

# ***Tulare County Fair 2025***

## ***Breeding Livestock***

### **Competitive Handbook**

**INCLUDES SMALL AND LARGE  
BREEDING LIVESTOCK  
AND SHOWMANSHIP**



Dear Exhibitor:

Welcome to the 2025 Tulare County Fair!

We are thrilled you have decided to enter this year. This year's Fair dates are **September 10-14, 2025**.

**Livestock Breeding & Showmanship Entry Deadlines-**

- **Livestock breeding & feeder projects, and showmanship, entries close on Friday, August 15, 2025.**
- **Fine arts, home arts, junior exhibits, and photography close on Friday, August 15, 2025.**

**Parking & Entry Passes**

All parking passes and discounted admission will be available online in mid to late July for the 2025 Tulare County Fair.

**Volunteering**

Volunteers are needed during the livestock shows to work rings, announce classes, and clerk. Each species will be represented by a volunteer chairperson and their committee. Contact chairmen to volunteer.

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is regulating a mandatory Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Livestock exhibitors, excluding primary, pygmy and cavy; every year must attend the on-line course at <https://yqcaprogram.org> and provide current proof of attendance in order to be eligible to show at any California Fair. You need to upload your certificate of completion **valid for this year's fair dates** with your entry into the Tulare County Fair.

**Auctions**

The Dairy Replacement Heifer and Beef Sale will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 11 a.m. The JLA Auction will be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> starting with the Buyer's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. followed by the auction beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please remind any buyers that they need to enter off "O" street and they will not need Fair admission or parking tickets.

**Livestock Admission Wristbands**

Each livestock exhibitor will receive one wristband good for the entire week of the fair at livestock check-in. Parent, leader, and supervisor wristbands are available at a discounted weekly rate until August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through ShoWorks or at the livestock office starting Saturday, September 6-9, 2025.

**Carnival Wristbands**

Our carnival partner Helms and Sons is offering an exclusive \$125.00 wristband that will be good for rides for the entire Fair, ONLY available to livestock exhibitors. Wristbands must be purchased with online entries. The program offers no refunds.

We are looking forward to an incredible Tulare County Fair. See You in September!

Dena Rizzardo  
CEO Tulare County Fair

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# TULARE COUNTY FAIR

## CODE OF ETHICS

***The Code of Ethics was developed IN COOPERATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H, CALIFORNIA FFA ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, WESTERN FAIRS ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS OTHER AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. We believe this code, when instituted, will help ensure that all exhibitors are on a level playing field, that animals are treated safely & humanely, that food safety is insured and that a positive environment is maintained.***

***All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conducts or questionable acts. Exhibitors who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards & auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with these rules. Expectation of rules & behavior to apply to social media posts, as well.***

***The following practices or procedures are unacceptable & are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical & inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation & showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drug is prohibited. Legal or illegal substances used to phenotypically alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events are prohibited. Use of illegal drugs is considered a premeditated act. Furthermore, any information pertaining to the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution.***

1. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to Fair & Livestock Officials at their request. Market animals must be owned & under exhibitor's daily care according to CDFA State Rules for California Fairs. The official ownership date is the date shown on the bill of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, in which case calving or birth records must be shown. Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as the owner of the animal on the breed association papers or certificate.
2. No exhibitor will be allowed to show an animal which has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show whether or not there is an actual change of ownership. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive & considered illegal. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for & groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows. Junior exhibitors may have assistance caring for & grooming their animals from another junior exhibitor, leader, advisor or parent, as long as junior exhibitor is present, engaged, learning and actively helping.
4. All tails will be natural in nature. No twining allowed.
5. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, leader, advisor and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing at the owner's expense. Animals not entered in any event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state & provincial statutes, regulations & rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state & provincial statutes, regulations & rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the lab report on the analysis of sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the lab, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved & all procedures of said collection & preservation, transfer to the lab & analysis of the sample are correct & accurate & the report received from the lab pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question & correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, leader, advisor or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
6. Any surgical procedure, injections or insertion of foreign material, substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, silicone, air, blue goo or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal.
7. By entering, exhibitor acknowledges responsibility in the event their animal is found to contain volatile drug residues or is deemed unfit for human consumption at processing. Adulterated carcasses or those deemed unfit for human consumption by USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) personnel at processing are the sole responsibility of the seller.  
If animals fail to pass ante-mortem inspection, or their carcasses are determined to be diseased or adulterated at processing, exhibitors shall be liable for financial restitution, attorney's fees and Civil penalties. Exhibitors may

also be subject to disciplinary measures administered by the Tulare County Fair, including but not limited to, the cancellation of sale transactions and/or reimbursement to buyer.

8. The use of inhumane showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivances or other similar practices are not acceptable & are prohibited. Other practices, unless under the written authority of a licensed veterinarian, which are not acceptable or prohibited include, but are not limited to, liquid diets for lambs, excessive shrinking, excessive exercising, tying animals with the feet off the ground & electric stimulation.
9. Criticism or interference with judges, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed classifiers or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. All officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation & respect & no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
10. No exhibitor, leader, advisor or responsible person shall conspire to intentionally violate the Code or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code.
11. The application of this Code provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by exhibitor, leader, or advisor whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
12. The act of entering of an animal in fair livestock show is the giving of verification by the exhibitor or absolutely responsible person that he/she has read the Code of Ethics & understands the consequences of & penalties provided for actions prohibited by the Code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules & is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

#### **BY SIGNING, WHETHER IMPLIED ONLINE OR PHYSICALLY ON A PAPER ENTRY FORM:**

The exhibitor & his/her Parent or Legal Guardian or leader/advisor hereby certifies that each has read, understand & will abide by TCF rules and regulations. We further certify that we have not administered &, to the best of our knowledge, any entry from this exhibitor has not received any substance not approved by the FDA and/or USDA. In instances where an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, the exhibitor must be aware that the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most drugs.

In the event any animal is declared by a veterinarian, processor or testing agency to be unethically fitted, the Executive Director and/or CEO will disqualify the exhibitor from this year's competition & one year following the incident.

Reinstatement of anyone disqualified may be made only by the Executive Director & CEO. The exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, premiums, scholarships & market/floor money if the animal is disqualified.

#### **INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

***The Management of the Tulare County Fair (includes, CEO, Deputy Manager, Livestock Supervisor, or representative of the CEO) reserves the right to amend, add to & interpret the Rules & Regulation; and to arbitrarily settle & determine all questions & differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair. All Rules contained in the 2025 State Rules for California Fairs as prescribed by the Division of Fairs & Expositions apply to this Fair.***

#### ***How to enter:***

1. All areas of competition require an entry form. Entry information and forms may also be downloaded from [www.tcfair.org](http://www.tcfair.org).
2. See individual departments for delivery schedules.
3. If you have any questions, please contact the fair at:

Tulare County Fair  
620 South K Street Tulare, CA 93274  
Phone: (559) 686-4707  
Fax: (559) 686-7238

For entry questions please email Jennifer Mason at [jmason@tcfair.org](mailto:jmason@tcfair.org) or for general information please go to [www.tcfair.org](http://www.tcfair.org).

# ONLINE ENTRIES

You can do this by clicking the “I Agree” link online after you have read and agree to all rules. The rules may be found in the Handbook.

Before you submit an online entry, you must agree to the following:

- I have read and agree to all rules.
- I understand that, if I am entering an animal exhibit, it is my responsibility to have all the required supporting documents to the office by the deadline.
- I understand that if I am entering an animal my signature is assumed.
- I understand that no entry is valid until received in the Tulare County Fair office and approved by staff. **INCOMPLETE ENTRIES, INCLUDING MISSING FEES OR UNSUBMITTED ENTRIES, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND/OR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**
- I understand that there are minimum system requirements for online entries and that this service may not be available to me.

