2026 Aksarben Stock Show Entry Book

September 24th – 27th, 2026

Fonner Park - Grand Island, NE

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Friday, September 25th

Feeder Calf Check-in	8:00 am – 10:00 am
All Animal Check-In	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Feeder Calf Show Followed by Challenge Showmanship then Beef Showmanship	12:30 pm
Sheep Showmanship Followed by Sheep Challenge Showmanship	2:30 pm
Goat Showmanship Followed by Goat Challenge Showmanship	2:30 pm
Swine Showmanship Followed by Swine Challenge Showmanship	4:00 pm

Saturday, September 26th

Market Sheep Show (Challenge Show to be held after the Natural Division)	7:30 am
Market Beef Show (Challenge Show to be held after Purebred before Crossbred)	8:00 am
Market Swine Show (Challenge Show to be held after Purebred before Cross Gilt)	8:00 am
(Goat Challenge will be first) Market Goat Show	9:00 am
Broiler Check-In	8:00 am – 10:30 am
Rabbit Check-In	7:00 am – 8:30 am
Broiler Showmanship Followed by Broiler Show	8:30 am
Rabbit Show Followed by Rabbit Showmanship	9:00 am
Purple Banner Knight (formerly the Grand Drive)	7:30 pm

Sunday, September 27th

Breeding Heifer Show	8:00 am
Breeding Gilt Show	8:00 am
Breeding Ewe Show	8:00 am
Breeding Doe Show	8:00 am

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOMINATION INFORMATION

1. **Every exhibitor must submit nomination information online by 5 pm (central time) on July 1st and mail DNA envelopes postmarked by July 1st for all beef to be eligible to exhibit.**
    a. DNA envelope orders and online nominations will be done on aksarbenstockshow.com.
    b. Official Nomination and DNA submission is required for all market animals, breeding animals, and feeder calves.
    c. Nomination does not constitute show entry. They are separate and independent steps to participating in the Aksarben Stock Show.
    d. Late nominations will NOT be accepted.

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Official online entries begin August 1st, 2026. Entries are due September 4th, 2026, at 11:59 pm (central time). Entry will be done on aksarbenstockshow.com. See Livestock Rules & Regulations for more nomination and entry information.
    a. Late entries will NOT be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. **Showmanship entry must be completed on the online entry process. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.**
3. Animal substitution will NOT be permitted after entry submission.
    a. Siblings may nominate the same animal but may NOT enter the same animal.
4. At the official species check-in, an animal may be moved between breeds and divisions at the discretion of the superintendent.
    a. In order to be eligible to move a female from breeding to market or vice versa, they must have been dual nominated for both breeding and market divisions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Youth ages 9-19 as of January 1st, 2026 are eligible to exhibit. Youth must reside at a permanent residence address in one of the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.
2. Animals may only be exhibited in one show, by one exhibitor.
    a. One animal cannot be entered in by two (2) exhibitors. You may not exhibit the same animal in the market, breeding, and feeder calf shows.
3. In the event that an exhibitor is exhibiting in another ring, classes will be held up for no more than 5 minutes from the conclusion of the previous class exiting the ring to allow for the exhibitor to show their own animal. Exhibitors are required to notify the superintendent for that species about the overlap.
4. A 30-minute load in and out policy will be strictly enforced. Violators will be subject to towing.
5. All exhibitors are subject to allowing their projects to be used for the Livestock Judging Contest.
6. All registered animals must upload a copy of their registration paper online through the Entry Portal.
7. A CVI must be issued within 7 days for all out-of-state rabbits.
8. Release Time
    a. There is no specified release time. You may leave when done showing.

BEEF

Beef Superintendent:	Sam Cunningham – 979.220.5681
Secretary:	Kelsey Poss – 402.615.0636
Feeder Calf and Market Beef Judge:	Spencer Scotten
Breeding Heifer Judge:	Chad Holtkamp

BEEF INFORMATION

9. Entry Limitation: Participants are permitted to submit up to 8 beef entries but allowed to bring and exhibit no more than 5. You must pay for all 8 entries and there will be **no refunds**.
10. Entry fees:
    a. $125 per head (includes tie out space and bedding)
    b. Showmanship: $15 per exhibitor per species ***MUST PRE-ENTER***
11. Official identification is a visual tag, EID tag, or ear tattoo.
    a. All registered beef animals MUST have a legible ear tattoo that matches its registration papers exactly. Show management reserves the right to check all tattoos.
12. The beef show is full fit, however, breed characteristics must not be changed.
13. Stalling
    a. Stalling assignments will be made by the superintendent. In the event of a shortage the superintendent will have the right to reassign stalls. Requests for individuals to be stalled together will be considered but NOT guaranteed. Stall requests can only be made at time of entry.
    b. Stalling will be based on either how many head an exhibitor entered or the maximum number they are allowed to show (whichever is least). For example, you may enter up to 8 animals, but will only be assigned stalls for a maximum of 5 head. If you enter 2 animals, you will receive stalling assignment for 2 head.
    c. Extra stalls will be available for purchase on a first come first serve basis.
    d. Tack space and tie-outs are not guaranteed, they are on a first come, first serve basis.

