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Rule Changes

Hog Show

All Black Division in Barrow and Gilt shows.

Sheep Show

Prospect weight maximum is 120 lbs.

Goat Show

Prospect weight maximum is 80 lbs.

Heifer Show

-California Bred division

CYAE NextGen Showman

Showman ages 5-8 can enter 1 animal in the prospect class of beef, hogs, goats, or lambs, and can compete with the same animal in “CYAE NextGen Showmanship” on Sunday. Showmanship sign-ups will be at the same time as regular showmanship through the QR code, due Thursday, July 30th.

Rule Reminders

Cannabis Use:

Under section 301(l) of the FD&C Act [21 U.S.C. § 331(l)], it is prohibited to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce any food (including any animal food or feed) to which has been added a substance which is an active ingredient in a drug product that has been approved under section 505 of the FD&C Act [21 U.S.C. § 355], or a drug for which substantial clinical investigations have been instituted and for which the existence of such investigations has been made public. There are exceptions, including when the drug was marketed in food before the drug was approved or before the substantial clinical investigations involving the drug had been instituted or, in the case of animal feed, that the drug is a new animal drug approved for use in feed and used according to the approved labeling. However, based on available evidence, FDA has concluded that none of these is the case for THC or CBD. FDA has therefore concluded that it is a prohibited act to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce any food (including any animal food or feed) to which THC or CBD has been added.

Tents:

Tents on the grounds must have one side completely open. No structure should have all four sides up, enclosing the structure.

Frequently Asked Questions

Prospect/Futurity Show:

See rules at the end of the rulebook. *They do not need to be nominated.*

Ag Mechanics/ Fabrication:

Rules posted online under respective tab!

Farm Robotics:

Rules posted online under respective tab!

Speaking/Job Interview:

Rules posted online under respective tab!

Supreme Drive Order:

There will not be a separate supreme drive for breeding animals this year. Supreme Champion, Reserve Supreme Champion, and Bronze Medallion will be introduced at the Sale of Champions.

Supreme Drive for gilts:

Purebred Drive and Commercial drive will be separate. Gilt supreme drive will be held in Farm Credit at the hog show ring.

Showmanship:

Showmanship QR Code must be completed at the show by Thursday, July 30th at 7:00 pm.

Blocking Stands:

Blocking stands can be used outside of the building only. No blocking stands will be allowed in the Corteva or Farm Credit buildings.

Breed Minimum:

Breeds in the sheep and hog shows must have at least 5 head to make a breed in the current year or it is subject to be discontinued the following year.

Ewe Divisions:

Southdown, Dorset, Speckle, Natural, Crossbred

Divisions:

If a breed in the ewe show has 8 classes or more, there will be divisions.

Alcohol:

Exhibitors who get caught with alcohol will be automatically disqualified.

Wristband:

Exhibitors must have a wristband in order to go in the show ring.

Weigh Back:

There will be an official weigh in of Market Steers as listed on the schedule.

Important Dates

Monday, May 1, 2026

Online ordering for nominations open for steers, sheep, goats, and hogs and online nomination portal open for entry.

Friday, May 22, 2026

Nomination kit return deadline for steers, all sheep, all goats, and all hogs.
Envelopes must be postmarked by this date.

Monday, June 15, 2026

Online entries open for all categories.

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Online entry deadline

Friday, July 11, 2026

Late entry deadline

(+\$100 added to original entry fee)

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California Youth Ag Expo

Contact Information for CYAE

Mailing Address of CYAE Office

California Youth Ag Expo

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Reminders

Health Protection Guidelines

1. The California Youth Ag Expo is dedicated to protecting the health and well being of animals.
2. Exhibitors with animals that are ill must contact show officials (show staff, show veterinarian, species superintendents) immediately.
3. The show veterinarian for the California Youth Ag Expo will determine if the animal indicated as ill needs to be treated.
4. If the show veterinarian determines the animal is ill and is also a threat to the surrounding animals, in order to protect the health of all surrounding livestock, said animal will be isolated from other animals at the California Youth Ag Expo.
5. Animals treated with the California Youth Ag Expo's show veterinarian approval will still be allowed to show at the 2026 CYAE, withdrawal times will be followed by the California Youth Ag Expo for any animal that makes the sale and it is the exhibitor's responsibility to follow proper withdrawal periods for any animals they take home.
6. This rule for treatment does not include injured animals who are lame due to their injury.
7. Exhibitors can report sick animals to show officials, even if they are not the owner of the animal. Symptoms to look for include, but are not limited to: persistent coughing, diarrhea, fever, vomiting, respiratory distress, lethargy, inappetence, nasal discharge, abdominal pain, open wounds, active fungal growth, skin irritations, neurological abnormalities, etc.
8. The California Youth Ag Expo will not be held liable for deceased animals, the disposal of deceased animals, or animals which are humanely euthanized. In the unfortunate event of an animal perishing while on the fairgrounds or being humanely euthanized by a veterinarian, the owner (exhibitor) of the animal will be responsible for removing the animal from the facilities.

Drug Testing:

Use of Drugs The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the California Youth Ag Expo shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the California Youth Ag Expo shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. * Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification: To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on Show grounds. Any exhibitor found in violation of the CYAE unethical fitting and/or residue avoidance policy is subject to disqualification, revocation of payment and suspension from any future participation in any CYAE sanctioned youth competition. Further, any infraction resulting in disqualification may affect scholarship eligibility.

Unapproved Drug Use: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

Approved Drug Use: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Show veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Furthermore, The Official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Show Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, show staff will work with exhibitors whose animals are administered treatments with a withdrawal.

Nomination Information

Online Nominations

All species will be nominated through a self-nominating, online/mail-in process. Market steers, all sheep, all goats and all swine are required to nominate.

Nominations:

Nominations will be \$25.00 per nomination. Navigate to the CYAE website page “Nominations & Entries” on calyouthexpo.com.

1. Print the DNA envelope templates you need for your animals.
2. Collect a DNA sample of your animal with your 4-H or FFA leader and submit the sample and envelope template to the CYAE office with a printed copy of your online receipt. All samples must be POSTMARKED by May 22nd, 2026. No late DNA will be accepted and the animal will not be eligible for the 2026 California Youth Ag Expo.

Any incomplete nomination form will not be permitted and subsequently mailed back to the individual.

Purpose of Nominations:

The purpose of nominations is to gather data on each animal for identification purposes and DNA (hair sample) collection. Nominations also serve as verification that animals intended for exhibition at the 2026 CYAE are in possession of the exhibitor. *See individual species rules for ownership requirements.*

Nomination Checklist

- ☐ Read CYAE’s rules to have an understanding of the nomination process and purpose.
 - Market steers, all sheep, all goats and all swine must submit a nomination.
- ☐ Nomination forms must be downloaded and completed prior to online/postmarked deadlines. *See “Important Dates”.*
- ☐ Complete **ALL** information on the nomination envelope.
 - Nomination envelope **MUST** include the ag instructors signature.
- ☐ Seal envelope with DNA inside envelope prior to mailing.
 - DNA should contain 40 hair samples with follicles intact

- Visit this website to learn how to collect hair samples:
<http://www.wednaid.com/support.shtml>
- Every animal must have nomination information submitted online.
- Family nominations must be nominated online in each sibling's name.
- Attach online nomination receipt to corresponding hair envelopes.
 - Include a printed copy of the online receipt.
 - Mail nominations to the CYAE office **(2530 G St. Bakersfield, CA 93301)**.
 - CYAE highly recommends obtaining a tracking number on all envelopes.

Nominations will be reviewed and posted to the California Youth Ag Expo website. Please review all of your nominations and email corrections to regina@calyouthexpo.com.

Nominations:

Online/ Mail-In Self-Nomination Process

Must be entered online to X-PO and postmarked by the given date or the nominations will not be accepted.

