

EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

CHOWCHILLA FAIR
MAY 7 - 10, 2026



**CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF
FAMILY, FUN, & FARMING**

CHOWCHILLA, CALIFORNIA



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*March
28th*

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Regular Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
 Closed for lunch: Noon – 1:00pm

Fairgrounds Admission and Tickets

General Admission	\$15.00
Veterans & First Responders	\$8.00
Senior Admission (ages 62 & Older)	\$8.00
Children 6-12 yrs.	\$8.00
Children ages 5 & Under	FREE

Chowchilla - Madera County Fair

May 7 - 10, 2026

Celebrating 80 Years of Family, Fun, and Farming!

Entries begin March 1st

There will be NO refunds of entry money. No exceptions.

Official Entry Deadline is April 3, 2026 at 11:59pm

Exhibitors that miss the official entry deadline will be allowed to submit late entries. All late entries must be completed online only, no later than Friday, April 10th at Midnight for all Market Animals, and Friday, April 17th for Still Exhibits, Showmanship and Breeding. A late entry fee will be imposed. Entries will NOT be accepted after the final late deadline. No exceptions.

Late Entry fees are as follows:

Still Exhibits - \$25.00 per Exhibitor

Large Market Animals - \$100.00 per animal

Small Market Animals - \$25.00 per animal

Showmanship - \$50.00 per species

Breeding - \$50.00 per class

Entries: will only be accepted through our online entry program, ShoWorks as well as all payments. There will be a link to the online entry system at www.chowchillafair.org.

*** LOCAL RULES ***

State Rules: State rules for CA Fairs for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs & Expositions are published online at: www.cdfa.ca.gov State rules apply to all entries of this Fair & are incorporated in here by reference.

Checks: If paying for passes, entry fees, etc. by check, please include a phone number on the check and the exhibitor's name in the memo line.

Return checks: There will be a **\$35.00** fee on checks returned by the bank. Redemption of returned checks must be made by cash or money order. If an exhibitor has an outstanding balance, owed to the Chowchilla Madera County Fair, they will not be allowed to exhibit.

Credit Cards: There will be a 4% charge on all credit card payments including online entries.

Replacement Checks: There will be a \$50.00 fee for replacement of a lost or damaged premium/auction check. Request for a replacement check must be made in writing and should include exhibitors name, as much additional information as possible (check number, check amount, etc.), and must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian if under the age of 18.

Receiving of Still Entries: Check the Still Exhibit Schedule for dates, times and locations.

Exhibitor Handbook: All departments are grouped together (i.e. Adult, Open Jr., 4-H, etc.). There is a Special Competition section, which is open, unless specified, to all exhibitors regardless of age or organization.

Any Other: Fair Management reserves the right to create classes from an "Any Other" class when a specific varieties' entries are in excess of five (5). These changes will be noted & adjustments will be made for the 2026 show. These procedures are intended to maintain industry standards and accommodate changing trends and varieties.

Responsibility: The responsibility for proper online entry of exhibits rests with the exhibitor.

Sweepstakes: Awarded under specified divisions, based on the following scoring guidelines: 1st place = 5 points; 2nd place = 3 points; & 3rd place = 1 point. Top three placing exhibitors will receive sweepstake monies.

Judging: The judges' decision is final. Divisions & classes are specified as to which judging system is used to place the entries. They can be judged in two ways:

American System is the judging process that ranks exhibits against one another and awards only one (1) first, one (1) second, etc.

Danish System is the judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standards and awards as many first placing, etc. as merited.

Best of Show/Outstanding Awards: The judge chooses the best or most outstanding entry to receive this award.

Amateur: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. (Does not apply to junior organizations or horse shows).

Professional: A person who engages in an event or activity as livelihood rather than as a hobby.

Placing: Placement of Ribbons *does not* guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.

Release of Still Exhibits: All still exhibits will be released for pickup and must be picked up on Thursday, May 14th from 2pm - 7pm.

Where there is only one (1) exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if any merited, will be awarded so far as there are worthy entries. Where entries are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or entries deserve.

Pets: No dogs or pets will be allowed on the fairgrounds, except service animals.

Applicable: All rules, state & local, apply to exhibitors, parents, leaders, participants, etc. whether or not he/she has read them.

Exhibit Duration: All exhibits must stay in place for the duration of the fair, unless otherwise stated in the Exhibitor's Handbook.

Eligibility: Open to all residents, students and 4-H Club Members of Madera, Merced, and Mariposa Counties and extended areas which include FFA members of Sierra Joint Union High School, Sierra 4-H Club, FFA members of Firebaugh/Las Deltas School Districts, and FFA members of Tranquility High School unless specified otherwise in department/division rules.

Vehicles: No vehicles are allowed on grounds that do not have the proper credentials. Vehicles found on grounds without proper credentials will be subject to towing at owners expense. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Exhibits: Any exhibits in the opinion of the judge(s) or Fair management not deemed worthy or are inappropriate may not be judged or displayed.

Awards: All premium checks must be cashed within 6 months of issue date. Checks will be mailed,. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to pick-up their non cash awards. The Award show will be held on Thursday, May 14th at 5pm. All exhibitor's are welcome.

ANY EXHIBIT WHICH IN THE JUDGEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED EITHER FOR JUDGING OR DISPLAY.

Changes: The Fair, Board Members, and Management reserve the right to change anything regarding departments, etc. as they see fit as well as relocate any entry in the department if deemed necessary.

Fair's Liability: All entries are entered at the exhibitor's own risk. The Fair Management shall *not be responsible for accidents or losses* that may occur to any of the exhibitors or participants or exhibits at the show, & all persons, exhibitors or participants exhibiting in or participating in Fair sponsored activities, including families and/or guardians for all of the above, agree to indemnify the State of California, The Chowchilla-Madera County Fair (CMCF), Madera County, their officers, board members, agents, employees & volunteers harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, damages, & attorneys' fees arising out of the willful acts or omissions of the officers, board members, agents, employees, or volunteers of the Fair. The exhibitors shall hold the management harmless & indemnify against any legal proceedings arising from any accidents or loss. All entries are accepted with the understanding that the State of California, The CMCF, Madera County, & their officers, board members, agents, employees & volunteers shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage that shall arise to any entry, exhibitor, family/guardians, or equipment on exhibit. Each exhibitor & family/ guardians shall be solely responsible for any loss of damage done to another, or occasioned by or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her, & will indemnify the State of California, The Chowchilla Madera County Fair, Madera County, their officers, board members, agents, employees & volunteers against all legal proceedings there to. The Chowchilla-Madera County Fair & its affiliates assume no liability or responsibility not herein expressed.

The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

2026 Still Exhibit Schedule

Contest	Entry Closing	Receiving	Receiving Location	Judging	Entries, Ribbons & Premiums must be picked up on:
Ag Mechanics	Tuesday, March 31st	Monday May 04th 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Little Theater	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Gardens	Tuesday, March 31st	April 29th - May 04th 10:00 am - 6:00pm	Johnny's Green House Floral Building	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Baked Foods	Tuesday, March 31st	Tuesday, May 05th 9:00am - Noon	Little Theater	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Preserved Foods	Tuesday, March 31st	Tuesday, May 05th 9:00am - Noon	Little Theater	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Floriculture & Horticulture	Tuesday, March 31st	Monday May 04th 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Johnny's Green House Floral Building	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Fresh Flowers Arrangements	Tuesday, March 31st	Wednesday, May 06th 8:00am - 10:00am	Johnny's Green House Floral Building	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Cut Flowers	Tuesday, March 31st	Wednesday, May 06th 8:00am - 10:00am	Johnny's Green House Floral Building	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
All other Still Exhibit entries not listed above	Tuesday, March 31st	Thursday, April 16th 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Little Theater	Closed	Thursday, May 14th 2pm - 7pm
Some Like It Hot! Salsa Contest	Tuesday, March 31st	Thursday, May 07th 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Eastman Hall Kitchen	Live Thursday, May 07th 6:00pm	N/A
Oh My Cupcakes!	Tuesday, March 31st	Thursday, May 08th 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Eastman Hall Kitchen	Live Friday, May 08th 6:00pm	N/A
Blue Ribbon Chili!	Tuesday, March 31st	Saturday, May 09th 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Eastman Hall Kitchen	Live Saturday, May 09th 6:00pm	N/A
Yummy In My Tummy Pozole Contest	Tuesday, March 31st	Sunday, May 10th 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Eastman Hall Kitchen	Live Sunday, May 10th 6:00pm	N/A

**Still Exhibit Items not picked up between
2 pm - 7 pm Thursday, May 14th
Will Be Discarded .**

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

All Entries Must Be Submitted Online.

FEATURE BOOTH EXHIBIT

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Rules: The 8'x8' Feature Exhibit Booth provides members an opportunity to acquaint the public with their organization. The booth can show what they have learned, the activities in which they participate, or the contributions they have made to the community. Judges will insist upon a high quality of products & materials used in the exhibit. All materials must be fire-proof.

Booths must be designed, constructed, and installed by organization members: instructors or leaders may supervise ONLY. Exhibitors must make arrangements to replace fruit or produce in the exhibit booths. Limited space available. Electric cords must be connected by means of a "breaker/ power bar."

