

2023 Arkansas State Fair Junior and Open Livestock Show General Information and Rules



Arkansas State Fair Livestock Central Office

Livestock Central Office is located in Cattle Barn #3. Livestock Show Management operates from the office during the Arkansas State Fair.

Section 1: Exhibitor Eligibility

Open Shows are open to anyone.

Junior Shows are restricted to Arkansas 4-H Club members or Arkansas FFA members in good standing at time of the Arkansas State Fair.

- Certification of membership will be required from the County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor.
- Exhibitors must be 5 years of age and cannot have reached their 20th birthday by October 1st.
- Exhibitors may not show in a Junior Show any later than the Fall after graduating from high school or receiving a GED certificate or its equivalent regardless of their age.

Section 2: Entry Requirements

All livestock and poultry entries (including group and bred and owned classes) must be submitted online by September 15th.

Late Entries will be accepted for all livestock and poultry for additional fees. These must be submitted online no later than Friday, October 6. Please note: In person entries will be accepted onsite until check-in for that specific show but will have substantial additional onsite fees.

Commercial Poultry Exhibitors – Broiler show and Poultry Chain exhibitors must enter through Showworks by show entry deadlines. Ordering birds does not constitute a State Fair Show entry.

Junior Department – Entry Fees

Entry	Entry Fee (By Midnight September 15)	Late Entry Fee (By Midnight October 6 with \$50 late Fee)	Extremely Late Entry (must be done in the Livestock office before the end of that Show check-in)
Breeding Beef	\$25	\$75	\$225
Breeding Beef Bred & Owned	\$20	\$70	\$220
Boer Goats	\$10	\$60	\$210
Boer Goats Group Classes	\$5	\$55	\$205
Breeding Sheep	\$10	\$60	\$210
Breeding Sheep Bred & Owned	\$10	\$60	\$210
Breeding Sheep Group Classes	\$5	\$55	\$205
Breeding Swine	\$15	\$65	\$215
Commercial Heifers	\$25	\$75	\$225
Wether Dam Goats	\$15	\$65	\$215
Wether Dam Lambs	\$15	\$65	\$215
Commercial Gilts	\$15	\$65	\$215
Dairy Cattle	\$20	\$70	\$220
Dairy Goats	\$10	\$60	\$210
Dairy Goat Group Classes	\$5	\$55	\$205
Breeding Rabbits	\$4	\$54	\$204
Single Exhibition Chicken	\$6	\$56	\$206
Trio Exhibition Chicken	\$12	\$62	\$212
Ducks	\$6	\$56	\$206
Turkey	\$8	\$58	\$208
Guinea	\$6	\$56	\$206
Goose	\$8	\$58	\$208
Market Animals (Steer, Lamb, Goat, Hog)	\$30	\$80	\$230
Meat Pen Rabbits	\$15	\$65	\$215
Single Fryer Rabbit	\$10	\$60	\$210
Market Broilers (pen of 3)	\$10	\$60	\$210
AR Poultry Chain (pen of 3 layers)	\$10	\$60	\$210

**Junior Poultry Exhibitors are automatically entered in to both junior and open shows in the registration system.*

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Accepted Entries: In all cases, the management reserves the right to accept, reject, or accept conditionally, any entry as it is intended that only such animals shall be entered and shown as have merit, and will be a credit to both the exhibitor and this exposition. Entries which do not meet eligibility criteria will be disqualified.

Check-In of Animals: All exhibitors must have animal checked in with clerk at designated time(s).

- Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers, and rabbits) must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within (90) days prior to exhibition per Arkansas Department of Agriculture Exhibition Regulations.
 - Sheep, goats, and steers will go through veterinary inspection upon arrival at Arkansas State Fairgrounds.
 - Poultry will be required to have NPIP paperwork.
 - All horses will be required to have a negative EIA test within twelve (12) months prior to entry of the fairgrounds.
- Animals not checked in at the designated time will be scratched from competition.
- Original registration papers are required at check-in unless division rules specifically state otherwise (NO COPIES).
- Failure to follow any check in requirement will result in ineligibility to compete.

Substitution Requirements: Substitutions may be made. The animal being subbed must be within the same breed, gender, and with the same exhibitor.

- There is a \$15.00 charge for each substitution.