- **Requirements:**
 - Hair DNA sample.
 - Completed official CYAE nomination form/envelope

We encourage exhibitors to retain a copy for their records and to obtain a tracking number when mailing. The CYAE is not responsible for lost mail or mailing delays.

Things to Remember When Nominating Animals:

- A specific animal may be nominated only once.
- A specific animal may **NOT** be nominated in more than one specific breed.
- An exhibitor may nominate as many animals as he/she wishes. Once the nomination is submitted online, no changes will be made.

General Rules Pertaining to Exhibitors

Breeding shows are for female animals only and market shows are for castrated male animals only.

Entries:

All applicants for entry must be made on the CYAE's website via the online entry section. Entries must be made on or before July 1, 2026, by 12:00 midnight or are subject to late entry fees.

Each space in the online entry procedure must be fully completed. The late entry deadline is July 11, 2026. Entry fees must be paid online with a credit card.

Entry Fees:

Cattle- beef & dairy

\$35 – for each market cattle entry

\$50 – for each heifer entry

\$20 – for each grooming chute permit

\$10 - California Bred entry

All Sheep

\$25 – for each entry

\$15 – for each scale permit (only needed if you are bringing your own scales)

\$10 – for each grooming stand

All Goats

\$25 – for each entry

\$15 – for each scale permit (only needed if you are bringing your own scales)

\$10 – for each stand

All Swine

\$25 – for each entry

\$15 – for each scale permit (only needed if you are bringing your own scales)

Exhibitors Entries:

All exhibitors who wish to show at the California Youth Ag Expo **MUST** have an online entry recorded in his/her name in order to be eligible to show. Simply having a nomination in a

student's name is not sufficient, even if the student is included in a household/family nomination. **ALL** students **MUST** have at least one online entry in his/her name.

In addition, a student will only be eligible to show the number of animals he/she has entered online.

For example, an exhibitor who has two barrows entered online will only be eligible to show two barrows, even if a third barrow was a household/family nominated under his/her name and even if the family nominated animal is entered under a family member's name.

There are NO family entries, i.e. just because an animal is entered in one family members name DOES NOT mean any of the family members can show it.

Maximum Number of Entries:

Each eligible exhibitor may enter a maximum of the following:

Unlimited market steers	Unlimited heifers
2 market barrows (per breed)	2 breeding gilts (commercial/purebred) (per breed)
3 market wether goats	3 breeding doe kids
3 market wether lambs (per breed)	3 wether dam does
3 commercial breeding ewes	Unlimited dairy

Legal Release:

All students must have an official legal release form on file with California Youth Ag Expo. This form must be signed by the exhibitor and his/her parents or legal guardians. These forms are to be obtained online at www.calyouthexpo.com. Any exhibitor who does not have a legal release form will not be allowed to exhibit animals. **If an exhibitor shows without a signed form, they will forfeit all winnings, if they are not willing to sign a legal release.**

Household Nominations:

Students will be allowed to enter and show any animal nominated by an individual from their household according to the following restrictions:

- The students must all legally reside in the same household and share the same legal address.
- The student who is entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project.
- Each student can only show the number of animals entered in their name during the entry process, if more entries are completed than allowed for each exhibitor those entries must be paid for, but will not be allowed to exhibit and no additional stalling spaces will be given for those entries.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

ANIMALS MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED ACROSS SPECIES OR SEX.

Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.
- Ex. 2 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species).
- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

Animal Exhibition:

Exhibitors may exhibit animals only once during the California Youth Ag Expo. Animals may not be nominated or shown in more than one breed.

Show Ring Dress Code:

Exhibitors will be required to wear the official dress of CYAE, and no designer holes will be allowed on clothing. Ball caps will not be allowed in the show ring. The official dress of CYAE can be ordered online at entry time. For FFA it is a blue FFA polo, for 4-H it is a green 4-H polo, for independent and grange it is a white polo. All official dress shirts can be worn with jeans.

Injured Animal:

When the judge determines an animal can no longer compete without endangering itself, said animal will be disqualified, and the next highest placing animal in that class or preliminary sale order will be brought in to replace the disqualified animal.

Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. If an exhibitor misses their weight class or shows early for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class. Exhibitors must show their animal in the appropriate weight class, if an exhibitor shows their animal in the wrong class they will be disqualified.

Herdsmanship:

Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces and stalls clean by removing any trash and litter and placing it in receptacles provided for this purpose. Sweeping the aisle, cleaning up manure in the aisles, and keeping belongings out of the middle of the aisles is encouraged.

Electricity:

Electric equipment and appliances used by exhibitors must be properly shielded, grounded if necessary, for safe operation; and all electric cords must be in good condition, without breaks in insulation.

False Statements:

If it be ascertained any exhibitor has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he/she shall be excluded from competition.

Failure to Exhibit:

Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for entries, stalls, pens, or space.

Judges/Premiums:

The judges will award premiums only on articles listed in the CYAE rules. The decisions of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered (except in case of an official protest). The judges in all departments will be approved by the show staff. No one will be allowed to act as a judge in the class or ring in which he/she or members of his/her immediate family exhibit.

Protests:

Any protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a cash deposit of \$500, of which the deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Said protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be filed with the show staff within three hours after the award was made, being considered the award was made when ribbon or premium card was placed.

In addition to the right to protest herein guaranteed to exhibitors, management 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.

Protesting Judges Decision:

No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the management. The right of an

exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge to the management will stand only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules and regulations governing the exhibit or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another.

All Other Disputes:

All questions of dispute or differences not provided for under the rules and regulations shall be referred to the management whose decision shall be final.

Port a Cools:

Port a cools will be allowed outdoors only. No hoses can be connected to port a cools, they can only be continuously refilled as water sources do not permit each port a cool to be hooked to a hose.

Vehicles on Grounds:

Vehicles including automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, trailers, golf carts, motor scooters, bicycles, etc., are not allowed inside barns or on lawns at any time.

There will be no parking around the barns, streets between barns or fire lanes. You will be allowed time to bring in supplies if needed. **DO NOT** drive vehicles through barns to unload.

Overnight Camping:

Overnight camping is allowed. Utility connections (i.e. electric, gas, water) to vehicles from any barn area source are absolutely prohibited. RV spaces will be sold through the online entries process, they are first come first served.

Trailer Parking:

After unloading, trailers are to be parked in the designated area. All other fairgrounds parking areas are off limits to these vehicles.

Fairground Rules:

No dogs or other pets are allowed on the fairgrounds - whether on a leash or not, except for Police dogs on duty, documented service animals, or others as approved by show management. Subject to fine if caught with a dog on the fairgrounds. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter the facilities. Certificate must state that rabies vaccination is current.

No animals other than those exhibiting in the show are allowed on the fairgrounds.

No hoverboards, bikes, or scooters are allowed on the fairgrounds. Subject to fine if caught with either on the fairgrounds.

Stall Cleanings:

Exhibitors need to place stall cleanings in polycarts provided by the show. Do not place stall cleanings in any walkway or trash barrel.

Fans and Chutes:

Due to space limitations, only grooming chutes and scales displaying permits will be allowed on the grounds. Exhibitors will not be allowed to use aisle fans; only overhead, secured fans may be used.

Penning:

The building of additional pens on any locations on the fairgrounds, other than the pens or tie outs that are initially assigned is prohibited.

Dairy Ownership Only:

Animals must be registered in the name of the Junior member, or a partnership of Junior members, (throughout the year exhibiting) in order to qualify for Junior recognition. Adult-Junior and family or farm partnerships are not acceptable.