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry

No premiums offered. Ribbon only

An overall Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded

Scoring for Feature Booths

Effective Title	10%
Suitable Subject	10%
Holds Interest	10%
Animation	10%
Conveys Message	20%
Workmanship	10%
General Appearance	10%
Attracts Attention	20%
Total	100%

Division 1: Feature Exhibit Booth

Class:

1. All Jr. Organizations (i.e. 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, etc.)
2. Adult Organizations

GARDENS

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RULES: Garden exhibits must furnish their own structures and accessories; exhibits must not obscure other displays. Gardens must be a complete installation. Gardens must be labeled with division and class number. **NO** artificial flowers, foliage or fruit permitted. Accessories such as paper or mats, figurines, etc. and foreign foliage are permitted. All electrical accessories must continue working throughout the run of the Fair or will result in premiums being withheld. All accessories must also be waterproof. When planning a garden exhibit, exhibitors will want to take into consideration that our facility provides protection against weather damage. When choosing plants, take into consideration the availability of sunlight. All rooted plants or flowers must be in exhibitor's possession 30 days prior to closing date of entries. **Only one garden entry per exhibitor.** Open to garden clubs, 4-H clubs, FFA Chapters and other organizations or individual exhibitors. **Gardens must be the workmanship of exhibitors only. Violation of said rule will result in disqualification and no premiums will be awarded.** There will be a *maximum of 6 gardens.* Garden no-shows will be filled from a waiting list. Space allotted for each display will be approximately 100 square feet. Gardens are **to be completed by Monday, May 12th, 6:00 p.m.** Judged from the front only.

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

1st - \$100.00 2nd - \$50.00 3rd - \$25.00

Division 2: Gardens

CLASS:

1. Fair Theme - "Celebrating 80 Years!"

SNAP SHOT

People's Choice Award

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RULES: Submit your favorite snap shot of what your vision of a local hero(s), family traditions, or Celebrating 80 Years of Family, Fun, and Farming looks like to you. Subject matter is not limited to people. Your print may be either color or black & white, but must be either 5"x7" or 8"x10" and properly affixed to a matte board. This contest is open to camera bugs of all ages and experience. The People's Choice award will be juried by the public. Voting will begin at 3:00pm on Thursday, May 16th and stop at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16th. PLEASE - only one vote per person per day.

LIMIT: One entry per Class

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry

Overall Prizes Offered

1st Overall - \$25 - 2nd Overall - \$15 - 3rd Overall - \$10

Division 3: Snap Shot

CLASS:

1. Local Hero(s)
2. Family Traditions
3. County Fair Traditions

SOME LIKE IT HOT!

Homemade Salsa Contest

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RULES: This contest is limited to freshly made (unprocessed) Mexican style salsa to be used for dipping. Ingredients may be fresh, frozen and/ or canned. Entry must be from a non-published recipe. Salsa will not be judged without recipe card at the time it is received. Salsa will be judged on tortilla chips. One quart of salsa must be submitted for judging in a clear glass, one quart canning jar covered with lid. Exhibitor's name must not appear on the jar or lid. Entry must be submitted in a disposable container. This division will be judged before a live audience at the Tommy Hawk Stage on Thursday, May 7th at 6pm.

LIMIT: One entry per Class

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry per class

Overall Prizes Offered

1st Place - \$50

2nd Place - \$25

3rd Place - \$15

Division 8: Homemade Salsa

CLASS:

1. Salsa made with fresh tomatoes or canned tomatoes

OH MY CUPCAKE!

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RULES: Exhibitor will provide 1/2 dozen cupcakes for judging and display purpose. Cupcakes and frosting may be made from scratch or a box mix. This entry must be submitted in a disposable container along with the recipe. This division will be judged before a live audience at the Tommy Hawk Stage on Friday, May 8th at 6pm.

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry

1st Place - \$50 - 2nd Place - \$25 - 3rd Place - \$15

Scoring for Cupcake Contest

Overall Appearance	20%
Flavor, Texture, doneness	30%
Frosting consistency, doneness, flavor	20%
Originality	20%
Judges discretion	10%
Total	100%

Division 10: Cupcake Contest

CLASS:

1. Cupcake Creation

BLUE RIBBON CHILI!

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RULES: RULES: This contest is limited to freshly made (unprocessed) Chili. Ingredients may be fresh, frozen and/or canned. Entry must be from a non-published recipe. Chili will not be judged without recipe card at the time it is received. One gallon must be submitted for judging in an aluminum, disposable container covered with lid. Exhibitor's name must not appear on the container. This division will be judged before a live audience at the Tommy Hawk Stage on Saturday, May 9th at 6pm.

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor
Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry
1st - \$100 - 2nd - \$50 - 3rd - \$25

Division 9: Homemade Chili

CLASS:

1. One gallon Chili

YUMMY IN MY TUMMY !!! Homemade Pozole Contest

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RULES: This contest is limited to freshly made Pozole. Ingredients may be fresh, frozen and/or canned. Entry must be from a non-published recipe. Pozole will not be judged without recipe card at the time it is received. One gallon must be submitted for judging in an aluminum, disposable container covered with lid. Exhibitor's name must not appear on the container. This division will be judged before a live audience at the Tommy Hawk Stage on Sunday, May 10th at 6pm.

LIMIT: One entry per exhibitor
Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry
1st - \$100 - 2nd - \$50 - 3rd - \$25

Division 11: Homemade Pozole

CLASS:

1. One gallon Pozole

ADULT DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT #2

All Entries Must Be Submitted Online.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT RULES: The Adult Department is open to any individual 19 years or older residing in Madera County, Merced County and Mariposa County. All work to be done by the exhibitor and within the past 12 months. Ribbons will be awarded for entries placing 1st - 3rd, and honorable mentions. Premiums will be awarded in divisions as noted. Judges decisions are final. Additional awards will be given, when sponsored.

BAKING & PRESERVES

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BAKING

RULES: Fruit pies must have two crusts or lattice top. Quantities listed below. All entries *must* be on disposable plates, pans, or containers, unless otherwise stated. Commercially prepared cake, cookie, pie, frosting, or confections mixes may not be used. **Entry type MUST be specified on entry form.** The entry becomes property of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and will not be returned to the exhibitor. Management reserves the right to dispose of foods that are no longer presentable due to spoilage. Entries will not be judged without a neatly printed or typed recipe card, submitted on a 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" index card and at the time the entry is received. Exhibitor's name *must* be on the back, right-hand corner of the recipe card. The entries will not be available for public tasting. All state & local rules apply.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 1: Adult Baking

CLASS:

1. Yeast Bread & Rolls (no machine) - 1/2 loaf, approx. 1/2 lb.
2. Muffins, Biscuits, & Rolls - 1/2 dozen, plastic wrapped
3. Cookies - 1/2 dozen, plastic wrapped
4. Pies & Pastries - (one whole pie, disposable pan)
5. Cobbler - one whole pie
6. Decorated Cake - whole cake
7. Cake - 1/2 cake, plus 1 slice
8. Confections - 1/2 pound, plastic wrapped
9. Any other not listed above, must identify

PRESERVES

SWEEPSTAKES FOR PRESERVED FOOD DIVISION

1st - \$20.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$5.00

RULES: All entries must be home prepared and canned by the exhibitor within one year of judging date. Use standard canning jar suitable for your entry with clean, standard canning lid, sealed tightly (NO PARAFFIN), with loosened screw rings.

Entry form must list the type of product (fruit, vegetable, preserves, etc.). Entries must be labeled with product name, date of processing (month, day, year), processing method, and processing time.

ENTRIES WITHOUT LABELS OR WITH INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE LABELS WILL BE REJECTED.

The two approved methods of canning are: boiling-water canning for high-acid foods, steam-pressure canning for low-acid foods. An appropriate amount of headspace for the product canned should be allowed. Leave 1/4-inch headspace for soft spreads and pickled foods (except sauerkraut); 1/2-inch headspace for fruits, tomatoes and sauerkraut; 1-inch headspace for vegetables. Product pieces should be uniform in size and packed snugly but allow for circulation of liquids. Liquids should cover the product, keeping within the headspace guidelines. Liquids should be clear and free from cloudiness and small particles.

NOTE: Two *identical* containers (including size, type of container, lid, etc.) will be required for each entry; one container will be opened for judging and the other container will remain on display for duration of the fair.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 2: Adult Preserved Foods

CLASS:

1. Canned Fruits, must identify
2. Canned Vegetables, must identify
3. Pickles and Relishes, must identify
4. Jams, must identify
5. Jellies, must identify
6. Marmalades and Butters, must identify
7. Dehydrated Fruits and Vegetables, must identify
8. Honey, must identify
9. Jerky, must identify
10. BBQ Sauce, must identify
11. Pizza Sauce
12. Pasta Sauce
13. Sauce, any other must identify

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

*For Amateurs Only
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SWEEPSTAKES FOR ADULT CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

1st - \$20.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$5.00

RULES: The exhibitor must have made all clothing or items entered within the past 12 months. Items entered must be neat and clean in appearance. Quilts must have a sleeve for hanging & display purposes.

LIMIT: Three entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 3: Adult Cross Stitch

CLASS:

1. Counted Cross Stitch, any item
2. Counted Cross Stitch, original design, any item
3. Stamped, any item
4. Wall hanging, framed or unframed, any size
5. Holiday Item
6. Any other item not listed above, specify on entry form

DIVISION 4: Adult Needlepoint, (Candlewick Bargello)

CLASS:

1. Picture, framed
2. Pillow
3. Accessories
4. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 5: Adult Embroidery (Hand)

CLASS:

1. Towel, set of two
2. Pillow
3. Pillow cases, set of two
4. Tablecloths, card table size or larger
5. Wall hanging, framed or unframed, any size
6. On Clothing (clothing not need be made by exhibitor)
7. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 6: Adult Crochet

CLASS:

1. Lace, 1 yard minimum, separate or attached item
2. Pillow
3. Doilies, plain or ruffled

4. Tablecloth
5. Afghan or Bedspread
6. Baby Garments
7. Clothes, any item
8. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 7: Adult Knitting (Hand)

CLASS:

1. Afghan
2. Clothing, an item
3. Baby Garments
4. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 8: Adult Quilting

Quilts must have a sleeve for hanging & display purposes.