## HOW TO ENTER

The Tulare County Fair uses ShoWorks, an on-line entry program. ShoWorks is an industry standard used by over 50 fairs nationally. This user-friendly program can be trusted to accurately enter you into our competitions and allows for efficient communications via e-mail. We are excited to have ShoWorks to better facilitate entering Tulare County Fair competitions. Take a good look through the Competition Handbook to see which competition your entry is eligible to compete in. Please be advised that Tulare County Fair employees cannot advise or assume what division or class should be entered by an exhibitor; that information must be found in the Handbook before entering online. You must use the correct Division and Class number, found in the Handbook, to be entered correctly. Follow the easy steps listed below to enter the competition you have chosen.

1. Before proceeding with an on-line entry, please visit our website at [www.tcfair.org](http://www.tcfair.org) to download the appropriate Competition Handbook (Livestock or Indoor) located on the “Competitions/Contest” page. Note that sessions expire after 20 minutes of inactivity, so “save the cart” if you plan on leaving the computer for more than 20 minutes.
2. Everyone must register as a new exhibitor when logging in for the first time in 2025.
3. When logging in for the first time, please do the following:
  - 1) Click “Login/Logoff”
  - 2) Choose type “Exhibitor”
  - 3) Type in “First Name”
  - 4) Type in “Last Name”
  - 5) Click on “I am a new exhibitor” and click continue
  - 6) Create a password when registering for the first time. Remember your password as this will allow you access for future sessions. Complete the New Exhibitor Fields and click “Continue”. When entering information, fields in **BOLD** are required. If a field/ box does not apply to you, please type “NA”. If pending, please type “PENDING”. Please follow the directions as they should help lead you through the process.
4. Review Exhibitor Information and click Continue.
5. Choose a Department (i.e., Junior Livestock Department, Small Animal Department, etc.).
6. Choose a Division (i.e., Registered Purebred Beef, Market Hogs, etc.).
7. Select a Class from the Drop-down menu.
8. Complete Exhibit Information.
9. Make sure to include the club associated with the entry. If not with a club, select \*Independent.
10. Click Add Entry to Cart.
11. If you only have 1 entry, click Continue. If you have another entry in the same department, click Add Similar Entry and follow above steps. If you have another entry in another department, click Add Different Entry and follow above steps. Once your entry(s) are entered, an Additional Items screen will appear. Add quantity for



- any presale tickets you wish to purchase or any relevant fees due. Click Continue
12. Review Your Cart and choose an option below:
    - 1) Add more entries
    - 2) Empty Cart
    - 3) Save For Later (entries and fees must be submitted and paid by entry deadline)
    - 4) Checkout
  13. Once you click Checkout it will take you to the Payment Screen. Select Payment method: Visa or Mastercard. Entry fees **MUST** be paid on-line with a Visa or MasterCard. No on-line checks accepted. Entries will not be submitted from ShoWorks until entry fees are paid on-line. **All fees and purchases made on entry forms are non-refundable.** Please remember there is only one Livestock carnival wristband available per exhibitor. No Exceptions, no refunds for purchases exceeding the limit. Enter credit card information and click Continue.
  14. Confirm: your entries are not submitted until you type YES in the box and click submit.
  15. Summary: Print the Detailed Receipt Summary by clicking the Detailed Receipt Button.
  16. We look forward to your participation at the Tulare County Fair.

## FAIR HOURS

Wednesday ~ 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Thursday ~ 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Friday ~ 4:00 pm - 12:00 am

Saturday ~ 2:00 pm - 12:00 am

Sunday ~ 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm

If you would like to help the Fair, VOLUNTEER!  
Call the Fair Office for more information. (559) 686-4707

## Local Rules

1. All State Rules published by the California Department of Food & Agriculture; Division of Fairs & Expositions are in force for the Tulare County Fair. Copies of the State Rules are available online at [2025 State Rules for California Fairs](#).
2. The Board of Directors and Management of the 24th D.A.A. reserve the right to refuse exhibits deemed unsuitable or inappropriate. Unless stated otherwise, classes are limited to Tulare County residents only.
3. Entries are online only contact the fair office at 559-686-4707 for assistance if you need help entering. Our online entry system will close at midnight on each of entry deadline dates. **No late entries will be accepted for any reason.**
4. Only market acceptable and Grade 1 animals will sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. This is a terminal sale for all Champions & Reserve Champions.
5. **If an exhibitor has any outstanding balance for fees they will not be eligible for show at the 2024 Tulare County Fair.**
6. **Premium checks will be mailed following the show. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue to remain valid. A \$40.00 fee will be charged for expired checks to be reissued from either the Fair or the livestock auctions. Requests for a check to be reissued after 13 months will be denied. Any unpaid exhibitor balances will be withheld from premium or market checks. No Refunds will be made, be sure to review entries carefully before submitting.**
7. **All classes will be judged under the American System unless otherwise stated.**
8. **No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class under the American System. Any limitations within the Danish System of judging shall be printed where applicable.**
9. **Fair management is not responsible for errors in entries. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award that has been disallowed as the result of his/her own error.**
10. The Fair will pay cash awards only on those classes specified in the Exhibitor's Guidebook and only the judge's books will be the basis for cash award payments. Due to the possibility of an error in transferring information, ribbons and exhibit tags cannot be used as a basis for award payments.
11. Reasonable precaution will be taken in protection of exhibits; the Tulare County Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft, whatever the cause.
12. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have five or fewer entries.
13. **EXHIBITS DELIVERY DATE:** Dates for exhibits to be in place or delivered for judging is listed at the beginning of each Department. No late entries will be accepted.
14. You have until 12pm Friday to declare which market animal you wish to sell or to pull your animal from the auction. Show Management will declare the highest placing animal for the exhibitor if the exhibitor fails to follow this rule.

## Junior Livestock Rules

1. Open to Tulare County 4-H, FFA and DJUHSD FFA and Independent exhibitors who are residents of Tulare County unless otherwise noted. Junior market exhibitors may only exhibit in one county per calendar year. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will be automatically banned from TCF for 5 years. This rule applies to all junior market livestock exhibitors.
2. Independent & Grange animal exhibitors may exhibit at age 9 as of January 1 & through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they turn 19 years of age (per CA State Rules). Independents shall enter 4-H or FFA classes as follows:
  - a. Independent Junior exhibitors who are 13 years of age or under shall compete in the appropriate 4-H divisions only.
  - b. Independent Junior exhibitors who are 14 years of age or older shall compete in the appropriate FFA divisions only.

PLEASE NOTE: Independent exhibitors must provide proof of age (i.e.: Birth Certificate, Driver's License, California ID Card). READ STATE RULES CAREFULLY REGARDING RULES, QUALIFICATIONS AND DEADLINES PERTAINING TO INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS.

3. For classes that combine 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent Junior animals, the judge will designate only one overall highest placing animal, i.e., Champion or Reserve Champion, Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex.
4. All awards will be awarded at time of judging.
5. The judge's decision on awards cannot be protested. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. All protests must be presented to Management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check), or \$500.00 if the protest relates to a violation of State Rules X-XI, which will be returned if the protest is determined valid. Protests and appropriate action are decided by the Fair Management/Fair Board of Directors. If protests cannot be resolved with the Board of Directors, the Division of Fairs and Expositions may intervene.
6. Exhibitors are required to keep pens clean during the fair.

