



# MARKET LIVESTOCK

## 2026 Competition Guide

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# 2026 Livestock Show Timetable

## MARKET SHOWS AT A GLANCE

**Please note: If a show is scheduled to begin prior to the opening of OC Fair, only individuals with livestock wristband credentials will have access to the show. All other visitors must wait until OC Fair opens to watch the competition.**

SPECIES	ARRIVAL	WEIGH-IN	JUDGING	SHOWMANSHIP	RELEASE
Market Goats	Monday, July 20 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Tuesday, July 21 Following lambs	Wednesday, July 22 Following lambs	Thursday, July 23 Following lambs	Sunday, July 26 9 p.m.
Market Lambs	Monday, July 20 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Tuesday, July 21 Approximately 1 p.m.	Wednesday, July 22 Following hogs	Thursday, July 23 Following hogs	Sunday, July 26 9 p.m.
Market Beef	Monday, July 20 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Tuesday, July 21 Approximately 11:30 a.m.	Wednesday, July 22 10:15 a.m.	Thursday, July 23 10:15 a.m.	Sunday, July 26 9 p.m.
Market Hogs	Monday, July 20 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Tuesday, July 21 9:30 a.m.	Wednesday, July 22 Following beef	Thursday, July 23 Following beef	Sunday, July 26 9 p.m.
Market Rabbit Pens	Tuesday, July 21 7-9 a.m.	Tuesday, July 21 7-9 a.m.	Tuesday, July 21 2 p.m.		Tuesday, July 21 At the conclusion of the show; excludes Champions
Market Turkeys & Boiler Pens	PHI Tuesday, July 21 7-9 a.m.	Tuesday, July 21 7-9 a.m.	Tuesday, July 21 3 p.m. Beginning with turkeys, followed by broiler pens		Tuesday, July 21 At the conclusion of the show; excludes Champions
Avian Bowl			Wednesday, July 22 5 p.m.		
Market Master Showmanship				Sunday, July 26 1 p.m.	

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

### Saturday, July 25

**\*\*ALL STATE & LOCAL RULES APPLY\*\***

**All entries must be completed online**

[ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/animals/](https://ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/animals/)

**Entries close – Friday, May 29**

**Entry receipt due –Friday, June 12**

**NO late entries will be accepted.**

# LOCAL GENERAL RULES

## ENTRY POLICIES

1. All 2026 State Rules for California Fairs set forth by the California Department of Food & Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions apply at the OC Fair.
2. **All entries must be completed online at [ocfair.com](http://ocfair.com) by Friday, May 29.** Pre-registration is required for all entries; no late entries accepted. All fees must be paid online; no checks accepted. Once entered online, a confirmation entry receipt must be printed, signed and sent to the livestock office via one of the following methods by Friday, June 12:
  - Email scanned document to the OC Fair Livestock Department: [livestock@ocfair.com](mailto:livestock@ocfair.com).
  - Mail or drop off paperwork to the OC Fair Livestock Department: 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.
3. All entries must remain on display at OC Fair & Event Center as mandated by the dates set forth in the Livestock Competition Guide. Any entry removed prior to the release date and time, unless consent is granted by OC Fair Management due to extenuating circumstances, shall be disqualified from any and all competitions and ***premiums are therefore forfeited.***
4. Exhibitor's age as of July 17 (the first day of OC Fair) must be specified on entry.
5. Fair management reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available.
6. After the close of entries, Fair management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes and/or divisions if sufficient entries are not received. This combination will be made after weight-in to have an accurate number of entries. If there are fewer than 10 head of any specie physically shown at OC Fair, that specie competition will be in jeopardy of being cancelled for future fairs.
7. All livestock entries are made with the distinct understanding that in no event will OC Fair become responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any livestock animal. Presentation of entry shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
8. There will be **NO processing fee refunds**, either for overpayment, not showing or failure to bring in the entry.
9. Premium checks will be made payable to either the owner or exhibitor as stated on the entry. Total premiums of \$600 or more to any individual will be paid only after a completed ***Payee Data Record*** form has been received.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. OC Fair & Event Center cannot legally carry insurance covering exhibitors and their exhibits. FFA Chapters shall submit proof of insurance covering all members obtained through their school district. **Proof of insurance must be on file with the Livestock Office by Friday, June 12.**
2. Exhibit-related equipment (e.g., tack, chutes, animals, etc.) can be moved into the OC Fair Livestock Area **NO EARLIER THAN 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Monday, July 20.** For safety purposes, once equipment is moved in, the equipment must be placed **INSIDE** assigned pen/stall area(s); aisle/roadways must remain clear. Equipment **CANNOT** be used to hold/reserve space. The Livestock Department reserves the right to remove any piece of equipment or tack that is not stored properly or not in designated locations. OC Fair & Event Center accepts no responsibility for any equipment that is lost, stolen or otherwise.
3. The Livestock Department will have exclusive jurisdiction as to the assignment and number of animals per pen.
4. Straw, shavings and alfalfa will **NOT** be available for purchase onsite during market week competitions.
5. During livestock area cleaning, the livestock crew must operate equipment (e.g., forklifts and tractors). **ALL** exhibitors, leaders and other guests should be aware of moving equipment and practice good judgment, including refraining from taking animals out unnecessarily and not using devices (e.g., cellphones, tablets or computers) that may inhibit one from hearing safety announcements or equipment being used around the livestock area.
6. Vehicles may **NOT** be left unattended and must be removed from the fairgrounds after unloading, before 8 a.m. Violators will be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense. ***This policy includes days that OC Fair is closed.***
7. **NO PETS** are allowed on the fairgrounds except those entered in competitions or service animals.
8. **SECURITY:** Exhibitors are cautioned to keep equipment stored where it will not be lost or stolen. OC Fair & Event Center accepts no responsibility for such equipment and is not responsible for the acts of third parties.
9. Only animals entered for competitions listed in this guide are allowed on OC Fair & Event Center property.
10. Single programs soliciting donations or selling feed or items of any kind as a fundraiser is **NOT** allowed.
11. No "FOR SALE" signs will be allowed on pens/cages or on OC Fair property.
12. Violations of the rules stated in the Competition Guide can result in disqualification from showing at OC Fair.
13. For the safety of exhibitors, no food or drinks will be allowed in animal areas. An area has been established for exhibitors to safely eat food at a safe distance from animals. Food preparation will **NOT** be allowed onsite.
14. For the safety of exhibitors and OC Fair, exhibitors must follow all health and safety regulations established by OC Fair via signage at all times while on OC Fair property.

