

Tulare County Fair
2026 Market Livestock
Competitive Handbook

**INCLUDES SMALL AND LARGE
MARKET LIVESTOCK
AND SHOWMANSHIP**



Dear Exhibitor:

Welcome to the 2026 Tulare County Fair!

We are thrilled you have decided to enter this year. This year's Fair dates are **September 16-20, 2026.**

Small & Large Market Livestock & Showmanship Entry Deadlines-

- **Market beef entries and commercial bred beef heifer close May 19, 2026**
- **Market hogs, market lambs, and market goats close on July 17, 2026**
- **Market rabbits and poultry close on August 16, 2026.**
- **Livestock breeding & feeder projects and showmanship, entries close Friday, August 21, 2026.**
- **Fine arts, home arts, junior exhibits, and photography close on Friday, August 21, 2026.**

Parking & Entry Passes

All parking passes and discounted admission will be available online in mid to late July for the 2026 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 19th starting at 11 a.m. The JLA Auction will be held on Sunday, September 20th 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 20th, 2026, through ShoWorks or at the livestock office starting Saturday, September 12-15, 2026.

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!

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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 [2026 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.
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 or for general information please go to www.tcfair.org.

Violation of State or Federal Law

If law enforcement finds an exhibitor in violation of any California State or Federal law, while participating in the Tulare County Fair, the exhibitor will be immediately disqualified from all competitions. All exhibits (livestock and still) belonging to the exhibitor must be removed from the fairgrounds. In addition, the exhibitor will be prohibited from participating in the Tulare County Fair for a period of one (1) year following the violation.

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 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 2026.
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.

12. 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
13. 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
14. 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.
15. Confirm: your entries are not submitted until you type YES in the box and click submit.
16. Summary: Print the Detailed Receipt Summary by clicking the Detailed Receipt Button.
17. 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 [2026 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 2026 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 31st 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 respected 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 16th. 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

1. **All exhibitors are required to write and submit to the office a thank you note for awards, for add-ons and to buyers.**
2. Thank you, cards must be turned into the Fair Office, at the time that exhibitors pick up their checks.
3. Add-on and buyer names will be available on Monday, September 21st from the livestock office. Advisors/leaders may pick up their thank you lists after 3:00 pm on September 21st; 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

1. 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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. 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.
6. **Replacement tags prior to specie entry deadline- Exhibitor can purchase a replacement tag from the fair office for \$5.00.**
7. **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.**

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 14th.**
4. A replaced animal is not eligible for any champion classes (including Breed/weight 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 a tag exhibitor needs to 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 2026 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 Premium Meats.
 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.

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.

COMMERCIAL BRED HEIFER

Entry Fee: \$20.00

1. Heifers entered in this class must be owned and under the daily care of the exhibitor for a period of 120 days prior to the first day of Fair.
2. Heifers must be a minimum of 20 months old with a maximum age of 28 months on opening day of Fair. Heifers must not calve before Fair and must be due to calve no later than December 1, 2026.
3. All heifers will be weighed on the fair scales, and weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs.
4. Exhibitors are limited to three entries. Only one animal may be brought to fairgrounds.
5. No commercial heifer can be entered in any other division or under more than one exhibitor.
6. **Copy of Bill of Sale and/or Brand Inspection are required in order for application to be accepted (yellow slips must have brand inspectors name and date included)**
7. Heifers do not have to be pre tagged; they will receive a neck chain during pregnancy check, but they do need to have pictures submitted by the entry deadline.
8. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have five or fewer entries.

DIVISION 5000 – COMMERCIAL BRED HEIFERS

CLASS

1. All Commercial Bred Heifers

AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Heifer	Champion Buckle, Banner, Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer	Banner and Rosette
1st – 5th Place	Ribbons Only

MARKET STEER

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per Entry

1. All Market Steer exhibitors must have a brand inspection and/or a bill of sale showing 120 consecutive day ownership, or a bred and owned statement. This proof of ownership and a brand inspection must be presented at scale before animal can be weighed.
2. Horned animals will be disqualified. 4" scurs are permitted.
3. Market Steer to be weighed with standard tie halter. Use of chain or unduly heavy lead ropes prohibited.
4. Market Steer must be a minimum of 1,050 lbs. to qualify to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Maximum of 1,500 lbs.
5. Halters are to be left on steers sold at the auction.
6. Any Market Steer not weighing the minimum will be disqualified from the market show and sale but will be moved the appropriate feeder class and still eligible for showmanship.
7. Any Market Steer over the maximum will be disqualified from the market show and sale but may still participate in showmanship.
8. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have five or fewer entries.