7. **If fair ear tags are removed from market animals during fair the exhibitor and the exhibitor's organization will be assessed a \$100.00 penalty fee per head. Your ear tag is not a souvenir!**
8. Grange/Independent exhibitors will show in their respective shows.
9. If any animal is deemed dangerous or unsafe in anyway, Fair Management reserves the right to require the exhibitor to remove the animal from the fairgrounds immediately.
10. Owner must show animals unless prior arrangements are made between owner and Fair Management, but owner must still be in attendance at all times.
11. CURFEW: All Junior exhibitors must be out of barn area by 11:00 pm each night beginning Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. No exhibitors will be allowed to stay on the grounds overnight.
12. Code of Ethics will be fully enforced.
13. INSURANCE: Tulare County Fair does carry General Liability insurance on behalf of all animal exhibitors. This General Liability insurance will cover damages/injuries that could be caused by the covered exhibitor's animals. General liability coverage is \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
14. Radios, bikes, skateboards, and scooters are not allowed on the fairgrounds. No picnic tables or lawn chairs will be allowed in the aisles. AISLES MUST BE KEPT CLEAR & CLEAN. NO BBQ'S, No easy-ups or tents under the barn, no exceptions.
15. Pad Locks are not to be used on pen gates; locks will be removed at exhibitor's expense.
16. STALL REQUESTS: Due to limited barn space Fair Management does not guarantee stall requests. All tack must be kept out of access aisles. Exhibitors or leaders found to be entering animals solely for the purpose of obtaining extra stall space will not be entitled to that stall space or a refund of any fees.
17. Management will inspect the barns on a daily basis and "RED TAG" pens, stalls or animals found to be in unsanitary condition. Any exhibitor receiving a second "RED TAG" may forfeit any premium awards earned. A third "RED TAG" will require the exhibitor to remove the animal(s) from the grounds and forfeit premiums and exhibitor pass.
18. 4-H UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: Each member will be required to wear the official California 4-H uniform while showing his/her livestock. This uniform is to consist of the official 4-H cap, 4-H tie or scarf, white shirt or blouse with a collar, white or blue jean pants or skirt. If blue jeans are worn, they are to be dark blue denim, not excessively worn or faded nor are they to be acid washed, stone washed, etc.
19. FFA UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: Each member will be required to wear the official FFA show uniform while showing his/her livestock. The official FFA show uniform consists of white shirt, FFA tie or scarf, FFA jacket and white or black pants. Wearing the FFA jacket is optional if the exhibitor is wearing a white shirt with the official FFA emblem attached.
20. INDEPENDENT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS: Each Independent will be required to wear a white button up shirt and black or blue jeans.
21. Only 1st bedding of straw is allowed to be stored on grounds. All additional straw to be kept south of Gate 13.
22. Electrical service is limited. Additional electricity will not be provided. Extension cords used to distribute power to electrical apparatus are to be rated 15 AMPS minimum and contain ground wire. Cords not meeting these requirements will be confiscated for the duration of the fair.

## **CLASSES**

### **Junior Department Local Classes**

The Junior Livestock Show & Auction is available for young people to exhibit their animals in friendly competition. The exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current program year will be used to determine eligibility unless otherwise noted.

**All Junior Livestock Exhibitors should fall into one of the following established classes:**

#### **FFA Members**

FFA members may exhibit at the Fair if they are enrolled in high school vocational agricultural classes. They may continue to exhibit as members for one full year following graduation.

#### **4-H Members**

Any 4-H member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on December 31st of the past year is invited to enter small animal exhibition showmanship classes (rabbits, poultry, and Pygmy goats) as a non- competitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon. 4-H uniforms may be worn in appropriate divisions. Any 4-H member who is nine years-old or older on December 31st of the past year may exhibit as a 4-H member and participate in competitive 4-H classes and may continue to do so until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/ her 19th birthday.

#### **Grange Members**

Any Grange member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on January 1st of the current fair year is invited to enter small animal exhibition (Primary) showmanship classes (rabbits, poultry and Pygmy goats) as a non-competitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon. Any Grange member who is under nine years-old but at least five years-old on January 1st of the current fair year is invited to enter large animal exhibition (Pee



Wee) showmanship classes (swine, sheep, goats, beef, and dairy) as a competitive exhibitor. Awards are as listed under Pee Wee Showmanship. Any Grange member who is nine years-old or older on January 1st of the current fair year may exhibit in competition as a Grange member until the end of the calendar year in which the member has his/her 19th birthday.

### **Independent Junior Exhibitors**

1. Youth not affiliated with 4-H, FFA or Grange can exhibit in appropriate FFA or 4-H Livestock classes as Independent Junior Exhibitors, provided they meet the age or grade level requirements.
2. Independents must complete the independent packet located online.
3. An Independent Junior Exhibitor cannot have been a member of a junior organization within 60 days prior to the opening of the Fair in order to be eligible to participate (120 days for market beef cattle & horse). For any additional clarification, refer to State Rules.
4. Independent Junior Exhibitors entering market animals must submit to the Fair Manager the following documentation:
  - a. A bill of sale with the exhibitor's name and date of purchase of animal.
  - b. A photograph of exhibitor with the animal including any brands, ear tags, or ear notches that would uniquely identify that animal.
  - c. Verification of the animal's permanent tag and/ or tattoo.

This documentation must be submitted to the Fair based on the following schedule per species being exhibited by the exhibitor: (These dates may be before entry deadline)

- a. Market Beef – 120 days prior to the first day of the fair
  - b. Market Sheep, Goats and Swine – 60 days prior to the first day of the Fair
  - c. Market Poultry, Eggs and Rabbits – 30 days prior to the first day of the Fair
5. Independents who are under nine years-old but at least five years-old on January 1st of the current fair year is invited to enter small animal exhibition (Primary) showmanship classes (rabbits, poultry and Pygmy goats) as a non-competitive exhibitor. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon.

Independents who are under nine years-old but at least five years-old on January 1st of the current fair year is invited to enter large animal exhibition (Pee Wee) showmanship classes (swine, sheep, goats, beef, and dairy) as a competitive exhibitor. Awards are as listed under Pee Wee Showmanship.

Independents who are nine years-old or older on January 1st of the current fair year may exhibit in competition as an Independent. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

### **Thank You Cards/Buyer's Gifts**

**All exhibitors are required to write and submit to the office a thank you note for awards, for add-ons and to buyers.**

Thank you, cards must be turned into the Fair Office, at the time that exhibitors pick up their checks.

Add-on and buyer names will be available on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from the livestock office. Advisors/leaders may pick up their thank you lists after 3:00 pm on September 15<sup>th</sup>; electronic versions will also be emailed to advisors/leaders. Amounts will NOT be posted on the thank you list or released by office staff but will be itemized on checks.

### **Ownership & Weighing of Livestock**

Market animal exhibitors must be the bona fide owners and have actual possession of their animals for at least 120 consecutive days prior to the opening date of the Fair for Market Steers. At least 60 consecutive days prior to the opening date of the fair for Market Sheep, Goats and Swine. At least 30 consecutive days prior to the opening date of the fair for Market Poultry and Rabbits or breeding animals. All Market animals must have a bill of sale or bred and owned statement available for inspection if so requested. Market Steers must have a brand inspection and/or bill of sale in order to weigh in. **Market Lambs and Goats must have a scrapie tag in order to weigh.** JOINT OWNERSHIP OF MARKET ANIMALS IS PROHIBITED.