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP – Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

1. Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.
2. Any exhibitor entered in the Market Beef, Breeding Heifer, or Feeder Calf Shows is eligible for Beef Showmanship.
3. Showmanship will take place separate from the breeding beef, market beef, and feeder calf shows.
4. There will be two age divisions:
    a. Junior: beef exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
    b. Senior: beef exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
5. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.
    a. Calf Challenge animals are NOT eligible to be exhibited in Elite Showmanship.

MARKET BEEF SHOW

1. Steers and heifers are eligible to exhibit.
2. Decisions to send market beef to harvest must be made at check-in. A sale affidavit (found at the sale drop-off) must be provided at check-in if the beef will be sold. The official sale weight will be the declared weight at the show.
3. Weight Declaration
    a. Exhibitors will self-declare the market beef's weight utilizing a weight-card system. All weight-cards will be due at check-in. All cards submitted to beef show staff are final.
    b. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place animals in each class. Additional calves may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
        i. A 5% variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5% variance, above or below the declared weight, will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.

c. The minimum weight for market beef will be 1,000 lbs. with no maximum weight. Calves weighing less than 1,000 lbs. will compete in a weigh-out class and be ineligible for premiums and harvest.

4. Market Beef Entry Information

Department	Division	Sub-Division
Market Beef	Market Heifer	
	British Breed Market Steer	Angus
		British AOB
		Hereford
		Red Angus
		Shorthorn
	Continental Breed Market Steer	Charolais
		Chianina
		Continental AOB
		Gelbvieh
		Limousin
		Maine-Anjou
		Shorthorn Plus
		Simmental
	Crossbred Market Steer	Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are purple qualify for the Purple Banner Knight.

5. Additional Market Beef Information
   a. Market beef will show lightest to heaviest within their respective class.
   b. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management. Breeds with fewer than 5 head entered will be placed on probation and may be eliminated in the future.
      i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
   c. Registered market steers will need to show registration papers at check-in. If registration and animal do not match, they will be moved to the crossbred market steer division.
      i. To be eligible for exhibition, registered steers must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family or farm name, and must be owned by the time of nomination.
      ii. Registered steers must also have a legible ear tattoo that matches the registration papers. Show management reserves the right to check tattoos.
6. **Purple Banner Knight** –September 26th @ 7:30 pm (formerly the Grand Drive)
   a. 1st and 2nd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions and Reserve Champions from the six divisions will compete in the Purple Banner Knight, where the top 5 market beef will be selected.
      i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Purple Banner Knight, at the discretion of the judge.
   b. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef will become the possession of the Aksarben Stock Show at the completion of the Purple Banner Knight.
      i. Failure to comply will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified.
7. Harvest Animals
   a. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that beef designated for harvest at check-in are put in the designated holding area to be loaded onto the trucks. Failure to have your animal there will result in forfeiture of sale slot and premium.

BREEDING HEIFER SHOW

1. To be eligible for exhibition, registered breeding heifers must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family, or farm name, and must be owned by the time of nomination.

2. Registration papers should be presented at check-in. Animals whose registration papers are not approved or are still pending will show in the commercial class.
3. Commercial breeding heifers will declare their weight using the weigh card system.
    a. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place heifers in each commercial heifer class. Additional heifers may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
        i. A 5% variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5% variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
4. Breeding Heifer Entry Information

Department	Division	Sub-Division	Classes
Breeding Heifer	Registered	Angus	For classes see table below. Enter based on division only, classes will be broken based on birthdate after check-in
		Charolais	
		Charolais Composite	
		Chianina	
		Gelbvieh	
		Horned Hereford	
		Polled Hereford	
		Limousin	
		Lim-Flex	
		Maine-Anjou	
		Mainetainer	
		Maine Angus	
		Miniature Hereford	
		Red Angus	
		Shorthorn	
		Shorthorn Plus	
		Simmental	
		SimSolution	
		All Other Registered Breeds	
	Commercial		Will be shown by weight

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are green qualify for the Supreme Breeding Heifer Drive.

Registered Breeding Beef Classes	
Spring Heifer Calves	March 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026
Junior Heifer Calves	January 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026
Late Senior Heifer Calves	November 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
Early Senior Heifer Calves	September 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025
Late Summer Yearling Heifers	July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Early Summer Yearling Heifers	May 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025
Late Junior Yearling Heifers	March 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025
Junior Yearling Heifers	January 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025
Senior Fall Heifers	October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

5. Additional Breeding Heifer Information
    a. Registered heifers will be divided into classes by breed and then by age. Commercial heifers will be split by weight.
    b. Heifers can not be born any earlier than October 1st, 2024 and any later than April 30, 2026.
    c. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management. Breeds with fewer than 5 head entered will be placed on probation and may be eliminated in the future.
        i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
6. Supreme Breeding Heifer Drive

a. 1st and 2nd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions and Reserve Champions from the twenty divisions will compete in the Supreme Breeding Heifer Drive, where the top 5 breeding heifers will be selected.
    i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Supreme, at the discretion of the judge.