Ownership:

Animals that are owned jointly and fed on a partnership basis, other than those described under the household nomination rule, are not eligible to be exhibited in this show. Any animal that has been sold in any premium sale, and changes ownership, is ineligible to be exhibited at the California Youth Ag Expo. **If your animal was exhibited at a California county or district show and enters into the premium sale as a nonterminal sale maker, as long as the exhibitor remains the same and your buyer approves, CYAE would allow the animal to be exhibited.**

Ownership Rule:

If an exhibitor allows another showman to exhibit their animal(s) at any show, regardless of the type of show or state exhibited that has an ownership rule requirement, once the ownership deadline has occurred, said animal is deemed ineligible to show at the California Youth Ag Expo, regardless of ownership documentation. However, prior to CYAE animal(s) may be exhibited by siblings of the same household that are too young to exhibit at CYAE, and not be deemed ineligible as this would be the same as family nominations.

CYAE Eligibility (Membership/Age/Grade):

An exhibitor who is 9-years-old by January 1, 2026 is eligible to show until the age of 19 years old by January 1, 2026. For dairy heifer exhibitors only, exhibitors can show until the age of 21 as of January 1, 2026.

Violation of Rules:

Any violation of rules published in California Youth Ag Expo's rules and regulations may automatically result in disqualification. Further, any premium monies, trophies, special awards, or other consideration earned will be forfeited.

General Rules:

All rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the California Youth Ag Expo. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules. California Youth Ag Expo management, through its authorized officials, reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret its own rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences connected with or incidental to the show. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

Aggressive/ Abusive Behavior Towards Livestock:

California Youth Ag Expo highly discourages, does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals; this includes but is not limited to striking or hitting any animal. As good stewards of livestock, aggressive striking is not an option or practice.

Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor is not allowed to aggressively or loudly "pop, slap, hit or strike" their animal at any time during the show or any place on the fairgrounds property. If such behavior is witnessed the first offense will be handled with a warning, a second offense will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all entries by show management, this includes all show superintendents. All prize money and awards will also be forfeited. Protests to the disqualification will not be permitted.

Golden Bear Award:

The golden bear award will be given to the exhibitor in each species who has the best combined score from the market animal or dairy show, skillathon, and showmanship. If there is a tie, then the next market placing will determine the winner.

Sale of Champions

Saturday, August 1, 2026

All animals that qualify for the sale of champions will be sold by the head at the Sale of Champions. The amount bid for an exhibitor's animal and paid to California Youth Ag Expo for said animal, will be awarded to the exhibitor. Sale of Champions' exhibitors will be subject to the terms and conditions of California Youth Ag Expo.

Exhibitors will receive 100% of their sale proceeds.

All animals exhibited in the Sale of Champions will become property of the California Youth Ag Expo. The top five animals in each of the market shows will become property of the California Youth Ag Expo.. The top five from each market animal show will make the Sale of Champions. The Sale of Champions is a terminal sale. All animals qualifying for the Sale of Champions are required to sell and will become property of the California Youth Ag Expo.

An exhibitor can sell only one animal in the Sale of Champions. Should an exhibitor qualify more than one animal in a given division (breed or weight division), only the highest ranking animal in the sale order will be sold. If an exhibitor qualifies an animal from more than one species (steer, market lamb, barrow, goat), the exhibitor may sell the one animal of his or her choice. However, the exhibitor must notify the show staff they have multiple animals in the sale order line up prior to the Grand Drive, they must notify the show staff of the animal they choose to scratch from the sale order. If an exhibitor has more than one animal awarded Grand, or Reserve in separate species the exhibitor will be able to sell all animals that are selected Grand or Reserve with no alternates moving up into the sale order due to an exhibitor selling more than one animal.

2026 Market Goat Show

Ownership:

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each market wether entered in the show from the time of nomination until show day. Exhibitors can show three market wether goats.

Nominations:

All market wether goats must have been nominated through the CYAE self-nomination process to be eligible for the 2026 Market Wether Goat Show. An exhibitor may nominate as many market wether goats as they wish. Animals may be any breed or combination of breeds.

Horns:

Dehorning of goats in this show is not mandated; however, horns should be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent or staff will be required to be tipped or rounded or isolated and not shown.

Stall Assignments:

Stalls are assigned by the goat show superintendents based on the number of market wethers and breeding does entries and space available.

Weight:

The minimum weight for market wethers is 50 pounds. Maximum weight limit is 160 pounds. The top three wethers in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 5 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the goat will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified goats will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top three (3) market wether goats be disqualified, the next place goat will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified goats are selected for each class.

Shearing:

Wether goats must be shorn to a maximum of 3/8" residual hair length.

Bracing:

Bracing will be allowed in the wether goat division.

Health:

Any animal with abscesses will **NOT** be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts.

Testing:

All market wether goats are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds. Wethers will also be subject to DNA testing.

Muzzles:

The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from goats any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles in the stalls only will constitute disqualification.

Generators:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the goat barns. No fans will be allowed to block the walkway in the aisles.

Teeth:

There is no tooth rule.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

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Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.
- Ex. 2 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species).
- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

Grooming:

No hair coloring of any type is allowed to use on any exhibit above the flank of the animal.

Added hair or other material, natural or man-made may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any goat in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

General Rules:

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the market wether goat show.

2026 Breeding Doe Show

Ownership:

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each doe entered in the show from the time of nomination until show day.

Registration:

Breeding does will NOT require registration papers in order to compete.

Nominations:

All does must have been nominated through the CYAE self-nomination process to be eligible for the 2026 doe show. An exhibitor may nominate as many does as they wish.

Entries:

At the point of entry, every doe exhibitor must choose a "class." There are two "classes" available; "breeding does" (show with hair) or "wether dam breeding does" (slick shorn). In order to enter you must pick one or the other, one doe **CANNOT** be entered into both "classes." If an exhibitor decides to change/switch classes after he/she enters the doe, they will make this change on their card at the show. Furthermore, as per the nomination rule exhibitors may exhibit any nominated doe that was nominated.

Identification:

An official USDA Scrapie tag will be required on all does at the time of the show. A Scrapie tag must be present in the ear of all does at the time of the show. Any breed or combination of breeds can be shown.

Horns:

Dehorning of goats in this show is not suggested; however, horns should be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent or CYAE staff will be required to be tipped or rounded, or isolated and not shown.

Stall Assignments:

Stalls are assigned by the goat show superintendents based on number of market wethers and breeding doe entries, and space available.

Weight:

Minimum weight for breeding does is 50 pounds. Maximum weight limit is 160 pounds. The top 3 does in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 5 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the goat will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified goats will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top three (3) does be disqualified, the next place goat will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified goats are selected for each class.

Shearing:

Length of hair is left up to the discretion of the exhibitor.

Bracing:

Bracing of does will not be tolerated and result in dismissal by the judge or superintendent. Does must have all four feet on the ground, and must be shown with a collar/chain/halter used only to control the animal. Exhibitors can only transiently touch the animal with their body. Exhibitors cannot use the collar to make the animal tense their muscles. Any violation will result in dismissal.

Health:

Any animal with abscesses will **NOT** be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts.

Testing:

All breeding does are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Muzzles:

The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from the goats any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles only in the stalls will constitute disqualification.

Generators:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the goat barns. No fans will be allowed to block the walkway in the aisles.

Teeth:

No tooth rule.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

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Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.
- Ex. 2 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species).
- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

Grooming:

No hair coloring of any type is allowed on any exhibit above the flank of the animal. **Added hair or other material, natural or man-made may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit.**

Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any goat in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

General Rules:

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the doe show.

2026 Wether Dam Breeding Doe Show

Ownership:

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each doe entered in the show from the time of nomination until show day.

Nominations:

All wether dam breeding does must have been nominated through the CYAE self-nomination process to be eligible for the 2026 Wether Dam Breeding Doe show. An exhibitor may nominate as many does as they wish.

