



2025 Northwest District Livestock Show (NDLS)

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Rockingham County Fairgrounds

(4808 S Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801)

Facebook: Northwest District Livestock Show

Entries Open: May 1, 2025

Entries Close: May 15, 2025

Late Entries (Double Entry Fee) Close:

Entry Link: <http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22156>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

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Visit the following link for further event information and sign-up instructions:

<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/yqca.html>

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Species Included: Beef (Market/Prospect Steers, Breeding Heifers); Sheep (Market/Prospect Lambs, Breeding Ewes); Swine (Market Hogs); Meat Goats (Market/Prospect Goats, Breeding Does);

**** Dairy Goats will be offered a clinic and show on June 28, 2025 at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises***

Open to 4-H/FFA Exhibitors from the Following Counties: Albemarle, Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Greene, Highland, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren.

Schedule of Events

**Proposed schedule of events at the time of entry. Schedule is subject to change prior to the event. Please visit [Northwest District Livestock Show on Facebook](#) for the most up to date information.*

Friday, May 23, 2025

5:00 pm: *Grounds Open to Exhibitors*

**Gates will open at 5:00 pm SHARP; no exhibitors will be permitted entry on grounds prior to 5:00 pm arrival time*

6:00-8:00 pm: *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training*

**Location TBD*

6:00-8:00 pm: *Early Exhibitor Check-in*

**Show Office (End cap of Farm Credit Hoop Barn)*

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7:00-9:00 am: *Swine Weigh-in (all hogs must be penned in-barn on Saturday; each entry must be weighed)*

**Top Bead Welding Hog Barn*

7:00 am- 9:00 am: *Exhibitor Check-in*

**Show Office (End cap of Farm Credit Hoop Barn)*

8:00 am- 10:00 am: *Beef Check-in/Weigh-in (Prospect/Market Steers, and Commercial Heifers must be weighed)*

** First Bank Beef Barn*

8:00 am- 10:00 am: *Sheep and Meat Goat Check-in/Weigh-in (Prospect/Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Prospect/Market Goats, and Commercial Meat Type Breeding Does must be weighed) *Sign Pro Lamb/Goat Barn*

10:00 am: *Swine Show*

** Top Bead Welding Hog Barn*

12:00 pm: *Beef Show*

** Farm Credit Show Ring A*

12:00 pm: *Sheep Show*

** Farm Credit Show Ring B*

Following the Conclusion of the Sheep Show: *Meat Goat Show*

** Farm Credit Show Ring B*



Rockingham County Fairgrounds Map
 *Relay for Life will be running concurrently with
 NDLS—please be mindful of parking notices



General Rules and Regulations

1. The Northwest District Livestock Show is open to Virginia 4-H and FFA youth (from approved counties, see General Rules and Regulations #3) which are in good standing with their respective organizations and meet the entry requirements of each species division. **Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30, 2025 and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2025.** Exhibitor eligibility and entries will be verified using the 4HOnline enrollment system for 4-H youth and the State FFA Office Member Roster for FFA youth.
2. Participants must enter the FairEntry System through the Northwest District Livestock Show website at: <https://www.Northwestdistrictlivestockshow.org/> under "Registration" or use **the direct FairEntry link: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18223>**. **The entry system will open on May 1, 2025 and close on May 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Late entries will be accepted until May 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm. At that time all entries will close.** All late entries will incur a double entry fee and will not receive an exhibitor t-shirt at the event.
 - a. **Exhibitors must pay entry fees online through the FairEntry system via credit/debit card.**
 - b. **All entry fees are non-refundable.** Any returned check fees, bank fees, or other collection fees will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
3. **The Northwest District Livestock Show is open to exhibitors from the following counties: Albemarle, Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Greene, Highland, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren.**
4. **The Northwest District Livestock Show shall not provide 24-hour security for exhibits.** The exhibitor/competitor assumes all risks of damage or loss, either to person or property, for all and every cause whatsoever, including fire, the elements, violation of the law, negligence either on the part of the Northwest District Livestock Show, its officers, servants, agents or employees, volunteers, or other person or persons; and it is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor/competitor and management, that the said Northwest District Livestock Show, incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitor/competitor, other than to provide the opportunity for exhibition.
5. **Dogs will not be permitted on the premises of the Northwest District Livestock Show.**
6. The Northwest District Livestock Show shall be governed by the following rule bodies:
 - a. International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics (IAFE)
 - i. <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/Animal%20Rules%20&%20Regulations%20page%203.pdf>
 - b. Northwest District Livestock Show, General Rules and Regulations
 - c. Rockingham County Fair Association, General Rules and Regulations
 - d. Northwest District Livestock Show, Species-Specific Rules
 - e. Virginia 4-H Code of Conduct
 - i. https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/4-H/4H-164/4H-963.pdf.

