

BEAUFORT COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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, breeding heifers, and beef steers for 4-H members and youth.
- B. An application must be submitted by January 1 of the show year.
- C. Parents/Guardians must attend a parent meeting in order for youth to participate until the child's third year showing.
- 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.
- E. All livestock for cloverbuds that do not fall within animal specific regulations must be approved by the Extension Office prior to the on site date. Any animals that do not meet regulations will not be able to go through the auction.
- 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.

YOUTH AGE RULES:

- A. As per North Carolina 4-H Rules, youth are considered cloverbuds (non-competitive) if they are between the ages of 5 and 7 on January 1 of the current year. Youth that are between the ages of 8 and 18 on January 1 of the current year are eligible for competitive classes.
- B. Youth will be split into Junior, Intermediate, 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 10 by January 1 of the current year. Youth will be considered Intermediate Showmen if they are between the ages of 11 and 13 by January 1 of the current year. Youth will be considered Senior Showmen if they are between the ages of 14 and 18 by January 1 of the current year.

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).

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 to market, 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.

ANIMAL BOOK & THANK YOU LETTER REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Each exhibitor must complete a Livestock Animal Book and write thank you letters to all the buyers of their animal and turn them into the Extension Office located at 155 Airport Road in Washington by the date specified in order to receive payment. All thank you letters must be stamped.
- B. For every month after the due date that books and thank you letters are not turned in, there is a 10% reduction in the paycheck. After October 1st of the show year, the exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds from the show and sale.

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 a removal fee of \$20 per pen deducted from their check.
- E. Youth must abide by the Sportsmanship Code of Conduct that will be signed prior to show day. If youth are considered to be out of conduct, they will be asked to leave the show at any time by a committee member and will not be allowed to participate in the support auction.

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.
- C. Animals out of compliance with market rules will not be allowed to go through the auction.

ANIMAL SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

SHOWMANSHIP & MARKET HOG CLASS:

- A. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the hog show.
- B. All hogs must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show.
- C. Target weights for market hogs are 235-285 pounds.
- D. 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 class, but not the market class.
- E. All hogs must be free from disease and external parasites.
- F. All hogs must be without testicles and testicle remnants.
- G. Hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair.
- H. Hogs exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee prior to the onsite date but they will not be eligible for the auction.

SHOWMANSHIP & MARKET LAMB CLASS:

- A. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the lamb show.
- B. All lambs must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show.
- C. Target weights for market lambs are 110-140 pounds.
- D. 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 class, but not the market class.
- E. All lambs will be mouthed during the scheduled home visit and must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place.
- F. Lambs must be wethers or ewes (no ram lambs).
- G. Lambs must be halter broken.
- H. Lambs must be sheared before showing.
- I. Lambs must have a docked tail.
- J. Lambs must be without testicles, testicle remnants, and milking udders.
- K. Lambs exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee prior to the onsite date but they will not be eligible for the auction.

SHOWMANSHIP & MARKET GOAT CLASS:

- A. All youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to enter the goat show.
- B. All goats must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show.
- C. Target weights for market goats are 60-80 pounds.
- D. 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 class, but not the market class.
- E. All goats will be mouthed during the scheduled home visit and must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place.
- F. Goats must be wethers or does (no bucks).
- G. Goats may be shown in a halter or collar.
- H. Goats must be a meat-breed (no pygmies).
- I. Goats horns must be rasped to blunt ends or dehorned.
- J. Goats must be without testicles, testicle remnants, and milking udders.
- K. Goats exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee prior to the onsite date but they will not be eligible for the auction.

SHOWMANSHIP & BREEDING HEIFER CLASS

- A. Youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to exhibit a heifer.
- B. Heifers must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor at least 120 days prior to the show.
- C. All heifers must be between 6-24 months old.
- D. All heifers must be halter broke and shown with a halter.
- E. All heifers must be without horns.
- F. Heifers exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee prior to the onsite date but they will not be eligible for the auction.
- G. By February 1 of show year, a committee member will schedule a home visit to ensure that the exhibitor can walk the heifer at least 100 ft by themselves. If youth can't walk at least 100 ft with their heifer, the youth will get a two week extension. If the youth still can't after the extension, they will not be able to participate in the show or sale.

SHOWMANSHIP & MARKET STEER CLASS

- A. Youth must be 5-18 by January 1 of the show year to exhibit a steer.
- B. Steers must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor at least 120 days prior to the show.
- C. All steers must be between 6-24 months old.
- D. All steers must be halter broke and shown with a halter.
- E. All steers must be without horns.
- F. Steers exhibited by cloverbuds may fall outside of these requirements if approved by the livestock committee prior to the onsite date but they will not be eligible for the auction.
- G. By February 1 of show year, a committee member will schedule a home visit to ensure that the exhibitor can walk the steer at least 100 ft by themselves. If youth can't walk at least 100 ft with their steer, the youth will get a two week extension. If the youth still can't after the extension, they will not be able to participate in the show or sale.