



# Youth & FFA

## LIVESTOCK RULES BY DEPARTMENT

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### **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification:**

- Youth (4-H /Grange) & FFA Exhibitors enrolled in and exhibiting any food producing animal must obtain the certification and have proof of completion on hand by Tag Day (please see website for tagging dates). Failure to obtain certificate by deadline date will disqualify the exhibitor from exhibiting their animal. Further information on this certification can be found at: <https://.yqcaprogram.org/>. YQCA certification is required for Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA exhibitors showing any of the animals listed below:
  - Beef & Dairy Cattle
  - Swine
  - Sheep
  - Market & Dairy Goats
  - Rabbits, Cavies & Pocket Pets
  - Poultry & Waterfowl
  - Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds

### 1. **MARKET ANIMAL BORN BY DATES**

- **Beef & Dairy Cattle**
  - See department for born by dates.
- **Goats**
  - Market Animals after 10/01/2024 and owned by the exhibitor no later than 05/20/2025
- **Sheep**
  - Market Animals After 10/01/2024 and owned by the exhibitor no later than 05/15/2025.
- **Swine**
  - Suggested: Market animals born between January and mid-February must be owned by the exhibitor no later than 5/20/2025.

## 2. TAG DAY & ENTRY DEADLINE

- Male animals must be altered before Tag Day.
- If not registered before deadline, you will not be allowed to tag/show at the fair.
  - Beef: March 12
  - Sheep & Swine: May 15
  - Goats: May 31
- ONE TRIP ACROSS THE SCALE (Beef Only)
- Out of State information:
  - Must present Out of State Certificate of Veterinary inspection from the state of origin at Tag Day. If this documentation is not available, the animal will not be tagged and will be unable to show at the fair. This is in accordance with WAC 16-54-101.  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=16-54-101>
- **Beef**
  - Please follow social media or sign-up for email alerts.
- **Goats/Sheep**
  - Please follow social media or sign-up for email alerts.
    - All Lambs and market Goats must have a required USDA Scrapie Eradication flock tag OR Registered Tattoo.
  - A full-face picture from the FRONT of the hog with the exhibitor showing the animal in one photo must be uploaded by dates listed on fair web site. The link will be posted to the Fair's home page after tag day. If you have any questions, please call/text (509) 619-6260 or [auction@bentonfranklinfair.com](mailto:auction@bentonfranklinfair.com).
- **Swine**
  - Exhibitors are required to obtain an 840 Premise ID Tag from the breeder before registration. During the registration process you will need to submit a photo of the exhibitor, their hog and the 840 tag physically in the ear.
  - In the event the tag falls out before weigh-in please contact the superintendent ASAP. Once approved you will receive a new 840 tag from the Benton Franklin Market Stock Committee during weigh-in.
  - Please follow social media or sign-up for email alerts.
  - There will not be a physical tag day.
  - A full-face picture from the FRONT of the hog with the exhibitor showing the animal in one photo must be uploaded by dates listed on fair web site. The link will be posted to the Fair's home page after tag day. If you have any questions, please call/text (509) 619-6260 or [auction@bentonfranklinfair.com](mailto:auction@bentonfranklinfair.com).
  - **If an animal must be replaced or removed, please look to the Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Rules for guidelines and dates.**

### 3. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

- Individual health certificates for Washington animals are required for entry.  
<https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/search?q=health+record>
- The Fair veterinarian shall issue a blanket certificate covering all in-state entries to the Fair.
- The Fair veterinarian's professional decisions concerning the health status of an animal are FINAL.
- Vet bills are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- No animal from a quarantined area or premises will be permitted to enter the Fair or show.
- Out-of-state animal entries must comply with the State of Washington import regulations WAC 16-54.  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=16-5>
- All out-of-state horses must have a negative Coggins test within twelve months prior to entry.
- Fair veterinarians will inspect all classes of livestock and poultry before they are exhibited.
- Fair veterinarians will reject any animal with infectious or contagious disease or ectoparasites. Ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, club lamb fungus, scabies, lice, mites, ticks and fleas fall into these categories.
- All heifers and cows exhibited at the Fair shall be officially vaccinated against brucellosis and bear a legible vaccination tattoo or shall be tested negative. This rule does not apply to dairy and beef calves born after 1/1/25.
- It is strongly recommended, but not required, that cattle and horses be vaccinated against respiratory diseases in the current show year.
- All sheep and goats must have official USDA National Scrapie Eradication Assigned Flock Identification.
- Animals exhibiting disease symptoms during the course of the Fair shall be rejected by the Fair veterinarian and removed from the fairgrounds.
- All poultry, except waterfowl, shown at the Fair shall have originated from U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the Fair.

