

# 2021 Arkansas State Fair

## Summary of Changes

- PeeWee Exhibitors may now enter the Junior Livestock Show. Age requirement for Junior Shows is now 5 to 20 (or up to the Fall after High School Graduation).
- All Junior Exhibitors must have YQCA Certification prior to registration
- All livestock will be required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (checked by Livestock & Poultry at gate, NO Vet Inspection in Barns)
- Quarantine Facility will be established on the grounds for any animals showing signs of disease.
- Breakaway Rule for all livestock – any animal that breaks away from an exhibitor more than three times will be excused from the ring and disqualified.
- Clarified allowable drenching locations including wash racks, grooming stands/chutes, and tie-outs.
- No “processing” of market animals. Electronic submission of declared weights on phones/tablets by exhibitors.
- Ownership Deadline for ALL Livestock – June 26, 2021
- All market animals and commercial/wether dam females will be required to participate in the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Validation program. No longer required to have a separate state fair tag, or to “Nominate” through the state fair. Once validated through the program, will only have to register for state fair by registration deadline.
- Added Shows: Hair Wether Dam Goat Division, Bred & Owned Breeding Sheep Show, Open Prospect Steer/Heifer Show, Replacement Heifer Pen Show, Two Beef Cattle Fitting Contests, Goat Fitting Contest, Natural State Show Goat Association Show.
- Junior Livestock Sale of Champions will be moved to Thursday Evening in the Coliseum.
- Transitioning Junior Ambassador program to a College Intern program.
- Exhibitors may now show up to three market hogs, given that one of them is a breed classifying market hog. (IF the breed classifying hog does not classify, exhibitor must choose which two will be shown in crossbred show)
- Lightweight Crossbred Market Hog weight for first cut raised to 235 pounds.
- Market Lambs and Market Steers will be shown by breeds similar to market hogs. (Breed shows listed in Sheep and Cattle Handbooks)
- Meat Pen and Single Fryer Rabbits will be shown on the first Friday of the Fair along with the Broilers.
- Reserve Champion Meat Pen and Reserve Champion Single Fryer will be added to the Junior Livestock Auction.