1. **LIMIT:** Each exhibitor is only allowed to enter two (2) market animals and one (1) Breeding Animal for sale. Each exhibitor may only sell one (1) market animal and one (1) Breeding Animal, with the exception that if one exhibitor exhibits more than one Supreme Champion, Reserve Supreme Champion, 4-H or FFA Champion or Reserve Champion.
2. **WEIGHING FOR CLASSIFICATION:** All market animals will be weighed as scheduled and be divided into breed and weight lots as desired by Fair Management for convenience in judging. There will be no "re-weighing" of animals unless deemed necessary by Fair Management and/or their chosen representative. Animals must not leave scale area until decision is made. Only Steers, Hogs, Lambs and Goats graded Market Ready or Market Acceptable will sell. All scales will be certified by USDA weights and measures.
3. Market animals not meeting the minimum weight requirements will be disqualified from their respective market show but may still participate in showmanship and moved to the appropriate feeder class.

### **Ear Tagging Policy**

1. The fair will notify by email club leaders and chapter advisor's when tags are available with instructions on how to obtain tags for their exhibitors.
2. Independents will need to pick-up and purchase tags from the fair office.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for tagging animals with the official Tulare County Fair tags and uploading photos with their market entry (read all rules carefully).
4. The fair will provide each exhibitor up to two market tags, additional tags can be purchased at \$5.00 each.
5. Exhibitors can enter as many market animals as they wish by the specified specie entry deadlines, but only two market animals per exhibitor may be shown at the Tulare County Fair.
  - o To have a complete entry into the 2025 fair you must upload 3 photos-
    1. animal side profile picture
    2. animal front profile clearly identifying the animal and official fair tag (you receive from your advisor or leader)
    3. back of official fair ear tag once animal has been tagged to show proof animal has been tagged.

To have a valid entry into the 2025 Tulare County Fair all photos must be legible and received, the official fair tag must be entered with the appropriate entry and you will need to be entered by the deadline.

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7. **Replacement tags prior to specie entry deadline- Exhibitor can purchase a replacement tag from the fair office for \$5.00.**
8. **Replacement tags after the specie entry deadline- The exhibitor will be charged \$100.00, and the original tag will need to be brought into the fair office in order to receive the replacement. The animal will then need to be tagged with the new tag, new photos taken and emailed to [jmason@tcfair.org](mailto:jmason@tcfair.org).**

### **Deceased Market Animal Policy**

1. Fair staff must be notified **IMMEDIATELY** upon the death of a Market Animal. Anyone reporting a deceased animal must speak directly to a fair office staff member or livestock office manager, no "messages." *It is the exhibitor's responsibility to report the death of a market animal directly to fair staff.*
2. *Veterinarians certificate of death is required.*
3. Exhibitors must obtain and possess a replacement animal within seven (7) days of the deceased animal being verified. **THERE WILL BE NO REPLACEMENTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>.**
4. A replaced animal is not eligible for any champion classes (including Breed Champion or Reserve Champion.)
5. Exhibitor will be assessed a \$10.00 assessment fee which will need to be paid before the animal is eligible for show.
6. If the animal needs tag exhibitor needs obtain a tag from the fair office.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), exhibitors that fall into the following classifications may want to apply for assistance from the Livestock Special Needs Abilities Committee. An individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment.

The Livestock Special Needs Abilities Committee has been formed to ensure that all exhibitors have a fair opportunity for competition at the Tulare County Fair. Registration/identification with the committee is on a voluntary, self-identifying basis by either the parent of an exhibitor under eighteen (18) years of age, or the exhibitor themselves if they are eighteen (18) years of age or older. The following will apply to those individuals registered with the committee:

- 1) The exhibitor must be the handler of the animal in the ring, but an assistant may be in the ring with the exhibitor as a "safety backup." The assistant must be a Livestock Exhibitor showing at the 2025 Tulare County Fair.
  - 2) A Special Needs exhibitor may have the option of showing in the Novice Showmanship class regardless of how many years he/she has been exhibiting. This option will be approved by Fair Management with input from the Committee.
1. All Sale animals will be marked coming out of the auction arena.
  2. Supreme, Reserve Supreme, and 4-H & FFA Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must sell for custom or resale processing. Resale processors will be Coelho's, Clausen's Meat and Superior.
  3. Exhibitors will be responsible for the care of the animals until they leave the fairgrounds. Sellers not providing proper care will be fined an additional 6% of the selling price of their livestock entry.

## BREEDING BEEF DEPARTMENT

1. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required and must be listed on the entry form along with the animal birth date.
2. All beef animals must have neck ropes on at all times.
3. BLOCKING CHUTE RULES - Chutes must be located in areas designated by management. Chutes will not be allowed in aisles.
4. Exhibitors will be responsible for the care of the animals until Sunday evening. Sellers not providing proper care will be fined an additional 6% of the selling price of their heifer.

## REGISTERED PUREBRED HEIFER

**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00**

OPEN TO TULARE AND KINGS COUNTY JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

1. Bred & Owned Class: Exhibitor must be the breeder and first owner of the animals entered in this class. Animal must have been shown in an individual class to be eligible.
2. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

### CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

### DIVISION 5002 - ALL BREEDS REGISTERED PUREBRED BEEF TOGETHER

#### CLASS

1. All Bulls, Specify Age (January 2024 to May 2025) *Classes to be determined after closing entries*
2. Junior Calf ..... 01/01/2025 - 05/31/2025
3. Senior Calf ..... 09/01/2024 - 12/31/2024
4. Summer Yearling ..... 05/01/2024 - 08/31/2024
5. Junior Yearling ..... 01/01/2024 - 04/30/2024
6. Senior Yearling ..... 09/01/2023 - 12/31/2023
7. Aged Cow ..... Prior to 08/31/2023

#### GROUP CLASSES

8. Cow/Calf - A cow and her natural Calf 8/31 prior
9. Pair of Females - 2 females, owned by exhibitor
10. Set of Sire - 3 animals owned by exhibitor, same sire
11. Bred & Owned

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Female</b>	Buckle & Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Female</b>	Rosette
<b>Senior and Reserve Senior Champion</b>	Rosette
<b>Junior and Reserve Junior Champion</b>	Rosette
<b>1st – 5th place</b>	Ribbons

## GRADE HEIFER

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 Per Class

OPEN TO TULARE AND KINGS COUNTY JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

1. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required and must be listed on the entry form along with the animal birth date.
2. Animals that have been registered by a purebred association cannot be entered in this division.
3. Grade Heifers will be weighed at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.
4. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

**CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

**DIVISION 5003 - GRADE BEEF FEMALES**Class

1. All Heifers-classes will be broken following weigh in.

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Grade Female</b>	Buckle & Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Grade Female</b>	Rosette
<b>Senior and Reserve Senior Champion</b>	Rosette
<b>Junior and Reserve Junior Champion</b>	Rosette
<b>1st – 5th place</b>	Ribbons

**DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT**

**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per Class for Division 5100-5105 \$20.00 per Class for Division 5110-5115 & 5120-5125  
OPEN TO TULARE COUNTY JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**

Exhibitors completing their dairy entries online for the 2-year Dairy Heifer Replacement program will only need to complete the online entry submission for replacement heifers selling in 2025 & 2026, no other contract needed. Heifers selling in 2026 will need to upload the following: a pdf of bill of sale or brand inspection; color picture of both the left and right side of the heifer in jpeg format; a pdf of DHIA/computer test sheet of dam. These documents will only be accepted through the online entry system.

Please make sure to select the correct division from the list below dependent on selling status.

