



**August 8, 2025**

**Event Name: Tulare County Fair**

**Date of Event: September 10-14, 2025**

**Address of the Event: 620 South K St., Tulare, CA 93274**

To CDFA Dairy Cattle Exhibition Exemption Assessor,

We understand that the following minimum requirements must be met to qualify for a one-time exemption to hold a dairy exhibition event. The following is proposed to continue with the 2025 Tulare County Fair by considering the public health regarding H5N1, while including a known high-risk group of dairy cattle. We understand that the following minimum requirements are required to qualify for a one-time exemption to hold a dairy exhibition event. The specific biosecurity measures outlined below will be implemented to qualify for the one-time event exemption. These measures will reduce the risk of H5N1 exposure to participants, livestock, surrounding livestock communities, and the public.

Traceability: All cattle entries must bear official individual ID (have an 840 RFID ear tag in place). NPIN for the farm of origin will be required for each animal/group.

**Classes of Dairy Cattle Allowed to Show:**

- **Entries will be limited to Tulare County as indicated on the CDFA's H5N1 Regional Strategy.**
  - As of 7/25/2025, California has 80 quarantined dairies.
  - Non-lactating dairy cattle – Entry to the fairgrounds September 9, 2025, 6:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m., veterinary check upon entry (see details below).
  - Lactating Dairy Cattle – Entry to the fairgrounds will take place on Friday, September 12, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. All cattle will undergo a veterinary check upon entry (see details below). Lactating cattle will be released at 8:00 p.m. the same day. Trailers will not enter the fairgrounds; instead, they will pull up to Gate 7 on Martin Luther King Avenue, and cows will be walked directly onto the trailer.

**Describe Entry Testing Requirements if applicable:**

- **Non-lactating dairy cattle**
  - All non-lactating dairy cattle must have an individual negative Influenza A nasal swab test within 7 days of arriving at the Tulare County Fair.
  - A test must be conducted by an approved NAHLN laboratory and occur within 7 days of arriving at the Tulare County Fair.
- **Lactating dairy cattle**



- All lactating dairy cattle will be required to have an individual negative Influenza A PCR milk sample test. Must provide an individual cow sample.
- A test must be conducted by an approved NAHLN laboratory and occur within 7 days of arriving at the Tulare County Fair.

#### **Biosecurity Requirements for Exhibitors/Visitors:**

Dena Rizzardo, has been designated as the Biosecurity Manager for the event. The Biosecurity Manager will be responsible for ensuring that:

- All event space-specific biosecurity requirements are met.
- Attached is Dena Rizzardo's CDFA Exhibition Biosecurity Manager Training certificate of completion.
- Additional Biosecurity Education: As part of our ongoing Biosecurity Awareness Program, the Tulare County Fairgrounds will be distributing The Basics of Biosecurity - Farm Biosecurity to all Tulare County 4-H and FFA leaders and advisors. This effort aims to raise awareness and emphasize the importance of biosecurity practices across our agricultural community. In addition, this educational resource will be shared with the College of the Sequoias agricultural classes, whose students play a vital role in supporting our livestock shows and departments during fair week. Through this outreach initiative, we expect to engage approximately 1,200 individuals, including students, exhibitors, leaders, advisors, and educators.

#### **The designated biosecurity manager will ensure the following are met:**

- Biosecurity Signage: All barns will have clear signage in place reading: *VISITORS, PLEASE RESPECT FAIRGROUNDS BIOSECURITY – ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK, STAY ON CONCRETE PATHWAYS, DO NOT TOUCH LIVESTOCK, AND WASH YOUR HANDS UPON EXITING.*
- Hand and Foot Hygiene: Hand washing/hand sanitizing stations will be placed at all entry and exit points of dairy barns/show rings. Foot baths with disinfectants will be placed at all entrances and exits to the barn. Foot bath disinfectants will be changed as often as needed to maintain efficacy in accordance with manufacturer guidance and not less than once every 12 hours.
- Movement Compliance: In line with CDFA's H5N1 Regional Strategy (February 10, 2025), open heifers, feeders, and springers remaining within the Central Valley can move without restriction. All heifers shown and sold at the Tulare Fair will remain within the Central Valley and fully comply with current movement guidelines.
- Personal Equipment Protocol: Exhibitor equipment and supplies will not be shared between exhibitors unless they are from the same household or farm. This includes water buckets, feed pans, and similar items. Animals will be housed together from the same farm, not as clubs or chapters.