Entries:

At the point of entry, every doe exhibitor must choose a "class." There are two "classes" available; "breeding does" (show with hair) or "wether dam breeding does" (show slick sheared). In order to enter you must pick one or the other, one doe **CANNOT** be entered into both "classes." If an exhibitor decides to change/switch classes after he/she enters the doe, they will make this change on their card at the show. Furthermore, as per the nomination rule you may exhibit any doe that was nominated.

Identification:

An official USDA Scrapie tag will be required on all animals at the time of the show. A Scrapie tag must be present in the ear of all does at the time of the show. Any breed or combination of breeds can be shown. Wether dam breeding does do not have to be registered to be shown.

Horns:

Dehorning of goats in this show is not suggested; however, horns should be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent or fair staff will be required to be tipped or rounded or isolated and not shown.

Weight:

Minimum weight for wether dam breeding does is 50 pounds. Maximum weight limit is 160 pounds. The top 3 does in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 5 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the goat will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified goats will not move up to the next

class. Should any of the top three (3) does be disqualified, the next place goat will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified goats are selected for each class.

Shearing:

Wether dam breeding does must be shorn to a maximum of 3/8" residual hair length.

Bracing:

Bracing will be up to the discretion of the exhibitor.

Health:

Any animal with abscesses will **NOT** be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts.

Testing:

All wether dam breeding does are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Muzzles:

The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from the goats any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles only in the stalls will constitute disqualification.

Generators:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the goat barns. No fans will be allowed to block the walkway in the aisles.

Teeth:

No tooth rule.

Grooming:

No hair coloring of any type will be allowed to be used on any exhibit above the flank of the animal. **Added hair or other material, natural or man-made may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit.** Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any goat in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

General Rules:

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the wether dam breeding doe show.

2026 Goat Showmanship

Eligibility:

Showmanship is open to all goat exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own animal, which was exhibited by the exhibitor at CYAE.

Entry:

Due via self-check-in QR code found at the show by 7 pm Thursday, July 30th.

Goat Showmanship:

This showmanship is open to any student exhibiting goats at the 2026 CYAE

Classes:

Showmanship age as of January 1, 2026

Showmanship classes are as follows:

Senior Division: age 16-19

Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen

Intermediate Division: age 13-15

Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen

Junior Division: age 9-12

Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen

NextGen Division : age 5-8

Selection of NextGen Champion and Reserve NextGen Champion Showmen

Showmanship will begin with seniors and end with juniors.

2026 Market Lamb Show

Ownership:

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each market lamb entered in the show from the time of nomination until show day. Exhibitors may show no more than three market wethers per breed. Ewe lambs are not eligible for the market lamb division.

Nominations:

All market wether lambs must have been nominated through the CYAE self-nomination process to be eligible for the 2026 Market Lamb Show. An exhibitor may nominate as many market lambs as they wish.

Generators:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the sheep barns. Overhead fans are allowed; however, no fans will be allowed to block the walkway in the aisles.

Stalls:

Stalls are assigned by the sheep show superintendents based on the number of market lambs and breeding sheep entries and space available.

Grooming:

Artificial coloring, paint and powder are not permitted for use in the market lamb division during the show. All market lambs must be slick shorn, including the head, a maximum of 30 days prior to classification. There can be no wool above the knees or hocks.

When a lamb enters the makeup arena, the sheep committee will determine if unacceptable wool has been left above the knees and hocks, including flank wool. If unacceptable wool is determined, the lamb will be disqualified. The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from lambs any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles in the stalls only will constitute disqualification. Blocking stands are permitted outside the building at the 2026 CYAE.

Testing:

All market lambs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Entries:

Market wether lambs will be classified and identified. The classification order and show order are the same. The official show ring card must be turned in at classification with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor.

Weight:

The minimum weight on market lambs is 90 pounds, there is no maximum weight limit. An equipment permit must be purchased at the show or at the time of online entries for sheep scales.

Teeth:

There is no teeth rule.

Showman Ring Rules:

Exhibitors should be the sole handler of the sheep in the show ring. Spotters and other showman will not be allowed, unless special circumstances are approved by the superintendent or show staff. Sheep showmen will not be allowed to use halters in the ring without proper exemption granted by the superintendent or show staff.

Weigh Back:

The top 3 wethers in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 8 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the lamb will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified lambs will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top three (3) market wether lambs be disqualified, the next place lamb will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified lambs are selected for each class.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

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Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.

- Ex. 2 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species).
- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

Injection Site Rule (Lamb Specific):

1. All animals must meet Livestock Health Regulations.
2. Lambs may not be given injections or have any foreign objects, including but not limited to needles, placed in their bodies with the exception of injections of approved medications may be given in front of the point shoulder, i.e., in the lamb's neck. Injections must be given in conformity with the American Sheep Industry Association's "Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program (copyright September 2004)"
3. Any exception to this rule must be requested in writing, accompanied by a statement from a licensed veterinarian setting forth the date, injectable, purpose of the injection and reason why it could not be injected in the lamb's neck. Any such written request may be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the California Youth Ag Expo.

Aggressive and Abusive Behavior Towards Livestock:

California Youth Ag Expo highly discourages, does not condone, and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals; this includes but is not limited to striking or hitting any animal. As good stewards of livestock, aggressive striking is not an option or practice. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor is not allowed to aggressively or loudly "pop, slap, hit or strike their animal at any time during the show or any place on the fairgrounds property. If such behavior is witnessed the first offense will be handled with a warning, a second offense will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all entries by show management, this includes all show superintendents. All prize money and awards will also be forfeited. Protests to the disqualification will not be permitted.

Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. In other words, if an exhibitor misses their weight class for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class.

Prolapse:

Any visible prolapse in the show ring will automatically be disqualified by the show superintendent.

General Rules:

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the market lamb show.

Classification Order

1. Hair Sheep - barrel-shaped, hornless with short, dull black or white hair on the head
2. Southdown - medium to small sized breed with a gray to mouse-brown face and lower legs and is polled
3. Shropshire - black face with covering of wool on the poll
4. Dorset - all white sheep of medium size
5. Speckle - face free of wool and is white speckled with black, with a black muzzle, black around the eyes and around the ears
6. Natural- black wool fiber
7. Hampshire - ears should be moderate in length, thick, covered with a coarse dark brown or black hair and free from wool. The face should be of good length, dark in color and practically free of wool from the eyes down
8. Suffolk- black face, black leg wool, no wool on the leg
9. Crossbred - Sheep exhibiting characteristics that would make them eligible for a recognized purebred breed division

2026 Commercial Ewe Show

Divisions:

Southdown, Dorset, Speckle, Natural, Crossbred

Nominations:

To be eligible for the show, all ewes must have been nominated through the CYAE mail-in, self-nomination process by June 1, 2026.

Grooming:

Artificial coloring, paint and powder are not permitted for use in the breeding ewe division during the show.

All ewes must be slick shorn to no longer than 1/4" and uniform over the entire body before entering the show ring. No wool is allowed above the knees or hocks. When a ewe enters the makeup arena, the sheep committee will determine if unacceptable wool has been left above the knees and hocks, including flank wool. If unacceptable wool is determined, the ewe will be disqualified. The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from lambs any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles in the stalls only will constitute disqualification.

Testing:

All ewes are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Age/Teeth:

There is no teeth or age rule, ewes will show by weight only.

Showman Ring Rules:

Exhibitors should be the sole handler of the sheep in the show ring. Spotters and other showman will not be allowed, unless special circumstances are approved by the superintendent or show staff. Sheep showmen will not be allowed to use halters in the ring without proper exemption granted by the superintendent or show staff.

Commercial Breeding Ewe Weight:

The minimum weight is 90 pounds. There is no maximum weight.

Class Breaks:

Commercial breeding ewe classes will be divided based on weight.

Commercial Ewe Weigh Back:

The top 3 ewes in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 8 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the lamb will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified lambs will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top three (3) ewes be disqualified, the next place lamb will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified lambs are selected for each class.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

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Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. If an exhibitor misses their weight class for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class.