Upon entry, all exhibitors are agreeing to follow the guidelines and rules set forth by the aforementioned authorities. Any exhibitor, family member, or person(s) present on the grounds during the event who exhibit behavior that is not in agreement with the rules set forth by the previous governing bodies are subject to disqualification from the event and/or removal from the grounds. Decisions made by Northwest District Livestock Show management surrounding this item are final and are not subject to appeal.

7. All written complaints or suggestions should be directed to the appropriate species committee by the close of the show.
8. Species committees reserve the right to add, delete, or combine classes, outlined in the rules, at the time of the show.

Animals/Health

9. Show superintendents and/or species committee members reserve the right to eliminate from competition, and/or remove from the grounds, any animal that is deemed not manageable and/or safe for public exhibition.
10. All entries must be the property of the 4-H or FFA member making the exhibit. Entries are accepted in good faith that feeding, management, and care of animals have been conducted as part of a 4-H or FFA project by the exhibitor.
11. The show superintendents and/or species committees reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. The following fitting practices/products are prohibited regardless of species, breed, or division:
 - a. The addition of any hair or hair like substances, including false tail heads and false polls b. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other methods
 - c. The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal
 - d. The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation e. Any product/solutions/liquids administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal. To include the use of steroids, illegal or unapproved growth promotants, and the act of artificially filling animals.
12. Animals shall be under the control of exhibitors at all times without the aid of tranquilizers or other drugs. Dangerous or drugged animals will be disqualified and removed from show area and/or grounds.
13. **CVI's (health papers/health certificates) will not be required for participation at the Northwest District Livestock Show. However, all animals exhibited must be in good physical health. VDACS representatives will be present on-site to conduct health checks at the time of check-in/weigh-in. All animals will be subject to individual inspection upon arrival by VDACS representatives working collaboratively with Northwest District Livestock Show management.**

14. Any animals not meeting entry requirements and/or found to have an active case of an infectious or contagious disease or condition will be eliminated from the show and will not be permitted in animal stalling or exhibit areas. Those animals may be required to return to the premises of origin.
15. **All health regulations will be strictly enforced and all decisions of VDACS representatives are final.**
16. **Any entry shown in a purebred breeding class is expected to provide/upload registration papers at the time of entry and also have papers present at the time of check-in.** All registered livestock, regardless of species, is subject to a tattoo check throughout the duration of the event.
17. All animal entries must be checked-in/weighed-in according to the times outlined on the schedule (please consult the Northwest District Livestock Show website for the most up-to-date event schedule). **Any animals not checked-in/weighed-in during the designated check-in times are subject to disqualification from the event.**

Parking/RV Space Rental/Camping

17. Gates to the grounds will open at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 23, 2025 for early-arrival/set-up. Exhibitors/entries will be allowed to inhabit the grounds, for Saturday exhibition, from that point forward. **Any exhibitors and/or entries arriving to the facility prior to 5:00 pm on Friday will not be granted access to the grounds.**
18. Vehicles shall not be left in pathways or driveways with access to barn areas for an extended period of time. All exhibitors are expected to be courteous to other exhibitors by unloading quickly and subsequently moving all vehicles and/or trailers to an appropriate parking area, or an area away from prime unloading spaces on the grounds.
19. Over 60 RV spaces are available for rent through the Rockingham County Fair Association. Any exhibitor interested in camping at the fairgrounds on Friday night should contact the Rockingham County Fair Office directly at (540) 434-0005 and/or consult the following website for further information:
<https://www.rockinghamcountyfair.com/p/event-center-/camping-at-the-fairgrounds>.
20. All parking assignments will be done at the discretion of the Northwest District Livestock Show management. Exhibitors are expected to adhere to any guidelines set forth by show management as it pertains to parking. Any exhibitor not adhering to the parking guidelines set forth may be asked to move in accordance to those guidelines.