- **Junior Show Animal Substitutions:** Substitutions will be accepted until 12 noon the day preceding the specific show for \$15. An exhibitor may substitute as long as each animal satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as DNA submission (market/commercial animals), ownership, and age. Animals that do not meet the proper show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted. A substitution form must be filled out completely. Substitutions must be same species, breed and/or sex. Change in ownership is not a substitution.
- Registered animals must be in the exact exhibitor's name for juniors (cannot be the name and the farm, must be the exhibitor only).
- **Open Show Animal Substitutions:** Substitutions of Open Show animals will be accepted until 12 noon the day preceding the specific show for \$15. A Substitution Form must be filled out completely. Substitutions must be same species, breed, and sex. Change in ownership is not a substitution. Registered animals in the Open Show must have the exact same farm name or exhibitor name as animal being substituted and must satisfy under the same entry. No exceptions.
- Substitutions must be approved by Show Superintendent at check-in and are at the discretion of the Show Superintendent or Livestock Director.

Group Classes: Entry into any group class competition must be completed at the time of individual class entries and comply with entry deadlines. On-site group entries will NOT be accepted without additional fees listed previously.

Animals entered in group classes must have shown in their individual classes to be eligible.

Registration of Animals: Animals in all breeding classes (except Commercial and Wether Dam divisions) must have registration number at time of entry.

- No pending registrations will be accepted.
- Original registration certificates only will be accepted, regardless of Breed Association requirements. Copies of registration papers will NOT be accepted at check-in.
- Electronic registration will be accepted if exhibitor is able to log-in to the association website to view registration during check-in. This form of registration is accepted at the discretion of the superintendents or Livestock Director.
- When required by Breed Associations, legible well healed tattoos, brands, or ear marks must be in place.
- Specific Breed class will be determined at exhibit check in. Once the check in process is completed there will be no changes to assigned breed.

Breeder (defined): The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time of service and shall be so considered in all classes that require animals to be bred by exhibitors. When a breeder, prior to close of entries, disposes of their herd to a corporation, wherein they are a stockholder, or manager, animals may be exhibited as bred by said corporation.

Animal Inspections: As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the show management and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by show management.

- Animals exhibiting signs of warts or wool fungus will NOT be allowed to show or remain on the fairgrounds.
- The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition.
- The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether an animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the Arkansas State Fair or show management.
- The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to collect hair follicles, and/or perform a retinal scan which may be used to perform analysis to verify identification of an entry in the show using the DNA sample or retinal scan collected at the time of enrollment.
- Any, and all samples collected are the property of the Arkansas State Fair and may be compared with samples collected by other fairs or livestock shows to confirm entry identification.
- Any exhibits that test positive for performance altering substances in any preformed test consents to forfeiting awards / premiums and Junior Livestock sale monies.

Premiums: Premiums will be paid on percentages of entries and be mailed to exhibitors at the address submitted in their Showworks profile. Please check exhibitor profiles to make sure this information is correct. An exhibitor is permitted to receive premiums for only two places in any one class where the show allows multiple entries.

Section 3: Arkansas State Fair Complex Use

Arrival/Release of Livestock: Refer to Livestock Show Schedule for arrival and release times of animals. Non compliance with show schedule may result in forfeiture of premiums earned.

Truck & Trailer Regulations: Instructions and directions of Arkansas State Fair Security regarding traffic and parking must be followed at all times while on the fairgrounds.

- All vehicles with livestock will enter through Gate 12 at 34th and Battery St.
- All trucks and trailers must be removed after unloading to the designated area.
- Most livestock trailers will be parked at an off-site location near the fairgrounds at no charge to the exhibitor.
- The trailer parking lot will be monitored 24 hours per day by Arkansas State Fair Security.

Stall Assignments: Stall assignments will be made by the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Department. Exhibitors are required to comply with stalling assignments.

Care & Custody: Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his or her own animals until released from the fairgrounds.

- If livestock are not properly cared for, labor, feed requirements, and other necessary items will be supplied, with all costs thereof charged against such exhibitor and all premiums or sale money earned by such exhibitor will be withheld under such circumstances to apply toward any expenses incurred.
- All owners of property or livestock, or other persons having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same so as not to cause injury or damage to any member of the general public, any other exhibitor, or any Arkansas State Fair show management.

- As the Arkansas State Fair does not undertake to do so, it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners, handlers, or trainers thereof.
- The Arkansas State Fair, its insurance carriers, and the state of Arkansas are not liable or responsible for and expressly disclaim any liability or responsibility for the acts, failure to act, misconduct, or negligence of any third party relative thereto.
- The official Arkansas State Fair veterinarian may be requested by exhibitors at any point during the fair. Exhibitors should contact show management in the Livestock Show Office for any requests. Exhibitor will be responsible for all charges associated with the request.

Smoking is Prohibited in all barns by order of the Little Rock Fire Marshall.