## POLICIES FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

1. Management reserves the right to require health inspections and diagnostic tests be made complete before, during or after animals are on the fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures, which may become necessary in emergencies. The health of animals as determined by an official Fair veterinarian or by the judge shall be final and **CANNOT** be protested. Exhibitors who refuse to allow their animals to be examined shall be disqualified and such violations shall be reported to Fairs & Expositions. No refunds will be made.
2. Animals entered will be inspected by the official Fair veterinarian.
3. The Livestock Supervisor reserves the right to disqualify any pen or animal deemed unhealthy.
4. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed, water and care for any animal they have entered in the Fair for the entire show, including any period following the sale of an animal up until animal departure to ensure that animals arrive in a healthy condition at the processing plant. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of premiums and auction check. See the Livestock Show Timetable section on page 2 for departure dates and times.
5. All livestock exhibitors must clean, feed and water their animal(s) each morning. Water must be available for animals at all times until departure on Sunday, July 26, including exhibited small animals. All livestock exhibitors must supply their own feed and water receptacles. No pressurized water systems in any pens are allowed.
6. No filling or feeding by artificial means will be allowed, including the use of tubes or drench guns.
7. Unruly animals will be removed at the discretion of the Livestock Supervisor.
8. Artificial coloring, chemicals, paints, oil, powder or other enhancing products may **NOT** be used on any market animal upon arrival on the fairgrounds (i.e., oil and baby powder on hogs; paint or artificial color on lamb legs; glue on steers).
9. Health certificates, where required, must be presented upon arrival at OC Fair. Please refer to the Market Animal Rules and State Rules.
10. Any animal producing analysis of any unapproved drug or not properly withdrawn from approved drugs will be disqualified and the exhibitor will be barred from future competitions at OC Fair.

## MARKET ANIMALS

1. Market animal divisions are limited to members of Orange County 4-H clubs and FFA chapters and members of clubs/chapters officially affiliated with Orange County.
2. Members can only enter projects in which they are currently enrolled. Class limitations are listed under each Division.
3. Each exhibitor may enter no more than four market animals.
4. Hog exhibitors must follow the provisions required by [Proposition 12](#).
5. Certificates of Animal Medication (medical affidavit) **are required for all market animals at the time of weigh-in**, certifying the market animals to be exhibited have not been treated with any unapproved drugs and the withdrawal time required of all approved drugs or medications has been met. **In addition, proof of ownership (bill of sale) and brand inspection paperwork are required of each market beef exhibitor.**
6. Ear tags will be provided for all large animals entered to show. Exhibitors are responsible for removing all other ear tags (except scrapie tags in lambs and goats) and tagging their animals with the OC Fair ear tag assigned to their animals **PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. Ear tags will not be released to clubs/chapters until all necessary entry paperwork (entry receipt AND YQCA number) are recorded with the Livestock Office.**
7. Animals will be weighed at OC Fair according to a schedule posted the morning of weigh-in. All animals will be allowed to drink water before weighing.
8. OC Fair ear tags placed on all animals must remain in place and attached to the animal until departure from OC Fair.
9. All species of market animals must be shown in a natural state. Exhibitors are only allowed to wash and clip their livestock to be eligible for the market show.
10. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals will be selected from class winners.
11. Barns must be cleaned prior to departure, or the exhibitor may face forfeiture of premiums and auction check.

**IT IS THE INTENT OF THE DIVISION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS THAT THE QUALITY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR MARKET ANIMALS BE MAINTAINED. THEREFORE, CLASSIFICATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE EVENT THERE ARE CHANGES MADE IN FEDERAL GRADING.**

## PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

1. Junior exhibitor's small market animals (rabbits, broilers and turkeys) must be owned for at least 30 days (purchased by Sunday, June 21). Additionally, the exhibitor must be enrolled in that specific project for 60 days (by Friday, May 22).
2. Market lambs, hogs and goats must be owned at least 60 days prior to the Fair (purchased by Friday, May 22) and verified by the advisor or leader.
3. Market Beef brand inspection **AND** an out billing from a sales yard must be presented with the exhibitor's name showing 120-day ownership prior to Tuesday, July 21, the beginning of OC Fair market competitions (purchased by Monday, March 23), or a signed statement stating the animal was dropped from the exhibitor's cow and was raised by the exhibitor. Beef cannot exceed 30 months of age.
4. A bill of sale (Form 74-036Y) will suffice for beef if:
  - A member of the family receives an animal as a gift and the animal remains in family custody until the time of the exhibit, or
  - A club leader purchases a group of animals, inspected in the club's name, transports to club's premises and sells the animals to members which remains on the club's premises until the time of exhibit may use a bill of sale Form 74-036Y accompanied by the brand inspection certificate issued to the club leader. If the club leader sells the animals and they are transported to a different location for feeding, a brand inspection to the purchaser is required prior to transportation. **Entries will not be accepted if ownership and time requirements are not met.**

### **BRAND INSPECTION: Section 21051 of California Agricultural Code reads as follows:**

- A) Whenever cattle are sold, or ownership is transferred.
- B) Prior to movement out of any designated modified point-of-origin inspection area, for purposes other than sale or slaughter and no change of ownership is involved, as provided in Section 21111.
- C) Prior to moving out of the state.
- D) Upon entry into a registered feed lot.
- E) Prior to slaughter.
- F) Prior to release of sale from a public stockyard, public sale yard or public/private cattle sales market.
- G) Prior to release from a posted stockyard or posted sale yard.
- H) Prior to transportation out of a full point-of-origin area, as provided in Section 21141.
- I) Prior to transportation or movement from premises designated as quarantine, restriction or isolated areas pursuant to Section 9565.