CLASS:

1. Quilts, machine pieced & machine quilted
2. Quilts, hand pieced & hand quilted
3. Quilts, machine pieced & hand quilted
4. Quilts, pieced & tied
5. Quilts, hand appliquéd & machine quilted
6. Quilts, novelty, any pattern
7. Quilts, wall (must have hanger)
8. Quilts, baby, hand pieced & hand quilted
9. Quilts, baby, machine pieced & machine quilted
10. Quilts, original design
11. Quilts, any other not listed above, specify on entry form
12. Quilts, any technique by amateur, quilted commercially
13. Team Quilts (2 - 4 people)
14. Group Quilts (5 or more people)

DIVISION 9: Adult Stuffed Animals & Dolls

CLASS:

1. Animal, any
2. Doll, any
3. Doll, crocheted clothing, any

DIVISION 10: Adult Sewing

CLASS:

1. Baby Garments
2. Nightgown or pajamas
3. Costume
4. Dress
5. Placemats, with napkins, set of 2
6. Pillow
7. Christmas Item, any
8. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 11: Adult Miscellaneous Needlecraft

CLASS:

1. Crewel Work, any
2. Tatting, any
3. Appliqué, any
4. Weaving, any
5. Latch Hook, any
6. Hooked Rug - from kit or original design (max 4' x 4')
7. Any other, must identify

HOBBIES & CRAFTS

American System of Judging

RULES: All items entered must have been handmade or hand decorated by the exhibitor within the past 12 months. Kits are not eligible in Woodcrafts classes.

LIMIT: Three entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 12: Adult Crafts

CLASS:

1. Decorated Wreath, any
2. Dried Flower Arrangement
3. Silk Flower Arrangement
4. Beadwork, any
5. Jewelry/Accessories
6. Decorated Gourd
7. Baskets, decorated
8. Tole Painting
9. Woodworking, any
10. Stained Glass
11. Stenciling, any
12. Metal Painting (mailbox, milk can etc.)
13. Fabric Painting
14. String Art
15. Cork & Wine Bottle Art
16. Diamond Kit Art Work
17. 3D Printing
17. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 13: Adult Collections

CLASS:

1. Any, must specify size on entry form

DIVISION 14: Adult Scrapbooking

CLASS:

1. Single Page
2. 4x6 Album
3. 12x12 Album
4. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 15: Adult Amateur Crafts

CLASS:

1. Ceramics – glaze/glaze combinations
2. Ceramics – hand sculptured designs
3. Ceramics – opaque stains
4. Ceramics – translucent stains
5. China Painting
6. Jewelry Craft
7. Pottery / Sculpture
8. Stained Glass
9. Woodcarving or Woodcraft (No Kits)
10. Any other, not listed (except ceramics)

INTERMEDIATE CRAFTS

RULES: All items entered must have been handmade or hand decorated by exhibitor within the past 12 months. Requirement for ceramics: minimum of three years or longer of experience.

LIMIT: Three entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 16: Adult Intermediate Crafts

CLASS:

1. Ceramics – glaze/glaze combinations
2. Ceramics – hand sculptured designs
3. Ceramics – opaque stains
4. Ceramics – translucent stains
5. China Painting
6. Any other, not listed

ADVANCED CRAFTS

RULES: All items entered must have been handmade or hand decorated by exhibitor within the past 12 months. Kits are not eligible in Woodcrafts. Any finished ware sold qualifies exhibitor for advanced.

LIMIT: Four entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 17: Adult Advanced Crafts

CLASS:

1. Ceramics – glaze/glaze combinations
2. Ceramics – sculptured, design pieces
3. Ceramics – other applications
4. Jewelry Craft
5. Woodcarving & Woodwork (No Kits)
6. China Painting
7. Any other, not listed

TABLE SETTING

RULES: Tables must be set by the exhibitor ONLY. Exhibitor must furnish card table and all items needed. Fair will not have supplies. Table should be set for four. The menu must be included. All possible caution will be taken but the Fair cannot be held responsible for breakage, loss or theft. Well know etiquette authorities MAY be used as guidelines, but creativity counts and the judge's decision is final. No real food, candy, plants, flowers or balloons are permitted. Any containers used must be clean and empty.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 18: Adult Table Setting

CLASS:

1. Table Setting for Four

FINE ARTS

American System of Judging

RULES: Non-salaried supervisors and committee members are eligible for ribbons. *ANY EXHIBIT WHICH IN THE JUDGEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, EITHER FOR JUDGING OR DISPLAY.* All entries must be work of an exhibitor and created within the past 12 months. Art must be suitably and securely framed and wired for hanging, complete with screw eyes and wire. *ABSOLUTELY NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS.* If problems arise, painting will not be displayed. Each exhibitor limited to one large entry (over 30" x 36") per class. Label bearing title, medium, name and address of artist must be attached to the back. You may enter only division of artist, i.e. Amateur, Intermediate, and Advanced.

AMATEUR ARTIST

(A new artist entering the painting field)

LIMIT: Three entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 19: Adult Amateur - Acrylic or Oil

DIVISION 20: Adult Amateur - Pastel, Conte Crayon or Charcoal

DIVISION 21: Adult Amateur - Watercolor

CLASS:

1. Floral
2. Landscape – Seascape
3. Still Life
4. Portraits / People
5. Animals
6. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 22: Adult Amateur - Graphics and Mixed Media

CLASS:

1. Ink, Pen and/or Pencil, any, must identify
2. Any other, must identify

INTERMEDIATE ARTIST

(Limited sales/wins awards in shows)

LIMIT: Three entries per class

1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$2.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 23: Adult Intermediate - Acrylic or Oil

DIVISION 24: Adult Intermediate - Pastel, Conte Crayon or Charcoal

DIVISION 25: Adult Intermediate - Watercolor

CLASS:

1. Floral
2. Landscape -Seascape
3. Still Life
4. Portraits / People
5. Animals
6. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 26: Adult Intermediate - Graphics and Mixed Media

CLASS:

1. Ink, Pen or Pencil, any, must identify
2. Any other, must identify

ADVANCED ARTIST

(One who sells work and wins at juried shows)

LIMIT: Three entries per class

1st - \$15.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$5.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 27: Adult Advanced - Acrylic or Oil

DIVISION 28: Adult Advanced - Pastel, Conte Crayon or Charcoal

DIVISION 29: Adult Advanced - Watercolor

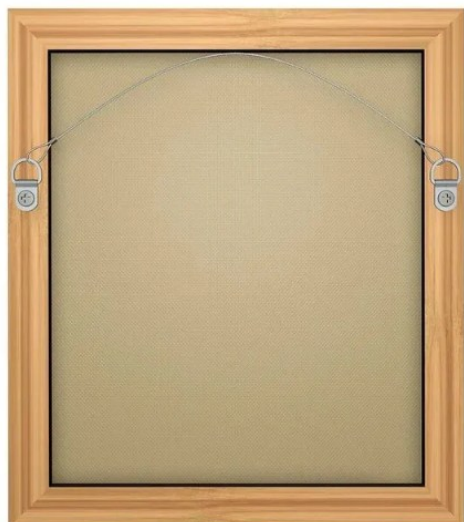
CLASS:

1. Floral
2. Still Life
3. Landscape - Seascape
4. Animals
5. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 30: Adult Advanced - Graphics and Mixed Media

CLASS:

1. Ink, Pen or Pencil, any, must identify
2. Any other, must identify



PHOTOGRAPHY

American System of Judging

RULES: Prints must be a minimum of 5" x 7" or no larger than 8"x 10". Prints **must be matted**. Prints should be affixed to display board with hard set glue - do not use double stick tape, duct tape or rubber cement. **Framed photos are NOT allowed.** Prints may be developed commercially. Prints must have been taken within the past 12 months. Prints must be clearly marked on the back, upper left hand corner showing name, address and telephone number of exhibitor, division and class number in which it is entered (exhibitors name must not appear on the image or the front of the matte board). **ANY EXHIBIT WHICH IN THE JUDGEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED EITHER FOR JUDGING OR DISPLAY.** Exhibitor may only enter one division, i.e. Amateur/Intermediate or Advanced.

Definition of Still Life: The representation of small inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, bottles, books, etc.

BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY

LIMIT: Two entries per class

1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 31: Adult Beginning & Intermediate Color

DIVISION 32: Adult Beginning & Intermediate Black & White

CLASS:

1. Action
2. Still Life
3. Seascape
4. Floral
5. Landscape
6. Portrait/People
7. Animals
8. Sports
9. Agriculture
10. Any other

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY

LIMIT: Two entries per class

1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$3.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 33: Adult Advanced Colors

DIVISION 34: Adult Advanced Black & White

CLASS:

1. Action
2. Still Life
3. Seascape
4. Floral
5. Landscape
6. Portrait/People
7. Animals
8. Sports
9. Agriculture
10. Any other

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPETITIONS

American System of Judging

The Chowchilla-Madera County Fair supports the concepts that no physical or mental disability need to limit the human potential to create.

No Limit on number of entries
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 35: Adult Crafts

CLASS:

1. Beads, Jewelry
2. Ceramics, Clay
3. Holiday Decorations
4. Mosaic
5. Sewing
6. Wood
7. Any other not listed, specify

PAINTING/DRAWING

CLASS:

8. Collage
9. Colored Markers
10. Crayons
11. Paint by Numbers
12. Pencil, Colored Pencil
13. Watercolor Paints
14. Any other not listed, specify

FINE ART:

CLASS:

15. Art (See Fine Art section)
16. Photography (See Photography)
17. Group Project, Specify

BAKING: Six muffins, cookies or bar cookies to entered. Include recipe on a 5 x 7 card, with exhibitor's name on back.

