

BEAUFORT COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. RULES FOR ENTERING ANIMALS / EXHIBITORS:

- A. The show shall be market hogs of any breed or mixed breeding, market lambs and goats of any meat breed, and heifers of any meat breed for 4-H members and youth in Beaufort County.
- B. An application must be submitted by January 1 of show year.
- C. Parents/Guardians must attend a parent meeting in order for children to show.
- D. Children must attend an animal care/showmanship clinic or approved substitute activity to participate in the show until their 4th year in competitive level showmanship participation. This clinic will give them information on how to properly care for their animal and what judges will look for during the show.
- E. All livestock shall be approved by the Extension Office.
- F. All livestock are subject to the approval of the Livestock Show and Sale Committee at the time for arrival of the animals.
- G. Once entered, the animal is controlled by the jurisdiction of the Livestock Show and Sale Committee.
- H. Children are responsible for the proper care of their own animal.
- I. An exhibitor may enter and show two animals of different species.
- J. An exhibitor may enter and show two animals of the same species in market classes only.
- K. Only one animal per species may be sold at auction.
- L. No changes (aside from deletions) can be made to entries after Jan. 1 of the show year. If there are any deletions, the exhibitor must contact the office within seven days of the change.

2. YOUTH AGE RULES:

- A. As per North Carolina 4-H Rules, youth are considered Cloverbuds (non-competitive) if they have reached five years old by January 1 of the current year and have not yet reached their eighth birthday by January 1 of the current year. Youth that are eight by January 1 and have not yet reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year are eligible to show in competitive classes.
- B. Youth will be split into Junior and Senior age classes for the purpose of the Showmanship competition. Youth will be considered Junior Showmen if they are between the ages of 8 and 12 by January 1 of the current year. Youth will be considered Senior Showmen if they are between the ages of 13 and 18 by January 1 of the current year.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSES:

- A. All animals will be judged upon conformation and market conditions in market classes.
- B. Each youth will be able to participate in a showmanship class (classes are divided by age and species). In these classes, the exhibitor who does the best job of fitting and showing their animal will receive an award. Second place also receives an award.
- C. Cloverbud exhibitors will participate in non-competitive showmanship classes with other cloverbud-age youth. They will not participate in competitive classes (Regular Market and Showmanship Classes).

4. RULES REGARDING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. Each exhibitor or buyer assumes all liabilities in case of sickness, death or injury to their livestock. The exhibitor is responsible until animals are sold, at which time the buyer assumes the responsibility.
- B. A 5% commission will be charged on the auction sale price (not market sale price) of each exhibited animal. These funds will go into the Beaufort County Livestock Show Account to be used to support show improvement, infrastructure, and equipment. A 5% commission will be assessed to any and all additional animals not exhibited but sold to market through the 4-H Livestock Show.
- C. By March 1, the Extension Office needs to know whether you plan to sell or keep your animal. A fee of \$100 will be charged if this is changed.

5. ANIMAL BOOK REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Each exhibitor must complete a Livestock Animal Book and thank you letters to all the buyers of their animal and turn them in to the Extension Office located at 155 Airport Road in Washington by the date specified in order to receive payment.
- B. All animal books and thank you letters are due by May 5th, following the show. For every month after this date there is a 10% reduction in the pay check. After October 1st of the show year, the exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the show and sale.

6. RULES ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW:

- A. In order to compete, all animals must be in place at the show and sale by the end of the weigh in window as listed on the show website/communication.
- B. No non-livestock animals (unless pre-approved) are allowed on show grounds.
- C. Each exhibitor must bring enough feed to sustain their animal for 12 hours. There is water on site but youth need to bring a water bucket.
- D. Youth are responsible for removing trash and personal belongings from their animal's pen at the end of the show. Any youth failing to remove their trash and belongings will have removal fee of \$20 per pen deducted from their check.

7. RULES FOR THE SALE:

- A. Showmanship and market champions will be listed and sold first during sale. The remaining exhibitors will be listed in order of placing in market classes. Cloverbud exhibitors will be randomly selected and listed in between competitive youth.
- B. Corporations and businesses may choose to disburse additional funds through Friday at 5pm, after the show, and specify to whom they are given or divide them equally to all participants.

ANIMAL SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS:

HOG DEPARTMENT

- 1. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the hog show.
- 2. All hogs will be placed according to market standards.
- 3. All hogs must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show (January 26, 2023).
- 4. Target weights for market hogs are 235-285 pounds.
- 5. All hogs must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds on the day of the show. If a hog does not meet this qualification it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the market classes.
- 6. All hogs must be free from disease and external parasites.
- 7. Hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair.

LAMB DEPARTMENT

- 1. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the lamb show.
- 2. All lambs will be placed according to market standards.
- 3. All lambs must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show (January 26, 2023).
- 4. Target weights for market lambs are 110-140 pounds.
- 5. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds on the day of the show. If a lamb does not meet this qualification it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the market classes. In addition, underweight lambs cannot sell at market.
- 6. All lambs will be mouthed following check-in and must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place at the time of the show, (about 1 year).
- 7. Lambs must be wethers or ewes (no ram lambs).
- 8. All lambs must be halter broken.
- 9. All lambs will be sheared before showing.
- 10. All lambs must have a docked tail.
- 11. Lambs exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee.

GOAT DEPARTMENT

1. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the goat show.
2. All goats will be placed according to market standards.
3. All goats must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show (January 26, 2023).
4. Target weights for market goats are 60-80 pounds.
5. All competitive goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds on the day of the show. If a goat does not meet this qualification, it may be exhibited in the showmanship classes, but not the market classes. In addition, underweight goats cannot sell at market.
6. All goats will be mouthed following check-in and must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place at the time of the show.
7. Goats must be wethers or does (no bucks).
8. Goats may be shown in a halter or collar.
9. Goats should be a meat-breed (no pygmies).
10. Goats horns must be rasped to blunt ends or dehorned.
11. Goats exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee.

HEIFER DEPARTMENT

1. Youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to exhibit a heifer.
2. All heifers will be placed according to breed standards.
3. Heifers must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor at least 120 days prior to the show (November 30, 2022).
4. All heifers must be between 10-18 months old.
5. All heifers must be halter broke and shown with a halter.
6. All heifers must be without horns.

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