Prolapse:

Any visible prolapse in the show ring will automatically be disqualified by the sheep show superintendent.

General Rules:

The General Rules and Regulations published in the rules of California Youth Ag Expo will also apply to the breeding ewe division.

Classification Order

1. Southdown
2. Dorset
3. Speckle
4. Natural
5. Crossbred

2026 Sheep Showmanship

Eligibility:

Sheep showmanship is open to any exhibitor who has paid an entry for market lambs and/or breeding ewes. **Exhibitors must show their own animal, which was exhibited by the exhibitor at CYAE.**

Entry:

Due via self-check-in QR code by 7 pm Thursday.

Classes:

Showmanship age as of January 1, 2026

Showmanship classes are as follows:

Senior Division: age 16-19

Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen

Intermediate Division: age 13-15

Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen

Junior Division: age 9-12

Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen

NextGen Division : age 5-8

Selection of NextGen Champion and Reserve NextGen Champion Showmen

Showmanship will begin with seniors and end with juniors.

Championship:

Champion showmen in each division will return to the ring to compete for Grand Champion Overall Sheep Showman. The reserve champion, from the division in which the champion was chosen, will move up to show for Reserve Grand Champion Overall Sheep Showman.

2026 Farm to Fiber Fashion

Contest Superintendent:

Rosemary Cummings - rosemary.cummings@lmusd.org - (805)459-9669

Entry Requirements ENTRY FEE: \$25 per class

Entry fees are nonrefundable

Deadline Entry: July 11, 2026

Any 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent exhibitor is eligible to compete in the Junior Farm to Fiber Competition.

All exhibitors shall compete together (boys, girls, 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent).

AWARDS

Awards will be selected based on the Rubric provided.

First Place Sheep Pelt & Rosette

Second..... Rosette

ThirdRosette

No monetary premiums are awarded in this program.

Commentary: Entrants must provide their commentary sheet based on the qualifying event, if applicable. The commentary must be typed double-spaced on one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper and written in "Third Person." The commentary must be included with the Detailed Receipt due on July 30, 2026. A copy of the commentary must also be available upon arrival if requested by Fair Management.

Sheep Requirements

Each entrant shall be responsible for providing their own sheep (any age ewe or wether, no rams). Each participant must designate at the time of entry, whether they will be bringing their own animal or borrowing one from another exhibitor.

Entrant Responsibilities

Sheep must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All grooming preparation for the show must be done by the entrant.

Garment Requirements

All necessary garments must be supplied by the entrant. Entries will be judged on the mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive and lend elegance to the class. Entrants must furnish their own outfit, which must be made of either 100% wool or a minimum of 70% wool and no more than 30% synthetic fiber.

Outfits do not have to be made by the entrant.

Entrant Check-in Procedure

All Junior Farm to Fiber Fashion participants must check-in at the Livestock Office by 3:00 pm on Thursday, July 31, 2026. Judging of the Farm to Fiber Fashion Competition will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Farm to Fiber Fashion CLASS

Juniors and Seniors will compete separately in their respective classes. It is necessary to be entered into the Junior Livestock competition to be eligible for this competition.

Class

1. Junior 9-14
2. Senior 15-19

A wool pelt to the winner of the Farm to Fiber Fashion Classes Sponsored by HighNoon Feeds.

General Appearance 60 points				
Indicators	Very strong evidence is present 12-10	Moderate evidence is present 9-7	Strong evidence is not present 6-0	Points Earned
A. Coordination of ensemble (use of Wool)	The coordination and use of Wool to create a wool ensemble is <u>very well done</u> . 100% wool or a minimum of 70% wool	The coordination and use of Wool to create a wool ensemble is <u>satisfactory</u> . Includes complementary pieces to the ensemble.	The coordination and use of Wool to create a wool ensemble is <u>poorly done</u> . Lacking complementary pieces to the ensemble.	
B. Suitability of Style	Style is <u>extremely</u> suitable for exhibitors and is appropriate.	Style is <u>satisfactory</u> suitable for exhibitor and is appropriate	Style is <u>poorly</u> suitable for exhibitor and is appropriate	
C. Presentation of garment(s)	Garments are presented <u>extremely</u> well.	Garments are presented <u>satisfactorily</u> .	Garments are presented <u>poorly</u> .	
D. Coordination of outfit with sheep	Ensemble is coordinated <u>extremely</u> well with the outfit of the sheep.	Ensemble is coordinated <u>satisfactorily</u> with the outfit of the sheep.	Ensemble is coordinated <u>poorly</u> with the outfit of the sheep.	
E. Eye Appeal	Ensemble is <u>very</u> eye-catching and pleasing to the eye.	Ensemble is <u>satisfactory</u> , <u>eye-catching</u> and pleasing to the eye.	Ensemble is <u>not</u> eye-catching nor pleasing to the eye.	
Showmanship 20 points				
Indicators	Very strong evidence is present	Moderate evidence is present	Strong evidence is not present	

	10-9	8-6	5-0	
A. Ability to lead	Exhibitor does an <u>excellent</u> job of leading the sheep around the ring.	Exhibitor does a <u>moderate</u> good job of leading the sheep around the ring.	Exhibitor <u>does not</u> lead the sheep around the ring well.	
B. Appearance of animal	Animals are presented <u>very well</u> .	Animals are presented <u>moderately well</u> .	Animals are <u>not presented</u> very well.	
Personal Presentation 20 points				
Indicators	Very strong evidence is present 10-8	Moderate evidence skill is present 7-5	Strong evidence skill is not present 5-0	
A. Poise Gracefulness	Exhibitor Is extremely <u>well poised</u> and in control at <u>all</u> times.	<u>Somewhat</u> poised and in control <u>most</u> of the time.	Lacks poise and lacks <u>composure</u> .	
B. Wool Promotion	Exhibitor does an <u>excellent</u> job of promoting the versatility and use of wool in the ensemble.	Exhibitor does <u>a satisfactory</u> job of promoting the versatility and use of wool in the ensemble.	Exhibitor does <u>a poor</u> job of promoting the versatility and use of wool in the ensemble.	
Total Points				
Ranking				

2026 Market Barrow Show

Ownership:

Exhibitors may show a maximum of two market barrows per breed. Each market barrow must have been continuously owned and fed personally by the exhibitor since the date of nomination deadline.

Nominations:

To be eligible for the show, all barrows must have been nominated through the CYAE mail-in, self-nomination process by June 1, 2026.

Classification:

Barrows will be shown by breed characteristics. There will be no classification. The judge and show committee will make the final decision in the showring if a barrow is in question.

Complementary Scales at CYAE:

Complementary scales will be available for exhibitor use.

Pedigrees:

Pedigrees are not required for market barrows.

Show Weight:

Show weight will range from 220 to 290 pounds. Prior to the final placing of each class, the show officials will weigh at least the top three (3) barrows in each class. There is a 15 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. The barrow will not move up to the next class. All scales used in the barns must have a permit for the current show.

Grooming:

Clipping is allowed in the barns, however snaring will not be allowed. **No aerosol cans are allowed in the show arena at CYAE.**

Cryptorchid:

Any exhibitor who exhibits a cryptorchid will forfeit all premium money won in the livestock show and premium sale.

Testing:

All barrows are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Stalling:

Each organization will be assigned pens/stalls based on the total number of animals entered divided into the total number of pens and stalls available. If more than two barrows per breed are entered for one exhibitor, they will not be allowed any additional space for extra entries above the entry limit and will be responsible for paying the additional entry fees.

Generators and Fans:

No generators may be operated inside the barns. Only overhead fans that are safely secured are allowed in the barns. No aisle fans may be used.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

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General Rules:

The General Rules and Regulations published in the rules of the California Youth Ag Expo will also apply to all barrow classes.