- **Poultry Exclusion:** The Tulare Fair has proactively cancelled its 2025 poultry show. No poultry will be allowed on the fairground premises to further minimize any cross-species transmission risk.
- **Separate Facilities:** The dairy barn and dairy show ring will remain completely separate from other livestock species on the fairgrounds.
- **Temperature Monitoring:** All cattle will undergo rectal temperature checks upon arrival. Any animal registering a temperature greater than 103°F will be prohibited from entry. Temperature checks will be conducted while the cattle remain inside the trailer, before unloading, at Gate 11 (south parking lot). If any animal on the trailer registers a temperature above 103°F, the entire trailer will be denied entry and must exit through Gate 13. No cattle from that trailer will be permitted to proceed to the livestock area for unloading.
- **Veterinary Clinical Inspection:** Dr. Matthew Sumner will inspect all animals being exhibited and must be free from clinical signs of H5N1 Bird Flu (no nasal discharge, lethargy, off feed, etc.).

**Minimum Biosecurity Requirements for the Facility Following the Show:**

- All bedding will be removed and disposed of in a location that has no contact with poultry, dairy animals, or wildlife and has no potential for runoff to animal facilities.
- Pens, livestock equipment, feed, and water troughs (Tulare County Fair does not own water troughs) will be cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant labeled for “Avian Influenza A Virus”.
- **Vehicle Biosecurity:** All transportation vehicles, including trailers, are expected to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected both before arriving at and after departing from the fairgrounds. Disinfection must include washing out the interior of the trailer and applying disinfectant to the tires, wheels, and wheel wells each time livestock is transported. This practice is essential to minimizing the risk of disease transmission.

Event managers and exhibitors assume their own risk for the potential for disease transmission while participating in the show.