Stalling/Bedding

21. **Stalling will be available to exhibitors both “in the barn” and “off the trailer”. Exhibitors are expected, at the time of entry, to both indicate and stick to the decision made of either stalling in the barn or off the trailer.** Participants exhibiting multiple species are afforded the choice, of either in barn or off-trailer, for each species they plan on exhibiting at the event.
22. All stalling assignments in the barn will be done by the discretion of the specific species committees.

23. In the case that all of the in-barn stalling is occupied, exhibitors will be expected to show off the trailer. Priority over in-barn stalling will be determined by the system recorded time at which online entries are submitted.
24. **Exhibitors that choose to utilize in-barn stalling for exhibition will be provided by the Northwest District Livestock Show/Rockingham County Fair with the following materials:**
- a. **Cattle:** Tie space only. Limited amount of pre-bedded tie-spaces (priority for pre-bedded tiespace will be determined by recorded timestamp on entry submission).
 - b. **Sheep/Goats:** Access to panels to set up pens.
 - c. **Hogs:** All hogs are expected to be penned in-barn. Pens will be set-up and provided on the Saturday morning of exhibition.
25. **All exhibitors should plan to provide their own bedding for exhibition. Should the potential for onsite bedding purchase be provided, exhibitors will be notified of details via email prior to the designated early-arrival time.**
- a. Exhibitors choosing to stall in the barn should only plan to put down the bedding needed for single-day exhibition. The bedding may remain in the barn at the conclusion of the show.
 - b. Exhibitors choosing to stall and exhibit off-the-trailer are responsible for cleaning up any and all bedding that they may choose to put down on the grass; leaving the ground in the same condition as they found it. Used/soiled bedding should either be moved to a designated area or taken with the exhibitor upon exit from the grounds.
 - c. All exhibitors, both those that stall in the barn and those that show off-the trailer, are responsible for cleaning up their own areas at the conclusion of the show.

Showmanship

26. Each species show will begin with showmanship followed by the outlined classes for each species. Species shows will not be held for tardy/absent exhibitors. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify show management of any entry scratches prior to the start of each species show.
27. **Should an exhibitor choose to exhibit more than one species, they are expected, at a minimum, to enter one species showmanship class.** Exhibitors are not required to participate in showmanship classes for each species exhibited. Multiple-species exhibitors should plan to indicate the showmanship class(es) that they plan to participate in during the online entry process.
28. **Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, or permission is granted by the species committee.** Substitute show persons must be eligible 4H or FFA members with Northwest District Livestock Show entries on-site and checked-in for any species.

29. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:

- a. **Novice:** for exhibitors showing for the first time at the Northwest District Livestock Show, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30, 2025.
- b. **Junior:** exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30, 2025.
- c. **Intermediate:** exhibitors 13-15 years of age on September 30, 2025.
- d. **Senior:** exhibitors 16 years of age to 19 on September 30, 2025 – no exhibitors may have reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2025.

30. Showmanship classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes at the discretion of the species committee.

31. All exhibitors must wear an exhibitor number for identification during exhibition. Exhibitor numbers will remain the same for each species exhibited throughout the event; following the exhibitor and not the specific entry. All assigned exhibitor numbers should be clearly visible while in the show ring. Exhibitor numbers will be provided to participants during the exhibitor check-in process.

