

# West Alexander Fair

## 2025 Market Livestock Rules & Regulations

### General Rules—For All Exhibitors

1. Open to any 4-H or FFA member in good standing with his or her County club or chapter in Washington, PA; Ohio, WV or Brooke, WV reside in said County. All exhibitors must be in good standing with their club or chapter. All exhibitors and parents/guardians must abide by the West Alexander Agricultural Association Code of Conduct. Failure to comply will result in disqualification, and the exhibitor forfeits their right to exhibit at the 2025 Fair.
2. All exhibitors are required to **wear dark pants and a solid-colored Polo-style shirt during all type shows and showmanship. There will be no advertising on the shirts. Polo shirts may only have a 4-H/FFA Club name or official symbol on the front with nothing on the back of the shirt.** All shirts are required to be tucked in during the show. There shall be no holes in pants. Red/White/Blue shirts may be worn only on sale day.
3. All exhibitors and animals must appear for photos when scheduled.
4. All market animals entered at the fair must be shown and sold by the exhibitor. Any exception to this rule must be presented to the Market Livestock Committee prior to the time of show or sale, for consideration as to the disposition of the animal, and circumstance of the exhibitor.
5. Members of the Market Livestock Show & Sale Committee may visit entries throughout the feeding program. If help is needed, contact a committee member, your leader or advisor.
6. The right to cull an animal is reserved by the Market Livestock Show and Sale Committee. A majority of the committee members must be present when a decision is made.
7. Entry into the West Alexander Fair must be made with the Fair Secretary on the entry form in the Fair Catalog. NO entries will be accepted after this date. NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. All animals exhibited at the West Alexander Fair must have a VCPR (within 90 days of exhibition) as required by the PDA. CVI's are required for all swine, both out-of-state and in-state and all out-state livestock within 30 days of the exhibition. A copy of the papers will be collected at the scales on arrival day. Lambs need to have 2 copies to turn in. Please keep the original copy of your papers with you and your animals.
9. Ear tags/brands will be checked at Fair time. **Only identification for the West Alexander Fair and State required tags will be permitted on market animals.**
10. Members are liable and responsible for the care and feeding of their animals until they are removed from the fairgrounds by or for the buyer. The fair is not responsible for any animal left on the grounds after noon on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

11. It is recommended that the exhibitor have an adult accompany the exhibitor and animal to and from the barn and show ring on both show and sale days. Only the exhibitor will be permitted in the show ring.
12. No straw or sawdust for hogs and lambs; shavings must be used. Bedding in steer barn not to exceed height of yellow painted line. The exhibitor is responsible for keeping barns, stalls or pens clean, and aisle ways free from obstructions. Please help keep our livestock areas safe and welcoming to the public.
13. During the fair all animals are to be housed in the barns, pens or stalls assigned by the Superintendents and Market Livestock Show and Sale committee. Animals are to be fed, washed and fitted in their designated areas. NO pop-up tent should obstruct a roadway or walkways. NO animals are permitted, at any time, in the campground or designated parking areas. No chutes or tents permitted behind the show arena. Fitting areas/tents are not to be larger than 12'x12'. We encourage tent areas to be shared with fitting chutes and stands.
14. All animals will be weighed in Sunday, August 31, 2025 from 3:00-6:00 PM. All animals will be permitted only one weigh-in across the scales at the Fair weigh-in. All animals must be clean and dry, and lambs must be shorn.
15. Animals consigned to the sale shall not receive any treatment with drugs or biologics within the withdrawal time period to slaughter. Withdrawal times for drugs and biologics are stated on the directions for use. If upon slaughter a recent treatment with drugs and biologics, or other artificial enhancement, is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass will be borne by the exhibitor.  
Cryptorchids found at slaughter will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to replace the carcass or refund the money as per the buyer's request. Any use of MagnaWave, or any PEMF technology, is strictly prohibited. The West Alexander Market Livestock Committee reserves the right to have a veterinarian perform random blood samples on any and all animals exhibited in the market livestock classes.
16. Drenching, of any kind, is not allowed unless under a licensed veterinarian supervision for medical emergency.
17. All market animals will be weighed on the same set of scales for species under the direction of the fair.
18. Rules and regulations may be added or amended at the discretion of the Fair Board or Market Livestock Committee. Both groups reserve the right to make a ruling on all matters not covered in the above rules.
19. Immediate family members (brothers and/or sisters) may share a common spare lamb, hog, or steer if desired and MUST be designated as such at the initial weigh in. Exhibitors who show at both the Washington County Fair and West Alexander Fair may tag in a "swing spare" that can be used as a backup for either fair IF and only IF they tag in a primary animal for both fairs.
20. Steers, hogs and/or lambs weighed in or shown as projects for the Washington County Agricultural Fair are not eligible to be weighed in or shown as projects for the West Alexander Fair.

21. Showmanship is open to ALL 4-H/FFA members with a West Alexander Fair project. The animal exhibited in showmanship must be owned and entered by that exhibitor. Exhibitors are to use the sign-up sheets, located in the market barns for each species. Classes will be determined by the number of exhibitors.
22. NO additional announcements will be made from the auction block on sale day. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Market Committee.
23. Market Livestock haulers are approved by the committee prior to haul out. If there is a change in availability at the designated packing house, and transportation times are altered, we will require a signature by the hauler and exhibitor or parent/guardian if under 18 years of age and verification from the Packer that the change is needed and is acceptable.