*Dena Rizzardo*

Dena L. Rizzardo, CEO  
24<sup>th</sup> DAA / Tulare County Fair  
620 S. K Street  
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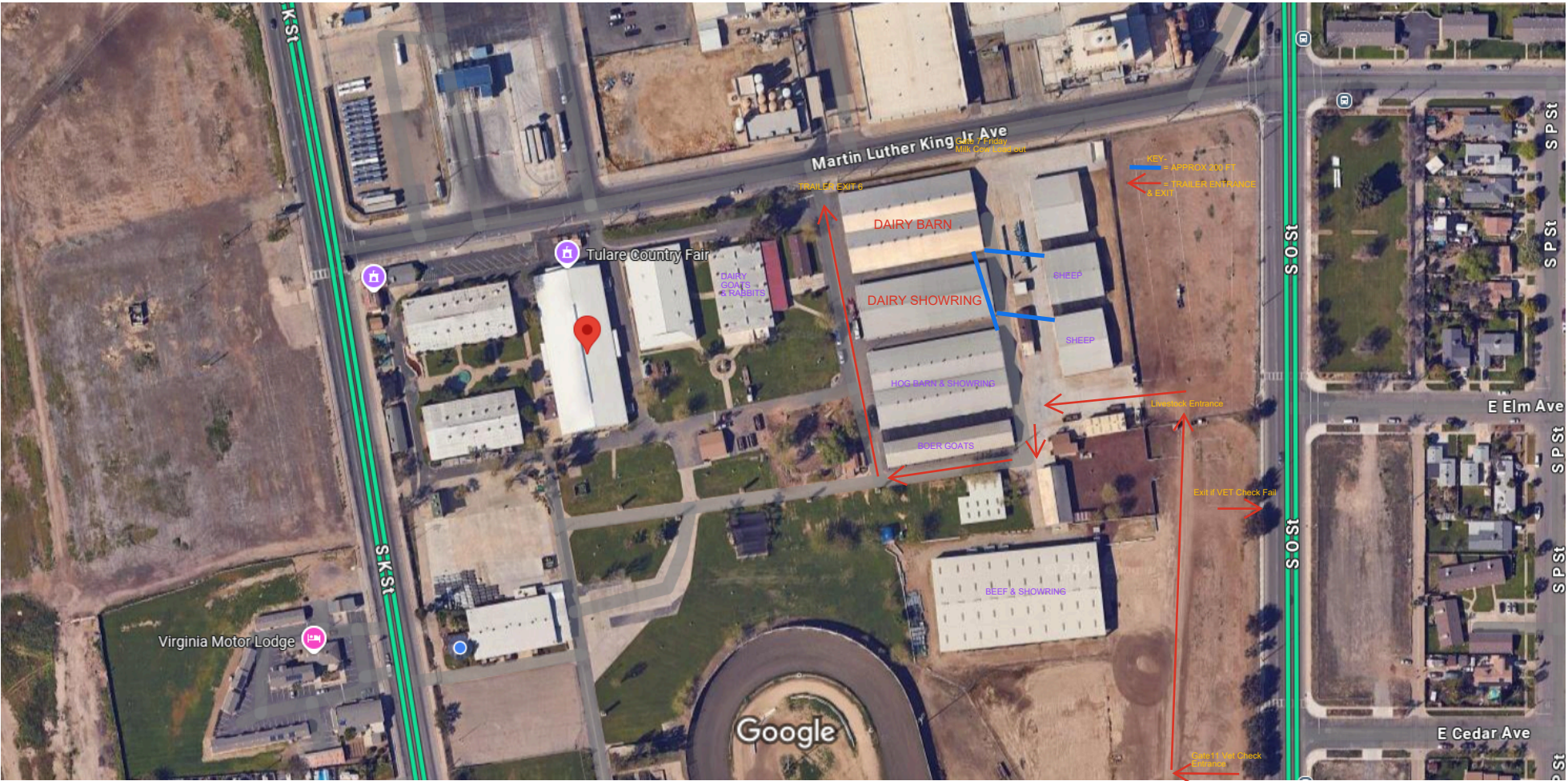
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Annette Jones, DVM  
State Veterinarian and Director  
Animal Health and Food Safety Services  
California Department of Food and Agriculture





620 S K St  
Tulare Fair Animal Housing Location



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Live traffic

Fast    Slow

# Certificate of Completion

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Dena Rizzardo

Has successfully completed the “The Basics of Biosecurity”  
module series presented by Iowa State University to meet:

**CDFA Exhibition Biosecurity Manager Training**

Laura J  
Bradley

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CDFA Veterinary  
Medical Officer



July 31, 2025

Date of Completion

**Valid for two (2) years.**



## 2025 Buyer Agreement & Release of Liability

I fully acknowledge and agree, as a buyer of livestock at the 24th District Agricultural Association / Tulare County Fair (24th DAA) Livestock Auction held on September 13 and 14, 2025, that the 24th DAA is acting solely as an agent in the sale of animals. The 24th DAA makes no guarantees regarding the health of any livestock sold.

The 24th DAA, including its directors, officers, agents, employees, contractors, and volunteers, shall not be held liable for any illness, injury, or loss resulting from the spread of infectious diseases related to livestock purchased at this event.

Buyers are strongly advised to quarantine all purchased animals for a minimum of thirty (30) days upon arrival at their property and to consult with a licensed veterinarian before introducing any new livestock to their existing herd.

I verify this statement by placing my initials here: Sample

I forever release the Fair, the State, California Fair Services Authority ("CFSA"), the County, the Lessor, and any fair-affiliated organization, along with their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives (collectively "Releasees") from any and all liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, claims, demands, or damages of any kind whatsoever that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse, and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, illness, death, or property damage related to (i) my participation in these activities, (ii) the purchase or ownership of preowned livestock, including any illness or death caused by said livestock, (iii) the negligence or other acts of any Releasee, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused, or (iv) the condition of the premises where these activities occur, whether or not I am then participating in the activities.