- **Divisions 5100-5105 are for heifers not selling**
- **Divisions 5110-5115 for heifers selling in 2025**
- **Divisions 5120-5125 for heifers selling in 2026**

1. Enter the correct division dependent on whether you will not be selling or by what year you will be selling. All like divisions will show together for awards regardless of selling status.
2. The milk barn will be available for exhibitors use. Exhibitors will not be compensated for milk.
3. Any cow entered in the Jr. 2-Year-Old non-milking class that calves prior to show day will be moved to the Jr. 2-Year-Old milking class.
4. Milk cows (EXCLUDING REPLACEMENT HEIFERS IN MILK) may be brought in the morning of the show and must be on the grounds by 7 am the Day of the Show and all trailers removed from grounds. The milk cows will be released immediately following the end of the Dairy Show with a release from the Livestock Office.
5. Exhibitors are expected to wear the Official Uniform of the organization under which their project is entered. Show Ring Assistants are to be in uniform or whites.
6. By their signature on the entry form, the exhibitor is certifying that the sire of any grade female entered is a registered purebred of the same breed.
7. Grade cattle are not eligible to compete in group classes, with the exception of Club and Chapter Group classes.
8. All class substitutions need to be made by check in, Tuesday September 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!
9. All Substitutes must be within the same division. i.e.: a registered cow cannot be substituted for a grade cow.
10. Keep copies of all your contracts, emailed receipts and other documents that have been uploaded and bring them with you to the fair for check-in.
11. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

**CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS  
DIVISION 5100-5105 ONLY**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

**DAIRY CATTLE – WILL NOT BE SELLING****DIVISION 5100** – FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5101** – FFA GRADE HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5102** – 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5103** – 4-H GRADE HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5104** – 4-H/FFA REGISTERED ALL OTHER REEDS**DIVISION 5105** – 4-H/FFA GRADE ALL OTHER BREEDS**DAIRY CATTLE – WILL BE SELLING IN 2025****DIVISION 5110** – 2025 FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5111** – 2025 FFA GRADE HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5112** – 2025 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5113** – 2025 4-H GRADE HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5114** – 2025 4-H/FFA REGISTERED ALL OTHER BREEDS**DIVISION 5115** – 2025 4-H/FFA GRADE ALL OTHER BREEDS**DAIRY CATTLE – WILL BE SELLING IN 2026****DIVISION 5120** – 2026 FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5121** – 2026 FFA GRADE HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5122** – 2026 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5123** – 2026 4-H GRADE HOLSTEIN**DIVISION 5124** – 2026 4-H/FFA REGISTERED ALL OTHER BREEDS**DIVISION 5125** – 2026 4-H/FFA GRADE ALL OTHER BREEDS**Class**

1. Spring Heifer Calf - Mar 1, 2025- May 31, 2025
2. Winter Heifer Calf - Dec 1, 2024- Feb 28, 2025
3. Fall Heifer Calf - Sept 1, 2024 - Nov 30, 2024
4. Summer Yearling Heifer - Jun 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2024
5. Spring Yearling Heifer - Mar 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024
6. Winter Yearling Heifer - Dec 1, 2023 - Feb 28, 2024
7. Fall Yearling Heifer - Sept 1, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023
8. Jr. 2-Year-Old non-milking - Mar 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2023
9. Jr. 2-Year-Old milking - Mar 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2023
10. Sr. 2-Year-Old - Sept 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023
11. 3 Yr. Old Cow - Sept 1, 2021 - Aug 31, 2022
12. 4 Yr. Old Cow - Sept 1, 2020 - Aug 31, 2021
13. Aged Cow - Born prior to Sep 2020
14. Daughter/Dam - A dam and her daughter
15. Produce of Dam - 2 head-any age-same dam
16. Pair of Females - Same breed, owned by exhibitor

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Max Corbett Champion Replacement Heifer Milk Can</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Registered Female</b>	Buckle & Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Registered Female</b>	Rosette
<b>Supreme Champion Grade Female</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Grade Female</b>	Rosette
<b>Champion Female (Each Division)</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Champion Female (Each Division)</b>	Rosette
<b>Junior Champion Female (Each Division)</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Junior Champion (Each Division)</b>	Rosette
<b>Senior Champion (Each Division)</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Senior Champion (Each Division)</b>	Rosette
<b>1st – 5th place</b>	Ribbons

## BREEDING SHEEP DEPARTMENT

**Note: FOR SHEEP TO BE EXHIBITED IN THE TULARE COUNTY FAIR, SHEEP MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ENTERED IN MARKET OR BREEDING CLASSES. FOR CLARIFICATION READ CALIFORNIA STATE RULE #1 UNDER THE SHEEP AND GOATS SECTION.**

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per Class

### **Tulare County Junior Exhibitors ONLY**

1. Fair will not accept sheep from Scrapie "non-compliant" flocks, or animals that are Scrapie-positive or Scrapie suspects or animals that have been exposed to Scrapie unless they have been evaluated and approved for exhibition by the state Scrapie epidemiologist. Scrapie number must be on the entry form. Record both sides of the tag. See Scrapie Tag Information and Instructions. Animals with missing or incorrect Scrapie Tags are subject to \$100.00 fine.
2. Management reserves the right to further break down classes if entries warrant.

## GRADE BREEDING SHEEP

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per Class

### **Tulare County Junior Exhibitors ONLY**

1. Grade crossbred or unregistered purebred range ewes are eligible. To be judged on a farm flock basis.
2. Ewes must have been sired by a registered or purebred ram.
3. Management reserves the right to further break down classes if entries warrant.
4. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.
5. All entries must weigh-in Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025 at the conclusion of the market lamb weigh-in.
6. Classes will be broken by weight.

### **CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

**DIVISION 5202** - Wether Sires

**DIVISION 5203** - Wether Dams

Class

1. All

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Champion Sire and Dam</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Champion Sire and Dam</b>	Rosette
<b>1st – 5th place</b>	Ribbons

## DAIRY GOAT DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per Entry

**NOTE: FOR GOATS TO BE EXHIBITED IN THE TULARE COUNTY FAIR, GOATS MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ENTERED IN MARKET OR BREEDING CLASSES. FOR CLARIFICATION READ CALIFORNIA STATE RULE #1 UNDER THE SHEEP AND GOATS SECTION.**

1. **REGISTERED:** Animals with a Certificate of Registry (BLUE BORDER) issued by the American Dairy Goat Association are eligible. Animals with a "Certificate of Registration of Pure Bred" issued by the American Goat Society are eligible. Registration papers must be presented to Livestock Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.
2. **RECORDED GRADES:** Grade animals for which a recordation (BROWN BORDER) paper has been issued by the American Dairy Goat Association or American Goat Society. All Breeds will be judged together.
3. Exhibitors may be allowed to show goats less than 6 months with an American Dairy Goat Association stamped



duplicate of the registration application.

4. All goats must have legible tattoo.
5. All Goats must be owned by the exhibitor with exhibitor's name being recorded as such on the registration paper.
6. Limited to 2 Entries Per Exhibitor Per Class.
7. Milk containers must be covered.
8. Management reserves the right to further break down classes if entries warrant.
9. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

#### CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

**DIVISION 5400** – REGISTERED ALPINE

**DIVISION 5401** – REGISTERED NUBIAN

**DIVISION 5402** – REGISTERED AOB

**DIVISION 5403** – REGISTERED NIGERIAN

**DIVISION 5404** – RECORDED GRADE

#### ***ALL GOATS MUST BE DISBUDDED TO SHOW***

##### Class - FEMALES ONLY

1. Junior Kid – Under 4 months
2. Senior Kid – 4 months & under 8 months
3. Junior Yearling – 8 months & under 12 months (Never Freshened)
4. Senior Yearling – 12 months & under 24 months (Never Freshened)
5. Under 2 Years (Dry or in Milk)
6. 2 Years & Under 3 Years (Dry Milkers or In Milk)
7. 3 Years & Under 4 Years (Dry Milkers or In Milk)
8. 4 Years & Under 5 Years (Dry Milkers or In Milk)
9. 5 Years & Over (Dry Milkers or In Milk)
10. Get of Sire - 3 does sired by same buck
11. Produce of Dam 2 does, any age, same dam