Grooming Chutes & Fitting Stands:

- Grooming chutes/fitting stands can be used ONLY in the grooming areas.
- No grooming chutes/fitting stands will be allowed in public walking aisles.

Feed & Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for their own feed and bedding.

- Bedding options will be available for purchase on-site.
- Any unauthorized sale or delivery of any feed, hay, or bedding materials is strictly prohibited.
- Only bagged or baled shavings, wood chips, or baled straw will be permitted on the grounds.

Animal Movement & Housing: Any questions concerning animal movement or housing should be asked in advance to the Livestock Office.

- Animals must be on display in the barns during required times. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- Animals are not allowed to be housed inside livestock trailers except when being transported at appropriate times.

Dogs are prohibited on fairgrounds; particularly in livestock exhibition areas except for service animals required by law. Questions should be addressed to Arkansas State Fair Security.

Liability: All livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, etc. and their livestock will be under the control, supervision, and direction of Arkansas State Fair Show Management. It is agreed as a condition of exhibiting, handling, or training all livestock that the Arkansas State Fair will in no event and under no circumstances be responsible or liable for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur to livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, their livestock, and/or the general public. Each exhibitor, handler, or trainer will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited participant or representing parties for its description as given in the general information, rules, and regulations. Exhibitors shall indemnify and hold harmless the Arkansas State Fair, its members, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, and board of governors from and against all loss, claims, judgments, damages, actions, or causes of action or other proceedings of and brought by third parties including without limitation any member of the general public in regard to and arising from the exhibition or sale of any animals or their transportation to or from the Arkansas State Fair fairgrounds, or other matters or events related thereto, including damage or injury occurring or manifesting itself at any time to any other such person or his or her property, caused directly or indirectly by the exhibitor, their agents or independent contractors, or any of the animals exhibited

by participant, arising out of or in any way connected with such exhibition, transportation, or sale of the activities or conduct of any of the animals so exhibited.

Official Photographer: An official livestock photographer will be present on the grounds during the show.

- An official backdrop will be provided for use by the official photographer.
- The Arkansas State Fair Show Management reserves the right to use any photograph for publicity or advertising purposes without the permission or consent of the owner of the livestock.
- Exhibitors winning Grand Champion awards are required to have official photographs taken in order to receive premiums.

Signs: Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign over each exhibit advertising their own herd.

- Show Management reserves the right to remove any signs deemed inappropriate.
- No commercial or advertising signs will be permitted.
- No signs may be nailed/screwed to walls or fences.

Fire Marshall Regulations: The following rules apply to all livestock barns:

- All streets must be cleared on move-in days. Any unattended vehicle will be towed immediately without notice at the owner's expense.
- The following items are prohibited in all barns:
 - Tents inside barns, tarps, or covered stalls
 - Hot plates, microwaves, slow cookers, televisions, refrigerators
 - Butt fans
 - Generators (inside barns or breezeways)
- The following rules apply to power cords:
 - There will be only one GFCI outlet per grooming area. Any grooming with electricity must be done in grooming areas or inside barns.
 - No power cords can be run from inside the barn to the outside of a barn.
 - In cases of wet conditions exhibitors may not be allowed to use grooming areas or power cords. Show Management will notify exhibitors if this action needs to be taken.
 - Only one power cord allowed per electric outlet. **No quad or duplex boxes will be allowed** on the end of a power cord, and only one dryer, fan, radio, etc. per power outlet.
 - All cords must be a heavy-duty commercial cord with a ground. Cords must also be of proper length (do not run 100 ft of cord if 10 ft from outlet).
 - No ragged, taped, or altered cords will be allowed.
 - All electrical boxes will remain locked and accessible ONLY to Arkansas State Fair electrical/maintenance department staff.
 - The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to inspect any equipment, cords, electrical connections, etc. at any time. Failure to cooperate with the instructions of state fair personnel will result in immediate disqualification from competition at any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event for a minimum of one year and premiums from the current Arkansas State Fair will be forfeited.

Animal Death: In the event an animal expires on the fairgrounds, the owner or exhibitor of the animal must immediately report the death to the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Office and arrangements will be made for disposal.

- DO NOT remove the animal from the exhibit area before notifying and receiving direction from the show management.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any costs related to the disposal of the animal.

Passes: Exhibitors entered for the fair must purchase gate entry passes.

First Aid: Emergency medical services will be on the fairgrounds with headquarters located in the North Lot beside Barton Coliseum. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Section 4: Show Rules

Decision of Judges: Reputable judges are selected by the Arkansas State Fair Show Management and show superintendents. The decisions of the judges are final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the show management will make the final decision.