I also agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of any Releasee in connection with any of the matters covered by the foregoing release.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY THAT THIS IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF, AND THE FAIR, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CFSA, THE COUNTY, AND THE LESSOR, AND SIGN IT ON MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed at 24<sup>th</sup> DAA/Tulare County Fairgrounds on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2025.

Buyer # Sample

Buyer Name:

Address:

Signature: Sample

Date: Sample









# Tulare County Fair Dairy Exhibition Exemption

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## Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Q & A - 2025 Tulare County Fair

- **Q: When is the Tulare County Fair?**

A: The Tulare County Fair will be held from September 10–14, 2025, at 620 South K Street, Tulare, CA 93274.

- **Q: Who is eligible to show dairy cattle?**

A: Entries are limited to Tulare County residents as outlined in the Tulare County Fair Exhibitor Handbook and CDFA's H5N1 Dairy Exemption.

- **Q: What types of dairy cattle can be shown?**

A: Both non-lactating and lactating dairy cattle can be shown, following the specified check-in and release schedules.

- **Q: When do non-lactating dairy cattle arrive?**

A: Non-lactating dairy cattle must arrive Monday, September 8, 2025, between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. via Gate 11 for veterinary check and rectal temperature screening.

- **Q: When do lactating dairy cattle arrive and leave?**

A: Lactating dairy cattle must arrive Friday, September 12, 2025, between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. via Gate 11 for vet check and rectal temperature screening. They will be released the same day after the show through Gate 7 (MLK Ave). Cows will be walked to trailers. No trailer entry into the fairgrounds.

- **Q: What are the testing requirements for non-lactating dairy cattle?**

A: They must have an individual negative Influenza A nasal swab test conducted by an approved NAHLN lab within 7 days prior to arrival. The earliest date for a nasal swab is September 2, 2025, to be eligible for the fair.

- **Q: What are the testing requirements for lactating dairy cattle?**

A: They must have an individual negative Influenza A PCR milk sample test conducted by an approved NAHLN lab within 7 days prior to arrival. The earliest date for pulling a PCR sample is September 5, 2025, to be eligible for the fair.





## Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Q & A - 2025 Tulare County Fair

- **Q: What if my replacement heifer calves “BEFORE” the fair?**

A: If your replacement heifer calves before the fair, you will be required to bring your heifer on Friday, September 12, 2025, with the lactating cows. You will need to have an individual negative Influenza A PCR milk sample test conducted by an approved NAHLN lab within 7 days prior to arrival. The earliest date for pulling a PCR sample is September 5, 2025, to be eligible for the fair.

- **Q: Who do I contact to have my dairy cattle tested?**

A: You need to work with your local veterinarian. Your veterinarian will perform both the Influenza A nasal swab test for heifers and the Influenza A PCR milk sample test. Your veterinarian will fill out the proper paperwork and send the test off to the approved NAHLN lab.

- **Q: What do the tests cost?**

A: The USDA covers the costs of the tests; you will be responsible for paying the veterinarian for his/her time, supplies, and/or shipping costs for the tests.

- **Q: What do I need to provide the veterinarian before testing?**

A: You will need to provide the veterinarian with a Premises ID and the EID number associated with the heifer or cow. This information must be included on the form that the veterinarian submits to the NAHLN lab with the test. If you do not already have a Premises ID, you will need to register for one through the [CDFA - Home Page](#)

- **Q: What if my replacement heifer calves “AT” the fair?**

A: If your replacement heifer calves at the fair, your heifer has been tested and cleared by the veterinarian. The milk parlor will be open for these few heifers; milk will be picked up and will go to the calf ranch. You need to take every precaution to clean your equipment and take care of your newly freshened heifer.

