

Boone County Fair

4-H / FFA Livestock General Rules

A. Overall rules and appropriate conduct

1. All Boone County Junior Fair Exhibitors must be enrolled and a member in good standing in: a 4-H Livestock project or an FFA SAE program in Boone County.
2. Each exhibit shall be **OWNED AND UNDER THE CARE OF THE EXHIBITOR** and shall represent work accomplished with the 4-H or FFA project during the current year.
3. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may own their livestock in partnership (joint ownership) with immediate family. (Immediate family is defined as brother, sister, blended brother/sister, parent or legal guardian of the exhibitor.)
4. Show Me Quality Assurance Certification will be required for showing any species of livestock at the Boone County Fair.
5. Believing it is in the best interest of all junior exhibitors to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image, the Boone County Fair sets forth the following regulation: 4-H and FFA members are expected to conduct themselves according to the best traditions of their respective organizations as outlined in Missouri 4-H Youth Code of Conduct and Missouri FFA Code of Ethics. Inappropriate conduct (such as alcohol and substance abuse, stealing, vandalism, and indiscreet behavior) will NOT be tolerated: all livestock premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor will be disqualified from the Livestock Auction and/or the sale nullified.
6. Exhibitors must be at the Show and at the Livestock Sale, except for a medical emergency in the family or a conflicting 4-H or FFA event as permitted by the Livestock Auction Committee, or any Youth-related Activity on the Boone County Fairgrounds in order to sell.
7. The **Missouri State Fair On-Line Premium Guide** will be the guidelines used by the Livestock Superintendents when making decisions regarding rules that are vague or not addressed in the Boone County Fair Book.
8. The appropriate Boone County Fair Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents will interpret rules and make final decisions concerning the Boone County Fair Livestock Shows.
9. Stall assignments will be posted in the barns if possible. **It is very important to check stall assignments prior to unloading.**
10. **Parents are responsible for the actions of their children.**
11. No drenching of animals at the Boone County Fair without veterinarian approval and supervision.
12. Any alleged rule violation must be accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit in order to be investigated, if valid than the deposit will be returned, if not valid the deposit goes to the species committee. The depositor has the right to present their opinion to the chairman.
13. A challenge to verification of animal identity must be made to a species committee chairman within 24 hours of the show's completion. The cost of DNA test and complain fee must accompany a written complaint.

B. Entries

14. All exhibitors shall complete a livestock entry form listing all animals. Entry fees are listed on the livestock entry form for each animal division. **All Exhibitors must purchase an exhibitor pass.**
15. **Entries will be considered late if all payments and forms are not received in the BFC Livestock Committee by July 1st, 2019.** Entries that are not completely filled out or do not include the correct fee payment will **NOT** be accepted. Make checks payable to: “**Boone County Livestock Committee**”.
16. **Pre-entry or weigh-in forms turned in prior to the fair do NOT substitute for the required Livestock Entry.**
17. Exhibitors must **declare at weigh-in or pre-entry if they will be showing the species in 4-H or FFA.** An exhibitor may show one species in 4-H and another species in FFA, but is NOT allowed to show multiple animals of one species in both 4-H and FFA.
18. **Animal identification is required on the Livestock Entry Form.** Substitutions for **breeding stock** must be approved by the appropriate show superintendents.
19. Market animals that are at the first weigh in (market beef February, market lambs & market goats - May) can be entered as an individual or immediate family (father, mother, brother, sister, or legal guardian only).

C. Home raised classes

20. **Home raised for all Boone County livestock projects is defined as:** any animal whose dam is owned by the exhibitor or a member of the immediate family (father, mother, brother, sister, or legal guardian only), at the time of birth, and is born on the local property that is owned or managed by the immediate family of the exhibitor. The animal must be cared for from birth to exhibition by the exhibitor on the local property. The dam does not have to be owned by the exhibitor/family at the time of breeding.
21. Exhibitors may only have one animal in the home raised class per species.

D. Animal health regulations

22. All junior livestock exhibitors must abide by current health regulations of the Missouri Department of Agriculture.
23. At the time of printing the following is the current set of guidelines for Missouri Animal Health Requirements for exhibition.
 - **Cattle:** in Missouri moving for exhibition only in Missouri, No certificate of veterinary inspection is required.
 - **Swine:** in Missouri moving for exhibition only in Missouri, No certificate of veterinary inspection is required.
 - **Sheep:** In accordance with the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri State Fair health guidelines, all sheep (including wethers) must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) to be eligible to show. This health certificate must have been written within 30 days of exhibition. All sheep must also be identified either by ear tag, electronic implant, or tattoo.
 - **Goats:** In accordance with the Missouri Department of Agriculture and Missouri State Fair health guidelines, all goats (including wethers) must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) to be eligible to show. This health certificate must have been written within 30 days of exhibition. All goats must also be identified either by ear tag, electronic implant, or tattoo.
 - **Poultry:** Must have no signs of contagious or infectious disease. Poultry must have a VS Form 9-2 (or similar certificate) showing a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within the past 90 days to exhibition, or originate from a flock approved by the NPIP. Waterfowl are exempt from this testing requirement. A representative from the Missouri Department of Agriculture shall have access to this event and may inspect or test poultry as considered necessary. This testing is done at the time of entry (see #13 under small animal rules)