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Best in Show Overall Doe</b>	Buckle
<b>Best in Show Junior Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Best in Show Junior Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Best in Show Senior Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Best in Show Senior Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Champion and Reserve Champion</b> (Each Division)	Rosette
<b>Junior and Reserve Junior Champion</b> (Each Division)	Rosette
<b>Senior and Reserve Senior Champion</b> (Each Division)	Rosette
<b>1st – 5th place</b>	Ribbons

#### **MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT**

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per Entry

1. Meat Goats may not be entered in the Dairy or Pygmy Goat Division.
2. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any class.
3. No open or sharp spike chains, halters, muzzles, or collars will be allowed.
4. All blankets, chains, collars, and halters will be removed before going on the scale for weigh-in.
5. All Commercial Grade Meat Doe kids will be weighed and divided into weight classes for judging purposes.
6. Commercial grade does will weigh immediately after market goats on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

## DIVISION 5500 – 4-H/FFA COMMERCIAL GRADE MEAT DOES

### Class

1. Commercial Grade Doe

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Doe</b>	Buckle and Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Doe</b>	Rosette

## LARGE ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

1. Showmanship classes have to be entered in advance on entry forms. This is mandatory.
2. Animals must be entered in their respective breeding or market livestock classes to be eligible for use in showmanship classes.
3. All exhibitors will be required to wear the show uniform of the organization they represent.
4. Independent exhibitors will show in their respective divisions, in either 4-H or FFA. Division and/or class placement of Independents may be determined by Fair Management. Exhibitors are subject to disqualification from show and sale if found to be entered in wrong class.
5. Each exhibitor to show his or her own animal.
6. Each exhibitor to groom or fit his or her own animal.
7. **All shows will start with least experienced class followed by increased experienced classes. Pee Wee will follow respective specie showmanship classes.**
8. If showmanship classes are split due to class size, the judge will determine who returns to compete for the overall age class winner from each class split.
9. The 1st and 2nd place winners from each class, including 4- H Novice & FFA Novice, will be called back to compete for 4-H Supreme Champion Showman or FFA Supreme Champion Showman.
10. All 1st place winners in their respected class are expected to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest (excluding Novice 4-H and Novice FFA). See Round Robin section.
11. Novice 4-H and Novice FFA division winners will be allowed to move up into their respective divisions to compete for the opportunity to participate in this contest.
12. The exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current year will be used to determine eligibility unless otherwise noted.
13. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.
14. Buckles will be awarded only if three or more exhibitors in a class.

**DIVISION 7000 - BEEF CATTLE** (breeding & market)

**DIVISION 7001 - DAIRY CATTLE**

**DIVISION 7002 - SHEEP** (breeding & market)

**DIVISION 7003 – SWINE**

**DIVISION 7004 – DAIRY GOATS** (to include Nigerian Goats)

**DIVISION 7005 – MEAT GOAT** (breeding & market) (*Youth under 9 years of age see Pee Wee Showmanship on page 16*)

### Class

1. FFA Novice – Someone who has never shown before (any specie, any show).
2. FFA Experienced – 7th - 10th Grade
3. FFA Advanced – 11th – 12th Grade – 1 Year post High School
4. 4-H Novice – Someone who has never shown before (*any species, any show*). *Prior participation in the Tulare County Fair's Pee Wee Showmanship is not considered prior showmanship experience and will not affect a member's eligibility to compete as a novice.*
5. 4-H Junior – 9 to 10 years old
6. 4-H Intermediate – 11 to 14 years old
7. 4-H Senior – 15+ years old – 1 Year post High School

<b>**AWARDS FOR EACH CLASS**</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> thru 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbons
4-H Supreme Champion	Buckle
FFA Supreme Champion	Buckle

## ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

1. Contestant who has won his/her Showmanship division (excluding Novice 4-H and Novice FFA) in Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goats or Meat Goats.
2. If for some reason an exhibitor is unable to participate in Round Robin, they must inform the Livestock Office immediately upon conclusion of their showmanship division.
3. Only first place winners are eligible. If extenuating circumstances arise, the second-place winner may be allowed to move to first place and compete in the Round Robin contest. Determining the validity of the extenuating circumstances is at the Livestock Superintendent's discretion.
4. If a showman wins in more than one specie/division, they must compete with the first species they win with.
5. Each contestant will exhibit all species represented; however, they will not exhibit or show their own animal. Showmanship winners must provide the animal they exhibited in showmanship for the Round Robin Contest, to be used by other contestants.
6. In the event of a tie score between two or more contestants, the tie will be broken in this order:
  - a. The contestant with the highest score on the specie that qualified him/her for Round Robin.
  - b. The exhibitor with the most consistent set of scores.
  - c. Designated species score by contest chairman.
7. Contestants will be scored on a possible of ten points per specie.
8. This is a Round Robin contest in which each division will show with its own division. Example 4-H Junior will be showing a species while 4-H Intermediate is showing another species and so on. There will be more than one arena in use.
9. Round Robin scores will not be shared or released.
10. Each round will be 8 minutes long and at the discretion of show management.

### **Disqualification of contestants from the contest will include:**

- A. Communication, assistance, signing or cueing from observers or audience members outside the ring.
  - B. Unnecessary roughness or abusive handling of animals.
    - 1) Two warnings will be given; 3rd infraction contestant will be removed from the contest. Visual warning to include:
      - 1st infraction – bright yellow card inserted under armband.
      - 2nd infraction – bright red card inserted under armband. (last warning)
      - 3rd infraction – Removal of contestant and contestant is not eligible for awards.
- Advisor/leader to hold or take animal to the pen.

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>4-H Junior Round Robin</b>	Buckle
<b>4-H Intermediate Round Robin</b>	Buckle
<b>4-H Senior Round Robin</b>	Buckle
<b>FFA Experienced Round Robin</b>	Buckle
<b>Advanced Round Robin</b>	Buckle

## JUNIOR FAIR BOARD PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

**ENTRY FORMS DUE BY 5:00 PM, AUGUST 15, 2025**

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

LATE FEE: \$10.00 PER ENTRY AFTER THE AUGUST 15, 2025, DEADLINE

1. Contest will take place following respective specie showmanship class. See schedule for dates and time.
2. Pre-Entry IS REQUIRED. Entry must be paid either online or at the livestock office prior to show.
3. This contest is open to youngsters not old enough to enroll in 4-H or exhibit in the livestock department of the fair. Exhibitors must be 5 years of age as of January 1st of the current program year, per CA State Rules. Pee Wee cannot be entered in the Junior Division.
4. Youngsters entered in a Junior Livestock Department are not eligible to compete in Pee Wee Showmanship.
5. Proof of ownership is not required. Exhibitors must use animals already entered in the livestock show.
6. No non-castrated males will be allowed.
7. 4-H or FFA Uniforms are not to be worn. Contestants should be suitably dressed.
8. **Pee Wee showmanship may be entered at the livestock office if the \$10.00 late fee is paid prior to show to make it fair to all participants.**

## DIVISION 7011 - PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

### Class

1. Swine
2. Sheep
3. Meat Goat
4. Beef
5. Dairy Cattle

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>1st Place Each Class</b>	Ribbon
<b>Pee wee Champion (Each Specie)</b>	Buckle

## SMALL ANIMAL DIVISIONS

### ENTRIES DUE BY 5:00 PM, AUGUST 15, 2025

ALL SMALL ANIMALS WILL REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS FOR THE DURATION OF THE FAIR.

