other Market Eggs – Species and Breed must be indicated (1 dozen) + 3 extras

Junior Rabbits

Market Rabbit Meat Pens

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per class
- Show Limit: 10 Animals per Exhibitor

RULES:

- Only two market entries for the Small Animal Departments will be accepted, only one entry is eligible for auction unless exhibitor has a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animal.
- A meat pen shall consist of three rabbits. Meat pen rabbits may be crossbred, but the primary breed must be listed on the entry form (i.e. California cross).
- Single Fryer Rabbit, 3.0 pounds to 5.0 pound weight limit.
- Rabbits will be weighed in on Wednesday September 3, 2025. Rabbits cannot be over 10 weeks of age. Meat pens will be judged according to Meat, Condition, and Uniformity.
- Exhibitors must be present during judging.
- Receipt must be presented with proof of age and ownership. If rabbits are bred from exhibitor's own stock, a written verification must be presented, signed by exhibitor, parent, and 4-H Rabbit Leader or FFA Instructor.
- Two (2) pens may be weighed in and shown BUT ONLY ONE PEN will be eligible for the auction, unless exhibitor has a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animal.
- If exhibitor is weighing in TWO PENS OF RABBITS, LIST ALL SETS OF EAR NUMBERS on entry form.
- After judging of division, JUDGE will place eligible pens of meat rabbits in sale order for Auction.
- Primary members are not eligible for market classes.
- Meat type is the most important factor in judging these pens. The hindquarters are most important, loin second, and forequarters are third in importance. All fryers in a pen must be in prime condition. The fryers must be firm and solid. Uniformity must be present in weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type and should be as similar in all respects as possible.
- Each entry must be of the same breed and color. Mixed breeds are allowed, but all three rabbits in the Meat Pen must be a mixed breed.

Junior Rabbits

Division 587

Pen of Three (3) Market Rabbits

Class

- 01 Pen of Three Market Rabbits - the minimum weight is to be 3.0 to 5.0 pounds per rabbit. The maximum total weight is not to exceed 15 total pounds per pen, not over 10 weeks, all breeds judged together.

Division 588

Single Market Fryer

Class

- 01 Single Market Fryer - 3.0-5.0 pounds not over 10 weeks old.

Rabbits

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Entries per Class – No limit on fur entries

RULES:

- This is not a sanctioned youth breeding show.
- All Breed classes will be judged per ARBA standards.
- All Market classes will be judged based on commercial production.
- Animals will not be released until exhibitor has dumped and hosed out trays and feeders, to the satisfaction of Fair Management.
- Rabbits that are disqualified because of permanent defects, deformities or blemishes, and those absent at the time of judging do not count when computing the number of exhibitors in the class.
- A Judge may eliminate (excuse) a rabbit from competition because of temporary or curable defects, but the rabbit should be counted as an entry.
- Ear number, birth date and sex must be on entry form.
- The Youth Rabbit show can be sanctioned as an official A.R.B.A. Youth Sanctioned Show. Rules, definitions and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Guide Book and Standard of the American Rabbit Breeder's Association, Inc., shall apply to all district and county fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.
- Every exhibitor is personally responsible for the care of their rabbit(s), including feeding, watering, and cleaning of cages), for all four days of the fair, and to see

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that their cage has feed and water containers. If this is not done, exhibitor may lose premiums won and the right to sell at auction.

- Only breeds listed in the Standard of American Rabbit Breeder's Association Inc., are eligible.
- Duplication of identification numbers are acceptable on animals of different breeds.
- Primary members must enter only Primary Divisions. Entries receive participation award ribbons and are not eligible for Champions. Primary exhibitors are limited to one (1) animal per species.
- Refer to Local and State Rules that apply to these divisions.

NOTE:

Breed and variety of each animal must be listed on entry form.

Rabbits Continued

Please list for your category, breed, and variety (color) on your online entries. Categories with more than 20 entries may be moved into their own division. Final decision for all division changes is at the discretion of Fair Management. Please contact your leader and/or advisor for help determining your category, breed, and/or variety (color).

Division 589

Heavyweight Rabbits

Class

01	<u>Senior Buck</u>	8 months of age and older
02	<u>Intermediate Buck</u>	6 to 8 months of age
03	<u>Junior Buck Under</u>	Under 6 months of age
04	<u>Senior Doe</u>	8 months of age and over
05	<u>Intermediate Doe</u>	6 to 8 months of age
06	<u>Junior Doe Under</u>	Under 6 months of age

Division 590

Lightweight Rabbits

Class

01	<u>Senior Buck</u>	6 months of age and over
02	<u>Junior Buck</u>	Under 6 months of age
03	<u>Senior Doe</u>	6 months of age and over
04	<u>Junior Doe</u>	Under 6 months of age

Junior Rabbits

Division 591

Fur Rabbits

Class

- 01 Normal Fur - Colored fur
- 02 Normal Fur - White
- 03 Rex Fur
- 04 Satin Fur
- 05 Wool

Division 592

Mixed Breed Rabbits

Class

- 01 Senior Buck 6 months of age and over
- 02 Junior Buck Under 6 months of age
- 03 Senior Doe 6 months of age and over
- 04 Junior Doe Under 6 months of age

Bred & Owned – Rabbits

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15.00 per head
- Show Limit: 10 Entries per Class

Division 593

Bred & Owned Rabbits

Class

- 01 Must be bred and owned by exhibitor and shown in individual class.