Beef Department

- 1. All Northwest District Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, along with specific beef department rules shall apply to exhibitors.
- 2. An entry fee of \$25/head will be charged during the designated entry period. Any entries accepted during the late-entry period will be charged a \$50/head entry fee. Please refer to the General Rules and Regulations section for specific entry deadlines.
- 3. No butt fans will be allowed in the barn or near entrance ways. Please remember all fans must be suspended above the stalls in the barns.
- 4. Exhibitors stalling in-barn and requiring/wishing to use additional power from self-provided generators should stall on the outside tie rows of the beef barn. Fire Code and risk management policies do not allow cords to be run across aisle ways or travel lanes inside the barn.
- 5. Cattle should be handled by the junior exhibitor during the weighing and check-in periods and when exhibited in the show ring.
- 6. Fitting of cattle, for both the show and showmanship, is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the General Rules and Regulations.

Health

- 1. All cattle exhibited at the Northwest District Livestock Show must meet the following health requirements:
 - a. Animals must be free of infectious and contagious disease, including but not limited to, Ringworm, Warts, and Pinkeye.
 - b. VDACS personnel will be on site to inspect all entries at the time of check-in/weigh-in.
 - c. All cattle must be officially identified with an “840” RFID button issued by a state or federal animal health program or a metal ear tag (a bangs vaccination or silver metal tag).
 - d. Respiratory Disease Requirements: All cattle should be vaccinated in the current show year against the respiratory complex (shipping fever), including IBR, not less than 15 days prior to the show.

- e. Cattle must be free of symptoms of all other contagious and infectious diseases, whether or not such diseases are herein specifically named.

Showmanship

- 7. Showmanship competition for registered heifers, crossbred heifers, and prospect/market steer exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for the various cattle divisions.
- 8. Please see General Rules and Regulations section for further information.

Registered Heifers

- 9. Each beef entry must be owned and entered in the exhibitor's name. Ownership of Registered breeding cattle may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, step-parent, or sibling), provided the exhibitor's name is present on the certificate. No farm names (even the family farm) are allowed. For cattle with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
- 10. Registration papers are expected to be uploaded with entry during the online entry process. Papers must also be accessible and available the day of the show. All registered females are subject to a random tattoo check at the event. Females without a legible tattoo and/or without available registration papers shall be shown in the commercial heifer division of the show.
- 11. Purebred heifers will be divided/exhibited by breed. Four or more heifers will constitute a breed division. If there are not four heifers to make a division, heifers will show in an All Other Breeds (AOB) division. There is no limit on the number of heifers that can be shown in each breed, so long as the exhibitor does not enter more than two animals per age class.
- 12. Registered heifer classes will be divided as follows:
 - a. Senior Heifer Calves: Born 9/1/2024 – 12/31/2024
 - b. Summer Yearling Heifers: Born 5/1/2024 – 8/31/2024
 - c. Late Junior Yearling Heifer: Born 3/1/2024 – 4/30/2024
 - d. Early Junior Yearling Heifer: Born 1/1/2024 – 2/28/2024
 - e. Senior Yearling Heifer: Born 9/1/2023 – 12/31/2023
- 13. Ownership of all heifers, including both registered and commercial entries, are expected to be the property of, in the care of, and registered in the exhibitor's name no later than April 20, 2025.

Commercial Heifers

- 14. Only heifers born September 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024; meeting all other entry requirements are eligible for show in the commercial heifer division.
- 15. Any unregistered or crossbred heifers are eligible to show in this division
- 16. Classes will be broken according to check-in weight. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of committee members. All classes will be lined up by weight in the show ring.

Prospect/Market Steers

- 17. All prospect/market steers are required to be weighed at the time of check-in. Classes will be broken based upon the recorded check-in weight.

18. Prospect/market steers are defined as those projects intended for show and sale by the fall of 2025.

19. Prospect/market steer entries should be owned and under the care of exhibitors no later than March 1, 2025.

Swine Department

1. All Northwest District Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, along with specific swine department rules shall apply to exhibitors.
2. An entry fee of \$15/head will be charged during the designated entry period. Any entries accepted during the late-entry period will be charged a \$30/head entry fee. Please refer to the General Rules and Regulations section for specific entry deadlines.
3. All hogs must be identified with an ear tag.
4. For show eligibility, hair length on the pig body (hams, top, sides and shoulders) must be at least one half inch. Pigs with body hair length less than one-half inch are not eligible for the show.
5. All hogs are required to be penned in-barn. Pen assignments will be at the discretion of the show committee. **Health**
6. All hogs exhibited at the Northwest District Livestock Show must meet the following health requirements:
 - a. VDACS personnel will be on site to inspect all entries at the time of weigh-in.
 - b. Swine must be free of clinical symptoms of infectious and contagious disease.