For more information from the specific sections referred to above, please visit the following website:

[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAC&sectionNum=21051](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAC&sectionNum=21051).

Please visit the following website for a completed sample **Bill of Sale** form:

[cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/livestock\\_id/images/form1.gif](http://cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/livestock_id/images/form1.gif)

Please visit the following website for a completed sample **Brand Inspection** form:

[cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/livestock\\_id/images/form2.gif](http://cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/livestock_id/images/form2.gif)

***Violation of any rules will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal(s) from ALL classes, including the Junior Livestock Auction.***

## POLICIES FOR 4-H, FFA & INDEPENDENT YOUTH EXHIBITORS

1. **ALL** market exhibitors are required to complete the following by Friday, **May 29** to participate in the 2026 OC Fair:
  - Read all the rules stated in the OC Fair Market Livestock competition guide.
  - **STATE RULE:** As of Jan. 1, 2019, YQCA training will be required for all youth livestock exhibitors. For more information and to sign-up, visit [yqcaprogram.org/](http://yqcaprogram.org/). YQCA certificates no longer need to be submitted to the Livestock Office; staff will verify completion via the YQCA system. **The following information must be supplied when submitting your entries via the ShoWorks entry system to be properly verified:**
    - Exhibitors must complete their YQCA certification prior to completing entries for OC Fair Livestock competitions. Exhibitors must add their 10-digit certification code in the YQCA box when completing entries in ShoWorks.
    - First and last name on your ShoWorks entries must match EXACTLY to the name entered into the YQCA system.
  - Submit all entries online via ShoWorks.
2. Each exhibitor is required to read, collect all signatures and submit their **Entry Confirmation Receipt** (contains provisions for exhibitor Code of Conduct) to the Livestock Office by Friday, June 12.
3. Exhibitors must be in good standing with local and state organization(s) (4-H, FFA or Grange) to be eligible to exhibit at OC Fair.
4. Exhibitors are required to maintain clean barn and stall areas. All areas must be ready for inspection by 8 a.m. each day.
  - All exhibits NOT properly maintained may constitute cause for dismissal from the fairgrounds, exclusion from the auction and possible forfeiture of premiums.
  - All stalls **MUST** be cleaned upon departure.
5. For the safety of exhibitors and OC Fair, exhibitors will be required to follow all health and safety protocols listed while on OC Fair property.
6. Exhibitors are requested not to move animals unnecessarily, only to and from wash racks, tie rails and show ring. **Exhibitors must clean up after themselves and their animals.** No animal is allowed to leave the designated Livestock Area without permission from the Livestock Program Supervisor. Any flagrant disregard of this rule could result in being barred from showing and/or forfeiture of premiums.
7. **Exhibitors utilizing the show ring to practice and/or exercise their animals (outside of livestock shows) must keep their animals haltered. No animals are to be set free to run without any halters, lead ropes, etc.**
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges, Fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any of these individuals could result in immediate dismissal from OC Fair.
9. All exhibitors are required to only use equipment that is properly grounded and meets UL specifications (e.g., clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums and fans).
10. Exhibitors are encouraged to have educational displays to enhance the educational value of visiting OC Fair and exemplify the high caliber of the individuals participating in livestock shows, their animal projects and the agriculture industry in Orange County.
11. *Exhibitors **NOT** cooperating with security personnel or any other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to parking, Fair entrance, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, or animal care will have their entries cancelled with no refunds and will be ordered to immediately remove their exhibit from the grounds.*
12. Livestock shall remain in the care, custody, and control of the entrant. The entrant shall indemnify and hold harmless OC Fair & Event Center, its Board, employees, officers, agents or representatives for any injury, property damage and any real, incidental or consequential damages resulting from the livestock or caused by the livestock. OC Fair & Event Center will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts or force majeure.

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Youth Department is for qualifying individuals who want to enter exhibits at OC Fair & Event Center. OC Fair & Event Center has established divisions and classes for groups such as FFA, 4-H clubs and others as follows:

**FFA MEMBERS** may participate in classes if they are enrolled in high school agriculture classes and are active, dues-paying members of their FFA chapter. Active FFA members may exhibit projects until the end of the next calendar year following graduation.

**4-H & GRANGE MEMBERSHIP** enrollment is open to all youth from kindergarten through grade 12 OR Dec. 31 of the year in which they turn 19-years-old.

**4-H PRIMARY** members must be 5 years old or in kindergarten by Jan. 1 of the program year. Primary members **cannot** enroll in large animal projects. Approved animal projects are dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, cavies, mice, embryology, entomology, marine science, pygmy goats, Nigerian dwarf dairy goats and therapeutic animal projects. Youth enrolling or turning 9 years old after Jan. 1 must participate as a primary member until the end of the program year.

**OTHER YOUTH EXHIBITORS** may enter divisions and classes restricted to Youth who are not under the FFA and 4-H Youth programs or other recognized junior farm organization programs as independents. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through Dec. 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years old. Each entry in these divisions must have been made or produced by the exhibitor. Entries shall be made on Youth Department entry forms provided by the Fair. The signature of a parent or guardian is required. Exhibitors who are enrolled in any junior organization for which classes are offered elsewhere are not eligible to enter these divisions.

**UNIFORM: All National FFA Organization, 4-H Club and Grange exhibitors must wear the official uniform of their organization while showing. Additionally, all helpers must also be in official FFA, 4-H or Grange uniforms if/when assisting in individual and chapter groups while showing at OC Fair and livestock shows. The official uniform specifics are listed below.**

### *FFA Uniform*

- Boys – Dark blue, black or white pants, white shirt, FFA tie and official FFA jacket (zipped to the top) or FFA patch attached to the white shirt.
- Girls – Dark blue, black or white pants, white blouse, FFA scarf and official FFA jacket (zipped to the top) or FFA patch attached to the white blouse.

### *4-H Uniform*

- Boys - Dark blue, black or white pants, white collared shirt (any sleeve length) and 4-H Club cap (4-H tie or scarf is optional).
- Girls - Dark blue, black or white pants, white collared shirt (any sleeve length) and 4-H Club cap (4-H tie or scarf is optional)

### *Grange Uniform*

- White collared button-down shirt, dark blue jeans and red vest with Grange emblem on back.