FEEDER CALF SHOW

1. Heifer calves and steer calves born January 1st, 2026 – June 1st, 2026, are eligible to exhibit.
    a. Heifers and steers will be shown SEPARATELY.
    b. No bulls will be allowed to show. If there is any evidence of testicular development by manual palpation of the scrotum, the animal will be disqualified.
2. No nurse cows or dams of feeder calves will be allowed on the stock show grounds.
3. Weight Declaration
    a. Exhibitors will self-declare the feeder calf's weight utilizing a weigh-card system. All weigh-cards will be due at check-in. All cards submitted to beef show staff are final.
    b. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place animals in each class. Additional calves may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
        i. A 5% variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5% variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
    c. There will be no minimum but a maximum of 1,000 lbs weight limit.
4. Feeder Calf Entry Information

Department	Division
Feeder Calf	Feeder Steer
	Feeder Heifer

5. Additional Feeder Calf Information
    a. Feeder Calves will show by weight.
        i. Calves will show lightest to heaviest within their respective heifer or steer classes.
    b. 1st and 2nd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions and Reserve Champions from the two divisions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Feeder Calf.
        i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Supreme, at the discretion of the judge.

CLASS PREMIUMS – Paid on all feeder calf, breeding, and market beef classes.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd
Premium	$50	$35	$25

AWARDS

* Exhibitors receiving more than $600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.
* All listed below will receive a banner.

Market Beef	Grand Champion	$12,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Champion	$10,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$5,000 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	$2,500 Supreme Premium
	5th Overall	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	Division Champions	$400 Premium

	Division Reserve Champions	$250 Premium
Note – For Crossbred division, Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight Sub-Division winners will all be awarded a Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion Premium.		

Breeding Heifer	Supreme	$3,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Supreme	$1,500 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$750 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	Banner
	5th Overall	Banner
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Division Reserve Champions	$250 Premium
Note – For Registered division, each breed winner will be awarded a Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion Premium.		

Feeder Calf	Grand Champion	$1,000 Premium
	Reserve Champion	$700 Premium
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Division Reserve Champions	$250 Premium

Elite Showmanship	Champion Sr. and Jr.	$400 Premium
	Reserve Sr. and Jr.	$300 Premium
	3rd Overall Sr. and Jr.	$100 Premium
	4th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$75 Premium
	5th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$50 Premium

BROILER

Broiler Superintendent:	Ashley Foutch – afoutch@smithfield.com 402.276.4785
Judge:	Brian Gates

BROILER INFORMATION

1. Entry Limitation: Participants are permitted to enter a maximum of 2 broiler pens (3 birds per pen). You must pay for both pens and there will be **no refunds**.
2. Entry fees:
    a. $50 per pen
        i. If exhibiting two pens, both pens must be entered and the total entry fee of $100 must be paid.
    b. Showmanship: $15 per exhibitor per species ***MUST PRE-ENTER**
3. All birds will be the same sex and arrive wing banded.
4. Check-in will be on a first come first serve basis.

BROILER ORDERS

1. Broilers must be ordered from the Show source and can be ordered on aksarbenstockshow.com.
2. Chicks can be ordered in quantities of 25 (25, 50, 75, 100)
    a. Minimum order per exhibitor: 25 chicks
    b. Maximum order per exhibitor: 100 chicks
3. Cost: $3.00 per chick (wing banded males) *Subject to change*
4. Order Deadline: Tuesday, July 15th, 2026, at 11:59 pm (central time)
5. Hatch Date: August 11th, 2026
6. Estimated Delivery Date: August 12th - 15th, 2026

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1. **Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.**
2. Any exhibitor entered in the Broiler Show is eligible for Broiler Showmanship.
3. Showmanship will take place separate from the broiler show.
4. There will be two age divisions:
    a. Junior: broiler exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
    b. Senior: broiler exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
5. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

BROILER SHOW

1. There will be 3 chickens per pen.
    a. The minimum weight per pen is 14 lbs. with no maximum weight.
    b. Pens weighing less than 14 lbs. are still eligible to show but cannot place higher than 2nd in class and cannot qualify for the Purple Banner Knight (Grand Drive).
2. Exhibitors will have to declare their 'final weight' until they declare their 'final weight' they can weigh and swap chickens within pens.
3. Wing bands will be recorded once final weight are established.
4. All broilers entered will be sent to harvest. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding & watering animals through Saturday.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for their own herdsmanship at the show.
6. Show Structure: (if number of entries permits)
    a. Lightweight Pen
    b. Middleweight Pen
    c. Heavyweight Pen
7. 1-10 will be placed in class.