Market Barrow Breed Divisions

1. Berkshire
2. Chester White/ Landrace
3. Duroc
4. Hampshire
5. Hereford/ Tamworth
6. Poland China
7. Spot
8. Yorkshire
9. Light Crossbred
10. Dark Crossbred
11. All Black

Berkshire —A common color pattern of black body, erect ears with 6 white points (face, four socks, tip of tail) shall serve as the base with a combination or variation pattern which may include: Black based body color with white color on at least 3 legs, cannot have white skin or hair exceeding 2/3rds the area of the upper body (above the legs) or in any continuous manor as to cover 1/3 of the body area as well as not to have any white color that encircles the entire body(to form a belt). There must be white on the face but to not include the entire head.

Chester White — All white in color with medium sized drooping ears. No more than 5 non-white pigmented color spots. No spot of nonwhite colored pigment greater in size than a silver dollar. No color hair other than white.

Landrace — All white in color with large drooping ears. No more than 3 color pigmentation spots and none larger than a quarter in size. No other hair color than white.

Duroc — Red to brown color covering the entire body with drooping ears. Black spots cannot exceed 3 with none covering an area larger than 2 inches in diameter. No other color shall be allowed on the body or legs and no shading or coloring resembling a belt is allowed.

Hampshire — The color pattern shall be black body in color with erect ears, a white belt shall start on one front foot and continue over to the opposite foot. No white shall be allowed over the rim of the nose and no white greater in size than a quarter covering the chin. All half or off belts will classify dark cross. No white shall be allowed from the front of the sheath back. White is allowed on the back legs as long as it does not rest above the joint of the hock.

Yorkshire — All white in color with erect ear carriage. Not more than 2 spots of different color pigmentation, no spot larger than a dime, no single spot larger than a quarter or both spots combined greater than a silver dollar. No other hair color than white.

Poland China - Will be black bodied with 6 white points (face, feet and tail) and drooping ears. No more than 1 solid black leg and free of any different colored hair other than black or white. No indications of a belt but a splash of white on the body is allowed.

Spotted - Will be a base pattern of black and white colored spots only, with drooping ears. No color tinted hair other than black or white and head may not be solid black in color from the ears forward. No signs of a solid belt or solid color of black or white which covers more than 1/3 of the animals' body.

Hereford/ Tamworth — Hereford will be red of dark or light in color, white head or blaze from ear line forward on the face, white ears, white feet or legs and ears carriage is broken forward. Splashes of white color may be present in various patterns across the body but no other color or full belt is allowed. Tamworth shall be a general red to brown color with erect ear carriage. Black colored hair is permissible but no more than 20 spots and nothing larger than 4 inches in diameter.

Light Crossbred — Those barrows possessing white hair and skin pigment, general light to deep blue coloring in any pattern located on the body, legs or head. Any color pattern of mixed red roan with blue colored variations located on the body, legs or head. The distinct coloring of a white body, pronounced red and no presence of blue or mixed blue/ reddish tint will be classified as dark cross.

Dark Crossbred — Those barrows possessing colors of solid pattern from black, red, brown, or the variation of those colors in distinct pattern and which do not fit other breed classification requirements. A red headed white bodied, black/ red spotted or black headed white bodied barrow will be classified dark cross. This would include broken and off belted black barrows.

All Black — Those barrows that exhibit a completely black coat, with no visible white or other colored markings on any part of the body, including the legs, face, or underline. Hogs entered in this division should present a uniform, solid black appearance when viewed from all angles. Any presence of contrasting hair or skin pigmentation that disrupts the solid black coloration may result in reclassification or disqualification at the discretion of show officials.

2026 Breeding Gilt Show

Supreme Drive for Gilts:

The supreme drive for the gilts will be held in the hog show ring in the Farm Credit Building. Purebred and crossbred gilts will each have their own Supreme Drive.

Nominations:

To be eligible for the show, all gilts must have been nominated through the CYAE mail-in, self-nomination process by June 1, 2026.

Commercial Gilts:

Commercial gilts will be split by color and show in three different shows.

Entries:

Exhibitors can show two gilts per breed. Each gilt must have been continuously owned and fed personally by the exhibitor since the time nominations were made.

Weight:

Show weight for commercial breeding gilts will have a minimum weight of 200 with a maximum of 375 pounds. Prior to the final placing of each class, the show officials will weigh at least the top three (3) gilts in each class. There is a 15 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. The gilt will not move up to the next class. All scales used in the barns must have a permit for the current show.

Age:

All purebred breeding gilts will be shown by age. Purebred breeding gilts must be born after November 1, 2025. Commercial breeding gilts will show by weight.

Grooming:

Clipping is allowed in the barns, however snaring will not be allowed. **No aerosol cans are allowed in the show arena at CYAE.**

Stalling:

Each organization will be assigned pens/stalls based on total number of animals entered divided into the total number of pens and stalls available. If more than 3 gilts or barrows are entered for a single exhibitor they won't be given extra space for any entries over 3, but must still pay the extra entries fees.

Pedigrees:

All purebred breeding gilts must have pedigrees. All pedigrees must be officially transferred into the exhibitor's name by the respective breed association, by June 1, 2026. An exhibitor may exhibit an animal registered in the name of a fellow exhibitor as described in the household nomination rule.

NOTE: Pedigrees that are simply signed on the back by the respective breeder and not officially transferred into the exhibitors name by the breed association will not be accepted.

Gilt Sale:

The top 25 gilts will be eligible to sell in the gilt sale. **ALL GILTS SELECTED TO THE GILT SALE MUST SELL – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Gilt Supreme Drive/ Sale:

Any gilt chosen for the “Golden Opportunity” gilt sale is required to sell. There will be a set number of 10 purebred gilts and 15 crossbred gilts that will be selected within the respective Purebred and Crossbred supreme drives for the gilt sale.

A 10% commission will be collected on each gilt in the sale to assist in the marketing of the event.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

ANIMALS MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED ACROSS SPECIES OR SEX.

Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.
- Ex. 2 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species).
- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

General Rules:

The General Rules and Regulations published in the rules of the California Youth Ag Expo will also apply to all gilt classes.

Breed Divisions for Breeding Gilt

1. Berkshire
2. Chester White/ Landrace
3. Duroc
4. Hampshire
5. Hereford/ Tamworth
6. Poland China
7. Spot
8. Yorkshire
9. Light Crossbred
10. Dark Crossbred
11. All Black

Light Crossbred — Those gilts possessing white hair and skin pigment, general light to deep blue coloring in any pattern located on the body, legs or head. Any color pattern of mixed red roan with blue colored variations located on the body, legs or head. The distinct coloring of a white body, pronounced red and no presence of blue or mixed blue/ reddish tint will be classified as dark cross.

Dark Crossbred — Those gilts possessing colors of solid pattern from black, red, brown, or the variation of those colors in distinct pattern and which do not fit other breed classification requirements. A red headed white bodied, black/ red spotted or black headed white bodied barrow will be classified dark cross. This would include broken and off belted black gilts.

All Black — Those barrows that exhibit a completely black coat, with no visible white or other colored markings on any part of the body, including the legs, face, or underline. Hogs entered in this division should present a uniform, solid black appearance when viewed from all angles. Any presence of contrasting hair or skin pigmentation that disrupts the solid black coloration may result in reclassification or disqualification at the discretion of show officials.

2026 Swine Showmanship

Eligibility:

Swine showmanship is open to any exhibitor who has paid an entry for a hog. **Exhibitors must show their own animal, which was exhibited by the exhibitor at CYAE.**

Entry:

Due via self-check-in QR code at show by 7 pm Thursday, July 30th.

Classes:

Showmanship age as of January 1, 2026

Showmanship classes are as follows:

Senior Division: age 16-19

Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen

Intermediate Division: age 13-15

Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen

Junior Division: age 9-12

Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen

NextGen Division : age 5-8

Selection of NextGen Champion and Reserve NextGen Champion Showmen

Showmanship will begin with seniors and end with juniors.