DIVISION 6000 – FFA MARKET ENGLISH-ANGUS, HEREFORD, SHORTHORN, RED ANGUS, (REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED)

DIVISION 6001 – FFA MARKET BLACK/BLACK X

DIVISION 6002 – FFA MARKET ALL OTHER COLORS

DIVISION 6006 – 4-H MARKET ENGLISH-ANGUS, HEREFORD, SHORTHORN, RED ANGUS, (REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED)

DIVISION 6007 – 4-H MARKET BLACK/BLACK X

DIVISION 6008 – 4-H MARKET ALL OTHER COLORS

Class

1. Market steer

MARKET HEIFER

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per Entry

1. All Market Heifer exhibitors must have a brand inspection and/or a bill of sale showing 120 consecutive day ownership, or a bred and owned statement. This proof of ownership and a brand inspection must be presented at scale before animal can be weighed.
2. Horned animals will be disqualified. 4" scurs are permitted.
3. Market Heifer to be weighed with standard tie halter. Use of chain or unduly heavy lead ropes prohibited.
4. Market Heifer must be a minimum of 1,050 lbs. to qualify to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
5. Halters are to be left on heifers sold at the auction.
6. Any Market Heifer not weighing the minimum 1,050 lbs. will be moved the appropriate market steer feeder class and still qualify for showmanship.
7. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have five or fewer entries.
8. Top 2 market heifers will compete for Supreme Champion Market Beef against the market steer grand and reserve champions.

DIVISION 6013 – Market Heifer

Class

1. Market Heifer

BEEF AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Market Beef	Champion Buckle Banner and Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Beef	Buckle, Banner & Rosette
FFA Grand Champion	Rosette
FFA Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
Breed Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Market/Not Market Ready	Ribbons

CARCASS CONTEST

No Pre-entry required

Entry Fee: None

1. All cattle sold at the Junior Livestock Auction and consigned to the commercial processing plant will be judged.
2. To qualify for an award, carcasses must meet the following judging standards requirements:
 - a. Dressing percentage must be 60-69%
 - b. Level 1 Prime or Choice, Yield Grade 1 & 2, 650-900# carcass
 - c. Level 2 Prime or Choice, Yield Grade 3, 600- 900# carcass
3. All exhibitors will be required to view their carcasses, as a group, on a date TBD following the fair.

DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per Class

OPEN TO TULARE COUNTY JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors completing their dairy entries online will only need to complete the online entry submission for replacement heifers selling in 2026 & 2027, no other contract needed. Heifers selling in 2025 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 5110-5115 for heifers selling in 2026
 - Divisions 5120-5125 for heifers selling in 2027
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 premiums and 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 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 15, 2026, at 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!
 9. All Substitutes must be within the same division. For example, 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.
 12. **Only non-fresh springers are eligible to compete for the Max Corbett Award.**
 13. All heifers selling must have four good quarters and will be inspected during vet check Tuesday prior to the show, those that are deemed not to have four good quarters will be not eligible for sale.
 14. All heifers selling must calve by December 1st or they are not eligible for sale in the dairy heifer replacement auction.
 15. **All replacement heifers that calve 30 days before the fair must contact a replacement committee member within 24 hrs. of calving for inspection to determine eligibility of sale.**

DAIRY CATTLE – WILL BE SELLING IN 2026

DIVISION 5110 - 2026 FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN

DIVISION 5111 - 2026 FFA GRADE HOLSTEIN

DIVISION 5112 – 2026 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN

DIVISION 5113 - 2026 4-H GRADE HOLSTEIN

DIVISION 5114 - 2026 4-H/FFA REGISTERED ALL OTHER BREEDS

DIVISION 5115 - 2026 4-H/FFA GRADE ALL OTHER BREEDS

DAIRY CATTLE – WILL BE SELLING IN 2027

- DIVISION 5120** - 2027 FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN
- DIVISION 5121** - 2027 FFA GRADE HOLSTEIN
- DIVISION 5122** – 2027 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN
- DIVISION 5123** - 2027 4-H GRADE HOLSTEIN
- DIVISION 5124** - 2027 4-H/FFA REGISTERED ALL OTHER BREEDS
- DIVISION 5125** - 2027 4-H/FFA GRADE ALL OTHER BREEDS