8. **Purple Banner Knight** – September 26th @ 7 pm (formerly the Grand Drive)
    a. The Champion and Reserve Division Champion of the light, middle, and heavy weight broiler pen divisions will compete in the Purple Banner Knight, where the top 3 broiler pens will be selected.
    b. Exhibitors are responsible for transporting their birds to and from PBK.

CLASS PREMIUMS – Paid on all broiler classes.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd
Premium	$20	$15	$10

AWARDS

* Exhibitors receiving more than $600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.
* All listed below will receive a banner.

Broiler	Grand Champion	$1,500 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Champion	$1,250 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$1,000 Supreme Premium

Elite Showmanship	Champion Sr. and Jr.	$100 Premium
	Reserve Sr. and Jr.	Banner

Broiler Herdsmanship	Champion	Banner

MARKET PEN OF 3 RABBITS

Rabbit Superintendent: Andrew Gauck agauck75@gmail.com
812.871.5949
Judge: Caleb Thomas

RABBIT INFORMATION

1. Entry Limitation: Participants are permitted to enter a maximum of 5 rabbit pens (3 rabbits per pen). You must pay for all pens and there will be **no refunds**.
2. Entry fees:
    a. $50 per pen
        i. If exhibiting two (2) or more pens, both pens must be entered and the total entry fee must be paid.
    b. Showmanship: $15 per exhibitor per species ***MUST PRE-ENTER**
3. Show Sanctioning: This show is NOT sanctioned by American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and is running an adjusted weight of 4 lbs. to 6 lbs. (12 lbs. to 18 lbs. per pen).
4. There are certain breeds that are eligible to show in the Rabbit show. Breeds will not be split. Eligible Breeds are:
    a. Californian
    b. New Zealand
    c. American
    b. American Chin
    c. Argente Bruns
    e. Champagne D'Argent
    f. Cinnamon
    g. Creme D'Argent
    i. Palomino
    j. Satin
    k. Rex

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP – Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

1. **Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.**
2. Any exhibitor entered in the Rabbit Show is eligible for Rabbit Showmanship.
3. Showmanship will take place separate from the rabbit show.
4. There will be two age divisions:
    a. Junior: rabbit exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
    b. Senior: rabbit exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
5. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

RABBIT SHOW

1. There will be 3 rabbits per pen.
    a. Rabbits will all be of the same breed and variety, but do not have to come from the same litter.
    b. The minimum weight per rabbit is 4 lbs. and the maximum weight is 6 lbs.
    c. Pens weighing less than 4 lbs. or more than 6 lbs. are still eligible to show but cannot place higher than 2nd in class and cannot qualify for the Purple Banner Knight (Grand Drive).
    d. *Top 10 pens will be sold in the Purple Banner Rabbit Auction.*
2. Exhibitors will have to declare their 'final weight' at check-in. The judge has the right to reweigh any rabbit at time of show to verify it meets the 4 to 6 lbs weight range. Any animal not weighing back correctly will result in disqualification. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to get their rabbits brought up for entry weight in and showing.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for their own herdsmanship at the show.
4. Show Structure: (All entries will be divided into 2 divisions. There is no set weight ranges for division breaks. Classes can be broken at the discretion of show management.)
    a. Lightweight Pens
    b. Heavyweight Pens
5. 1-10 will be placed in class.
6. Ownership Certification/Fitting: Exhibitors must own their animals throughout the feeding period. Rabbits must be owned by the time of entry. Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in the left ear.

7. Care of Animals: Exhibitors must bring your own water and feed containers. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits. Overnight rabbit coops will be provided for any youth exhibitor. 1 coop per pen will be provided. Each set of 3 will be placed in the same coop. Risers to keep the rabbits out of the coop bedding will NOT be provided but it is recommended to be used.
8. IMPORTANT: Rabbits are not required to be cooped if the exhibitor chooses to show out of their own carriers. Exhibitors are not allowed to sell animals. Any "For Sale" sign will result in forfeiture.
9. **Purple Banner Knight** – September 26th @ 7 pm (formerly the Grand Drive)
    a. The Champion and Reserve Division Champion of the light and heavy weight rabbit pen divisions will compete in the Purple Banner Knight, where the top 3 rabbit pens will be selected.
    b. Only one (1) meat pen per exhibitor will have the opportunity to advance to Purple Banner Knight. In the event that a judge selects two (2) meat pens from the same exhibitor to be placed in the top 3, only the higher placing pen from that exhibitor becomes eligible to be awarded any top 3 prizes.
10. **Purple Banner Rabbit Auction** – September 26th from 4 - 9 pm CST
    a. Top 10 pens will be required to participate in the Purple Banner Rabbit Auction.
    b. The judge will select the top 3 pens during Purple Banner Knight. The remaining 7 pens will be selected to participate in the auction. If selected, all rabbits must sell.
    c. Ownership will not transfer until after the completion of the Purple Banner Knight.
    d. All monies will be distributed from Aksarben Stock Show less commissions (10% Sale Fee 15% AKSS Rabbit Fund Commission).