Division 594

Primary Rabbits

Class

- 01 All heavy and lightweight rabbits

Limit –

Primary Divisions are for 4-H and Grange Primary members only. Animals entered by primary members cannot be entered in any other Rabbit Division. Primary Exhibitors are limited to one animal per specie. Showmanship is automatically included in Primary Rabbits.

Showmanship

RULES:

- ALL SHOWMANSHIP MUST BE PRE-ENTERED. ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025.
- Only animals owned, shown and entered by junior exhibitors in the junior department are eligible for entry by the owner in the showmanship classes.
- The Showmanship Schedule will go according to Class Order: FFA Senior, FFA Novice, 4-H Senior, 4-H Junior, 4-H Novice.
- Independent Exhibitors WILL enter either a 4-H Class or FFA class according to their age. All fourth through eighth grade independent exhibitors enter 4-H classes based on their abilities (Novice, Junior or Senior). All High School Independent exhibitors enter FFA classes based on their abilities (Novice or Senior).
- Only animals owned, groomed, and shown by the exhibitor in the regular classes are eligible.
- Exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform.
- Only animals owned, shown, and entered by junior exhibitors in the junior department are eligible for entry by the owner in the showmanship classes.

JUDGING:

- The Judges will help members improve showmanship techniques while judging and will demonstrate proper procedures.
- A large class may be divided into smaller groups for ease of handling and judging and to provide maximum benefits of this learning experience for the Novice and Junior Showman.
- A first-place award indicates that the showman is proficient for his/her age level and experience and should move to a more advanced class.

Definition of Terms:

- **4-H Novice** – 1st year showing this species, regardless of prior organizational experience. Prior participation in the Primary Showmanship is not considered prior showmanship experience and will not affect a member's eligibility to compete as a novice.
- **4-H Junior** – Exhibitors ages 9 – 13 having prior showmanship experience, in that species, if you place 1st at a county fair in this county in this specie you must move up to Senior Showmanship
- **FFA Novice** – 1st year showing this species regardless of prior organizational affiliation.
- **4-H/FFA Senior** – Exhibitors ages 14 – 19 having prior showmanship experience, in that species, at a California Fair and previous winner of the Placer County Fair Junior Master Showmanship.

Showmanship

Large Animal Showmanship

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15 per class - No entry free for Primary Showman
- Entries Arrival & Judged: See Livestock Schedule

Premiums Offered Per Class - Senior Classes Only

1st - \$8

2nd - \$6

3rd - \$4

Ribbons 1st through 8th for all divisions

Division 510

Beef

Division 518

Meat Goat

Division 525

Dairy Goat

Division 543

Sheep

Division 553

Swine

Class

- 01 FFA Senior
- 02 FFA Novice
- 03 4-H Senior (14-19 years old)
- 04 4-H Junior (9-13 years old)
- 05 4-H Novice

Showmanship

Large Animal Pee Wee Showmanship

RULES:

New to 2025! – Pee Wee Showmanship

- This division is open to those that are 5-8 years old.
- Must sign release liability and have Parent and Guardian permission.
- Only animals being shown in the species classes are eligible. No animals be stalled.
- First through fifth will be given per class. The division does not count for Family Showmanship Score.
- Pee Wee Showmanship is only offered for Large Livestock. Small livestock will be offered as Primary classes.
- The exhibitor is responsible for finding an animal to show that is currently on-site. If the animal is deemed too dangerous for the exhibitor and/or other exhibitors, the exhibitor will be disqualified.
- Pee Wee Showmanship will occur following the jr. showmanship classes of each species.

Division 601

Pee Wee Showmanship

Class

- 01 Beef
- 02 Sheep
- 03 Swine
- 04 Meat Goats
- 05 Dairy Goats

Showmanship

Small Animal Showmanship

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Friday, August 1, 2025
- Entry Fees: \$15 per class - No entry free for Primary Showman
- Entries Arrival & Judged: See Livestock Schedule

Premiums Offered Per Class – Senior Classes Only

1st - \$5

2nd - \$4

3rd - \$3

Ribbons 1st through 8th for all divisions

RULES:

- Only dogs owned, groomed and trained by the exhibitor are eligible.
- Exhibitors shall be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time called for judging.
- Primary showmanship classes will be combined in the Primary Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy Show. Primary Pygmy Goats and Primary Dogs enter Class 06.
- Small animal showmanship will be divided into classes, 4-H Small Animal, FFA Small Animal. See classes listed below.