Interference with Judges: An exhibitor shall not in any way, whether in person or by affiliation, interfere with the judge during adjudication at Arkansas State Fair or an Arkansas Livestock Show Association event in which the exhibition is participating. Such actions shall call for the Arkansas State Fair show management to exclude said exhibitor from competition and/or from the show ring, as well as withholding of premiums that may have been awarded.

Control of Animals: All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring at all times. Any animal that breaks away from the exhibitor more than three times will be excused from the ring and disqualified. If at any point a show official deems an animal unruly to the point of endangering other exhibitors or animals, that animal will be excused from the ring and disqualified. All breeding cattle and steers for exhibition must be shown with halters and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot. All bulls, six months or older, must be shown with nose ring or nose clip and lead.

Time of Judging: The Livestock Schedule, as published in the Livestock Exhibitor Handbook, will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain as to what time their exhibits would be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly on schedule will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judge overlooked said exhibits will be considered. Paging for shows is provided as a courtesy by the Arkansas State Fair, but it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to maintain and follow the required schedule.

Disqualified Animals: Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes should graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them. If a Champion or Reserve Champion is disqualified after the conclusion of the State Fair, the placings will remain the same.

Showing for Adjudication: All exhibitors must bring into the arena for adjudication any animal or animals properly entered in any show class as eligible for competition. No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and properly exhibited before the judge in the show ring.

Protests: All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Office to show management within two hours after the occasion for such protest. Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age of breeding of animals must be filed with the show management prior to the day on which they are to be judged. In this case, the decision of the Breed Association of Record for the animal(s) in question will stand in accordance with the conclusion of the show management. Protests must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Judging procedures will NOT be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. In addition to the right to protest herein granted to exhibitor, the Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an exhibit and take such action as may be deemed just and proper, and as may be warranted in these premises. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent will be considered by the show management. All questions in dispute or difference not covered by these rules will be referred to the show management, whose decision shall be final. The decision of Classifiers, Weigh Masters, Judges, and Veterinarians shall NOT be subject to protest or appeal.

Interpretations and Violations of Rules: The Arkansas State Fair reserves to its show management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the Arkansas State Fair; and the right to amend, interpret, or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will be subject to such penalty as the Livestock Department show management may order.

Attesting of Awards: The judges, superintendent, and a clerk must sign the award book with awards entered after each show. The judge and superintendent should use special care to see that each award is properly entered in the award book.

Discourtesy/Disobedience: Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Arkansas State Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents, or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest, and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Junior exhibitors will be expected to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct and/or FFA Code of Ethics while participating in all Arkansas State Fair events.

Delinquent Acts: If an exhibitor is caught having any involvement in any delinquent act or being involved with prohibited act and or a disqualified entry, they may be removed from the grounds, forfeiting any further competition, awards, premiums, sale slots, and/or proceeds. Fees will not be reimbursed, and the exhibitor may be barred from future competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event. [IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics \(adga.org\)](http://adga.org) Delinquent Acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.

Prohibited Acts: The following actions are prohibited at the Arkansas State Fair.

- The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law.
- The **injection or internal or external administration** of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition, or age or by making the animal appear more sound than would otherwise appear.
- Being found in possession of stomach pumping equipment. Treatment of severely sick or dehydrated animals must be pre-approved by show management and administered by an Arkansas State Fair approved veterinarian.
- The administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment, or otherwise change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attached to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth, or fiber for the purpose of deception.
- Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of livestock for deception.
- Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act.
- Violations of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- Violations of the Arkansas State Fair ownership requirements or care and custody rules listed in this premium book. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statements as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at the Arkansas State Fair.
- Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches).
- Altering of hooves using unnatural products.

Drenching: Drenching of animals using appropriate methods is allowed in designated areas including wash racks, tie-outs, and in grooming chutes/stands.

Exhibitor Responsibility: It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of an exhibitor with regard to the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.

Penalties: Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management may order, including but not limited to:

- Such animal being barred from competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- The exhibitor being barred from entering/or participating at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.

- The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representative or agents of the exhibitor; or all of them being barred from any further participation in the Arkansas State Fair.
- Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database (<https://www.nalsrma.org>). Being reported in this database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If an exhibitor is listed in this database, they may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Arkansas State Fair to animal in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Arkansas State Fair, immediately return all award and premiums given to such animal.
- All money earned at the Arkansas State Fair Junior Livestock Sale being withheld.
- Exhibitor being liable to the Arkansas State Fair and shall indemnify and hold the Arkansas State Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, State Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Arkansas State Fair rules and regulations.
- Violation penalties are as follows: first infraction – exhibitor will be barred from Arkansas State Fair Livestock Shows for one year. Second infraction – exhibitor will be barred from Arkansas State Fair Shows for three years. Third infraction – exhibitor may be barred from any further participation in Arkansas State Fair Livestock Shows or events. All penalties are at the discretion of the Livestock Director/Show Management.