Showmanship

7. Please see General Rules and Regulations section for further information.

Prospect/Market Hogs

8. All prospect/market hogs must weigh between 100 lbs. and 280 lbs. to be eligible to show in market classes.
9. Any hogs weighing under 100 lbs. or over 280 lbs. will be eligible for underweight and overweight classes. Hogs exhibited in either of these classes will not be eligible for the selection of the Grand Champion Prospect/Market Hog.
10. All hogs are required to be weighed at the event and classes will be broken based upon the recorded check-in weight at the discretion of the show committee.

Sheep Department

1. All Northwest District Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, along with specific sheep department rules shall apply to exhibitors.
2. An entry fee of \$15/head will be charged during the designated entry period. Any entries accepted during the late-entry period will be charged a \$30/head entry fee. Please refer to the General Rules and Regulations section for specific entry deadlines.
3. All sheep must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. to be eligible for show.
4. Ewe entries entered and exhibited in the prospect/market lamb division may not be shown in the registered breeding sheep division, or in the commercial ewe division. All singular entries may only show in one division.
5. Exhibitors are limited to a maximum of two entries per class. Total head entered must not exceed eight breeding sheep (either registered or commercial ewes) and/or six prospect/market lambs.
6. Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece).
7. In-barn pen assignments are at the discretion of the show committee.
8. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.
9. The use of adhesives and glues for purpose of fitting hair and/or wool is prohibited. Addition of twine, wool, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited.

Health

10. All sheep exhibited at the Northwest District Livestock Show must meet the following health requirements:
 - a. VDACS personnel will be on site to inspect all entries at the time of check-in/weigh-in.
 - b. Club Lamb Fungus: Sheep must be free of clinical symptoms of club lamb fungus (ringworm). Any healed club lamb fungus lesions must demonstrate healthy skin. Sheep with active lesions will not be permitted on the fairgrounds, animal stalling or exhibit areas.
 - c. Scrapie: All sheep must comply with federal regulations pertaining to official scrapie identification, which specify that sheep be identified with USDA scrapie tags prior to exhibition.

- d. Sheep must be free of clinical signs of sore mouth, foot rot, and Caseous Lymphadenitis. Animals showing clinical symptoms of this disease will be moved from the exhibition grounds. With reference to caseous lymphadenitis, "clinical symptoms" is used to define abscesses of the lymph nodes, whether draining or not.
- e. Sheep must be free of symptoms of all other contagious and infectious diseases, whether or not such diseases are herein specifically named.

Showmanship

- 11. Showmanship competition for registered ewes, non-registered (commercial) ewes, and prospect/market lamb exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for the various sheep divisions.
- 12. Please see General Rules and Regulations section for further information.

Registered Ewes

- 13. Registered sheep of any breed are eligible. Sheep must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. All sheep must be registered in the flock books of their respective breed and carry their corresponding flock tag and/or tattoo.
- 14. Breeds must have a minimum of four sheep exhibited by two or more exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds (AOB) division. The AOB division may be split into two divisions, wool breeds and meat breeds, as entry numbers warrant.
- 15. Ownership of Registered Breeding Sheep may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, or sibling), provided the Exhibitor's Name is present on the certificate. No Farm Names, even the family farm, are allowed. For ewes with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
- 16. Sheep are to be exhibited in fleece appropriate for the respective breed. Sheep may be slick sheared, and if fitted it is recommended they not have more than one inch of wool on any part of their body. Wool breeds should be shown with fleece presentation and length appropriate for their respective breed.
- 17. Registered ewe classes will be divided as follows:
 - a. Ewe Lambs: Born 9/1/2024 or later
 - b. Yearling Ewe: Born 9/1/2023 - 8/31/2024
 - c. Aged ewe: Born prior to 9/1/2023

Non-registered (Commercial) Ewes

- 18. Commercial ewe lambs must still possess lamb teeth and not have erupted their yearling teeth.
- 19. Commercial ewe lambs must be exhibited shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.
- 20. Any unregistered or crossbred ewes are eligible to show in this division

21. Classes will be broken according to check-in weight. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of committee members. All classes will be lined up by weight in the show ring.