1. Fur and Feathers Divisions are open to junior exhibitors who reside in Tulare and Kings Counties or who are a part of Delano High School FFA.
2. Junior Exhibitors ages 5-8 years of age (Must be 5 yrs. old as of December 31st of the previous year) may only show in Primary showmanship in the Small Animal Department (Pygmy Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry) **and will not move to Small Animal Round Robin.**
3. Entry Fee is \$15.00 per class with the exception of Showmanship, at \$5.00 per class.
4. LIMIT: Unless otherwise noted, there is no limit on the number of entries one exhibitor may enter.
5. Breed and variety, sex, identification number, age, Division (excluding Rabbits) and class number must be on entry form.
6. Animals are entered at owner's risk. The judges and Fair Association are not responsible for injury or death of any animal.
7. Entries will be shown and judged in the proper Division and class for breed, variety, age and sex only. If no class is offered, no awards may be made.
8. Entries will be shown and judged in the proper division and class for breed, variety, age and sex only. If no class is offered, no awards may be made.

## PYGMY GOAT DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per Entry

**Note: FOR GOATS TO BE EXHIBITED IN THE TULARE COUNTY FAIR, GOATS MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ENTERED IN MARKET OR BREEDING CLASSES. FOR CLARIFICATION READ CALIFORNIA STATE RULE #1 UNDER THE SHEEP AND GOATS SECTION.**

1. By entering, the Exhibitor certifies that the sire of each animal entered in the following classes for grade animals was either registered or purebred.
2. All animals must be registered with either the American Goat Society, Inc., or the National Pygmy Goat Association. Registration papers must be checked at the livestock office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
3. Either horned, tipped or de-horned animals are permissible.
4. LIMIT: 2 Entries Per Exhibitor Per Class.
5. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

### CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

**DIVISION 5600 - REGISTERED PYGMY GOAT DOES**  
**DIVISION 5601 - GRADE PYGMY GOAT DOES**

Class

1. Junior Doe Kid - 6/14/25 – 9/14/25
2. Intermediate Doe Kid - 1/16/25 – 6/15/25
3. Senior Doe Kid - 9/16/24 – 1/15/25
4. Dry Yearling Doe - 9/16/23 – 9/15/24
5. Freshened Yearling Doe - 9/16/23 and younger
6. 2 Years, but less than 3 - 9/16/22 – 9/15/23
7. 3 Years, but less than 4 - 9/16/21 – 9/15/22
8. Aged Doe - Prior to 9/15/21

**DIVISION 5602—PYGMY GOAT WETHERS**Class

1. Prospect Wether - 4/1/25 – 9/15/25
2. Jr Wether - 3/16/25 – 9/15/25
3. Sr Wether - 9/16/24 – 3/15/25
4. Yearling Wether - 9/16/23 – 9/15/24
5. Aged Wether - Prior to 9/15/23

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>Supreme Champion Registered Doe</b>	Buckle and Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Registered Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Supreme Champion Grade Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Grade Doe</b>	Rosette
<b>Supreme Champion Wether Pygmy Goat</b>	Rosette
<b>Reserve Supreme Champion Wether Pygmy Goat</b>	Rosette
<b>Junior and Reserve Junior Champion</b>	Rosette
<b>Senior and Reserve Senior Champion</b>	Rosette
<b>1st – 5th place</b>	Ribbons

**BREEDING RABBIT DEPARTMENT****ENTRY FEE \$15.00 PER ENTRY PER CLASS**

1. Fur and Feathers Divisions are open to junior exhibitors who reside in Tulare and Kings Counties or who are a part of Delano High School FFA.
2. Junior Exhibitors ages 5-8 years of age (Must be 5 yrs old as of December 31st of the previous year) may only show in showmanship in Primary Showmanship.
3. Rules, Definitions and Judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the exhibitor handbook and Standard of Perfection of the American Rabbit Breeders 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.
4. Specify Breed, Variety, Class, Sex and Ear Number on Entry Form.
5. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY A PERMANENT EAR MARKING CONFORMING TO THE ENTRY FORM. Any duplication of ear markings by one exhibitor in the same DIVISION must be eliminated and the change recorded on the judging sheet before judging.
6. Animals will be shown and judged in the proper division and class for breed, variety, age, and sex ONLY.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to and from the judging tables. ALL RABBITS MUST BE GROOMED AND CARRIED TO THE TABLE BY A YOUTH. ADULTS GROOMING/CARRYING RABBITS TO THE TABLE IS CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SHOW.
8. The age in months (4 months, etc.) must be entered on the entry form for each animal entered in breed Divisions.
9. Substitutions will be accepted in the same breed, variety and class, until 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, by e- mailing [jmason@tcfair.org](mailto:jmason@tcfair.org). No changes will be made the day of judging.
10. Rabbits will be released at 7:00 pm on Sunday, September 17th with a Release from the Livestock Office.
11. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

### CASH AWARDS OFFERED PER CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$10	\$8	\$5

#### DIVISION 5800 – HEAVYWEIGHT RABBITS

##### Class

1. Senior Buck - 8 Months Old and Over
2. Intermediate Buck - 6 Months and Under 8 Months
3. Junior Buck - Under 6 Months Old
4. Senior Doe - 8 Months Old and Over
5. Intermediate Doe - 6 Months and Under 8 Months
6. Junior Doe - Under 6 Months Old

**\*\*DIVISIONS WILL BE BROKEN AFTER ENTRY CLOSING BASED UPON ENTRIES RECEIVED. \*\***

#### DIVISION 5815 – LIGHTWEIGHT RABBITS

##### Class

1. Senior Buck - 6 Months Old and Over
2. Junior Buck - Under 6 Months Old
3. Senior Doe - 6 Months Old and Over
4. Junior Doe - Under 6 Months Old

#### DIVISION 5830 - BREED FUR ANIMALS

Animals MUST have been shown and not have been disqualified in regular breed Divisions.

##### Class

1. Angora
2. Satin, All
3. Rex, All
4. Any Other

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
Best in Show	Buckle and Rosette
Reserve in Show	Rosette
Best of Breed	Rosette
Best Opposite Sex of Breed	Rosette
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbons

### SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP DEPARMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

1. Showmanship classes must be entered in advance on entry forms.
2. Animals must be entered in their respective breeding or market livestock classes to be eligible for use in showmanship classes.
3. All exhibitors will be required to wear the show uniform of the organization they represent.
4. Independent exhibitors will show in their respective age divisions, in either 4-H or FFA. Division and/or class placement of Independents may be determined by Fair Management. Exhibitors are subject to disqualification from show and sale if found to be entered in wrong class.
5. Each exhibitor to show his or her own animal.
6. Each exhibitor to groom or fit his or her own animal. Please refer to Livestock Department rule #21 for complete details.
7. If showmanship classes are split due to class size, the judge will determine who returns to compete for the overall age class winner from each class split.
8. The 1st and 2nd place winners from each age class, including 4-H Novice & FFA Novice, will be called back to compete for 4-H Supreme Champion Showman or FFA Supreme Champion Showman.