## **POLICIES FOR 4-H & FFA ADULT LEADERS, ADVISORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, ETC.**

1. For adults, each adult leader, advisor, teacher and parent acknowledges that:
  - The exhibitor has owned, fed and cared for the animal(s) throughout the required ownership period. They have supervised the exhibitor, and the livestock animal(s) have not had any drugs, chemicals, feed additives or other substances used on them except pursuant to the label specifications, or unless under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian for therapeutic purposes. All drugs, chemicals, feed additives or other substances for which the required withdrawal period has not elapsed prior to arrival at the Fair must be declared on a Certificate of Animal Medication (medical affidavit) form at official weigh-in.
  - They have supervised the exhibitor, and their animal(s) have not been tampered with in any way, including but not limited to unethical fitting or any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal(s) body.
  - They understand the penalties for violating rules include, but are not limited to, monetary penalties, immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and jeopardizing the chapter/club's entry in the 2026 OC Fair and any subsequent fairs.
2. Entries are due **Friday, May 29** to participate in the 2026 OC Fair. ALL livestock advisors, teachers, leaders and parents MUST:
  - Read all the rules stated in the OC Fair Market Livestock competition guide.
  - Read, sign and submit, via email, mail or in-person drop-off, your exhibitor's **Entry Confirmation Receipt** (contains provisions for exhibitor Code of Conduct) to the Livestock Office by Friday, June 12.
  - **STATE RULE:** As of Jan. 1, 2019, YQCA training will be required for all youth livestock exhibitors. For more information and to sign-up, visit [yqca.org/](http://yqca.org/). YQCA certificates no longer need to be submitted to the Livestock Office; staff will verify completion via the YQCA system. **The following information must be supplied via the ShoWorks entry system to be properly verified:**
    - Exhibitors must complete their YQCA certification prior to completing entries for OC Fair Livestock competitions. Exhibitors must add their 10-digit certification code in the YQCA box when completing entries in ShoWorks.
    - First and last name on ShoWorks entries must match EXACTLY to the name entered into the YQCA system.
3. For the safety of exhibitors and OC Fair & Event Center, exhibitors will be required to follow all health and safety protocols listed while on the Fairgrounds.
4. Leaders and advisors MUST be in good standing with local and state organization(s) (4-H, FFA or Grange) to be eligible to exhibit at OC Fair.
5. Adults (e.g., non-exhibitor, leader, advisor, teacher and parents) are **NOT** allowed to assist in fitting animals for OC Fair & Event Center's Market and Youth shows. Fitting livestock is defined as preparing animals for the show, including washing, blow drying, clipping, brushing or trimming. Livestock leaders and advisors may assist with feeding and watering animals. For the safety of all exhibitors and the public, adults may assist exhibitors and their animals to the scale, wash racks and show ring. Only registered exhibitors are allowed to weigh in animals.
6. 4-H and FFA exhibitors participating in OC Fair livestock competitions **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times while on the Fairgrounds. Instructors, advisors, leaders and other adults in charge of exhibitors shall be responsible for their conduct at all times.
7. No one, other than exhibitors participating in the actual show, judges and livestock staff, are allowed inside the show ring (this includes the railing and holding pens) during any show, including weigh-in, unless permission has been granted from the Livestock Supervisor.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges, Fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any of these individuals could result in immediate dismissal from OC Fair.
9. If the behavior and/or actions of adult leaders, advisors, teachers, agents, parents and or family members are deemed to be illegal, inhumane or unethical to livestock, the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation by those agencies for possible prosecution and civil penalties.

# CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (CATA)

## Professional Ethics Position Paper

*(Available on [calagteachers.org](http://calagteachers.org))*

It is the intent and purpose of the Professional Ethics Committee Position Paper to represent the views of the California Agricultural Teachers' Association (CATA) with regards to the ethics of professional teachers in California. The matters discussed in this paper pertain to the areas of student supervision, student behavior, teacher behavior and Fairs and Shows.

### **Student Supervision**

With regards to student supervision and responsibility of the agriculture instructor, it is the position for the CATA that:

- A. During Agriculture Department events and activities, the Agricultural Teacher of each school involved is ultimately responsible for the actions of their FFA members. However, as a group of Agricultural Educators, all teachers should be concerned with the image of the FFA program and our schools and take appropriate action with FFA members that are behaving in an inappropriate manner.
- B. Each school and district have rules that govern FFA members at school-related activities and each CATA event has rules and guidelines within the Curricular Code to help govern the responsibilities of FFA members. FFA members and teachers shall be held responsible for those rules.

### **Student Behavior**

With regards to student behavior, it is the position of the CATA that:

- A. FFA members are expected to respect the authority and direction of all teachers and site representatives of all Agricultural Department events and activities.
- B. FFA members are expected to follow the FFA Code of Ethics.
- C. FFA members are expected to be held accountable for their actions and that communication between event supervisors and school site administration should occur when violations are made.
- D. FFA members are expected to be respectful of all individuals.

### **Teacher Behavior**

With regards to teacher behavior, it is the position of the CATA that:

- A. Teachers should be positive role models for their FFA members, exhibiting professionalism through their attire and attitude.
- B. Teachers should be prepared for all activities and events, being knowledgeable of the rules and be willing to follow them.
- C. Teachers are respectful of the other exhibitors and activity sponsors.
- D. Teachers constructively critique their concerns and follow the chain of concerns to improve the event and not just complain.

### **Fairs and Shows**

With regards to fairs and shows, it is the position of the CATA that:

- A. All FFA members and teachers are responsible for knowing and following all school, fair and show rules.
- B. All FFA members must wear official show uniforms when participating in an FFA sanctioned show. This applies to any show where a member is participating in an FFA division.
- C. Teachers should familiarize themselves with the rules and liabilities regarding their signature on a student's entry form. Teachers should also recognize that they have the option not to sign a FFA member's entry form if that teacher feels that the entry form will violate rules/ethics.
- D. Teachers and FFA members should recognize that the judges' decisions are final and should respect those decisions.