CLASS:

18. Cookies, Bar Cookies
19. Muffins, Rolls Bread
1. Cake, ½ cake, plus 1 slice

SENIOR CITIZEN

American System of Judging

RULES: Open to senior citizens 62 years or older. Local and Adult Department rules apply.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 36: SENIOR CITIZENS—WOOD CRAFTS

CLASS:

1. Woodwork—large item
2. Woodwork—small item
3. Woodcarving
4. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 37: SENIOR CITIZENS—NEEDLE CRAFTS

CLASS:

1. Knitting or Crocheting
2. Needlework or Embroidery
3. Quilt
4. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 38: SENIOR CITIZENS—PAINTINGS

CLASS:

1. Mixed Media or Collage
2. Oil or Acrylic
3. Watercolor
4. Any other, must identify

FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

American System of Judging

RULES: Exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except classes for arrangements. Florists & nurseries may exhibit plants, plant materials and flowers which they currently sell but do not necessarily grow. Exhibit must be adequately & correctly labeled. Exhibit must be kept fresh & replaced, if necessary, throughout the duration of the Fair. Premiums will be withheld if this is violated. Management reserves the right to reject or remove any unsightly exhibit. Management also reserves the right to assign locations of displays to achieve the most artistic & harmonious effect for the entire show. Exhibits will be watered once daily unless exhibitor instructs otherwise. Replenishing & refreshing to be done by exhibitor.

Note: Best of Show—Floriculture does not include entries in Fresh Flower Arrangements & Cut Flowers.

POTTED PLANTS

Sweepstakes for Plants

1st - \$20.00 2nd - \$5.00 3rd - \$3.00

LIMIT: Two entries per class

1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

Note: Exhibitors must provide drainage saucers for all potted plants.

DIVISION 39: Adult Potted Plants

CLASS:

1. African Violets
2. Aralla
3. Begonia, any variety
4. Coleus, any variety
5. Dieffenbachia
6. Dracaena, any variety
7. Fern, Asparagus
8. Fern, Boston
9. Fern (any other)
10. Ficus, Benjamin (weeping fig)
11. Ficus, Elastica (Green Rubber Plant)
12. Ficus, any other
13. Geranium, any variety
14. Gold dust Plant
15. Orchid, any variety
16. Palms, houseplant types
17. Peperomia
18. Philodendron, any variety
19. Piggy Back
20. Pothos
21. Prayer Plant
22. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 40: Adult Hanging Plants

CLASS:

1. Begonia, any variety
2. Coleus
3. Creeping Charlie
4. Fern, Asparagus
5. Fern, Maiden
6. Fern, Sword

7. Fern, any other
8. Philodendron, any variety
9. Spider Plant
10. String of Pearls
11. Wandering Jew
12. Succulent, any variety, must identify
13. Cactus, any variety, must identify
14. Any other, must identify

LIMIT: Two entries per class
 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
 Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

SUCCULENT CREATIONS

Limit: Two Entries per class
 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
 Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

Note: Exhibit must contain succulents and cactus only, no other live or artificial plants.

DIVISION 41:

- CLASS:
1. Framed Creation
 2. Wreath
 3. Grouping
 4. Any other Creation (Must identify)

POTTED GARDENS

Limit: Two Entries per class
 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
 Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

Note: Garden in containers at least 9 inches & not over 19 inches

DIVISION 42: Adult Potted Gardens

- CLASS:
1. Nature containers suitable for patio, a variety of blooming plants
 2. Planter using indoor plants
 3. Terrarium
 4. Fairy Garden
 5. Exhibitor's Choice

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

RULES: Open to amateurs who arrange flowers for their own pleasure. Fresh flowers required in arrangement. *EXIBITOR'S NAME MUST BE TAPED ON THE BOTTOM OF FIGURINES, CONTAINERS, SPECIAL ROCKS, ETC.* Mats to be used under display. There will be no arranging of flowers at the Fair site.

LIMIT: One entry per class
 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$1.00
 Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

DIVISION 43: Adult Fresh Flower Arrangements

- CLASS:
1. Arrangement using the Fair Theme - "Celebrating 80 Years!"
 2. Exhibitor's Choice

CUT FLOWERS

RULES: *EXIBITOR'S NAME MUST BE TAPED ON THE BOTTOM OF CONTAINERS.* The Fair is not responsible for loss, damage or breakage. Entries in these divisions cannot be assembled at the Fair site.

Note: One specimen unless otherwise stated.

DIVISION 44: Adult Geraniums

- CLASS:
1. White/Cream, single or double
 2. Pink/Rose, single or double
 3. Scarlet/Red/Maroon, single or double
 4. Salmon/Orange, single or double
 5. Bi-Color/Blend, single or double
 6. Ivy Geranium, any color
 7. Pelargonium, any
 8. Any other Geranium, must identify

DIVISION 45: Adult Roses, Floribundas, Granifloras

Note: Rose, except rambler & cluster types, should be budded. All flowers must have their own foliage.

- CLASS:
1. Hybrid Tea, copper or apricot
 2. Hybrid Tea, red
 3. Hybrid Tea, pink
 4. Hybrid Tea, yellow
 5. Hybrid Tea, white
 6. Hybrid Tea, Double Delight
 7. Floribunda
 8. Graniflora
 9. Miniature Rose
 10. Hybrid Collection, mixed colors (3 stems)
 11. Floribunda Collection, Mixed colors (3 stems)
 12. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 46: Adult Annuals & Biennials

Note: 3 stem or spikes unless otherwise noted.

- CLASS:
1. Carnation, any
 2. Dianthus (Barbarus, Sweet William)
 3. Impatiens
 4. Marigold, any
 5. Petunia, any
 6. Scabiosa
 7. Fox Glove
 8. Delphinium
 9. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 47: Adult Perennials

Note: 3 stems unless otherwise noted.

- CLASS:
1. Candy Tuft, Sempervivum
 2. Columbine
 3. Watsonia
 4. Daisies, any
 5. Gerbera, any
 6. Any other, must identify

DIVISION 48: Adult Shrubs, Vines, Bulbs & Tubers

Note: One to three specimens

- CLASS:
1. Azalea
 2. Lilac
 3. Hydrangea
 4. Jasmine
 5. Lilies
 6. Canna
 7. Iris
 8. Gladiolas
 9. Calla Lily
 10. Miniature Orchid
 11. Any other must identify

OPEN JUNIOR DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT #3

All Entries Must Be Submitted Online.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT RULES: The Open Junior Department is open to any individual 18 years or younger. Exhibitors may not be eligible to enter this department if a member of 4-H or FFA in that project area. Boy & Girl Scouts may enter under this department. All work to be done by the exhibitor, with parent supervision only and help when the safety of the junior is under concern. All entry forms need to be signed by a parent, guardian, or teacher. Ribbons will be awarded for entries placing 1st – 3rd, and honorable mentions. Judges decisions are final. Additional awards will be given, when sponsored. The outstanding art exhibits from each category (i.e. High School, Elementary, etc.) are the only entries eligible for the Best of Show. The following criteria are used to honor the exhibitor for the following awards:

Award Criteria

Best of Show – Art: Awarded to the best painting/drawing out of the High School, Elementary and Preschool/Kindergarten Divisions.

Edna N. Forrest Memorial Award: \$25 cash award. Based on a point system: 3 points for 1st place; 2 points for 2nd place; and 1 point for 3rd place. The exhibitor with the most points will be awarded this award. Limited to Elementary & High School Artists. Division 9-16

Frances Dougherty Merit Award: \$25 cash award. Based on a point system: 3 points for 1st place; 2 points for 2nd place; and 1 point for 3rd place. The exhibitor with the most points in Divisions 9-13 will receive this award for best representing those divisions. Limited to High School Artists.

JUNIOR BAKING & PRESERVES

Danish System of Judging

BAKING

RULES: Quantities listed below. All entries *must* be on disposable plates, pans, or containers, unless otherwise stated. Commercially prepared cake, cookie, pie, frosting, or confections mixes may not be used unless permitted in the division rules. **Entry type MUST be specified when entering.** The entry becomes property of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and will not be returned to the exhibitor. Management reserves the right to dispose of foods that are no longer presentable due to spoilage. Entries will not be judged without a neatly printed or typed recipe card. The recipe card should be submitted on a 5 ½"x 8 ½" index card and at the time the entry is received. Exhibitor's name *must* be on the back, right-hand corner of the recipe card. Open judging. The entries will not be available for public tasting. All state and local rules apply.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

**GARDENS: SEE
SPECIAL COMPETITION
DEPARTMENT PG. 6**

DIVISION 1: 10 years & under
DIVISION 2: 11 years to 18 years old

CLASS:

1. Bread, Quick or Yeast (no machine) – (½ loaf, approx. ½ lb.)
2. Brownies – (4 bars)
3. Layer Cake, Frosted – (½ cake & 1 slice)
4. Decorated Cake – Novelty Item – do not cut
5. Candy – (6 pieces)
6. Cookies – (½ dozen)
7. Cupcakes – (4)
8. Fruit Crisps – (½ dozen)
9. Muffins, Biscuits, or Rolls, must identify – (½ dozen)
10. Pie – (whole pie, disposable pan)
11. Any other, must identify

PRESERVES

RULES: On entry form, list the item preserved (fruit, vegetables, etc.) and the method used to preserve them (canning, freezing or drying).