- **Q: Who is the Biosecurity Manager?**

A: Dena Rizzardo is the designated Biosecurity Manager for the event. As we partner with the CDFA Animal Health and Food Safety Services, we strongly encourage all exhibitors to watch [The Basics of Biosecurity - Farm Biosecurity](#)



## Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Q & A - 2025 Tulare County Fair

- **Q: What happens if a dairy heifer or cow has a temperature greater than 103°F?**

A: If any heifer or cow on a trailer registers over 103°F during check-in, the entire trailer will be denied entry and must leave through Gate 13. No animals from that trailer will be allowed to unload. Strongly recommended that you check temperatures before leaving home. No one should be bringing sick livestock onto the fairgrounds for any reason, no matter the species.

- **Q: Who performs the veterinary inspection?**

A: Dr. Matthew Sumner and his staff will inspect all animals to ensure they are free of H5N1 symptoms before entry. While there is no way to eliminate all risk, we are committed to implementing the highest possible safety measures to protect all producers and exhibitors while working toward and returning to normal operations.

- **Q: What happens after the show regarding barn cleaning?**

A: All bedding will be removed and disposed of away from livestock and poultry. Pens and equipment will be disinfected with Avian Influenza A-labeled disinfectant.

- **Q: What is the dairy cattle show schedule?**

A: Wednesday, Sept 10: Dairy Showmanship (4-H then FFA) followed by Supreme Showmanship Dairy Presentation at 10:00 a.m. in East Showring. Thursday, Sept 11: Dairy Heifer Show & Non-Milking Jr. 2 Yr Olds at 10:00 a.m. in East Showring. Friday, Sept 12: Dairy Milk Cow Classes at 3:00 p.m. in East Showring. Milk cows are released after the show.

- **Q: What if I choose not to show my yearling at the 2025 Tulare County Fair? Am I still eligible to show her as a replacement heifer in 2026 if she is contracted?**

A: No. Unfortunately, the Replacement Heifer program is a two-year program, and one of the qualifications is to show your heifer as a yearling and have her on display for the public. You would need to contract, enter, and show a yearling in the 2026 fair, and that yearling would then need to qualify for the Replacement Heifer Show and Sale in 2027.

- **Q: What should buyers know about livestock purchases?**

A: Livestock purchased at the auction is not guaranteed for health. Buyers should quarantine all purchased animals for at least 30 days and consult a veterinarian before introducing them to their herd.



**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE**  
*(Subject to change)*  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**All Market and Breeding Animals**

**SUNDAY, September 7**

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Early move-in Tack & Bedding ONLY (no animals)**

**NOTE: NO SECURITY WILL BE ON THE GROUNDS**

Livestock Office Closed Sunday

**MONDAY, September 8**

6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Hog Load-In. Hogs must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.

All other livestock, **EXCLUDING DAIRY & POULTRY**, may load in.

Exhibitor check-in & registration papers check-in. *Livestock Office*

Hog Weigh-In (weigh-in order will be posted)

*Livestock Barns Close & Gates Lock*

**TUESDAY, September 9**

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

All Dairy cattle load in EXCLUDING LACTATING COWS. Vet check and rectal temp required on all cattle before entering the livestock area.

Replacement heifers vet check at this time. Gate 11 (O Street)

All Rabbits Received (Rabbits Exhibitors Only Enter Gate 5, Exit Gate 6)

Exhibitors' check-in & registration papers check in *Livestock Office*

Beef, Sheep, and Goat Load-in.

Beef, Sheep, and Goats are to be on the grounds by 3:00 p.m.

Rabbit Showmanship, followed by Market, followed by breeding, *Fur & Feather Building*

Market Goat & Commercial Doe Kid Weigh-In followed by Sheep Weigh-In (by club or chapter)

Vet Check & neck chains Commercial Beef Bred Heifers *Beef Barn*

Beef Weigh-In followed by feeder calves & Grade Heifers, *Beef Scale*

*Livestock Barns Close & Gates Lock*

**WEDNESDAY, September 10**

5:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

Livestock Parking Gates Open

Market Goat Show, (Peewee followed by FFA followed by 4-H) *West Show Showring*

4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship, followed by FFA Dairy Cattle Showmanship, followed by Supreme Showmanship Dairy Presentation *East Showring*