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE)**  
**CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS** (Available on [fairsandexpos.com](http://fairsandexpos.com))

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer 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. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other 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 of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign 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, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and 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.

# ETHICS IN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

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Some say ethics is knowing and doing the right thing. Knowing the difference between right and wrong is easy, but doing the right thing is much more difficult! Building our character traits of caring, trustworthiness, respect, fairness, responsibility and citizenship helps to make doing the right thing a little easier.

**Caring** - Caring means showing concern for others, both to people you work with and to your animals. A caring youth will:

- Help new exhibitors.
- Say “thank you” and express your appreciation for others.
- Congratulate other exhibitors.
- Avoid gossip, negative publicity, taunting and teasing others.
- Provide daily feed and water.
- Provide a clean barn or stall.
- Treat the animal humanely.

Caring for animals includes placing more importance on the health and safety of the animal than the opportunity to go to the big show!

**Respect** - Respect is treating people like you would like to be treated. Respectful youth will:

- Speak kindly about leaders, fair committees and fellow 4-H’ers and listen to others.
- Keep animals comfortable and clean, treat them humanely.
- Provide daily feeding and watering.
- Follow proper drug use to produce a safe, high-quality product for consumers.

**Trustworthiness** - Trustworthiness means doing what you say you will do. A trustworthy youth will:

- Provide daily care for your animals or make arrangements for help.
- Follow the rules for animal ownership and registration.
- Consult with a veterinarian and read labels before administering any medication.
- Follow all food safety rules and withdrawal times, and use only approved drugs.

**Fairness** - Fairness means listening to others, playing by the rules and treating everyone equally. A fair youth will:

- Follow ownership and registration deadlines.
- Know and follow show rules.
- Be considerate of other exhibitors.
- Speak well of winners and resist the temptation to gossip.

**Responsibility** - Responsibility means doing the right thing, considering the consequences of your actions and being accountable for your decisions. Responsible youth will:

- Care for animals daily.
- Train animals to be exhibited safely.
- Read, know and abide by all rules.
- Follow entry deadlines.
- Read and follow all drug and medication rules and regulations.
- Take care of the property of others.

Responsibility is also demonstrated by good sportsmanship, good herdsmanship and good showmanship at ALL times, not just when the judge is watching.

**Citizenship** - Citizenship means helping others and obeying the law. Youth demonstrate citizenship when they:

- Help others in need.
- Work with less experienced exhibitors to improve their skills and knowledge.
- Share resources with others.
- Follow quality assurance methods to produce a product safe for consumers.

Over the past decade, scandals have affected both 4-H and FFA shows nationwide due to the illegal use of drugs, physical alterations of animals, false ownership and using professional fitters when the rules specified that it was not allowed. This has been damaging to the program and consumer confidence in the product we produce. It is time to place emphasis on learning rather than winning. Building your character traits can help accomplish this. By exhibiting the six-character traits of caring, respect, trustworthiness, fairness, responsibility and citizenship, you will help to build the positive image of 4-H and FFA.

# JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

## OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION SATURDAY, JULY 25, 10 A.M.

### FIVE GOOD REASONS TO BUY AT THE AUCTION . . .

1. *The auction supports the overall 4-H and FFA education programs.*
2. *Members of 4-H and FFA learn important agribusiness skills by raising and selling their animals through the Junior Livestock Auction.*
3. *Your auction purchase helps financially support 4-H and FFA members so they can reinvest in other animal projects.*
4. *Meat purchased through the Junior Livestock Auction is often of high quality, having been individually raised and fed.*
5. *By purchasing, buyers are assisting and encouraging these young 4-H and FFA members to become future agriculture and community leaders.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUCTION,  
PLEASE REFER TO THE OC FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION HANDBOOK:**

[ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/animals/](http://ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/animals/)

**OR**

**LIVESTOCK OFFICE – 714-708-1593/1595**

### Seller Experience

1. To secure individuals to purchase project animals, it is strongly recommended that exhibitors send out letters to all potential buyers, inviting them to the Junior Livestock Auction. Let buyers know add-on contributions are online only.
2. Exhibitors should read all market competition and auction rules and guidelines prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds.
3. Exhibitors receiving a blue ribbon in their market class – which signifies that the animal exhibited is market ready – can be entered into the Junior Livestock Auction. Those exhibitors planning to sell their animal in auction must sign their animal in on the day of the species market show. The deadline to sign an animal into the Junior Livestock Auction is one hour after completion of judging for that species. Exhibitors who are not planning to sell their animal through auction do not need to sign any paperwork after the conclusion of the market show for that species.
4. Once sign-ups are complete, a proof list will be posted. Exhibitors will be reminded to check the proof list for accuracy of the name, school or club and livestock species being sold.
5. The 2026 Junior Livestock Auction is Saturday, July 25, at 10 a.m.
6. Exhibitors **MUST** continue to care for animals through, Sunday, July 26. Final cleaning of animal pens will begin after 9 p.m. on Sunday (once the all-clear has been given over the loudspeaker). Exhibitors will make sure animals are given water at the conclusion of pen cleaning and just prior to leaving the fairgrounds.
7. Exhibitors will receive an auction packet (auction check, buyer and add-on information list with addresses) from their leader/advisor. Exhibitors are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to send a thank you letter to all individuals who supported their project, which should include leaders and/or advisors.

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION - SATURDAY, JULY 25, 10 A.M.