Low acid foods must be canned under pressure. Dried products should be wrapped in clear plastic or sealed jars. **No** paraffin seals; all canning exhibits **must** be sealed in standard quart or pint canning jars. Each entry is a different product or the same product preserved by a different method or related group. Entry consists of two (2) jars (Standard quart or pint size), containers or packages with the exception of jerky (6 strips) and dried fruit (5 to 8 sections). Jar labels should have exhibitor's name, date of preservation, type of product, and process (i.e. apricot jam – pectin method & apricot halves – water bath process). The entries will not be available for public tasting. All state and local rules apply.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 3: 10 years & under
DIVISION 4: 11 years to 18 years old

CLASS:

1. Jams, Jellies, & Preserves
2. Pickles & Relishes
3. Fruit (Dried or Canned)
4. Vegetables
5. Jerky
6. BBQ Sauce
7. Any other not listed above, must identify

JUNIOR CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Danish System of Judging

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

NEEDLECRAFT

DIVISION 5: 10 years and under
DIVISION 6: 11 years to 18 years

CLASS:

1. Crochet, any
2. Cross Stitch, any
3. Embroidery, any
4. Knitting, any
5. Needlepoint, any
6. Group Project
7. Any, must identify

SEWING

DIVISION 7: 10 years and under
DIVISION 8: 11 years to 18 years

CLASS:

1. Single piece Item
2. 2-piece Item
3. Accessory Item
4. Quilts, any
5. Any other sewing project, must identify

JUNIOR FINE ARTS

Danish System of Judging

RULES: All work, including design, must be done by exhibitor within the past 12 months. All pictures **must** be securely wired to hang (no saw-tooth hangers, hooks, clothes hangers or any kind of tape). All state & local rules apply. **Any exhibit which in the judgment of management would be objectionable to the general public will not be accepted either for judging or display.** Title and name must be attached to or written on the back of the exhibit.

HIGH SCHOOL ART

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 9: Acrylic or Oil

DIVISION 10: Watercolor or Tempera

DIVISION 11: Ink, Pen, Pencil, Charcoal, Felt Pens, or Colored Pencils

DIVISION 12: Graphic Arts/Pastel/Chalk

DIVISION 13: Mixed Media

CLASS:

1. Flowers / Plants
2. Landscape / Seascape
3. Still Life
4. People / Portraits
5. Animals
6. Any other, must identify

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 14: 1st – 3rd Grade

DIVISION 15: 4th – 5th Grade

DIVISION 16: 6th – 8th Grade

CLASS:

1. Marker
2. Ink
3. Mixed Media
4. Water Color
5. Pencil (Black or Color)
6. Pastel (Crayon or Charcoal)
7. Acrylic or Oils
8. Any other, must identify

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ART

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 17: Preschool & Kindergarten (Paintings and Drawings)

CLASS:

1. Blot Painting
2. Crayon
3. Crayon Melt Art
4. Marble Painting
5. Mixed Media
6. Poster Paint
7. Pencil (Black or Colored)
8. Paint (Watercolor or Finger Paints)

9. Q-Tip Painting
10. Sponge Painting
11. Straw Blowing
12. String Painting
13. Toothbrush Painting
14. Sculpture
15. Construction Paper
16. Any other, must identify

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Danish System of Judging

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Definition of Still Life: The representation of small inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, bottles, books, etc.

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 18: 1st – 4th Grade – Color or Black & White

DIVISION 19: 5th – 8th Grade – Color or Black & White

DIVISION 20: 9th – 12th Grade – Color or Black & White

CLASS:

1. Flowers / Plants
2. Landscape / Seascape
3. Action
4. People
5. Animals
6. Still Life
7. *Pet-Look-A-Like* – Enter a photograph of you and your pet which shows how you best "look-a-like"!

JUNIOR HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Danish System of Judging

RULES: All work, including design, must be done by exhibitor within the past 12 months. State and local rules apply. Any exhibit which in the judgment of the Management would be objectionable to the general public will not be accepted either for judging or display. Title, and name must be attached to back.

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 21: PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

CLASS:

1. Clay Modeling
2. Paper Mache & Paper Crafts
3. Painting on Wood, Rocks, etc.
4. Collage
5. Ceramics, original or commercial ware
6. Jewelry / Bead work
- 14 7. Holiday decorations or ornaments
8. Crafts made from Nature (i.e. seeds, pine cones, pods, etc.)
9. Collection (limited to a 24"x24" display area)
10. Fair Theme- "Celebrating 80 Years!"

11. Scrapbook, 1 page
12. Any other not listed above, must identify

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

- DIVISION 22: 1st – 4th Grade**
DIVISION 23: 5th – 8th Grade
DIVISION 24: High School Students
DIVISION 25: Class / Group Projects

CLASS:

1. Clay Modeling
2. Paper Mache & Paper Crafts
3. Painting on Wood, Rocks, etc.
4. Collage
5. Ceramics, original or commercial ware
6. Jewelry / Bead work
7. Holiday decorations or ornaments
8. Crafts made from Nature (i.e. seeds, pine cones, pods, etc.)
9. Collection (limited to a 24"x24" display area)
10. Fair Theme - "Celebrating 80 Years!"
11. Scrapbook, 1 page
12. Scrapbook, 4x6 Album
13. Scrapbook, 12x12 Album
14. 3D Printing
15. Any other not listed above, must identify

CHOWCHILLA-MADERA COUNTY FAIR
COLORING CONTEST
LIMIT: One entry per class

RULES: All work must be done by the exhibitor. Coloring page for contest can be found online under the Exhibitor tab. Exhibitors name and address must be printed on the backside of the coloring page.

1st - \$10.00 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$10.00
Entry Fee: Free

- DIVISION 26: Pre K - Kindergarten**
DIVISION 27: 1st - 2nd Grade
DIVISION 28: 3rd – 4th Grade

CLASS:

1. Coloring page

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

RULES: Each exhibitor must have created their own project. Each exhibit must be properly labeled and have an educational value.

LIMIT: One entry per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

- DIVISION 29: Science Fair Projects**
DIVISION 30: History Project
DIVISION 31: Healthy Message

CLASS:

1. 1st–2nd Grade
2. 3rd–4th Grade
3. 5th–6th Grade
4. 7th–8th Grade
5. 9th –12th Grade
6. Group Projects

BROOM BUDDY

Turn a broom up-side-down and create a face/head with the bristles!

LIMIT: One entry per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 32: Broom Buddy

CLASS:

1. Individual exhibitors
2. Club
3. Fair Theme - "Celebrating 80 Years!"

LEGO/K'NEX EXHIBIT

RULES: Displays for these contests are not limited to Lego's/K'nex. You may include any item on your entry as long as Lego's or K'nex are used. Dress up your display with any material to enhance the appearance.

LIMIT: One entry per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

- DIVISION 33: Lego**
DIVISION 34: K'NEX

CLASS:

1. Pre-school - Kindergarten
2. 1st–2nd Grade
3. 3rd–4th Grade
4. 5th–6th Grade
5. 7th–8th Grade

JUNIOR WOOD-WORKING

Danish System of Judging
LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

- DIVISION 35: Junior High / High School Students**
DIVISION 36: Class / Group Projects

CLASS:

1. Cabinets: under \$15 in materials
2. Cabinets: over \$15 in materials
3. Furniture: under \$15 in materials
4. Furniture: over \$15 in materials
5. Carpentry: Bench
6. Carpentry: Model House (size not to exceed 2'x3')
7. Any Other not listed above, must identify

JUNIOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPETITIONS

Danish System of Judging

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No limit to the number of entries
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 37: JUNIOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

CRAFTS

CLASS:

1. Beads, Jewelry
2. Ceramics, Clay
3. Holiday Decorations
4. Mosaic
5. Sewing
6. Wood
7. Any other not listed, specify

PAINTING/DRAWING

CLASS:

8. Collage
9. Colored Markers
10. Crayons
11. Paint by Numbers
12. Pencil, Colored Pencil
13. Watercolor Paints
14. Any other not listed, specify

FINE ART:

CLASS:

15. Art (See Fine Art section)
16. Photography (See Photography)
17. Group Project, Specify

BAKING: Six muffins, cookies or bar cookies to entered. Include recipe on a 5 x 7 card, with exhibitor's name on back.

CLASS:

18. Cookies, Bar Cookies
19. Muffins, Rolls Bread
20. Cake, ½ cake, plus 1 slice
21. Pie – (whole pie, disposable pan)

JUNIOR FLORICULTURE

Danish System of Judging

RULES: Exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except classes for arrangements. All work to be done by the exhibitor (i.e. adult supervision only). Exhibit must be adequately and correctly labeled. Exhibit must be kept fresh and replaced if necessary throughout the duration of the Fair. Premiums will be withheld if this rule is violated. The management reserves the right to reject or remove any unsightly exhibit and the right to assign locations of displays to achieve the most artistic and harmonious effect for the entire show. Exhibits will be watered once daily unless exhibitor instructs otherwise. Best of Show candidates do not include junior cut flowers.

JUNIOR GREEN THUMBS

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 38: Preschool and Kindergarten

DIVISION 39: 1ST – 4TH Grade

DIVISION 40: 5TH – 8TH Grade

DIVISION 41: High School Students

CLASS:

1. Dish Garden, not to exceed 19" in diameter
2. Potted Cactus or Succulent
3. Terrarium
4. Potted House Plant
5. Container Garden, 12"x 12" or nursery size flat
6. Fairy Garden
7. Any other, must specify on entry form

JUNIOR WAGON or WHEELBARROW GARDENS

Use a red Radio Flyer wagon or a garden wheelbarrow to create your garden of choice!

Limit: One entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 42: Junior Wagon or Wheelbarrow Garden

CLASS:

1. Preschool and Kindergarten
2. First and Second Grades
3. Third and Fourth Grades

JUNIOR CUT FLOWER

RULES: The Fair is not responsible for loss or breakage of containers, vases, etc. Entries in these divisions cannot be assembled at show place. When known, give name(s) of the variety or varieties on entry form. Label the entry with this information as well, legibly, and without the exhibitor's name. (This may be done on an index card & can be attached to the entry).