CLASS PREMIUMS – Paid on all rabbit classes.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd
Premium	$20	$15	$10

AWARDS

* Exhibitors receiving more than $600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.
* All listed below will receive a banner.

Rabbits	Grand Champion	$1,500 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Champion	$1,250 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$1,000 Supreme Premium

Elite Showmanship	Champion Sr. and Jr.	$100 Premium
	Reserve Sr. and Jr.	Banner

Rabbit Herdsmanship	Champion	Banner

GOAT

Goat Superintendent:	Clancy Gunn - clancy.m.anderson@gmail.com 720.255.9928
Goat Judge:	Lane Halfmann

GOAT INFORMATION

1. Entry Limitation: Participants are permitted to submit up to 8 goat entries but allowed to bring and show no more than 4. You must pay for all 8 entries and there will be **no refunds**.
2. Entry fees:
    a. $60.00 per head. No shavings will be provided.
    b. Showmanship: $15 per exhibitor per species ***MUST PRE-ENTER***
3. Official identification is a USDA scrapies tag.
4. The goat show is full fit, however, breed characteristics must not be changed.
5. Stalling
    a. Stalling assignments will be made by the superintendent. In the event of a shortage the superintendent will have the right to reassign stalls. Requests for individuals to be stalled together will be considered but NOT guaranteed. Stall requests can only be made at time of entry.
    b. Stalling will be based on either how many head an exhibitor entered or the maximum number they are allowed to show (whichever is least). For example, you may enter up to 8 goats, but will only be assigned stalls for a maximum of 4 head. If you enter 2 goats, you will receive stalling assignment for 2 head.
    c. Pen size will be 5ft 8in x 5ft 8 in.
        i. Due to limited space available, you will likely have to stall multiple animals per pen. ***There will be no tack stalls.***
6. Goats must have all blankets pulled at initial gate check-in for a vet to inspect the animal for fungus.

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP – Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

1. Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.
2. Any exhibitor entered in the Market Goat or Breeding Goat Show is eligible for Goat Showmanship.
3. Showmanship is either full fit or blow-n-go at the discretion of the exhibitor.
4. Showmanship will take place separate from the market goat and breeding goat shows.
5. There will be two age divisions:
    a. Junior: goat exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
    b. Senior: goat exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
6. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2025 show.
    a. Goat Challenge animals are NOT eligible to be exhibited in Elite Showmanship.

MARKET GOAT SHOW

1. Does and wethers are eligible and will be shown together.
2. Decisions to send market goats to harvest must be made at check-in. A sale affidavit (found in the exhibitor packet) must be provided at check-in if the goats will be sold. The official sale weight will be the declared weight at the show.
3. Weight Declaration
    a. Exhibitors will self-declare the market goat's weight utilizing a weigh-card system. All weigh-cards will be due at check-in. All cards submitted to goat show staff are final.
    b. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place animals in each class. Additional goats may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
        i. A 5 lb. variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5 lb. variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
    c. The minimum weight for market goats will be 50 lbs. with no maximum weight limit. Goats weighing less than 50 lbs. will compete in a weigh-out class and be ineligible for premiums and harvest.

4. Market Goat Entry Information

Department	Division	
Market Goat	Market Goat	Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are purple qualify for the Purple Banner Knight.

5. Additional Market Goat Information
    a. Market goats will show lightest to heaviest within their respective class.
    b. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management.
        i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
6. **Purple Banner Knight** – September 26th @ 7:30 pm (formerly the Grand Drive)
    a. 1st & 2nd & 3rd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions, Reserve Champion & 3rd Division Champion from the three divisions will compete in the Purple Banner Knight, where the top 5 market goats will be selected.
        i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Purple Banner Knight, at the discretion of the judge.
    b. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goats will become the possession of the Aksarben Stock Show at the completion of the Purple Banner Knight.
        i. Failure to comply will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified.
7. Harvest Animals
    a. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that goats designated for harvest at check-in are put in the designated holding area to be loaded onto the trucks.

BREEDING DOE SHOW

1. To be eligible for exhibition, registered breeding does must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family, or farm name, and must be owned by the time of nomination.
2. Registration papers should be presented at check-in. Animals whose registration papers are not approved or are still pending will show in the commercial class.
3. Commercial breeding does will declare their weight using the weigh card system.
    a. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place does in each commercial doe class. Additional does may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
        i. A 5 lb. variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5 lb. variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
4. Breeding Doe Entry Information

Department	Division	Classes
Breeding Doe	Registered	Registered Yearling Does: January 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
		Registered Fall Does: September 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
		Registered Spring Does: January 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026
	Commercial	Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are green qualify for the Supreme Breeding Doe Drive.

5. Additional Breeding Doe Information
    a. Registered does will be divided into classes by age. Commercial does will be split by weight.
    b. Does can not be born any earlier than January 1st, 2025 and any later than April 30, 2026.
    c. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management.
        i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.