Auction website: [ocfair.com/auction](http://ocfair.com/auction)

1. Bidding will take place in-person at OC Fair. Add-on contributions are ONLINE ONLY.
2. The auction is limited to Orange County 4-H and FFA exhibitors.
3. All 4-H and FFA Champions, Reserve Champions, Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must sell at the auction.
4. *The OC Fair is a Partial Terminal Show meaning ALL champions (beef, hogs, goats and lambs) are required to be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction, then sent directly to the processing plant designated by the Livestock Department. These champions cannot leave the grounds as live pick-up sales.*
5. **Only CHAMPION market small animals may sell in the auction and are pick-up live only.**
6. Only Market beef, goats, lambs and hogs that are judged Blue Ribbon Market Ready will be permitted to sell at auction. Market small animal champions must sell at the auction; no other small animals will be permitted to sell.
7. Auction animals are to be consigned through the OC Fair Livestock Office only.
8. Due to privacy laws, the OC Fair Livestock Office will **not** provide copies of buyer lists.
9. Non-auction animals may be consigned in the Livestock Office only on Friday, July 24, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (A nonrefundable \$50 fee plus processing costs apply.) \*NEW\* Hottinger's will no longer be available for Non-Auction Consignment due to an influx of orders and limited storage space. Other cut-and-wrap locations are available, or you may make your own arrangements as needed for non-auction animals.

### Sellers

10. Exhibitors may sell one animal in the auction.
11. Each exhibitor with eligible animals must indicate to the Livestock Office which animal is to be entered in the auction. **Auction sign-up deadline is one hour after completion of judging:**
  - Wednesday, July 22: beef, hogs, goats and lambs
  - Small animal champions must sell in the auction; no other small animals will be sold in the auction.
12. The seller will be charged a **5%** fee for animals sold through the auction. Fees are used for auction expenses.
13. Exhibitors selling animals in the auction must wear official 4-H or FFA uniforms (refer to Junior Department rules).
14. Animals cannot be sold through the auction without an official OC Fair ear tag. A replacement tag will be supplied if necessary.
15. Decorating of animals is not permitted.
16. Sellers are obligated to solicit and secure buyers to attend the auction prior to the auction. Sellers may not actively solicit buyers in auction areas, including the show ring and Livestock Office, on auction day.
17. Sellers may not approach the auctioneer for special requests or announcements on auction day.
18. **Any scratches requested after 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, will be charged a \$40 fee (cash only).** Exhibitors are responsible for scratching their animal.
19. **A \$40 fee (cash only) will be charged for any late auction sign-ups** after the day each specie is shown in its market class. No late sign-ups will be accepted after 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 23.
20. Sellers are encouraged to thank their buyer. However, sellers are **not** allowed to contact their buyer for the purposes of asking buyer to not send their animal to market, asking buyer to donate/trade animal back to the seller/school/club/etc., or asking buyer to send their animal to a no-kill shelter. This behavior is inappropriate and jeopardizes the Junior Livestock Auction Program.

### Buyers

21. All species of livestock will be sold by the head, not by the pound.
22. Species will no longer be rotated, or mixed, throughout the sale order. As an example – in no particular order – all lambs will be sold, then all goats, then all beef, etc.
23. There is a two-buyer maximum per lot/sales invoice for animal purchase.
24. New buyer pre-registration will begin on Monday, July 21. You must register before 8 a.m. on auction day, Saturday, July 25.
25. When a lot CLOSES or is SOLD, the animal(s) becomes the property of the buyer. However, the seller is responsible for caring for the animal(s) until it is loaded for processing on Sunday, July 26. A seller who fails to care for animals will forfeit any premiums.
26. The Livestock Department will ONLY accept and process add-ons for market competitors that have an animal going through the Junior Livestock Auction. **Add-on contributions are online ONLY.**

**SPECIALTY CONTESTS****AVIAN KNOWLEDGE BOWL****Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 5 p.m.***Judge: Dr. Francine Bradley***Open to all California Youth Exhibitors**

Avian Knowledge Bowl encourages youth to study the many aspects of avian sciences. The contest was developed in California by John Emo, Dr. Ralph Ernst and Dr. Francine Bradley.

1. This is a **TEAM** contest. One entry per team (2-4 participants per team). **NO INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES.**
2. Entries should be entered under the team captain.
3. 4-H or FFA uniform or a team shirt must be worn.
4. See the National Avian Bowl study section for 2026 below.

**Processing Fee: \$10 per team**

Premiums offered per class:

1<sup>st</sup> - \$50   2<sup>nd</sup> - \$40   3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30   4<sup>th</sup> - \$20   5<sup>th</sup> - \$10Rosettes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Banner will be awarded to the winner of each class.

**Division 1080** – Avian Bowl**Class****01 Junior** – ages 9-13 as of Jan. 1**02 Senior** – ages 14-19 as of Jan. 1**National Avian Bowl Study Sections – 2026**National 4-H Avian Bowl Manual – *Rev. 2023/24*Online resource: [national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/content/avian-bowl](http://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/content/avian-bowl)

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**LARGE ANIMALS**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b> lbs = pounds	<b>Age of Animal</b>	<b>Length of Ownership</b>
<b>Beef</b>	1,000 lbs	Cannot exceed 30 months of age	At least 120 days (Purchased by March 23)
<b>Hog</b>	220 lbs	No requirements	At least 60 days (Purchased by May 22)
<b>Lambs</b>	120 lbs	No requirements	At least 60 days (Purchased by May 22)
<b>Goat</b>	70 lbs	No requirements	At least 60 days (Purchased by May 22)

**General Rules for ALL Large Animals**

1. Please refer to the timetable on page 2 for arrival, departure, weigh-in, and judging dates and times.
2. For market livestock judging standards, see State Rules.
3. **Market animals: The animal's weight at weigh-in time will be their official show weight. Animals that do NOT meet weight categories will be sifted (separated). OC Fair does not assume responsibility for sifted animals.**
4. All male goats, lambs, hogs and beef must be castrated.
5. Straw and shavings will NOT be sold via the Livestock Office; please plan accordingly.
6. **Water must be available for animals at all times in the animal pens, excluding beef, through departure.**
7. Animals must be on display for the public at all times. Relocation to designated quarantine areas MUST have prior approval of Livestock Office personnel.
8. Cleaning of barn/pen area must be completed no later than 8 a.m. each day. Barns must be cleaned upon departure and not before 9 p.m.
9. No one under the age of 9 will be permitted to show or assist in the show arena.
10. Any animal NOT going to processing through auction (including nonauction consignment) will be released Friday, July 24, between 7 and 9 a.m. (All vehicles must be off grounds by 9:30 a.m.). **Only teachers, leaders or exhibitors with proper credentials may remove animals, no private parties.** All remaining animals not going on trucks may depart on Sunday, July 26 between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.
11. Exhibitors may sell only one large animal OR one small animal in the Junior Livestock Auction.
12. **ALL** 4-H and FFA Market animals will show together in one division for each species.
13. Violations of the above rules may result in disqualification.