Class

1. Spring Heifer Calf – Mar 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026
2. Winter Heifer Calf – Dec 1, 2025 – Feb 28, 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calf – Sept 1, 2025 – Nov 30, 2024
4. Summer Yearling Heifer – Jun 1, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer – Mar 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer – Dec 1, 2024 – Feb 28, 2025
7. Fall Yearling Heifer – Sept 1, 2024 – Nov 30, 2024
8. Jr. 2-Year-Old non-milking – Mar 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2024
9. Jr. 2-Year-Old milking – Mar 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2024
10. Sr. 2-Year-Old – Sept 1, 2023 – Feb 29, 2024
11. 3 Yr. Old Cow – Sept 1, 2022 – Aug 31, 2023
12. 4 Yr. Old Cow – Sept 1, 2021 – Aug 31, 2022
13. Aged Cow Born Prior to Sept 2021
14. Daughter - A dam and her daughter
15. Produce of Dam - 2 head-any age-same dam
16. Pair of Females - Same breed, owned by exhibitor

AWARDS	
Max Corbett Champion Replacement Heifer Milk Can	
Supreme Champion Registered Female	Buckle, Banner, Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Registered Female	Banner and Rosette
Supreme Champion Grade Female	Buckle, Banner, Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Grade Female	Banner and Rosette
Champion Female (Each Division)	Rosette
Reserve Champ Female (Each Division)	Rosette
Junior Champion Female (Each Division)	Rosette
Reserve Junior Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Senior Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Reserve Senior Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
1st – 5th Place	Ribbons

MARKET HOG DEPARTMENT

**** NO PARENTS OR BREEDER’S ARE ALLOWED IN ANY RING-SIDE HOLDING PENS****

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per Class

1. All Hogs will be assigned based upon two (2) hogs per pen, within the Chapter or Club.
2. Only animals from Pseudorabies negative herds allowed.
3. Market Hogs must be a minimum of 220 lbs. & a maximum of 280 lbs. to qualify to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
4. Hogs under 220 lbs. will show in the feeder hog class. Hogs weighing over 280 lbs. will be eligible for showmanship only.
5. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have three or fewer entries.

- DIVISION 6300** - FFA MARKET DUROC HOG
- DIVISION 6301** - FFA MARKET HAMPSHIRE HOG
- DIVISION 6302** - FFA MARKET YORKSHIRE HOG
- DIVISION 6303** - FFA MARKET ALL OTHER BREED HOG

- DIVISION 6304** - FFA MARKET LIGHT CROSS BRED HOG
- DIVISION 6305** - FFA MARKET DARK CROSS BRED HOG
- DIVISION 6306** - 4-H MARKET DUROC HOG
- DIVISION 6307** - 4-H MARKET HAMPSHIRE HOG
- DIVISION 6308** - 4-H MARKET YORKSHIRE HOG
- DIVISION 6309** - 4-H MARKET ALL OTHER BREED HOG
- DIVISION 6310** - 4-H MARKET LIGHT CROSS BRED HOG
- DIVISION 6311** - 4-H MARKET DARK CROSS BRED HOG

Class

1. Market Hog

AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Market Hog	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Hog	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
FFA Grand Champion	Rosette
FFA Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
Breed Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Market/Not Market Ready	Ribbons

MARKET LAMB DEPARTMENT

**** NO PARENTS OR BREEDER'S ARE ALLOWED IN ANY RING-SIDE HOLDING PENS****

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per Class

1. All lambs are to be 'slick sheared' with no more than ten days fleece (1/4"). Fleece length will be checked at the scales, lambs with more than 1/4" fleece will not be weighed.
2. Lambs' teeth must be present.
3. Market Lambs must be a minimum of 110 lbs. & a maximum of 160 lbs. to qualify to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Lambs weighing over 160 lbs. will be eligible for showmanship only.
4. Market lambs less than the minimum of 110 lbs. will be placed in the appropriate feeder class.
5. Management reserves the right to further break down classes if entries warrant.
6. Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes that have five or fewer entries.
7. **Scrapie Tag Policy- A \$100.00 fine will be implemented to those exhibitors that DO NOT include the entire scrapie tag number with their entry (scrapie tag includes-a premise number; also referred to as a flock, herd, or breeder identification + #'s). Scrapie tag information and instructions are on the last page of the exhibitor handbook for reference. If your animal does not have a scrapie tag you ineligible for show and sale at the Tulare County Fair.**