6. Supreme Breeding Doe Drive
    a. 1st and 2nd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions and Reserve Champions from the four divisions will compete in the Supreme Breeding Doe Drive, where the top 5 breeding does will be selected.
        i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Supreme, at the discretion of the judge.

CLASS PREMIUMS – Paid on all breeding and market goat classes.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium	$30	$25	$20	$15	$10

AWARDS

* Exhibitors receiving more than $600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.
* All listed below will receive a banner.

Market Goat	Grand Champion	$8,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Champion	$4,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$2,000 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	$1,500 Supreme Premium
	5th Overall	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Reserve Division Champions	$250 Premium
Note –Lightweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight Sub-Division winners will all be awarded a Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion Premium.		

Breeding Doe	Supreme	$2,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Supreme	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$500 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	Banner
	5th Overall	Banner
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Reserve Division Champions	$250 Premium
Note – For Commercial division, Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight Sub-Division winners will all be awarded a Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion Premium.		

Elite Showmanship	Champion Sr. and Jr.	$400 Premium
	Reserve Sr. and Jr.	$300 Premium
	3rd Overall Sr. and Jr.	$100 Premium
	4th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$75 Premium
	5th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$50 Premium

SHEEP

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Sheep Judge:	Wade Franklin

SHEEP INFORMATION

1. Entry Limitation: Participants are permitted to submit up to 8 sheep entries but allowed to bring and show no more than 4. You must pay for all 8 entries and there will be **no refunds**.
2. Entry fees:
    a. $60.00 per head. No shavings will be provided.
    b. Showmanship: $15 per exhibitor per species ***MUST PRE-ENTER**
3. Official identification is a USDA scrapies tag.
4. The sheep show is full fit, however, breed characteristics must not be changed.
5. If the superintendent or Aksarben Stock Show staff feel that an exhibitor isn't following proper animal welfare practices, they may be asked to exit the ring.
6. Stalling
    a. Stalling assignments will be made by the superintendent. In the event of a shortage the superintendent will have the right to reassign stalls. Requests for individuals to be stalled together will be considered but NOT guaranteed. Stall requests can only be made at time of entry.
    b. Stalling will be based on either how many head an exhibitor entered or the maximum number they are allowed to show (whichever is least). For example, you may enter up to 8 sheep, but will only be assigned stalls for a maximum of 4 head. If you enter 2 sheep, you will receive stalling assignment for 2 head.
    c. Pen size will be 5ft 8in x 5ft 8 in.
        i. Due to limited space available, you will likely have to stall multiple animals per pen. ***There will be no tack stalls.***
7. Sheep must have all blankets pulled at initial gate check-in for a vet to inspect the animal for fungus.

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP – Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

1. Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.
2. Any exhibitor entered in the Market Sheep or Breeding Ewe Show is eligible for Sheep Showmanship.
3. Showmanship will take place separate from the market sheep and breeding sheep shows.
4. There will be two age divisions:
    a. Junior: sheep exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
    b. Senior: sheep exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
5. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2025 show.
    a. Lamb Challenge animals are NOT eligible to be exhibited in Elite Showmanship.

MARKET SHEEP SHOW

1. Ewes and wethers are eligible and will be shown together.
    a. Cryptorchid market sheep are not eligible for exhibition.
2. Decisions to send market sheep to harvest must be made at check-in. A sale affidavit (found in the exhibitor packet) must be provided at check-in if the sheep will be sold. The official sale weight will be the declared weight at the show.
3. Weight Declaration
    a. Exhibitors will self-declare the market lamb's weight utilizing a weigh-card system. All weigh-cards will be due at check-in. All cards submitted to sheep show staff are final.
    b. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place animals in each class. Additional sheep may be weighed at the judge's discretion.

i. A 5 lb. variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5 lb. variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.

c. The minimum weight for market sheep will be 105 lbs. with no maximum weight limit (except hair sheep who are exempt from this rule). Sheep weighing less than 105 lbs. will compete in a weigh-out class and be ineligible for premiums and harvest.

4. Market Sheep Entry Information

Department	Division	
Market Sheep	White Breed Influence	
	Hampshire	
	Southdown	
	Dorset	
	Natural	
	Hair	
	Crossbred	Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are purple qualify for the Purple Banner Knight.

5. Additional Market Sheep Information
   a. Market sheep will show lightest to heaviest within their respective class.
   b. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management. Breeds with less than 5 head entered will be placed in an alternative division at the superintendent's discretion.
      i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.

6. **Purple Banner Knight** – September 26th @ 7:30 pm (formerly the Grand Drive)
   a. 1st and 2nd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions and Reserve Champions from the seven divisions will compete in the Purple Banner Knight, where the top 5 market sheep will be selected.
      i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Purple Banner Knight, at the discretion of the judge.
   b. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Sheep will become the possession of the Aksarben Stock Show at the completion of the Purple Banner Knight.
      i. Failure to comply will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified.
7. Harvest Animals
   a. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that sheep designated for harvest at check-in are put in the designated holding area to be loaded onto the trucks.