**AWARDS**

Ribbons for Blue (market ready) &amp; Red (not market ready)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.....Rosettes &amp; Banners

**JUNIOR MARKET GOATS****Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 15 minutes after the conclusion of Market Lambs***Judge: Danny Davis  
(Judged Danish-style)***No Processing Fee****Division 1020 – Single Market Goats****Class 99 – 70 lbs. and over****Specie Specific Rules**

1. All goats should be de-horned. Scurs that are 2 inches or less will be allowed through the scale. **Goats with scurs measuring over 2 inches at the scale shall be removed from the fairgrounds before Fair opening.**
2. All animals must have baby teeth.
3. After weigh-in, Market Goats will be divided into weight groups by management for judging. Market ready animals are eligible to be sold at auction.

## JUNIOR MARKET LAMBS

**Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 15 minutes after the conclusion of Market Hogs**

*Judge: Danny Davis  
(Judged Danish-style)*

**No Processing Fee**

**Division 1030** – Single Market Lambs

**Class 99** – 115 lbs and over

**Specie Specific Rules**

1. All lambs must have lamb's teeth.
2. Market Lambs are to be slick shorn from the hock up prior to weigh-in. No artificial coloring to be added to the lamb, including black.
3. Lamb tail docking – To qualify for exhibit, Market Lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible.
4. After weigh-in, Market Lambs will be divided into weight groups by management for judging. Market ready animals are eligible to be sold at auction.

## JUNIOR MARKET BEEF

**Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 10:15 a.m.**

*Judge: Danny Davis  
(Judged Danish-style)*

**No Processing Fee**

**Division 1010** – Single Market Beef

**Class 99** – 1,000 lbs and over

**Specie Specific Rules**

1. After weigh-in, Market Beef will be divided into weight groups by management for judging. Market ready animals are eligible to be sold at auction.

## JUNIOR MARKET HOGS

**Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 15 minutes after the conclusion of Market Beef**

*Judge: Danny Davis  
(Judged Danish-style)*

**No Processing Fee**

**Division 1040** – 4-H Single Market Hogs

**Class 99** – 215 lbs and over

**Specie Specific Rules**

1. After weigh-in, Market Hogs will be divided into weight groups by management for judging. Market ready animals are eligible to be sold at auction.
2. All hogs sold through the Junior Livestock Auction must be in compliant with Prop 12 regulations.

## CHAPTER or CLUB GROUPS

### Processing Fee: \$10 per entry

Premiums offered per class

*1<sup>st</sup>* - \$50   *2<sup>nd</sup>* - \$40   *3<sup>rd</sup>* - \$30

Rosettes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Banners will be awarded to the winner of each class

**Division 1022** – Market Goats

**Division 1032** – Market Lambs

**Division 1012** – Market Beef

**Division 1042** – Market Hogs

### Class

**01 FFA Chapter OR 4-H Group**– Group of three Market animals, any age or sex previously shown as individuals.

Group must be owned and shown by members of one FFA chapter or 4-H group, each chapter/group is limited to one entry.

### Rules

1. Enter under CHAPTER or CLUB name, NO individual entries.
  - First name: Club or chapter
  - Last name: 4-H or FFA
2. Club or chapter groups will be exhibited on the same day of market judging (refer to page 2).

## SHOWMANSHIP

### No Processing Fee

Premiums offered per class

*1<sup>st</sup>* - \$20   *2<sup>nd</sup>* - \$19   *3<sup>rd</sup>* - \$18   *4<sup>th</sup>* - \$17   *5<sup>th</sup>* - \$16   *6<sup>th</sup>* - \$15   *7<sup>th</sup>* - \$14   *8<sup>th</sup>* - \$13   *9<sup>th</sup>* - \$12   *10<sup>th</sup>* - \$11

Rosettes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place

Banners will be awarded to the winners of each class

Specie	Division	Judging
Goat	Division 1025	Thursday, July 23
Lamb	Division 1035	Thursday, July 23
Beef	Division 1015	Thursday, July 23
Hog	Division 1045	Thursday, July 23

### Class

**01 Novice FFA** – Limited to first year FFA members who have never shown a large market animal (lamb, goat, hog or beef) in any previous year at any fair or youth livestock event.

**02 Advanced FFA** – Open to FFA exhibitors other than novice.

**03 Junior 4-H** – Open to 4-H exhibitors ages 9-13 years as of July 17.

**04 Senior 4-H** – Open to 4-H exhibitors ages 14-19 years as of July 17.

### Rules

1. Please refer to the timetable on page 2 for the judging schedule.
2. Only feeder and market animals owned, fitted and shown by the exhibitor in the Junior Market classes are eligible in showmanship.
3. Limited to one entry per division, per exhibitor.

**MASTER SHOWMANSHIP****Judging: Sunday, July 26, 1 p.m.**

1. This contest is limited to class winners of the FFA Novice, Advanced and 4-H/Grange Junior, Senior Showmanship Divisions.
2. Market Master Showmanship exhibitors will be required to show the four kinds of livestock included in the FFA and 4-H Showmanship Divisions (beef, hogs, goats and lambs).
3. Exhibitors must be in FULL uniform.
4. **REMINDER:** Exhibitors who qualify for Master Showmanship will be required to bring the animal with which they qualified for Master Showmanship to the competition. Second place recipients in each species will serve as handlers and have their animals ready for the competition, if needed. Participants will NOT be allowed to show their own animal in master showmanship.
5. If the exhibitor placing first in their species for showmanship is unable to compete, the opportunity shall then go to the next highest placing showman to third place ONLY. In the case where an exhibitor places first in multiple showmanship divisions, he/she will show in the first species in which they placed first. In a case where there is no second-place finisher in a division or category, the first-place exhibitor MUST show in the category with no second-place finisher.
6. Winners will receive belt buckles and will be announced at the conclusion of the master showmanship contest on Sunday, July 26.