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

Judging Criteria

Form:	20%
Substance:	20%
Length of Stem/Foliage:	20%
Condition:	15%
Color:	15%
<u>Size of Flower:</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total:	100%

DIVISION 43: Preschool and Kindergarten

DIVISION 44: 1ST – 4TH Grade

DIVISION 45: 5TH – 8TH Grade

DIVISION 46: High School Students

CLASS:

1. Featured Flower: Rose
2. Any other Fresh Flower (1 stem), specify

JUNIOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

RULES: The Fair is not responsible for loss or breakage of containers, vases, etc. Entries in these divisions cannot be assembled at show place. When known, give name(s) of the variety or varieties on entry form. Label the entry with this information as well, legibly, and without the exhibitor's name. (This may be done on an index card & can be attached to the entry).

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

Judging Criteria

Design:	20%
Distinction & Originality:	20%
Interpretation of Schedule:	20%
Color:	15%
Creative Expression:	15%
<u>Condition of Materials:</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total:	100%

DIVISION 47: 10 years and Under

DIVISION 48: 11 years to 18 years

CLASS:

1. Fresh Flower Arrangement
2. Dry or Silk Flower Arrangement
3. Center Piece (fresh, dry, silk flowers & other decorative items)

PLANT A SHOE

RULES: Match the colors, textures and styles of your shoe or boot to plants that you use to come up with a unique, planted shoe or boot. Plant using dirt and live plants.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: Free

DIVISION 49: Plant A Shoe

DIVISION 50: Plant A Boot

CLASS:

1. Fair Theme "Celebrating 80 Years"
2. Cactus, Succulent Garden

4-H DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT #4

All Entries Must Be Submitted Online.

4-H youth programs are informal, voluntary educational programs under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Services of the University of California and the United States Department of Agricultural. Projects exhibited at fairs by members are the result of their efforts under the supervision of adult volunteers.

Youth must be at least 9 years of age or in the 4th grade by December 31st of the program year. All entries in the following divisions must have been made, collected, grown or prepared and entered by the exhibitors who were enrolled in those projects in 4-H youth programs, within one year of the opening

date of the Fair, except as otherwise noted. All entry forms need to be signed by a parent, guardian, and Project Leader. Ribbons will be awarded for entries placing 1st - 3rd, and honorable mentions. Judges decisions are final. Additional awards will be given, when sponsored.

4-H BAKING & PRESERVES

Danish System of Judging

Baking

RULES: Quantities listed below. All entries *must* be on disposable plates, pans, or containers, unless otherwise stated. Commercially prepared cake, cookie, pie, frosting, or confections mixes may not be used unless permitted in the division rules. **Entry type MUST be specified on entry form.** The entry becomes property of the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair and will not be returned to the exhibitor. Management reserves the right to dispose of foods that are no longer presentable due to spoilage. Entries will not be judged without a neatly printed or typed recipe card. The recipe card should be submitted on a 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" index card and at the time the entry is received. Exhibitor's name *must* be on the back, right-hand corner of the recipe card. Open judging. The entries will not be available for public tasting. All state and local rules apply.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 1: Amateur Foods (1st & 2nd year)

DIVISION 2: Intermediate Foods (3rd & 4th year)

DIVISION 3: Advanced Foods (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Bread, Quick or Yeast (no machine) - (1/2 loaf, approx. 1/2 lb.)
2. Brownies - (4 bars)
3. Layer Cake, Frosted - (1/2 cake & 1 slice)
4. Candy - (6 pieces)
5. Cookies - (1/2 dozen)
6. Cupcakes - (4)
7. Fruit Crisps - (1/2 dozen)
8. Muffins, Biscuits, or Rolls, must identify - (1/2 dozen)
9. Pie - (whole pie, disposable pan)
10. Any other, must identify (Bunt cake, 1/2 Loaf plus 1 slice)

Preserves

RULES: On entry form, list the item preserved (fruit, vegetables, etc.) and the method used to preserve them (canning, freezing or drying). Low acid foods must be canned under pressure. Dried products should be wrapped in clear plastic or sealed jars. No paraffin seals; all canning exhibits must be sealed in standard canning jars. Each entry is a different product or the same product preserved by a different method or related group. Entry consists of two (2) jars (Standard quart, pint or 8oz size), containers or packages with the exception of jerky (6 strips) and dried fruit (5 to 8 sections). Jar labels should have date of preservation, type of product, and process (i.e. apricot jam - pectin method & apricot halves - water bath process). A separate label, with exhibitor's name, should be placed on the bottom of the entry. Open judging. The entries will not be available for public tasting. All state and local rules apply.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 4: Amateur Preserves (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 5: Intermediate Preserves (3rd & 4th year)
DIVISION 6: Advanced Preserves (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Jams, Jellies, & Preserves
2. Pickles & Relishes
3. Fruit (Dried or Canned)
4. Vegetables
5. Jerky
6. BBQ Sauce
7. Any other not listed above, must identify

4-H CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Danish System of Judging

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

4-H Sewing

DIVISION 7: Amateur Sewing (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 8: Intermediate Sewing (3rd & 4th year)
DIVISION 9: Advanced Sewing (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Single Piece Item
2. 2-Piece Item
3. Accessory Item
4. Quilts
5. Any other not listed above, must identify

4-H Needlecraft

RULES: Exhibit is any non-wearable article made as a 4-H project. All pictures *must* be equipped to hang.

DIVISION 10: Amateur Needlecraft (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 11: Intermediate Needlecraft (3rd & 4th year)
DIVISION 12: Advanced Needlecraft (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Crochet, any
2. Cross Stitch, any
3. Embroidery, any
4. Knitting, any
5. Needlepoint, any
6. Group Project, any (must identify)
7. Any other not listed above, must identify

4-H HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Danish System of Judging

RULES: If entering an item that is pre-cut or pre-stamped, the exhibitor should state so on the entry form. Exhibit is judged on neatness and artistry of work. Ceramics must have member's initials and month and year produced inscribed on bottom before firing. Exhibitor must have created articles within the past 12 months. All pictures must be equipped to hang.

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 13: Amateur Hobbies & Crafts (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 14: Intermediate Hobbies & Crafts (3rd & 4th year)
DIVISION 15: Advanced Hobbies & Crafts (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Clay Modeling
2. Paper Mache & Paper Crafts
3. Painting on Wood, Rocks, etc.
4. Collage
5. Ceramics, original or commercial ware
6. Jewelry / Bead work
7. Holiday decorations or ornaments
8. Crafts made from Nature (i.e. seeds, pine cones, pods, etc.)
9. Collection (limited to a 24"x24" display area)

10. Fair Theme – "Celebrating 80 Years!"
11. Scrapbook, 1 page
12. Scrapbook, 4x6 Album
13. Scrapbook 12x12 Album
14. Miscellaneous Projects – emphasizing skill
15. Any other not listed above, must identify

4-H FINE ARTS

Danish System of Judging

RULES: All work, including design, must be done by exhibitor within the past 12 months. All pictures **must** be securely wired to hang. No saw-tooth hangers, hooks, clothes hangers or masking tape is to be used to secure the hanger or picture. All state and local rules apply. **Any exhibit which in the judgment of the management would be objectionable to the general public will not be accepted either for judging or display.** Title, name & address must be attached to or written on the back of the exhibit.

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 16: Amateur Art (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 17: Intermediate Art (3rd & 4th year)
DIVISION 18: Advanced Art (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Marker
2. Ink
3. Mixed Media
4. Water Color
5. Pencil (Black or Color)
6. Pastel (Crayon or Charcoal)
7. Acrylic or Oils
8. Any other, must identify

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY

Danish System of Judging

RULES: Prints must be a minimum of 5" x 7" or no larger than 8"x 10". Prints **must be** matted. Prints should be affixed to display board with hard set glue – do not use double stick tape, duct tape or rubber cement. **Framed photos are NOT allowed.** Prints may be developed commercially. Prints must have been taken within the past 12 months. Prints must be clearly marked on the back, upper left hand corner showing name, address and telephone number of exhibitor, division and class number in which it is entered (exhibitors name must not appear on the image or the front of the matte board). **ANY EXHIBIT WHICH IN THE JUDGEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED EITHER FOR JUDGING OR DISPLAY.** Exhibitor may only enter one division, i.e. Amateur/Intermediate or Advanced.

Definition of Still Life: The representation of small inanimate objects, such as flowers, fruit, bottles, books, etc.

LIMIT: Two entries per class

Ribbons Only

Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 19: Amateur Photography (1st & 2nd year) – Color or Black & White
DIVISION 20: Intermediate Photography (3rd & 4th year) – Color or Black & White

DIVISION 21: Advanced Photography (5th year & above) – Color or Black & White

CLASS:

1. Flowers / Plants
2. Landscape / Seascape
3. Action
4. People
5. Animals
6. Still Life
7. Any other, must identify
8. *Pet-Look-A-Like* – Enter a photograph of you and your pet which shows how you best "look-a-like"!

4-H AG MECHANICS

Danish System of Judging

RULES: The teacher must sign the entry form at the bottom center. Projects entered must be made in school under the supervision of a 4-H leader or classroom instructor. Projects must have been started and completed during the 12-month period preceding the fair. Projects made from assembly kits are NOT eligible. Component parts should be made by the exhibitor whenever reasonably possible and judges will rate accordingly. Projects may be entered for one award only. No exhibitor may enter more than one article made from the same pattern. **EXHIBITS NOT PICKED UP ON TIME WILL BE LEFT AT EXHIBITOR'S OWN RISK.**

SCORING

Appearance:	20%
Workmanship:	25%
Originality:	20%
Neatness:	10%
Utility:	25%
Total:	100%

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 22: Amateur 4-H Ag. Mechanics (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 23: Intermediate (3rd & 4th year) & Advanced (5th year & above)
DIVISION 24: Club/Group 4- H Ag. Mechanics Project

CLASS:

1. Woodworking, any – must identify
2. Woodworking, small projects (costs not to exceed \$20.00) – must identify
3. Woodworking, Lg. projects (costs between \$15.01 & \$30.00) must identify
4. Metals, any project – must identify
5. Electric, any project – must identify
6. Rocketry
7. Any other not listed above, must identify

4-H BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Danish System of Judging

RULES: Each exhibitor must own and have collected insects exhibited within one year of the Fair for 1st & 2nd years; two years for 3rd & 4th years; and 3 years for 5th year and above. Each exhibit must be properly labeled with identification of items exhibited. Wildlife exhibits must have an educational and scientific value.