BREEDING EWE SHOW

1. To be eligible for exhibition, registered breeding ewes must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family, or farm name, and must be owned by the time of nomination.
2. Registration papers should be presented at check-in. Animals whose registration papers are not approved or are still pending will show in the commercial class.
3. Commercial breeding ewes will declare their weight using the weigh card system.
   a. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place ewes in each commercial ewe class. Additional ewes may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
      i. A 5 lb. variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 5 lb. variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
4. Breeding Ewe Entry Information

Department	Division	Sub-Division	Classes
Breeding Ewe	Registered	Dorset	For classes see table below. Enter based on division only, classes will be broken based on birthdate after check-in
		Dorset Advantage	
		Hampshire	
		Shropshire	
		Southdown	
		Suffolk	
		All Other Breeds	
	Commercial		Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are green qualify for the Supreme Breeding Ewe Drive.

Registered Breeding Ewe Classes
April 2026 Ewes
March 2026 Ewes
February 2026 Ewes
January 2026 Ewes
Yearling Ewes: January 2025 – December 2025

5. Additional Breeding Ewe Information:
    a. Registered ewes will be divided into classes by breed and then by age. Commercial ewes will be split by weight.
    b. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management. Breeds with less than 5 head entered will be placed in an alternative division at the superintendent's discretion.
        i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
6. Supreme Breeding Ewe Drive
    a. 1st and 2nd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded. Champions and Reserve Champions from the eight divisions will compete in the Supreme Breeding Ewe Drive, where the top 5 breeding ewes will be selected.
        i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Supreme, at the discretion of the judge.

CLASS PREMIUMS – Paid on all breeding and market sheep classes.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium	$30	$25	$20	$15	$10

AWARDS

* Exhibitors receiving more than $600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.
* All listed below will receive a banner.

Market Sheep	Grand Champion	$8,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Champion	$4,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$2,000 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	$1,500 Supreme Premium
	5th Overall	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	Division Champions	$400 Premium

	Reserve Division Champions	$250 Premium

Breeding Ewe	Supreme	$2,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Supreme	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$500 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	Banner
	5th Overall	Banner
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Reserve Division Champions	$250 Premium
Note – For Registered division, each breed winner will be awarded a Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion Premium.		

Elite Showmanship	Champion Sr. and Jr.	$400 Premium
	Reserve Sr. and Jr.	$300 Premium
	3rd Overall Sr. and Jr.	$100 Premium
	4th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$75 Premium
	5th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$50 Premium

SWINE

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Swine Judge:	Nick Hofschulte

SWINE INFORMATION

1. Entry Limitation: Participants are permitted to submit up to 8 swine entries but allowed to bring and show no more than 4. You must pay for all 8 entries and there will be no refunds.
2. Entry fees:
    a. $60.00 per head. No shavings will be provided.
    b. Showmanship: $15 per exhibitor per species ***MUST PRE-ENTER***
3. Official identification is a USDA issued EID tag and ear notches for purebreds.
    a. Pedigrees are required on purebred entries. Show management reserves the right to reclassify purebred entries that do not meet breed classification guidelines.
4. The swine show is full fit, however, breed characteristics must not be changed.
5. EID Tags are required for all swine.
6. Stalling
    a. Stalling assignments will be made by the superintendent. In the event of a shortage the superintendent will have the right to reassign stalls. Requests for individuals to be stalled together will be considered but NOT guaranteed. Stall requests can only be made at time of entry.
    b. Stalling will be based on either how many head an exhibitor entered or the maximum number they are allowed to show (whichever is least). For example, you may enter up to 8 swine, but will only be assigned stalls for a maximum of 4 head. If you enter 2 swine, you will receive stalling assignment for 2 head.
    c. Pen size will be 5ft 8in x 5ft 8in.
        i. Due to limited space available, you will likely have to stall 2 pigs per pen.
        ii. Superintendent must approve pens used as tack stalls even if you did not bring the number of head entered.
        iii. Tack pens may be requested to be surrendered in the event that space is limited.
7. There will be no official market truck through Aksarben Stock Show.

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP – Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

1. Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry. Entry at show will NOT be permitted.
2. Any exhibitor entered in the Market Swine or Breeding Gilt Show is eligible for Swine Showmanship.
3. Showmanship will take place separate from the market swine and breeding swine shows.
4. There will be two age divisions:
    a. Junior: swine exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
    b. Senior: swine exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
5. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.
    a. Pig Challenge animals are NOT eligible to be exhibited in Elite Showmanship.

MARKET SWINE SHOW

1. Gilts and barrows are eligible to exhibit.
    a. Purebred divisions will show barrows and gilts together.
    b. Crossbred divisions will show barrows and gilts separately.
2. Decisions to send market hogs to harvest must be made at check-in. A sale affidavit (found in the exhibitor packet) must be provided at check-in if the pig will be sold. The official sale weight will be the declared weight at the show.
3. Purebred Market Swine must be born December 1st, 2025 - May 30th, 2026.