**JUNIOR MARKET SMALL ANIMALS**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Minimum Weight</b> lbs = Pounds oz = Ounces	<b>Max Pay to Weight</b> lbs = Pounds	<b>Age of Animal</b>	<b>Length of Ownership</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	Hens: 15 lbs 6oz Toms: 25 lbs	Not sold by lbs.	Not exceeding 22 weeks (Hatched on or after Feb. 17).	At least 30 days (purchased by June 21) and within five days of being hatched.
<b>Broiler Pens</b>	4 lbs 12 oz to 7 lbs each	Not sold by lbs.	Not exceeding 10 weeks (Hatched on or after May 11).	At least 30 days (purchased by June 21) and within five days of being hatched.
<b>Rabbit Pens</b>	3.5 to 5.5 lbs each	Not sold by lbs.	Not exceeding 10 weeks (Born on or after May 11).	At least 30 days (purchased by June 21).

**General Rules for ALL Small Animals**

1. Please refer to the timetable on page 2 for arrival, departure, weigh-in and judging dates and times.
2. Exhibitors must be enrolled in their specie specific project for 60 days prior to the OC Fair (by May 22).
3. No one under 9 years old will be permitted to show or assist in the show arena.
4. **Poultry health inspection** – All exhibitors shall have their poultry inspected upon arrival at OC Fair prior to coop-in for symptoms of disease or illness. Poultry not passing inspection must be removed from the premises immediately by the owner or housed in the designated quarantine area. Poultry must have a leg band to be inspected. Upon passing inspection, the exhibitor’s leg band must be removed and a new one will be supplied by OC Fair. Exhibitors who do not arrive and have their birds inspected during the time in which poultry health inspections are conducted (refer to page 2 for strict weigh-in/inspection times) CANNOT make any other arrangements for a future inspection and will be ineligible to show.
5. **Animals that do NOT meet weight categories will be sifted (separated). Animal weight at this time will be their official show weight unless the show judge chooses to use the weight of the animals on the day of the show. Exhibitors will sign a form acknowledging they were informed of their animal weight on the day of weigh-in. Sifted broilers and turkeys will be placed in feeder divisions to be judged on their potential growth and will NOT be eligible for auction. Sifted animals must be removed from fairgrounds property after the conclusion of judging.**
6. The Livestock Supervisor reserves the right to disqualify any pen or animal deemed unhealthy.
7. All poultry or rabbits entered in the Market classes may NOT be entered in breed classes and vice versa.
8. Market turkey, broiler and rabbit competitions are single day competitions, animals will arrive and depart on the same day. Penning will be provided while onsite. Animals will depart at the conclusion of their respective competition, excluding champions required to sell in the auction.
9. The scorecards for Market Small Animals can be found on page 21.
10. All small livestock exhibitors must supply their own feed and water receptacles. Water must be available for animals at all times up through departure, no pressurized water systems in any pens are allowed.
11. Any animal producing analysis of any unapproved drug or not properly withdrawn from approved drugs will be disqualified and exhibitor will be barred from future competitions at OC Fair.
12. Exhibitors MUST be present for judging and in FULL uniform.
13. **Only Champion** awarded animals with USDA Grade A Market Rabbits and Poultry scoring 80 points and higher will be eligible for auction. Small animals purchased at the auction are to be picked up live by the buyer or his/her agent. OC Fair does NOT offer processing of small animals.
14. Violations of the above rules may result in disqualification.

**AWARDS**

Ribbons for Blue (market ready) &amp; Red (not market ready)

Champion &amp; Reserve Champion Hen/Tom (turkeys).....Rosettes

Grand Champion &amp; Reserve Grand Champion (all small animal species).....Rosettes &amp; Banners

## JUNIOR MARKET RABBIT PENS

**Judging: Tuesday, July 21, 2 p.m.**

*Judge: Linda Bell*

**No Processing Fee**

**Division 1000** – Pen of Market Rabbits

**Class 01** – Consisting of three Market Rabbits weighing 3.5 – 5.5 lbs each.

### Specie Specific Rules

1. Rabbit owners must provide copies of their rabbit's pedigree on request for proof of ownership. All rabbits must be permanently marked (tattooed) in the left ear corresponding with entry form.
2. Each entry to be one breed and variety and may NOT be entered in any other class.
3. Rabbits must be purebred meat animals. Crossbred rabbit pens will be eliminated.
4. 4-H and FFA Market animal divisions will be combined and judged together if fewer than 10 entries are eligible per division.

## JUNIOR MARKET BROILER

**Judging: Tuesday, July 21, following turkeys**

*Judge: Dr. Francine Bradley*

**No Processing Fee**

**Division 1006** – Pen of Market Broilers

**Class 01** – Consisting of two Market Broilers weighing 4 lbs 12 oz – 7 lbs each.

### Specie Specific Rules

1. Poultry that does NOT meet weight categories will be sifted (separated). Sifted poultry that does not make weight will be placed in a feeder division and judged on their potential market quality. They will not be eligible for auction.

## JUNIOR MARKET TURKEYS

**Judging: Tuesday, July 21, 3 p.m.**

*Judge: Dr. Francine Bradley*

**No Processing Fee**

**Division 1005** – Single Market Turkeys

**Class 99** – Single Hen or Tom (limited to two entries per competitor – one Hen and one Tom)

### Specie Specific Rules

1. After weigh-in, all turkeys will be provided with a leg band and will be placed in the appropriate classes.
2. **Exhibitors are limited to ONE Tom and ONE Hen per division.**
3. Turkeys entered in either that do not make weight will be placed in a feeder division and judged on their potential market quality. They will not be eligible for auction.

**SCORE CARDS****PEN OF MARKET RABBITS****American Judging**

Meat type.....	40%
Condition of flesh.....	30%
Uniformity - body & weight.....	20%
Fur.....	10%

**MARKET POULTRY****American Judging**

Breast.....	30%
Legs & Thighs.....	30%
Back.....	10%
Wings.....	10%
Rib.....	10%
Overall condition.....	10%

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