- DIVISION 6200** – FFA MARKET HAMPSHIRE LAMB
- DIVISION 6201** – FFA MARKET SUFFOLK LAMB
- DIVISION 6202** – FFA MARKET NATURAL COLOR LAMB
- DIVISION 6203** – FFA MARKET ALL OTHER BREED LAMB
- DIVISION 6204** – FFA MARKET SPECKLE/BROCKLE FACE LAMB
- DIVISION 6205** – FFA MARKET BLACK CROSS BREED LAMB
- DIVISION 6206** – 4-H MARKET HAMPSHIRE LAMB
- DIVISION 6207** – 4-H MARKET SUFFOLK LAMB
- DIVISION 6208** – 4-H MARKET NATURAL COLOR LAMB
- DIVISION 6209** – 4-H MARKET ALL OTHER BREED LAMB
- DIVISION 6210** – 4-H MARKET SPECKLE/BROCKLE FACE LAMB
- DIVISION 6211** – 4-H MARKET BLACK CROSS BREED LAMB

Class

1. Market Lamb

AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Market Lamb	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Lamb	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
FFA Grand Champion	Rosette
FFA Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
Breed Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion (Each Division)	Rosette
Market/Not Market Ready	Ribbons

MARKET GOAT DEPARTMENT

**** NO PARENTS OR BREEDER'S ARE ALLOWED IN ANY RING-SIDE HOLDING PENS****

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per Class

1. Meat Goats may not be entered in the Dairy or Pygmy Goat Division.
2. After weigh-in market goats will be divided into weight lots with the 65 to 115 pounds' limitations.
3. Any Market Goats not making weight are eligible to show in feeder class.
4. Market Goats less than 65 pounds or more that 115 will not sell at auction.
5. Market goats weighing over 115 lbs. are eligible for showmanship only.
6. **Scrapie Tag Policy- A \$100.00 fine will be implemented to those exhibitors that DO NOT include the entire scrapie tag number with their entry (scrapie tag includes-a premise number; also referred to as a flock, herd, or breeder identification + #'s). Scrapie tag information and instructions are on the last page of the exhibitor handbook for reference. If your animal does not have a scrapie tag you ineligible for show and sale at the Tulare County Fair.**

DIVISION 6600 – FFA Market Goat, Boer influenced

DIVISION 6601 – 4-H Market Goat, Boer influenced

Class

1. Market Goat

AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Market Goat	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Goat	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
FFA Grand Champion	Rosette
FFA Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Grand Champion	Rosette
4-H Reserve Grand Champion	Rosette
Market/Not Market Ready	Ribbons

LARGE ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

LATE FEE: \$10.00 PER ENTRY AFTER THE AUGUST 21, 2026, DEADLINE

1. Showmanship classes have to 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 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 place winners from each class, including 4-H Novice & FFA Novice, will be called back to compete for 4-H Supreme Champion Showman & 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. The exhibitor's age on January 1st of the current 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 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 – 9th - 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

AWARDS FOR EACH CLASS	
1st Place	Ribbons
2nd Place	Ribbons
3rd Place	Ribbons
4th 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.

AWARDS	
4-H Junior Round Robin	Buckle
4-H Intermediate Round Robin	Buckle
4-H Senior Round Robin	Buckle
FFA Experienced Round Robin	Buckle
Advanced Round Robin	Buckle

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY 5:00 PM, AUGUST 21, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

LATE FEE: \$10.00 PER ENTRY AFTER THE AUGUST 21, 2026, 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

AWARDS	
1ST Place Each Class	Ribbon
Pee Wee Champion (each specie)	Buckle

MARKET POULTRY DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 PER ENTRY PER CLASS

LIMIT: 2 Chicken Meat Pens per Exhibitor DANISH SYSTEM JUDGING

RULES:

1. **WEIGHTS:** Minimum 4 pounds – Maximum 7 pounds ***Birds will be weighed AFTER they are inspected and before they are penned. Only birds making weight will be allowed to enter poultry barn and remain on fairgrounds.