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 25: 1st–2nd Year
DIVISION 26: 3rd–4th Year
DIVISION 27: 5th Year & above

CLASS:

1. Insect Displays
2. Wildlife
3. Birdhouses—Operational (add description)
4. Any other, must specify

4-H FLORICULTURE

Danish System of Judging

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4-H FLORICULTURE-HORTICULTURE

Size & condition of plants	30%
Suitability of container	20%
General Appearance of exhibits	20%
Uniformity and balance	20%
Labeling	10%
TOTAL	100%

NOTE: 4-H exhibitors may enter the following open junior classes: *Junior Cut Flower & Junior Flower Arrangements.* (All 4-H & open junior rules apply).

LIMIT: Two entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 28: Amateur Floriculture (1st & 2nd year)
DIVISION 29: Intermediate Floriculture (3rd & 4th year)
DIVISION 30: Advanced Floriculture (5th year & above)

CLASS:

1. Dish Garden, not to exceed 19" in diameter
2. Potted Cactus or Succulent
3. Terrarium
4. Potted House Plant
5. Container Garden, 12"x 12" or nursery size flat
6. Fairy Garden
7. Any other, must specify

WAGON or WHEELBARROW GARDENS

Use a red Radio Flyer wagon or a garden wheelbarrow to create your garden of choice!

Limit: One entries per class
Ribbons Only
Entry Fee: \$0.50 per entry per class

DIVISION 31: 1st–2nd Year
DIVISION 32: 3rd–4th Year
DIVISION 33: 5th Year & above
DIVISION 34: Club Project

CLASS:

1. Proud To Be An American
2. Spring Fever
3. 4-H Pride
4. Fair Theme "Celebrating 80 Years!"

FFA DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT #5

All Entries must be submitted online.

FFA AG MECHANICS

Danish System of Judging

GENERAL RULES: Although the exhibits need not to be owned by the exhibitor, all must be products of students as a regular part of their instruction in Agriculture Mechanics for the past year. The student exhibitor must have been at least the major contributor to the building or repairing of the exhibit. No entry may be shown for more than one calendar year. An article may not be entered in more than one class and each exhibitor may not enter more than one article from the same pattern. Chapter projects must be designated. ABSOLUTELY NO projects will be accepted after the receiving dates & times.

IMPORTANT: FFA Exhibits will be received in the Little Theater. FFA exhibitors with large projects need to check in at the Little Theater prior to unloading any & all large projects. Exhibit Supervisor will direct where they'll be displayed.

Award Criteria

Outstanding Woodworking & Welding Exhibits:

Size & workmanship will be taken into consideration. The judge will select the winners of these outstanding exhibits.

Outstanding Medium & Large Projects:

Size & workmanship will be taken into consideration. The judge will select these outstanding exhibits.

Chapter Sweepstakes – 3 projects:

This award will be given to the FFA Chapter that has the three (3) Best projects. The judge will select the winner of this award. If no chapter meets these standards, this prize will not be awarded.

Chapter Sweepstakes – 5 projects:

This award will be given to the FFA Chapter that has the top four (4) Large projects & one (1) Medium project. The judge will select the winner of this award. If no chapter meets these standards, this prize will not be awarded.

Craftsmanship Award:

To qualify for the outstanding Ag. Mechanics craftsmanship award, each exhibitor *must* present a set of plans, bill of material cost & drawings (three dimensional - front, side and optional view) at the time entries are received. The judge will select the winner of this award. If the criteria is not met, this award will not be awarded.

LIMIT: Two per class
1st - \$2.00 2nd - \$1.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry per class

SCORING FOR AG MECHANICS

Practicability	35%
Quality of Workmanship	35%
<u>Amount of Work</u>	<u>30%</u>
TOTAL	100%

PROJECTS

DIVISION 1: Small Project Constructed – material cost not to exceed \$15

CLASS:

1. Cold Metal
2. Electrical
3. Plumbing
4. Sheet Metal
5. Welding & Forging
6. Wood
7. Combination
8. Miscellaneous

DIVISION 2: Medium Project Constructed – Type I (Construction cost between \$16- \$50.)

CLASS:

1. Sheet Metal
2. Welding
3. Wood Work
4. BBQ

Type II Premium Schedule
1st—\$20.00 2nd \$5.00
Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry per class

Type II (Construction cost between \$51.-\$149.)

5. Sheet Metal
6. Welding
7. Wood Work
8. BBQ

LARGE PROJECTS

RULES: All large projects must be accompanied by a record book outlining their project, Include the idea for what they built, supplies & cost for project, and what they learned technically from completing the item. Also see general rules

DIVISION 3: Large Project Constructed

CLASS:

1st—\$8.00 2nd—\$5.00
Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry

1. Type I, Simple (Construction cost between \$150 - \$749)

1st—\$20.00 2nd—\$10.00 3rd—\$20.00
Entry Fee: \$3.00 per entry

2. Type II, Complex (Construction cost \$750 & over)

DIVISION 4: Farm Equipment Repair

CLASS:

1st—\$3.00 2nd—\$2.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry

1. Type I, Simple (Repair costs up to \$49)

1st—\$6.00 2nd—\$5.00 3rd—\$4.00
Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry

2. Type II, Complex (Repair cost \$50 & over)

SMALL ENGINES

RULES: There will be a size limit of 20 horsepower for engines. No gas or oil allowed in engines. They are required to arrive empty.

Rules for class 1: Engines are to be overhauled, repaired, and/or reconditioned in a High School Power Mechanic or Small Engines Program. A one (1) page project summary is to be included with the engine at check-ins that includes:

- Before Picture
- Source of Engine
- Use of Engine before it was brought into the shop
- Repairs made including a parts list and cost of repairs
- A brief summary of what procedures you performed and any problems you overcame
- What will the engine be used in, in the future

LIMIT: One entry per class
1st - \$3.00 2nd - \$2.00
Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry

SCORING FOR SMALL ENGINES

Complexity	30%
Quality of Workmanship	20%
<u>One (1) Page Write-Up</u>	<u>50%</u>
Total	100%

DIVISION 5: SMALL ENGINES

CLASS:

1. Small engine repair
2. Best paint job on small engine

2026 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

Last Day for substitutions is April 24th
 Tack can be brought in on Sunday, May 3rd from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. *Items left at own risk.

SUNDAY MAY 3rd

Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goats will "Show and Go" on Sunday May 03, 2026.

Small Auction Animals will have to be permanently identified prior to release.

Market Rabbits & Poultry will be sold on Friday May 08, 2026.

Poultry & Rabbit	Check-in Shows Begins	7:00am - 8:00am	9:00am	Sheep & Goat Ring
Dairy Goat	Check-In Show Begins	10:00am - 11:00am	Noon	Sheep & Goat Ring
Pygmy Goat	Check-In Show Begins	10:00am - 12:00pm	2:00pm	Sheep & Goat Ring
	Small Master Showmanship		4:00pm	Sheep & Goat Ring
Set Up/Tack	All Livestock	12:00pm - 7:00pm		
Camp Trailer Move In	All trailers must arrive this day.	9:00am - 4:00pm		

MONDAY MAY 4th

Registration Paper Check-In		8:00am - 5:00pm		Livestock Office
Exhibitor Wristbands	Exhibitors will go to the Livestock Office to receive their wristband immediately following the weigh-in of their animal.	9:00am - 6:00pm		Livestock Office
Swine/Sheep/Goats	Load In	6:00am - 4:00pm		Vet Check: 4:30pm - 7:00pm
Beef / Dairy	Load In	6:00am - 4:00pm		Vet Check Steers: 4:30pm - 7:00pm
Welcome Meeting	Livestock Superintendent introductions Pre-Fair questions and answers		4:00pm	Bigler Arena
Swine	Weigh-In		5:00pm	
Beef	Weigh-In		6:00pm	
Goats	Weigh-In		5:00pm	
Sheep	Weigh-In		Immediately Following Goats	

*** No Animals will be allowed to come on the fairgrounds after 4pm. No Exceptions!**

TUESDAY MAY 5th

Swine	Breeding Hog Arrival	7:00am - 4:00pm	Show out of trailer	Enter at Gate 6
Swine	Breeding Check-In	7:00am - 5:00pm	Livestock Office	
Swine	Breeding Show		6:00pm	Swine Auction Ring
Beef / Dairy /Sheep/ Goats	Registration Paper Check-In	8:00am - 5:00pm	Livestock Office	

2026 LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY MAY 6th

Swine	FFA Market Show, Feeders, Club Group, 4-H Show to follow	9:00am	Swine Auction Ring
Goat	4-H Market Show, Feeders, Club Group, FFA Show to follow.	9:00am	Sheep & Goat Ring
Sheep	FFA Market Show, Feeders, Club Group, 4-H Show to follow	Following Goat Show	Sheep & Goat Ring
Beef	4-H Market Show, Feeders, Club Group, FFA Show to follow Beef Heifer Program to follow	10:00am	Beef & Dairy Ring
Beef	4-H Showmanship followed by FFA		Beef Ring
Beef	Breeding Show to follow Showmanship		Beef Ring
Dairy	Replacement Heifers, Club Chapter, Showmanship		
Sheep/Goats/Beef/ Swine/ Dairy Replacement Heifers	Supreme Drive	6:30pm	Swine Ring