### **Market Steer Rules**

1. Steers for the 2025 Fair are weighed and ear tagged on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the West Alexander Fairgrounds from 9-11 a.m. Entry forms and county bred information MUST be completed before animals are weighed. To be eligible for county bred class, the animal must be born and raised in Washington County. All animals must be on the grounds by the time stated. If a steer loses its WAF tag, the member MUST contact a member of the Market Livestock Committee. A member of the Committee will inspect the calf before re-tagging.
2. Steers must have an official, PDA approved, ear tag.  
\*A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" and having a US shield.  
\*If a steer loses his tag, the member is to obtain a new tag from 1) your breeder, 2) your veterinarian, or 3) use your farm premise ID.
3. All calves MUST be castrated and dehorned BEFORE they are tagged at the November weigh-in. Prefer castration done by cutting.
4. Entries will consist of one steer per member, with the option of a spare.
5. Steers MUST be purebred or crossbred of BEEF breeding only.
6. Steers will be weighed-in Sunday, August 31, 2025 3:00-6:00 p.m. Steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs.
7. A copy of your VPCR (within 90 days of exhibition) will be collected at the scales (WV exhibitors must also include a CVI). Forms must be completed within 30 days prior to the Fair.

### **Market Lamb Rules**

1. Lambs will be weighed and tagged on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the West Alexander Fairgrounds from 8-10 a.m. Entry forms and county bred information MUST be completed before animals are weighed. All animals must be on the grounds by the time stated. All LAMBS must bear an official

U.S.D.A/A.P.H.I.S. ear tag to be exhibited at the show. If a lamb loses its tag, the member is to obtain a new tag from 1) your breeder, 2) your veterinarian, or 3) use your farm premise ID. If a lamb loses its WAF tag, the members MUST contact a member of the Market Livestock Committee or Washington County Extension. A member of the Livestock Committee will inspect the lamb before re-tagging.

2. Lambs must weigh no more than 90 lbs. at the initial weigh-in on May 10, 2025. Lambs must be dry and free of manure and dirt for weigh-in. The committee has the option to reject any lamb not following this rule.
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Lambs may be purebred or crossbred WETHERS or EWES. Cryptorchids will be eliminated. Wethers must be castrated by the time of initial weigh-in.
4. Lambs will be weighed-in Sunday, August 31, 2025, 3:00-6:00 PM. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs and a maximum of 160 lbs. All lambs must be shorn, clean, and dry at time of weigh-in. No leg wraps or blankets permitted across the scales.
5. Two copies of your VPCR(within 90 days) will be collected at the scales (WV exhibitors must also include a CVI). Forms must be completed within 30 days prior to the Fair.
6. Entries will consist of one lamb per member, with the option of a spare. IF you are tagging a "swing spare" it must be at the Washington County Fair tagging on May 7, 2025.
7. Drenching, of any kind, is not allowed on the West Alexander Fairgrounds unless under a licensed Veterinarian's supervision for medical emergency.
8. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
9. There will be NO announcement of papers or registration eligibility for market lambs.

### Market Hog Rules

1. Market Hogs are required to have a CVI issued within 30 days prior to the Fair.
2. Hogs will be tagged on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the West Alexander Fairgrounds from 8-10 a.m. This is the ONLY day to tag your project. NO exceptions. IF you are tagging a "swing spare" it must be at the Washington County Fair tagging on May 3, 2025. Entry forms and county bred information MUST be completed before animals are weighed.

3. Entries will consist of one hog per member, with the option of a spare. Hogs may be purebred or crossbred BARROWS or GILTS. Barrows must be castrated by the time of initial farm tagging. You may enter the purebred class but must decide this at tagging and present registration papers at the final weigh in. If the exhibitor does not have papers the pig will be shown in the crossbred class by weight.

***-Purebred Classes***

- \*Must be barrow or gilt born on or after January 1, 2025
- \*Purebred market hogs will be eligible to be shown based on the guidelines of their respective breed association requirements.
- \*Must meet the established weight requirements.
- \*Purebred classes will require at least 5 hogs to form a breed class. Otherwise, these hogs will form an all-other purebred class (AOB) which can then be divided by weight.

4. If a hog loses its WAF ear tag, the members **MUST** contact a member of the Market Livestock Committee. A member of the Livestock Committee will inspect the hog before re-tagging. Hogs must be permanently identified by an official 840 series radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag and the ear tag number is recorded on the Pennsylvania health certificate. Any swine that does not have an 840 RFID tag at the time of arrival at the animal exhibition, shall not be unloaded and shall be returned to the

premises from which it originated. If a hog loses its tag, the member is to obtain a new tag from 1) your breeder, 2) your veterinarian, or 3) use your farm premise ID.

5. Hogs will be weighed in **Sunday, August 31, 2025, 3:00-6:00 p.m.** All hogs **MUST** weigh a minimum of 220 lbs. or be disqualified. All hogs over 300 lbs. will be disqualified. Exhibitors must have their hog tag cleaned, for committee to read, before entering the scales. Hogs will be checked periodically throughout the week by West Alexander Swine Health Monitors.
6. A copy of your CVI will be collected at the scales. Forms must be completed within 30 days prior to the Fair.
7. ALL Market hogs exhibited will move directly to a PDA or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition. NO exception, this is a terminal show.

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