### 4. **LARGE LIVESTOCK - WEIGH-IN TIMES**

- Must bring health record and out of state paperwork to weigh-in.
- All animals to arrive Mon., 8/18, 8 am – 8 pm. (Unless a set time is assigned for weighing-in).
- **Swine – 7 am – 2 pm**
  - 240 lbs. to 295 lbs.
- **Steers – 2 pm – 5 pm**
  - Over 1,150 lbs. – 1,600 lbs.
- **Sheep & Goats includes Open Class, Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA – 12 pm - 5 pm**
  - Sheep – 110 lbs. to 160 lbs.
  - Goats – 60 lbs. to 85 lbs.

5. **HORSE CHECK-IN/VET - Mon., 8/18, 2 pm – 6 pm**
  - ALL HORSES (Gaming, Production, Performance and Driving) must be vet checked before they enter the horse barn area.
  - A current copy of the signed and dated horse certificate MUST accompany the horse.
  
6. **SMALL LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN TIMES**
  - All Poultry, Pigeons & Birds Mon., 8/18, 10 am – 8 pm
  - All Rabbits and pocket pets Mon., 8/18, 10 am – 6 pm
    - Rabbits can be tattooed for a charge of \$1 per rabbit.
  - Dogs 8/21, 7 am
  - Cats 8/23, 9 am
  
7. **BARN SET-UP**
  - Saturday, 8/16, unless otherwise told by superintendent. Must be completed by Sunday 8/18.
  
8. **RIBBONS**
  - White ribbon animals will not be eligible to sell.
  
9. **DRESS CODE**
  - All clothing must be neat and clean. Check the Youth Rules Dress Code for more information.
  
10. **FITTING AND SHOWING**
  - Exhibitors must enter and exhibit in Fitting and Showing in order to sell in the auction and be eligible for premium points.
  
11. **MARKET CLASS**
  - Exhibitors must enter Market Class in order to sell at the Fair.
  
12. **ALL BARNS: Failure to comply will result in loss of premium monies**
  - Cleaning of pens & feeding of animals should be done no later than 8 am daily.
  - All clubs should have an educational display.
  - NO human food allowed in barns and tack areas.
  - NO loitering, horseplay, water fights or sitting/climbing on the pens.
  - Dress code must always be followed.
  - NO private sales allowed at the Fair.

- Due to lack of space, tack areas will be assigned. No large items such as cabinets, tables or chairs (unless approved by superintendent).
- All animal feed should be stored in a tightly sealed container. No tack stored on top or in pens.
- Animal and Human First Aid Kits are required.

### 13. **DEPARTMENT LIMITATIONS** – Entries limed to space available

- **Beef/Breeding Cattle**
  - Blocking chutes to be put in designated area. Hair clipping and grooming equipment must be stored after use.
  - Animals entered in registered breeding departments must be recognized with registration papers from the respective breed associations and be registered in that association herd book. Animals must bear legible identification as required by the breed association. Registration papers must be available for inspection with the exception of Cattle under six months of age.
  - Proof of registration, names and/or numbers of sire and dam will be required of all animals qualifying under rules.
  - Temporary transfers or sales to make competition are forbidden.
  - Cows and bulls over 38 months of age must show proof of birth of living calf within 12 months of date of show.
  - For safety reasons, all bulls over six months of age must have nose rings or tongs when out of their stalls.
- **Dairy Cattle**
  - Two (2) entries per class, per breed, per division and per exhibitor.
  - Portable milking machine will **not** be available.
- **Goats**
  - One (1) market wether or doe goat per exhibitor. Does or wethers must be of dairy or meat breed. No Pygmy or Angora.
  - Limit 5 goats total, per exhibitor, which would include one (1) Market Goat (No companions or goats not entered in the Fair).
  - Pens are limited to a 6x6 area.
- **Goat Breeding Stock**
  - Due to the high risk of Q-Fever, shedding in goats near kidding time, we will not allow does that are within 30 days before or after giving birth.
  - All dairy goats must have a required USDA Scrapie Eradication Flock ID Tag or registered Tattoo.
  - Horn scurs less than one (1) inch in length may be permitted at the discretion of the Superintendent.