9. All 1st place winners in their respected age class are expected to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest (excluding Novice 4-H and Novice FFA). See Round Robin section.
10. Novice 4-H and Novice FFA division winners will be allowed to move up into their respective age divisions to compete for the opportunity to participate in this contest.
11. The exhibitor's age on January 1st of the program year will be used to determine eligibility unless otherwise noted.
12. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

#### **DIVISION 7006 - PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

#### **DIVISION 7007 – POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

#### **DIVISION 7008 – RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

##### **Class**

1. FFA Novice – Someone who has never shown before in showmanship (any specie, any show).
2. FFA Experienced – 7th - 10th Grade
3. FFA Advanced – 11th – 12th Grade – 1 Year post High School
4. 4-H Novice – Someone who has never shown before in showmanship (any specie, any show). Prior participation in the Tulare County Fair's Pee Wee Showmanship is not considered prior showmanship experience and will not affect a member's eligibility to compete as a novice.
5. 4-H Junior – 9 to 10 years old
6. 4-H Intermediate – 11 to 14 years old
7. 4-H Senior – 15 years and up

#### **DIVISION 7009 – CAVY SHOWMANSHIP**

1. ALL EXHIBITORS

<b>**AWARDS FOR EACH SPECIE**</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Ribbon
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Ribbon
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Ribbon
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thru 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Ribbon
<b>4-H Supreme Champion</b>	Buckle
<b>FFA Supreme Champion</b>	Buckle

#### **SMALL ANIMAL ROUNDROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Contestant to have won his/her Showmanship division (excluding Novice 4-H, Novice FFA & Primary Exhibitors ages 5-8) in Pygmy Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits.
2. Novice 4-H & Novice FFA division winners will be allowed to move up into their respective age divisions to compete for the opportunity to participate in this contest.
3. If for some reason an exhibitor is unable to participate in Round Robin, they must inform the Livestock Office immediately upon conclusion of their showmanship division.
4. Only first place winners are eligible. If extenuating circumstances arise, the second-place winner may be allowed to move to first place and compete in the Round Robin contest. Determining the validity of the extenuating circumstance is at the Livestock Superintendent's discretion.
5. If a showman wins in more than one specie/division, they must compete with the first species they win with.
6. Each contestant will exhibit all species represented; however, they will not exhibit or show their own animal. Showmanship winners must provide the animal they exhibited in showmanship for the Round Robin Contest, to be used by other contestants.
7. In the event of a tie score between two or more contestants, the tie will be broken in this order:
  - a. The contestant with the highest score on the specie that qualified him/her for Round Robin.
  - b. The exhibitor with the most consistent set of
  - c. Designated species by contest chairman and committee.
8. Contestants will be scored on a possible of ten points per specie.
9. This is a Round Robin contest in which each division will show with its own division. Example 4-H Junior will be showing a species while 4-H Intermediate is showing another species and so on. There will be more than one arena in use.

Disqualification of contestants from the contest will include:

- A. Communication, assistance, signing or cueing from observers or audience members outside the ring.
- B. Unnecessary roughness or abusive handling of animals.
  - a. Two warnings will be given, 3rd infraction contestant will be removed from the contest. Visual warning to include:
    - 1st infraction – bright yellow card inserted under armband.
    - 2nd infraction – bright red card inserted under armband. (last warning)
    - 3rd infraction – Removal of contestant and contestant is not eligible for awards. Advisor/leader to hold or take animal to the pen.

<b>**AWARDS**</b>	
<b>4-H Junior Round Robin</b>	<b>Buckle</b>
<b>4-H Intermediate Round Robin</b>	<b>Buckle</b>
<b>4-H Senior Round Robin</b>	<b>Buckle</b>
<b>FFA Experienced Round Robin</b>	<b>Buckle</b>
<b>FFA Advanced Round Robin</b>	<b>Buckle</b>

## PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

### Rules & Guidelines:

1. Pre-Entry by AUGUST 15, 2025, IS REQUIRED.
2. Primary is for exhibitors from 5 to 9 years of age, as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current program year per CA State Rules.
3. Primary Showmanship is a carry-on show.
4. All Primary Showmanship animals must enter the grounds through Gate 9 and must be in a carrier, crate or on leash.
5. All Primary Showmanship animals must remain on grounds until load out.
6. Proof of ownership is not required. Exhibitors may use animals already entered in the livestock show.
7. Poultry must use animal already entered in the livestock show and have gone through PHI.
8. Primary showman can enter only in the Primary Showmanship division and may not be entered in the Junior Division.

### Awards:

Primary Showmanship is intended as an experiential opportunity. Exhibitors will not be placed. All exhibitors will receive participation ribbons.

### Poultry:

1. All birds must be inspected by the official PHI. No birds will be allowed on the grounds unless passed by the PHI. Infected birds will be dismissed before entering the Fair Grounds.
2. Poultry must use animal already entered in the livestock show and have gone through PHI.

### Pygmy Goats:

1. All Pygmy Goats must be properly dehorned.
2. All wether goats must be properly castrated with all wounds completely healed prior to check-in or animal will be disqualified.
3. **All Goats** must be registered and provide an original registration certificate at time of check in. Fair will not accept goats from Scrapie infected or source flocks, or animals that have been exposed to Scrapie unless they have been evaluated and approved for exhibition by the state Scrapie epidemiologist. **Scrapie Tag numbers must be included on the entry forms. Record both sides of the tag.** See Scrapie Tag Information and Instructions. Animals with missing or incorrect Scrapie Tags will be fined \$100.00.

### Rabbits:

1. All animals must be clean and free from any vermin or communicable diseases.

### Cavies:

1. All animals must be clean and free from any vermin or communicable diseases.

## DIVISION 7010 – PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

#### Class

1. Pygmy Goats
2. Poultry
3. Rabbits
4. Cavies

### SCRAPIE TAG INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Official Scrapie tag information is required for all sheep AND goats entered at the Tulare County Fair under the National Scrapie Eradication Program. This is a mandatory program and requires participation by all sheep and goat producers from all 50 states. It includes individual identification of animals (sheep and goats) with an ear tag or tattoo prior to changing ownership (so that animals can be traced) and to allow testing samples from sheep at slaughter facilities.

#### **What is a Scrapie Tag?**

Sheep and Goat producers will register and request from USDA approved individual official tags. These are referred to as scrapie tags and are required for:

- **All Sheep and Goats must be identified when changing ownership and prior to transport before a show, fair, petting zoo, or exhibition.**

#### **Exception to the use of Scrapie Tags:**

- **Registered goats that have a legible registry tattoo accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate do not require a scrapie tag if their tattoo is registered as a unique entity with the breed association and USDA-APHIS' Veterinary Services office.**

#### **Exhibiter must bring own reader.**

The scrapie tag identifies two specific tracking numbers:

- **Premise number;** also referred to flock, herd, or breeder identification. This number will be assigned by the Federal Government and follows a specific format.
  - The first two character of this number indicate the two-digit alpha state code. For example, if the animal was born in California the first two digits would be "CA". If the animal was from Oklahoma, the first two characters would be "OK".
  - The 4 to 5 digits that follow the alpha state designation is the premise number which has been assigned by the Federal Government for that specific livestock producer AND location.
- **Individual Animal Identification Number:** This is a numbering sequence to identify one animal from the specific premise. It may be one digit or several. This is a numbering sequence that is chosen by the breeder.
  - **Both sets of these numbers must be recorded on the Tulare County Fair Entry form.** This information is to be recorded from the actual tag that is located in the ear of your animal.
  - **Some breeders may use a tattoo method or a microchip.** If the requirements have been met these are acceptable ways per the Federal Government.
  - It is ILLEGAL to remove or tamper with the scrapie tag once it has been issued.

It is highly recommended that on your bill of sale for your purchased animal, the breeder indicates the Scrapie Tag information for inclusion on your entry form and to help resolve any issues that could arise. Be sure to bring your original Bill of Sale to the Tulare County Fair for reference as needed.

**How to Complete the Tulare County Fair Entry Form?** On the Tulare County Fair Entry Form, in the section labeled Scrapie # (Sheep/Goat) Brucellosis# (Dairy) form you will enter the Premise number followed by the individual animal number.

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Example number 1; based on the below sample tag: XX2373/1234 would be your entry.

Example number 2; where the XX on the below tag was identified as California:CA2373/1234 would be your entry.

The above entry indicates that animal was born in California at location 12345 (which is on file with the Federal Government) And 000123 is the individual animal number for this breed.