E. Junior livestock auction

24. Exhibitors may only sell two animals (one per species) in the Livestock Auction. If an Exhibitor has more than two animals that have been awarded Grand and/or Reserve Champion Overall, the Exhibitor will be **required** to sell EACH animal that has been awarded Grand and/or Reserve Champion Overall. These animals are required to enter the sale arena with NO substitutions (Tags will be checked).
25. All animals in the Livestock Auction must have received a Blue or Red ribbon in their show.
26. Animals offered for sale in the Livestock Auction must meet the following minimum weight requirements:
 - Market Beef –1,000 pounds
 - Swine –230 pounds
 - Lambs – 100 pounds
 - Meat Goats – 50 pounds
 - Poultry Meat Pen - 3 per pen of same breed per pen; 6-8 weeks of age
 - Rabbit Meat Pen – 3 per pen of same breed and variety; not over 5 lbs each; 10 weeks of age.
27. Once an animal has been offered for sale or is sold, it will not be allowed to be shown at the Missouri State Fair unless a premium sale is held locally, or if a Missouri State Fair Advance Sales Agreement is signed by all parties, exhibitor and buyer(s). Missouri State Fair Advance Sales Agreements are the responsibility of each exhibitor.
28. **The sale species order will be rotated annually from top to bottom:**
Market Beef, Market Hogs, Chickens/Rabbits, Market Lambs, Meat Goats
29. Market beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, and rabbit and poultry meat pens that are offered for sale in the Livestock Auction will **NOT** be released until the conclusion of the auction on Friday.
30. All sales are final at price offered. Failure to comply will result in loss of opportunity to participate in any future auctions with any species at the Boone County Fair.
31. Settlement will be made within 30 days following the Boone County Fair Livestock Auction pending payment by the buyer.
32. All livestock purchases will be paid in full and processed through the Boone County Fair Junior Livestock Auction; not paid directly to the seller. The person registered to buyer number is responsible for payment. Consequences for not following payment rule will be that the seller will not be allowed to sell the following year.

F. Showmanship classes

33. Showmanship is for exhibitors representing Boone County only.
34. The following exhibitor ages (as of Jan. 1, current year) will be used to determine placement in all Boone County Fair Showmanship competitions. There will be 3 youth showmanship age divisions for each show. The divisions will be the following:
 - Showmanship 8-11
 - Showmanship 12-15
 - Showmanship 16 and over

G. Master showman award

35. The Master Showman is a round robin type competition where the champion showman from each showmanship division will compete against each other by showing each market specie identified in the guidelines. The Master showman from the Sr. and Intermediate. Division will receive a custom made belt buckle.
36. Eligibility:
 - Youth must be a member of Boone County 4-H or FFA.
 - Youth must be selected as the champion showman of their age division in one of the market shows (Beef, Goat, Sheep & Swine) at the Boone County Fair
 - Age divisions are Intermediate- 12 to 15 & Sr. 16 and over.
37. Master showman contest will be Friday morning before noon. Time will be announced.
38. Adult volunteers will identify livestock to be used for this show by getting permission from other exhibitors not in the competition to use their livestock and equipment (brushes, halters & show sticks).
39. Showman will not be able to use their own livestock or a family member's livestock for this competition.
40. Showman will draw numbers to determine which specific animal they will show for each area of the competition.
41. Animals will be shown unfit.
42. Showman will show animals in the following areas:
 - Market beef
 - Market goat
 - Market sheep
 - Market swine
43. If an exhibitor is eligible to participate in the Master Showman Contest in more than one species, he/she will represent the first specie where he/she was awarded champion showman. The second place winner in their unrepresented species will serve as the champion showman for that area.
44. If an exhibitor whom has won champion of one of the divisions and elects not to participate in the master showman contest then the second place showman in that division will represent that specie.
45. Once an exhibitor has been chosen as Master showman of their age division, they cannot compete again for master showman in that age division.
46. Master showman will be selected at the discretion of the judge and the judge's decision is final.

H. Herdsmanship and Sportsmanship Awards

47. Herdsmanship is not an individual award. The award will be given to the club or chapter that exhibits the qualities of good herdsmanhip in the areas of animal care, exhibitor conduct, cleanliness of ally and stalls, appearance of animals and educational information about the species. Herdsmanship awards will be announced at the beginning of the livestock auction.
48. Sportsmanship is an individual award which is voted on by the exhibitors of each species. One exhibitor for each species will be recognized as the sportsmanship winner. Voting will take place before the livestock auction and will be awarded at the auction.