- Goat(s) must be checked by the official Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. The Fair veterinarian's professional decisions concerning health status of an animal are FINAL.
- Five (5) goats total, per exhibitor, which includes one (1) Market Goat (no companions or goats not entered in the fair).
- Chain collars are proper for showmanship.
- Animals entered in registered breeding departments must be recognized with registration papers from the respective breed associations and be registered in that association herd book. Animals must bear legible identification as required by the breed association.
- Proof of registration, names and/or numbers of sire and dam will be required of all animals.
- Temporary transfers or sales to make competition are forbidden.
- **Pigeons & Birds**
  - Two (2) per division, per class; twelve (12) entries total per exhibitor.
  - Game birds are limited to 5 per exhibitor, preferably cock birds.
  - Exhibitor numbers are required on animal cage tag.
  - ABSOLUTELY NO BARN BIRDS.
  - ALL Birds must be banded: young birds seamless 2025 bands; split bands must be entered as old birds.
- **Poultry**
  - Two (2) entries per variety, per age, per sex (i.e. 2 Rhode Island Red Cockerels, 2 Rhode Island Red Cocks, 2 Rhode Island Red Young Trio, etc.). Not to exceed twelve (12) total entries. No limit on Division J, Eggs.
  - ABSOLUTELY NO BARN BIRDS.
  - All birds are to be judged by APA Standards.
- **Rabbits**
  - Eight (8) animals total which includes pocket pets, cavies, and up to two (2) Market Rabbits. Barn is limited to the first four hundred (400) animals entered.
    - NO does with litters, except educational exhibits. Check with superintendent before Fair if interested.

- **Sheep Breeding Stock**

- Pens are limited to a 5x5 area.
- Due to the high risk of Q-Fever shedding in sheep, ewes that are 30 days before or after giving birth will not be allowed.
- DO NOT tag your breeding sheep as a market lamb. Sheep must currently be owned by exhibitor for Breeding Purposes Only. Breeding stock will be tracked by the ScrapieTag, which is required on all sheep. If the animal has been tagged for market it CANNOT be entered in a breeding stock class.
- No private scales or stands will be allowed at or near the fair sheep barn.
- Animals entered in registered breeding departments must be recognized with registration papers from the respective breed associations and be registered in that association herd book. Animals must bear legible identification as required by the breed association. Registration papers must be available for inspection with the exception as follows.
  - Sheep – lambs under one year of age. Must show lamb teeth, bear Scrapie Flock Identification, or ear notch.
- Proof of registration, names and/or numbers of sire and dam will be required of all animals.
- Temporary transfers or sales to make competition are forbidden.

- **Swine**

- Only animal approved wash products may be used.
- Market Stock will deduct the fee for pork Promotions from the exhibitor's check.
- Anyone showing horses and swine, changes to classes need to be completed at the horse barn and Market Stock office. All changes must be approved by both parties.
- Hog welfare will be monitored, and exhibitors will be disqualified if they fail to provide adequate care for their animals.
- Display boards hung above pig pen must be four (4) feet per pen in length. Displays hang Ten (10) feet high, allowing six (6) feet off ground clearance. No solid fabric or covered display boards will be allowed. It prohibits air flow in the barn.
- If placed on a corner, four (4) foot kickboards are required for gate and six (6) foot for side of pen. Pens are five (5) feet wide by six (6) feet deep.
- Hogs may have their tails and ears clipped. Body hair must be a minimum of ¾ inch. If hogs are found to be body sheared, clipped or oiled upon arrival to the Fair/Show Ring, they will be sent home immediately, and exhibitor's premiums forfeited. This is a requirement set by our packers. NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### 14. **MARKET ANIMALS**

- No market animal will be allowed across the scale until checked by the Fair Veterinarian. **The Veterinarian's professional decisions concerning health status of the animal are FINAL.**
- A backup animal referred to as an alternate animal is allowed, but only one market animal will be permitted to be displayed, shown, and sold at Fair. Alternate animal may be tagged between siblings but shown and sold by one exhibitor at the fair.
- Livestock that does not meet the minimum requirements for the Market Class must be taken home.