Division 531

Pygmy/Dwarf Goats

Division 558

Cavies

Division 562

Dogs

Division 586

Poultry

Division 595

Rabbits

Class

- 01 FFA Senior
- 02 FFA Novice
- 03 4-H Senior (14-19 years old)
- 04 4-H Junior (9-13 years old)
- 05 4-H Novice

Showmanship

06 Primary (Pygmy Goats/Dog Only)

Small Animal Master Showmanship

RULES:

- These are classes for first place Senior Showman and First Place Junior Showman in cavy, dog care, poultry, pygmy goats and rabbits. First place 4-H/Independent Junior Showmen will compete together; and first place Senior Showmen from 4-H, FFA and Independent exhibitors will compete together.
- First place Novice showmen are ineligible to compete in Master Showmanship.
- First place showmen in these classes will show each type of small animal.
- **NOTICE:** A showman may be the representative winner in more than one species.
- If the first-place winner in any species declines, the second-place winner may compete.
- The exhibitor with the highest total score will receive the Master Showmanship Award.
- Judges must be adults.
- Master showmanship winners may not show their own animal.
- Small Animal Round Robin will be on Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 AM in Show Ring #1. All Exhibitors must check in at 10:30 AM at Show Ring

Large Animal Master Showmanship

RULES:

- These are classes for first place Senior Showman and First place Junior Showman in beef cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, meat goats and horse (horses will NOT be shown).
- First place showmen in these classes will show each type of livestock.
- First place Novice showmen are ineligible to compete in Master Showmanship.
- **NOTICE:** A showman may be the representative winner in more than one species.
- If the first-place winner in any species declines, the second-place winner may compete.
- The entrant with the highest total score will receive the Master Showmanship Award
- Judges must be adults.
- Master showmanship winners may not show their own animal.
- Large Animal Master Showmanship to be held on **Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 AM in Show Ring #1**. All Master Showmanship Exhibitors are required to check in at **Show Ring #1 at 8:30 AM**.

Showmanship

Family Showmanship

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: Pre-entry and on-site sign-ups allowed
- Entry Fees: No entry fee
- Show Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor per specie

RULES:

- Large Animal Family Showmanship located in Show Ring's 1 and 2. Small Animal Family Showmanship is located in Ring 1.
- Family showmanship will consist of one (1) junior exhibitor and one (1) parent. Limited to one entry per exhibitor, per species.
- All Family members to show the same animal species.
- Scoring will be based on a point system, the junior exhibitor's points will come from their regular showmanship class, adding the parents score from the family showmanship.
- 1st place= 20 points, 2nd place= 18 points, 3rd place= 16 points, 4th place = 14 points, 5th place = 12 points, 6th place= 10 points and
- Participation = 5 points.
- Parents to show their junior exhibitor's animal.

Division 596

Family Showmanship

Open to Parents of Junior Exhibitors entered in the Showmanship Classes at the Gold Country Fair!

Class

- 01 Beef
- 02 Sheep
- 03 Swine
- 04 Meat Goats
- 05 Dairy Goats
- 06 Pygmy Goats
- 07 Poultry
- 08 Rabbits
- 09 Cavies
- 10 Dogs

Special Awards

High Point Exhibitor by Species

ENTRIES:

- Entry Forms & Fees Due: None Required
- Entry Fees: No entry fee
- Show Limit: 1 entry per exhibitor per species

RULES:

- Points will be awarded based on placing in all classes within a species, not to include the Futurity Shows for Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats.
- Points will be calculated by the Livestock Staff and announced at the Awards Presentation
- Points will be awarded on the following point scale

AWARDS:

Champion	10 points
Reserve Champion	8 points
First in Class (Market/Breeding/Showmanship counted separately)	5
Second in Class	4
Third in Class	3
Fourth in Class	2
Fifth in Class	1

Ties will be broken by the Exhibitor entering the most animals in that specie.

Herdsman Exhibit Per Species

1. Outstanding Exhibit Per Species – FFA
2. Outstanding Exhibit Per Species– 4-H/Grange

All exhibits will be inspected daily and will be scored on the condition and appearance of the animals, 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.

SPECIAL NOTE: Club or Chapter sign must be in clear view or no points will be awarded. The following scorecard will be used:

General Appearance	Score Weight
Neatness	20%
Use of attractive signs & decoration	10%
Use of Fair Theme	10%
Educational information	25%
Condition of animals	15%
Tack & equipment storage (neat & orderly)	15%
Attendant	5%