Championship:

Champion showmen in each division will return to the ring to compete for Grand Champion Overall Swine Showman. The reserve champion, from the division in which the champion was chosen, will move up to show for Reserve Grand Champion Overall Swine Showman.

2026 Market Steer Show

Market Steer Breeds:

Market steers will be shown as British, Black, AOC, and Slick Shear.

Slick Shear Requirements:

Tailhead can remain intact and leg hair is allowed on the front leg and below the hock on the back leg. 1/4" hair requirement is strictly enforced. The tail switch should be no more than 12 inches above the end of the cartilage of the tail.

Nominations:

All steers must have been nominated through the CYAE self-nomination process to be eligible for the 2026 steer show. An exhibitor may nominate as many steers as they wish. Each steer can only be nominated in one breed. Any incomplete nomination will not be permitted and will subsequently be mailed back to the individual.

Ownership:

There is no limit on the number of steers an exhibitor can show. The exhibitor must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for the steer(s) from the time of nomination until show day.

Weight:

The minimum show weight requirement for steers is 1,000 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit. There is an official weigh-in of market steers.

Mouthing:

There is no tooth rule.

Chutes:

Trimming or grooming chutes will be issued identification for use at the 2026 show. Permits can be purchased with online entries or upon arrival at CYAE.

Hair:

No hair coloring of any type is allowed to be used on any exhibit above the flank of the animal. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches) may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any steer

in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

Weigh Back:

There will be an official weigh in of Market Steers as listed on the schedule.

Testing:

All steers are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Generators and Fans:

No generators may be operated inside the barns. **AISLE FANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
Only overhead fans, which are safely secured, may be used in the barns.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

ANIMALS MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED ACROSS SPECIES OR SEX.

Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.
- Ex. 2 - An exhibitor may NOT substitute a barrow for a gilt (different sex), or a wether for a steer (different species).
- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

2026 Breeding Heifer Show

Breeds: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Maine/ MaineTainer, Shorthorn, AOB, Composite AOB, Commercial

Entries: Each exhibitor can show an unlimited number of heifers. Heifer exhibitors may substitute another eligible animal up until heifer check-in time. There is a \$15 fee for each substitution.

Family nominations do not apply to heifer entries. Heifers must be entered in the name of the exhibitor on the official breed registration papers and that is the only exhibitor allowed to show that heifer at the California Youth Ag Expo.

Nominations

Heifers are not required to be nominated to show. However, they must be entered online by July 1, 2026.

Registration Papers:

Every animal entered in the purebred breeding heifer show must have a pedigree issued by the respective breed organization and must be registered in the name of the junior exhibitor. All heifers without pedigrees must be shown in the commercial breeding heifer division. Heifers must be in the exhibitor's possession by July 5th to be eligible to show.

Influence Heifers:

If allowed by the respective national breed association, influence and purebred cattle may be shown together, however documentation must be provided. The decision of merging influence and purebred heifers will be left up to the breed superintendent and the state breed association.

Mouthing:

All heifers entered are subject to be mouthed at the request of the respective breed association.

Generators:

No generators can be operated inside the barns.

Fans:

AISLE FANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. Only overhead fans, which are safely secured, will be allowed.

Animal Substitution:

An exhibitor may substitute one animal for another within the same species and sex as long as each animal has been properly nominated and/or satisfies all of the show eligibility requirements such as ownership, age, etc. Animals that do not meet the proper nomination requirements or other show eligibility requirements cannot be substituted for other animals.

ANIMALS MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED ACROSS SPECIES OR SEX.

Examples are below:

- Ex. 1 - An exhibitor may substitute a barrow for a barrow or a heifer for a heifer.
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- Ex. 3 - An exhibitor also may NOT substitute a market wether lamb for a commercial ewe.

DNA Testing:

The CYAE and respective breed associations reserve the right to DNA test the heifers.

General Rules:

The general rules and regulations published in the rules of the California Youth Ag Expo will also apply to all heifer classes.

Age of Heifers

No heifers older than January 1, 2025

California Bred Heifer Show**Eligibility**

To qualify specifically as "California-Bred," the dam of the heifer must have calved in California and be owned by a California based operation, and the heifer must have been calved and raised in the state. Exhibitor and heifer must adhere to all other breeding heifer rules. Open to all heifer breed divisions.

2026 Cattle Showmanship

Eligibility:

Cattle showmanship is open to any exhibitor who has paid an entry for cattle. **Exhibitors must show their own animal, which was exhibited by the exhibitor at CYAE.**

Entry:

Due via self-check-in QR code by 7 pm Thursday.

Classes:

Showmanship age as of January 1, 2026

Showmanship classes are as follows:

Senior Division: age 16-19

Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen

Intermediate Division: age 13-15

Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen

Junior Division: age 9-12

Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen

NextGen Division : age 5-8

Selection of NextGen Champion and Reserve NextGen Champion Showmen

Showmanship will begin with seniors and end with juniors.

Championship:

Champion showmen in each division will return to the ring to compete for Grand Champion Overall Cattle Showman. The reserve champion, from the division in which the champion was chosen, will move up to show for Reserve Grand Champion Overall Cattle Showman.

2026 Dairy Show

Divisions: Registered Holstein, Registered Jersey, Registered All Other Breeds, Grade Holstein, Grade Jersey

Ownership: In the Registered Divisions, the owner on Holstein USA official registration paper MUST match the exhibitor on entry form. No required date of ownership or length of ownership.

Animals must be registered in the name of the Junior member, or a partnership of Junior members, (throughout the year exhibiting) in order to qualify for Junior recognition. Adult-Junior and family or farm partnerships are not acceptable.

Leadsperson of the animal must be the owner/exhibitor of the entry. Only one leadsperson per animal will be allowed to enter the ring.

Show uniforms can be found in the general rules.

Identification: All cattle entered in the Registered Holstein Division must have an official Holstein USA registration paper, and be at least 87%. No eligible Holstein will be allowed to show in the Grade Division.

All cattle entered in the Registered Jersey and AOB Division must have an official breed association registration paper. Jerseys must be Generation 4 or greater on AJCA paper or Jersey Canada 93.75% or greater. No eligible animals may show in the Grade Division.

Classes: *Heifer Classes only. Non-milking females under 2 years of age

1-Spring Calf 3/1/26- 5/31/26

2- Winter Calf 12/1/25-2/28/26

3- Fall Calf 9/1/25-11/30/25

CALF CHAMPION and Reserve Calf Champion (from 1st & 2nd classes 1-3)

4- Summer Yearling 6/1/25-8/31/25

5- Spring Yearling 3/1/25-5/31/25

6- Winter Yearling 12/1/24-2/29/25

7- Fall Yearling 8/1/24-11/30/24

YEARLING CHAMPION and Reserve Yearling Champion (from 1st and 2nd classes 4-7)

GRAND CHAMPION (Calf and Yearling Champions and Reserves eligible)

SUPREME CHAMPION

2026 Dairy Showmanship

Eligibility:

Dairy showmanship is open to any exhibitor who has paid an entry for dairy. **Exhibitors must show their own animal, which was entered by the exhibitor at CYAE.**

Entry:

Due via self-check-in QR code by 7 pm Thursday.

Classes:

Showmanship age as of January 1, 2026

Showmanship classes are as follows:

Senior Division: age 16-21

Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen

Intermediate Division: age 13-15

Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen

Junior Division: age 9-12

Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen

Showmanship will begin with seniors and end with juniors.

Championship:

Champion showmen in each division will return to the ring to compete for Grand Champion Overall Dairy Showman. The reserve champion, from the division in which the champion was chosen, will move up to show for Reserve Grand Champion Overall Dairy Showman.