Poultry Knowledge Contest Show *Fur & Feathers Building*

Feeder Hog Show (4-H & FFA together), followed by Market Hog Show (4-H followed by FFA), *West Showring*

Boer Goat Showmanship, followed by Sheep Showmanship (Peewee, followed by 4-H, followed by FFA), *East Showring*

*Livestock Barns Close*

**THURSDAY, September 11**

5:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

Livestock Parking Gates Open

Feeder Lamb Show (FFA & 4-H together) followed by Market Lamb Show (FFA followed by 4-H), followed by breeding sheep show, *West Show Showring*

Dairy Heifer Show & Non-Milking Jr. 2 Yr Olds (Classes 1-8)

4-H & FFA Classes will alternate Registered, Grade & 4-H/FFA

AOB show together show schedule to be posted, *East Showring*

Hog Showmanship (Peewee, followed by 4-H, followed by FFA), Showmanship *Hog West Showring*

*Livestock Barns Close*



**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE**  
*(Subject to change)*  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**All Market and Breeding Animals**

**FRIDAY, September 12**

5:00 a.m.

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, September 13**

5:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, September 14**

5:00 a.m.

7:00-9:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 p.m.

Livestock Parking Gates Open

All Lactating Dairy cattle load in. Vet check and rectal temp required on all cattle before entering the livestock area. Gate 11 (O Street)

Dairy Goat Breeding Classes, followed by Showmanship, followed by Pee wee Showmanship, followed by Pygmy Goat Breeding Show, followed by Pygmy Goat Showmanship *West Showing*  
 Market Steers (FFA followed by 4-H), followed by Market Heifers, followed by Feeder Steer Show & Replacement Beef Heifers, followed by Beef Breeding, followed by Showmanship, followed by Pee wee Showmanship, *Beef Showing*

Primary Showmanship *Small Animal Barn*

Dairy Milk Cow Classes and 2-year-olds in Milk (Classes 9-13) 4-H & FFA Classes will alternate Registered, Grade & 4-H/FFA AOB show together show schedule to be posted, *East Showing* Milk Cows released Out Gate 7 (MLK Ave). Cows are to be walked out Gate onto the Trailer. No trailers will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Make arrangements with Livestock Superintendent.

Small Animal Round Robin (Exhibitors check in at Fur & Feathers Building) Rabbits & Poultry will be shown in *Fur and Feathers Building*, Pygmy Goats *West Showing*

Supreme Champion Drive - *Participants must fill out a form to participate in the drive, obtain and return it to the livestock office.*

Exhibitors Meet at the Livestock Office at 5:45 p.m.

Order of Drive-

1. Dairy Supreme Presentations followed by the Max Corbett Award
2. Selection of Overall Supreme & Reserve Supreme-
  - a. Beef Replacement Heifers,
  - b. Market Steers
  - c. Market Goats
  - d. Market Sheep
  - e. Market Swine

*West Showing*

*Livestock Barns Close*

Livestock Parking Gates Open

Buyer Pre-Registration opens.

FFA & 4-H Market Steer, Beef Replacement Heifer, and Dairy Heifer Replacement Sale

(Those animals sold in the sale scheduled for live pickup can pick up their purchases after the sale until 4 p.m. Only at Gate 7, located on MLK St. No Trucks or Trailers allowed on the fairgrounds.)

Large animal Round Robin (*Participants meet at East Showing*)

Parent Round Robin after Round Robin Sign-up at Showing Side

\$10.00 Entry Fee *East Showing*

*Livestock Barns Close*

Livestock Parking Gates Open

Exhibitors' breakfast, *Bud Light Stage (presented by Tulare County Sheriff Posse)*

Buyer Pre-Registration at the *Beef Showing*

Junior Livestock Auction

2025 Tulare County Fair Closes

**Livestock will not be released from the fairgrounds until Monday, September 15, 2025. GATES will OPEN at 5:30 AM. The exhibitor is responsible for the care of livestock until off the grounds. Exhibitors do not need to clean out stalls, but all alleyways must be cleaned before release!**