Prospect/Market Lambs

22. Prospect/Market lambs must be exhibited shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.

23. Prospect/market lambs may be wethers or ewes. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.

24. All prospect/market lambs are required to be weighed at the time of check-in. Classes will be broken based upon the recorded check-in weight at the discretion of committee members.

25. Prospect/market lambs are defined as those projects intended for show and sale by the fall of 2025

26. They must still possess their lamb teeth (no erupted yearling teeth).

Meat Goat Department

1. All Northwest District Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, along with specific meat goat department rules shall apply to exhibitors.
2. An entry fee of \$15/head will be charged during the designated entry period. Any entries accepted during the late-entry period will be charged a \$30/head entry fee. Please refer to the General Rules and Regulations section for specific entry deadlines.
3. Goats exhibited in the prospect/market goat division may not be shown in the breeding doe division. Breeding does may not be shown in the prospect/market goat division. All singular entries may only show in one division.
4. In-barn pen assignments are at the discretion of the show committee.
5. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.
6. The use of adhesives and glues for the purpose of fitting hair is allowed, however the addition of twine, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited.

Health

7. All meat goats exhibited at the Northwest District Livestock Show must meet the following health requirements:
 - a. VDACS personnel will be on site to inspect all entries at the time of weigh-in.
 - b. Scrapie: All goats must comply with federal regulations pertaining to official scrapie identification, which specify that goats should be identified with USDA scrapie tags prior to exhibition.

- c. Goats must be free of clinical signs of sore mouth, foot rot, and Caseous Lymphadenitis. Animals showing clinical symptoms of this disease will be moved from the exhibition grounds. With reference to caseous lymphadenitis, “clinical symptoms” is used to define abscesses of the lymph nodes, whether draining or not.
- d. Goats must be free of symptoms of all other contagious and infectious diseases, whether or not such diseases are herein specifically named.

Showmanship

- 8. Showmanship competition for registered breeding does, commercial does, and prospect/market goat exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for the various meat goat divisions.
- 9. Please see General Rules and Regulations section for further information.

Registered Does

- 10. Registered does of any meat breed are eligible (e.g. Boer, Kiko, Myotonic, and Pygmy). Does must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. All does must be registered with their respective breed and carry their corresponding tag and/or tattoo.
- 11. Breeds must have a minimum of four does exhibited by two or more exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds (AOB) division.
- 12. Ownership of Registered Breeding Goats may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, or sibling), provided the Exhibitor’s Name is present on the certificate. No Farm Names, even the family farm, are allowed. For goats with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
- 13. Does entered in the registered breeding show will not be eligible for show in the commercial doe or prospect/market goat division.
- 14. Exhibitors are limited to two total breeding goat entries, this includes entries in either the registered or commercial doe divisions.
- 15. Registered doe classes will be divided as follows:
 - a. Doe Kids: Born 9/1/2024 or later
 - b. Yearling Does: Born 9/1/2023 to 8/31/2024
 - c. Aged Doe: Born before 9/1/2023

Non-registered (Commercial) Does

- 16. Any unregistered or crossbred breeding market type does are eligible for this division. All commercial does must have their kid teeth (no erupted yearling teeth).
- 17. Classes will be broken according to check-in weight. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of committee members. All classes will be lined up by weight in the show ring.

Prospect/Market Goats

18. Market Goats may be wethers or does. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
19. All prospect/market goats must have all their kid teeth (no erupted yearling teeth).
20. Exhibitors are limited to two prospect/market goat entries.
21. All prospect/market goats are required to be weighed at the time of check-in. Classes will be broken based upon the recorded check-in weight at the discretion of committee members.

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