They shall have only one weigh-in.

2. Chicken meat pens consist of two (2) birds of the same breed and sex. Birds not to exceed 10 weeks of age.
3. Leg bands indicated on entry forms must identify each bird.
4. Sold meat pens must go custom.

DIVISION 6700 – CHICKEN MEAT PENS

Class

1. All Meat Pens

AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Meat Pen	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Pen	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Market/Not Market Ready	Ribbons

*There will be no premiums paid on meat pens.

MARKET RABBIT DEPARTMENT

LIMIT: 2 Meat Pens per Exhibitor
ENTRY FEE \$20.00 PER PEN/PER CLASS

RULES:

1. Meat pens consist of 3 rabbits, all the same breed and variety, not over 70 days old, and weighing between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 lbs. each. List all 3 ear markings on the Entry Form and send only one entry fee per pen.
2. A Bill of Sale or statement certifying that rabbits were bred by exhibitor showing a minimum of 30 days ownership required at weigh-in.
3. Rabbits must have ear tattoos.
4. Sold meat pens go custom.

DIVISION 6800 – RABBIT MEAT PENS

Class

1. All Meat Pens

AWARDS	
Supreme Champion Meat Pen	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Pen	Buckle, Banner, and Rosette
Market/Not Market Ready	Ribbons

SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY 5:00 PM, AUGUST 21, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per Entry

LATE FEE: \$10.00 PER ENTRY AFTER THE AUGUST 21, 2026, DEADLINE

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. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. The exhibitor's age on January 1st of the program year will be used to determine eligibility unless otherwise noted.
10. 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

(Youth under 9 years of age see Primary Showmanship on page 20)

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

AWARDS FOR EACH SPECIE	
1st Place	Ribbon
2nd Place	Ribbon
3rd Place	Ribbon
1st – 5th Place	Ribbon
4-H Supreme Champion	Rosette
FFA Supreme Champion	Rosette

SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN 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. 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 circumstance 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
 - c. Designated species by contest chairman and committee.
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. Disqualification of contestants from the contest will include:

10. Communication, assistance, signing or cueing from observers or audience members outside the ring.
11. 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:
 - b. 1st infraction – bright yellow card inserted under armband.
 - c. 2nd infraction – bright red card inserted under armband. (last warning)
 - d. 3rd infraction – Removal of contestant and contestant is not eligible for awards. Advisor/leader to hold or take animal to the pen.

Rules & Guidelines:

1. Primary is for exhibitors from 5 to 9 years of age, as of January 1st of the current program year per CA State Rules.
2. Primary Showmanship is a carry-on show.
3. All Primary Showmanship animals must enter the grounds through Gate 9 and must be in a carrier, crate or on leash.
4. All Primary Showmanship animals must remain on grounds until load out time.
5. Proof of ownership is not required. Exhibitors may use animals already entered in the livestock show.
6. Poultry must use animal already entered in the livestock show and have gone through PHI.
7. 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.

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 are subject to disqualification.
4. **Scrapie Tag Policy- A \$100.00 fine will be implemented to those exhibitors that DO NOT include the entire scrapie tag number with their entry (scrapie tag includes-a premise number; also referred to as a flock, herd, or breeder identification + #'s). Scrapie tag information and instructions are on the last page of the exhibitor handbook for reference.**

Rabbits:

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

AWARDS	
4-H Junior Round Robin	BUCKLE
4-H Intermediate Round Robin	BUCKLE
4-H Senior Round Robin	BUCKLE
FFA Experienced Round Robin	BUCKLE
FFA Advanced Round Robin	BUCKLE

PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

DIVISION 7010 – PRIMARY SHOWMANSHIP

Class

1. Pygmy Goats
2. Poultry
3. Rabbits

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.** As long as 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

on the Tulare County Fair labeled Scrapie # (Dairy) form you will enter the by the individual animal

- Example number 1; sample tag: your entry.
- Example number 2; below tag was CA2373/1234 would

The above entry indicates that California at location 12345 Federal Government) and animal number for this



County Fair Entry Form Entry Form, in the section (Sheep/Goat) Brucellosis# Premise number followed number.

based on the below XX2373/1234 would be

where the XX on the identified as California: be your entry.

animal was born in (which is on file with the 000123 is the individual breeder.