Right of Decision Review: If an exhibitor is subject to any penalty or violation under these rules, the exhibitor has the right to have the decision reviewed by the Arkansas State Fair. Exhibitors must contact the Livestock Office to obtain the procedure for review. The basis for review must be submitted within seven days of being notified by the show management of the decision made.

Specific Rules may apply for individual shows and will be listed in Livestock Handbook in appropriate locations.

Section 5: Junior Division Special Rules

Ownership:

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS:

- Exhibitor must own the animal being shown.
- Exhibitor must have acquired title and taken possession of all livestock animals on or before the ownership date of July 15, with the exception of Market Steers which is June 1.
- Animal must be registered solely in the individual's name (junior exhibitor, cannot include farm name).
- **No co-ownerships, no chapter ownerships, no club ownerships, or farm names are allowed.**

OPEN EXHIBITORS:

- To be eligible for competition, whether single or in group classes, animal must be owned by the owner no less than 30 days prior to the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Show. Only an original registration certificate will be accepted as proof of ownership. Entry

must be made in the name of the owner/owners. Owner/owners can be individual, farm, ranch, club or family.

Care & Custody: All animals must remain in the continuous possession of the exhibitor during the duration of the project and must be personally cared for by the exhibitor. Arkansas State Fair officials reserve the right to inspect ownership and request specific information regarding care and custody of an animal at any time during the duration of the project.

Fitting, Grooming, and Animal Care: The primary care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form. The exhibitor must be always present during the fitting when assistance is being provided except such times as the exhibitor may be exhibiting livestock in another class.

Showing Animals: Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal.

- Substitute exhibitors may be requested and approved for the following reasons:
 - Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician.
 - Conflicts with animals being exhibited in other species.
 - Two animals in the same class
 - A pre-approved 4-H, FFA, or other Arkansas State Fair competition.
- Other school activities may qualify for a substitution request if pre-approved by the Arkansas State Fair Management.
- Approval must be obtained for a substitute showman prior to the start of show.
- Any substitute exhibitor must be a member of Arkansas 4-H or FFA that has a current junior livestock entry.
- In no case may a parent, agent, breeder, professional (paid/nonpaid) or advisor present or assist with presentation of any animal.

Showmanship: Arkansas State Fair Showmanship competitions are divided in to three divisions:

- Pee Wee Division – Ages 5 to 8
- Junior Division – Ages 9 to 13
- Senior Division – Ages 14 and up (must meet Arkansas State Fair Junior Show eligibility)
- Base date for computing showmanship competition age is October 1 of the current year.
- Showmanship exhibitor must own the animal shown in showmanship competitions and must have exhibited that animal in the same year Arkansas State Fair.

Awards: Awards (Banners, Buckles, etc..) will be awarded to breeds that meet the minimum number of paid entries specified by each breed. These standards will be listed in the Handbook for each species.

Drug Testing & DNA Comparison Procedures: All animals qualifying for the Sale of Champions and alternates are required to submit a urine test and are also required to have a DNA Sample pulled to be compared to the sample submitted during validation. The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to pull urine or DNA from any animal entered in the Arkansas State Fair market shows and submit the sample for testing.

- Once a urine sample has been collected, it will be sealed and signed by the exhibitor, a parent or guardian (may be an advisor or agent). Animals may not leave the collection area until an adult signature has been acquired on the specimen jars.
- Once all samples have been collected, specimen will be transported to a secure facility as determined by the Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission to be tested for drug violations.
- Any violations found will be submitted to Arkansas State Fair show management for review.
- Should extra DNA testing be required, and is approved by show management, to remedy any problem, the cost to the exhibitor will be responsible for the costs associated with the additional test.

Sale of Champions:

- No exhibitor will be allowed more than one animal in the Sale of Champions unless the exhibitor has more than one Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal.
- All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in the participating species will be allowed in the Sale of Champions regardless of the one animal limit.
- If an exhibit has more than one animal that qualifies for the Sale of Champions, the exhibitor will choose which animal will participate.
- Should any animal be disqualified, scratched, or limited from participation for any reason prior to the Sale of Champions, the next highest placing animal within that species will be moved up to fill the vacated position in the Sale of Champions.
- Sale of Champions allotted numbers per species will be determined upon further review prior to opening day of Arkansas State Fair.