2026 CYAE Prospect Show

- The CYAE prospect show is open to any exhibitor.
- Exhibitors are limited to one animal entry.
- Animals exhibited in the prospect show are not eligible for the breeding or market show at CYAE.
- Prospect exhibitors can enter in showmanship

2026 Prospect Goat Show

Horns:

Dehorning of goats in this show is not mandated; however, horns should be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent or staff will be required to be tipped or rounded or isolated and not shown.

Weight:

There is no minimum weight, the maximum weight is 80. The top three goats in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 5 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the goat will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified goats will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top three (3) prospect goats be disqualified, the next place goat will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified goats are selected for each class.

Shearing:

Prospect goats must be shorn to a maximum of 3/8" residual hair length.

Bracing:

Bracing will be allowed in the prospect goat division.

Health:

Any animal with abscesses will **NOT** be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts.

Testing:

All prospect goats are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Muzzles:

The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from goats any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles in the stalls only will constitute disqualification.

Generators:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the goat barns. No fans will be allowed to block the walkway in the aisles.

Teeth:

Prospect goats are prohibited from showing yearling teeth.

Grooming:

No hair coloring of any type is allowed to use on any exhibit above the flank of the animal.

Added hair or other material, natural or man-made may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any goat in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

General Rules:

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the prospect goat show.

2026 Prospect Lamb Show

Generators:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the sheep barns. Overhead fans are allowed; however, no fans will be allowed to block the walkway in the aisles.

Grooming:

Artificial coloring, paint and powder are not permitted for use in the prospect lamb division during the show. All prospect lambs must be slick shorn, including the head, a maximum of 30 days prior to classification. There can be no wool above the knees or hocks.

When a lamb enters the makeup arena, the sheep committee will determine if unacceptable wool has been left above the knees and hocks, including flank wool. If unacceptable wool is determined, the lamb will be disqualified. The use of hydration utensils and the use of soft muzzles are permitted in the stalls only. Soft muzzles must be removed from lambs any time they are taken from their stall for any reason. Failure to use hydration utensils and soft muzzles in the stalls only will constitute disqualification. Blocking stands are permitted outside the building at the 2026 CYAE.

Testing:

All prospect lambs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Entries:

Prospect lambs will be classified and identified. The classification order and show order are the same. The official show ring card must be turned in at classification with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor.

Weight:

There is no minimum weight, the maximum weight was 120.

Teeth:

Prospect lambs are prohibited from showing yearling teeth.

Showman Ring Rules:

Exhibitors should be the sole handler of the sheep in the show ring. Spotters and other showman will not be allowed, unless special circumstances are approved by the superintendent or show

staff. Sheep showmen will not be allowed to use halters in the ring without proper exemption granted by the superintendent or show staff.

Weigh Back:

The top 3 lambs in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 8 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. If the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the lamb will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified lambs will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top three (3) prospect lambs be disqualified, the next place lamb will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until three qualified lambs are selected for each class.

Injection Site Rule (Lamb Specific):

1. All animals must meet Livestock Health Regulations.
2. Lambs may not be given injections or have any foreign objects, including but not limited to needles, placed in their bodies with the exception of injections of approved medications may be given in front of the point shoulder, i.e., in the lamb's neck. Injections must be given in conformity with the American Sheep Industry Association's "Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program (copyright September 2004)"
3. Any exception to this rule must be requested in writing, accompanied by a statement from a licensed veterinarian setting forth the date, injectable, purpose of the injection and reason why it could not be injected in the lamb's neck. Any such written request may be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the California Youth Ag Expo.

Aggressive and Abusive Behavior Towards Livestock:

California Youth Ag Expo highly discourages, does not condone, and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals; this includes but is not limited to striking or hitting any animal. As good stewards of livestock, aggressive striking is not an option or practice. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor is not allowed to aggressively or loudly "pop, slap, hit or strike their animal at any time during the show or any place on the fairgrounds property. If such behavior is witnessed the first offense will be handled with a warning, a second offense will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all entries by show management, this includes all show superintendents. All prize money and awards will also be forfeited. Protests to the disqualification will not be permitted.

Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. In other words, if an exhibitor misses their weight class for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class.

Prolapse:

Any visible prolapse in the show ring will automatically be disqualified by the show superintendent.

General Rules:

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the prospect lamb show.

Classification Order

1. White Face Cross
2. Black Face Cross

2026 Prospect Hog Show

Boars:

In the prospect show, we will allow boar pigs to show up to the weight of 100 pounds, if the prospect hog weighs over 100 pounds, they will need to be castrated.

Classification:

Hogs will be shown by breed characteristics. There will be no classification. The judge and show committee will make the final decision in the showing if a hog is in question.

Complementary Scales at CYAE:

Complementary scales will be available for exhibitor use.

Pedigrees:

Pedigrees are not required for prospect hogs.

Show Weight:

There is no minimum weight, the maximum weight is 225. Prior to the final placing of each class, the show officials will weigh at least the top three (3) hogs in each class. There is a 15 pound weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card. The hog will not move up to the next class. All scales used in the barns must have a permit for the current show.

Grooming:

Clipping is allowed in the barns, however snaring will not be allowed. **No aerosol cans are allowed in the show arena at CYAE.**

Cryptorchid:

Any exhibitor who exhibits a cryptorchid will forfeit all premium money won in the livestock show and premium sale.

Testing:

All hogs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Stalling:

Each organization will be assigned pens/stalls based on the total number of animals entered divided into the total number of pens and stalls available. If more than two hogs per breed are entered for one exhibitor, they will not be allowed any additional space for extra entries above the entry limit and will be responsible for paying the additional entry fees.

Generators and Fans:

No generators may be operated inside the barns. Only overhead fans that are safely secured are allowed in the barns. No aisle fans may be used.

General Rules:

The General Rules and Regulations published in the rules of the California Youth Ag Expo will also apply to all hog classes.

Pigs Bought In Thursday Sale:

If you wish to enter a prospect hog into this show that was purchased at the Thursday night sale, you will have 1 hour following the conclusion of the sale to come to the entry office. Exhibitors are still limited to only 1 entry even if multiple are bought.

Prospect Hog Breed Divisions

1. Light Crossbred
2. Dark Crossbred
3. Purebred

2026 Prospect Cattle Show

Prospect Cattle Breeds:

Prospect cattle will be shown altogether.

Weight:

There is no minimum weight, the maximum weight is 1,000.

Mouthing:

There is no tooth rule.

Chutes:

Trimming or grooming chutes will be issued identification for use at the 2026 show. Permits can be purchased with online entries or upon arrival at CYAE.

Hair:

No hair coloring of any type is allowed to be used on any exhibit above the flank of the animal. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches) may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any cattle in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

Weigh Back:

There will be an official weigh in of prospect cattle as listed on the schedule.

Testing:

All animals are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

Generators and Fans:

No generators may be operated inside the barns. **AISLE FANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** Only overhead fans, which are safely secured, may be used in the barns.

CYAE NextGen Showman

Eligibility

- Open to youth ages **5–8 years old** as of 1/1/26
- Prospect market entries only, these open June 15th - July 1st
- Exhibitors may show **one species per class** but can enter multiple species.

Animal Requirements

- Eligible species: **Beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.**
- Animals have to be owned by the exhibitor.
- Animals must be **safe, manageable, and appropriately sized** for the exhibitor.
- All animals must meet **health and vaccination requirements** per show rules.
- All animals must meet the same standards as prospect market animals

Attire & Equipment

- Exhibitors should wear **appropriate CYAE white exhibitor polo**
- Proper show equipment required for each species

Conduct

- Exhibitors and families are expected to demonstrate **good sportsmanship.**
- Safety of exhibitors, animals, and others is the **top priority.**
- CYAE reserves the right to **dismiss unsafe animals or behavior.**