#### 15. **FAIR WEEK**

- All exhibitors must sign up for club/barn duty.
- Please see informational boards in barns regarding classes, time changes, barn meetings and other fun activities.
- Pens must be cleaned by 8 am unless otherwise told by 4-H/FFA leader.
  - All exhibitors shall furnish necessary feed, grain, troughs, and water buckets for their animals and arrange for their care. Bedding will be available for purchase, or you may bring your own. Shavings will be the only form of bedding allowed except for goats. All livestock exhibitors will be subject to a \$8 first bedding/disposal fee, which includes one bag of shavings or bale of straw (goats). Every exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury of, damage to, caused by or arising from any animal exhibited, and shall indemnify the management against all legal or other proceedings. Unruly animals will be removed from the grounds at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendents and Fair Board.
  - Exhibitors must always tend to their stock.

#### 16. **ROUND ROBIN (all times subject to change)**

- **Large Animal Round Robin** – Thur., 8/21, at TBD.
- Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Sheep and Swine.
- 4-H Junior, Intermediate, Senior and FFA.
  - Each contestant must show the animal they showed in Fitting and Showing.
  - Exhibitors must dress appropriately, as for Fitting and Showing.
  - Have good sportsmanship.
- **Small Animal Round Robin** – Wed., 8/20, 5 pm Rabbit (no novice), Cavies, Chickens, Pigeons, Birds, and Pocket pets.



17. **CLASSES AND JUDGING** Market animals will be judged/shown in weight classes.
- Exhibitors who arrive late to their Fitting and Showing class and/or Market class will NOT be allowed to participate in the Market Stock Sale.
  - **Beef, Goats, Sheep & Swine**
    - Market Class beginning on Tue., 8/19, 9 am.
    - Fitting and Showing beginning on Wed., 8/20, 9 am.
    - Market Stock Sale Fri., 8/22 time varies. Join the following Facebook pages for updates: [Benton Franklin Market Stock](#) and [Benton-Franklin Fair Exhibitors](#).
  - **Dairy Cattle**
    - Fitting and Showing Thur., 8/21, 9 am.
    - Breeding Classes to follow Fitting and Showing.
  - **Pigeons & Birds (check barn schedule for times)**
    - Market class varies with judge availability.
    - Pigeon Judging will take place Tue., 8/19.
    - Fitting & Showing to follow Poultry.
  - **Poultry**
    - Market class varies with judge availability.
    - Fitting & Showing Tue., 8/19, 4 pm.
    - Feather Auction Fri., 8/22 to follow after large livestock auction.
  - **Rabbits**
    - Rabbit Market Class Tue., 8/19, 8 am.
    - Breed Show Wed., 8/20, 8 am.
    - Rabbit judging contest Thur., 8/21, 8:30 am.
    - Rabbit Sale Fri., 8/22 to follow large livestock auction.
  - **4-H, FFA & Open Class Dogs & Cats**
    - Dogs - Courtyard by Fair Office Thur., 8/21, 8 am.
    - Cats - location TBD Sat., 8/23, 10 am.
    - All dogs must be kept on a leash, except during competition.
    - No dog shall be left unattended. Dogs are not allowed outside the immediate vicinity of the dog show area.
    - Any dog causing problems will be disqualified and excused from the fairgrounds.
    - Bitches in season must wear doggy britches at all times while at the Fair, except when caged or while in the exercise area. They may not show in obedience class.
    - ONLY out-of-state animals must have official health certificates showing freedom from infection or communicable disease within 30 days. Dogs MUST be vaccinated against rabies, distemper, infection hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvo virus. Any dog without proof of vaccinations will be excused from the grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Dogs may not be entered in obedience/rally classes in which they have completed AKC Titles. AKC rules will be the guide, but not the absolute. No dogs under 6 months of age may be exhibited.
- Baiting will be allowed in Fitting and Showing. At no time will an exhibitor be allowed to bait his or her dog in an obedience class.
- The youth show will be judged on the Danish system.
- No prong, electronic or other harsh collars will be allowed on show grounds.

## **18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Exhibitor must clean out pens/stalls at the end of the Fair unless prior arrangements have been made with the Fair. Failure to do so will result in premium monies forfeited. Disposal bunkers will be in designated areas.
- Any exhibitor not abiding by the rules set forth may be restricted from showing at future Fairs.
- Exhibitors found to be using abusive practices and/or drugs on animals will be banned permanently from the Fair. The Fair will notify all fairs in Washington State of its decision.