4. Weight Declaration
    a. Exhibitors will self-declare the market pig's weight utilizing a weigh-card system. All weigh-cards will be due at check-in. All cards submitted to swine show staff are final.
    b. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place animals in each class. Additional pigs may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
        i. A 10 lb. variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 10 lb. variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
    c. The minimum weight for market swine will be 230 lbs. with a maximum weight limit of 320 lbs. Pigs weighing less than 230 lbs. and more than 320 lbs. will compete in a weigh-out class and be ineligible for premiums and harvest.
5. Market Swine Entry Information

Department	Division	Sub-Division
Market Swine	Crossbred Market Gilt	**Light Crossbred Market Gilt** - Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in
		Dark Crossbred Market Gilt - Any black pigmentation or hair will qualify as Dark Cross; Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in
	Crossbred Market Barrow	**Light Crossbred Market Barrow** - Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in
		Dark Crossbred Market Barrow - Any black pigmentation or hair will qualify as Dark Cross; Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in
	Purebred Market Swine	Berkshire
		Chester White
		Duroc
		Hampshire
		Hereford
		Landrace
		Poland China
		Spot
		Tamworth
		Yorkshire

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are purple qualify for the Purple Banner Knight.

6. Additional Market Swine Information
    a. Market swine will show lightest to heaviest within their respective class.
    b. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management.
        i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
    c. Purebred market swine will need to show registration papers at check-in. If registration and animal do not match, they will be moved to the crossbred market gilt/market barrow division.
        i. To be eligible for exhibition, registered pigs must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family or farm name, and must be owned by the time of nomination.
7. **Purple Banner Knight** –September 26th @ 7:30 pm (formerly the Grand Drive)
    a. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place animals from each class will compete in the Division drives, where Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd Place are awarded. From those selected, the top 5 crossbred market gilts, crossbred market barrows and purebred market swine will compete in the Purple Banner Knight, where the top 5 market swine will be selected.

i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Purple Banner Knight, at the discretion of the judge.

b. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine will become the possession of the Aksarben Stock Show at the completion of the Purple Banner Knight.
   i. Failure to comply will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified.

BREEDING GILT SHOW

1. To be eligible for exhibition, registered breeding gilts must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family, or farm name, and must be owned by the time of nomination.
2. Registration papers should be presented at check-in. Animals whose registration papers are not approved or are still pending will show in the crossbred class.
3. Crossbred breeding gilts will declare their weight using the weigh card system.
   a. Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place gilts in each crossbred gilt class. Additional gilts may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
      i. A 10 lb. variance from the declared weight will be allowed. Animals that do not meet the 10 lb. variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
   b. The minimum weight for crossbred breeding gilts will be 175 lbs. with no maximum weight limit.
4. Purebred gilts must be born December 1st, 2025 - May 30th, 2026.
5. Breeding Gilt Entry Information

Department	Division	Sub-Division
Breeding Gilt	Purebred	Berkshire
		Chester White
		Duroc
		Hampshire
		Hereford
		Landrace
		Poland China
		Spot
		Tamworth
		Yorkshire
	Crossbred	**Light Crossbred** - Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in
		Dark Crossbred - Any black pigmentation or hair will qualify as Dark Cross; Will be broken into Lightweight, Middleweight, and Heavyweight after check-in

Note – Divisions or sub-divisions that are green qualify for the Supreme Breeding Gilt Drive.

6. Additional Breeding Gilt Information
   a. Purebred gilts will be divided into classes by breed and then by age. Crossbred gilts will be split by weight.
   b. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management.
      i. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
7. Supreme Breeding Gilt Drive
   a. The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Champion and Reserve Champion from each purebred sub-division will compete for the top 5 purebred gilts. The top five crossbred gilts will compete with the top five purebred gilts for the Supreme Breeding Gilt and Reserve Supreme Breeding Gilt. The top 5 overall breeding gilts will be selected.

i. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and overall, at the discretion of the judge.

CLASS PREMIUMS – Paid on all breeding and market swine classes.

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Premium	$30	$25	$20	$15	$10

AWARDS

* Exhibitors receiving more than $600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.
* All listed below will receive a banner.

Market Swine	Grand Champion	$8,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Champion	$4,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$2,000 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	$1,500 Supreme Premium
	5th Overall	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Reserve Division Champions	$250 Premium

Breeding Gilt	Supreme	$2,000 Supreme Premium
	Reserve Supreme	$1,000 Supreme Premium
	3rd Overall	$500 Supreme Premium
	4th Overall	Banner
	5th Overall	Banner
	Division Champions	$400 Premium
	Reserve Division Champions	$250 Premium
Note – For Purebred division, each breed winner will be awarded a Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion Premium.		

Elite Showmanship	Champion Sr. and Jr.	$400 Premium
	Reserve Sr. and Jr.	$300 Premium
	3rd Overall Sr. and Jr.	$100 Premium
	4th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$75 Premium
	5th Overall Sr. and Jr.	$50 Premium