THURSDAY MAY 7th

Dairy	Breeding	9:00am	Beef Ring
Swine	4-H Showmanship followed by FFA	9:00am	Swine Auction Ring
Goats	4 H Showmanship followed by FFA	Noon	Sheep & Goat Ring
Sheep	4 H Showmanship followed by FFA	Following Goat Show	Sheep & Goat Ring
Sheep/Goats	Breeding Goat Show Breeding Sheep Show to follow	9:00am	Sheep & Goat Ring
Calf Dressing Contest		6:00pm	TBA
Animal Scramble		6:30pm	TBA
Adult Showmanship		7:00pm	Swine Auction Ring
Dairy/Beef Auction	Dairy/Beef Replacement Heifer Dinner Dairy/Beef Replacement Heifer	6:30pm 7:30pm	Justin Bigler Pavilion

FRIDAY MAY 8th

Lad & Lassie	Show	4:00pm	Sheep & Goat Ring
Pee Wee Showmanship	Show	4:00pm	Swine Ring
Master Showmanship	Show	5:00pm	Swine Ring
Poultry & Rabbit	Auction	7:00pm	Justin Bigler Pavilion

SATURDAY MAY 9th

Buyers Luncheon		11:30am	Justin Bigler Pavilion
Large Animal Auction		1:30pm	Swine Auction Ring

SUNDAY MAY 10th

Tack & Animal Release		6am - Noon	
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THURSDAY MAY 14th

Awards Program	1/2 Uniform Required	5:00pm	
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The Chowchilla Fair Board of Directors reserve the right to make changes and or modify the Livestock Schedule as deemed necessary

Livestock Rules and Information

The Chowchilla-Madera County Fair Management and Board of Directors have the right to make changes as deemed necessary for the integrity of the Show and Auctions.

All 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and Independent Exhibitors are required to work the auction on May 09, 2026. See page 25 for more information

There will be NO refunds of entry money. No exceptions.

ALL Livestock entries: will be accepted through our online entry program, ShoWorks as well as all payments. There will be a link to the online entry system at www.chowchillafair.org. Entries open March 1st.

The Official Entry Deadline is April 3, 2026 at 11:59pm

Exhibitors that miss the official entry deadline will be allowed to submit late entries. All late entries must be completed online only, no later than Friday, April 10th at Midnight for all Market Animals, and Friday, April 17th for Still Exhibits, Showmanship and Breeding. A late entry fee will be imposed. Entries will NOT be accepted after the final late deadline. No exceptions.

Late Entry fees are as follows:

Still Exhibits - \$25.00 per Exhibitor

Large Market Animals - \$100.00 per animal

Small Market Animals - \$25.00 per animal

Showmanship - \$50.00 per species

Breeding - \$50.00 per class

Hogs: All hogs must have ear notch, Ear notches must be submitted with entry. Hogs 286 lbs. and more will be able to show in Showmanship but will not be eligible to sell. These hogs will be required to be removed from the grounds after the Show.

Goats and Sheep: Scrapie tag must be submitted with entry.

If ear notches or scrapie tags do not match the animal being weighed, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

Market animals must be tagged prior to entering the grounds on Monday, May 04th. Tags will be available for pick-up by leaders/ advisors April 23, 2026

YQCA: As a reminder, exhibitors are required to participate in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program annually. A field has been added as an Exhibitor Requirement option within the Online Fair Information screen in ShoWorks. The system will not allow an exhibitor to complete the entry without entering the YQCA Certificate Number.

YQCA website site: <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Leader/Advisor signature procedure: Due to our online entry program our process to obtain 4-H leader and FFA advisor signatures is as follows; after entry closing date a list of all (livestock and non livestock) entries for each club and chapter will be emailed to the 4-H Community Leader/FFA Advisor. There will be a one page sheet for the leader/advisor to certify that all entries are valid projects and eligible to exhibit at the 2026 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair. This signed sheet MUST be received by the fair no later than April 24th. A Youth for Quality Care of Animals certificate for each exhibitor must accompany this form.

Club/Chapter & Independent Exhibitor Mandatory Participation:

All 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and Independent Exhibitors will be required to work at the auction on Saturday, May 09, 2026. Any Club/Chapter/Independent Exhibitor who fails to complete their assigned slotted time will be fined \$200.00 and will also be required to complete 16 hours of community service at the fairgrounds in order to participate in the 2027 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair. Fines must be paid by the conclusion of the 2026 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair or finance charges will accrue. Community Service is to be preformed in April 2027 at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fairgrounds. Any fines/ community service not completed will result in that Club/Chapter/Independent Exhibitors ineligibility to participate in the 2027 Livestock Auction. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Entry Limits: There is no limit to the number of animals that can be entered but exhibitors are limited to bring only one market animal entry per species to the fairgrounds. Exhibitor will be required to confirm their entry at the scale.

Maximum number of breeding and/or feeder animals which may be entered by an exhibitor: Beef – 12 Head, Dairy Cattle- 14 Head, Swine – 12 Head, Sheep – 15 Head, Dairy Goats – 12 Head, Boer Goats- 12 Head

Independent Junior Exhibitors:

Independent junior exhibitors not affiliated with any organization can enter appropriate FFA or 4-H classes. Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2026 and can show the following year after their high school graduation. Fair management can establish a separate class if there are sufficient entries. Juniors who have been 4-H or FFA members within 60 days prior to the Fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent Juniors (120 days for market cattle and horse) or enter project(s) under a different organization. Independent exhibitors must notify Fair management of livestock entries 60 days prior to fair (120 days for market cattle and horse). Paperwork for Independent Exhibitors can be found online as of December 1st at www.chowchillafair.org. All Independent Exhibitors are required to purchase insurance coverage through the Fair.

Checks: will begin to be mailed to the Exhibitor on May 22, 2026 and every Friday thereafter once the Exhibitor's Buyer(s) have paid in full.

Animal Health Rules For All Species: Veterinarians and veterinarian assistants provided by the Fair shall check all livestock at designated time periods on the day of arrival for signs of communicable disease, external parasites, unsightly disease conditions, and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. They may also conduct a visual survey and have the right to enter any pen or tie area to inspect an animal. The exhibitor shall be present during the designated time period for questioning and animal handling. Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from Chowchilla Madera County Fair facilities as soon as possible. The County Fair veterinarians' decision will be final. Specific health conditions that may warrant

quarantine and/or dismissal include but are not limited to the following: active ringworm, warts, sore mouth, infectious scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice, mites, foot rot, infectious pneumonia and abscesses which are balding showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed. Animals having surgical sites resulting from abscess removal are unacceptable if they have sutures (stitches), scabs or are draining. Animals that are lame or injured will also be dismissed at the direction of the County Fair veterinarian. Lesions are considered active until skin is normal and hair regrowth is evident. Healed skin conditions may be sufficiently unsightly to warrant dismissal. Fractious animals deemed to be a safety hazard may also be dismissed.

Certificate of Drug Medication: MUST be filled out, properly signed, and turned in at receiving. This must be done prior to entering the scale.

Ownership Requirements:

Feeders, registered and commercial breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor 15 days prior to the opening of the Fair. Market steer must be owned 120 days prior, market hogs, sheep and goats, must be owned 60 days prior and rabbits and poultry must be owned 30 days prior to May 03, 2026.

Animal Care & Fitting:

Exhibitors are expected to properly water and feed all animals including those sold in the Jr. Livestock Auction until the day they are removed from the grounds. The Fair will supply wheelbarrows to exhibitors needing to replenish food for their animal(s). No vehicles will be allowed on grounds. All exhibits must stay in place for the duration of the Fair. The Fair is an educational experience and, as such, exhibitors shall fit and groom their own animals for show. **Exhibitors may receive limited assistance from their parents, other exhibitors, and Leaders and/or Advisors only.** Exhibitors may not remove their animals from the fairgrounds prior to 6:00 a.m. May 10th, unless authorized in writing by the Livestock Superintendent. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will have their premiums withheld. Release of tack and feed will only be permitted on Sunday, May 10th after 6:00 a.m. with a release form received from the livestock office.

Eligibility: Open to all residents, students and 4-H Club Members of Madera, Merced, and Mariposa Counties and extended areas which include FFA members of Sierra Joint Union High School, Sierra 4-H Club, FFA members of Firebaugh/Las Deltas School Districts, and FFA members of Tranquility High School unless specified otherwise in department/division rules.

All State & Local Rules Apply:

It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions and of Fairs that the quality standards established for market animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change in the event there are changes made in Federal Grading. To create adequate competition as required by the Department of Fairs and Expositions, in the event that any one class has less than 3 entries, it may be combined with another class, which is considered similar by the Fair staff. Any exhibit, in the opinion of the judge, not being worthy of judging shall not be judged for premiums. All discrepancies must be cleared before judging can take place.

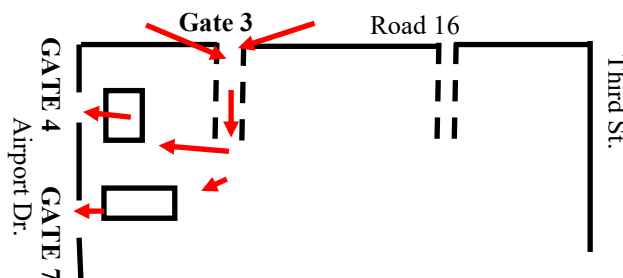
Re-Weigh Policy: If an exhibitor wants a re-weigh of their market animal it must be requested while the animal is at the scale. The animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be zeroed and then the animal will be placed back onto the scale. Once animal is taken from the scale no reweighs will be allowed.

Official Dress: Exhibitors will be in uniform while exhibiting their animal. Half uniform (uniform top and jean bottoms) will be acceptable at the award ceremony. The official dress code for Independent exhibitors shall be white pants and white shirt. 4-H members are required to wear white pants, white dress shirt (long or short sleeve), 4-H hat, and tie/scarf. FFA members are required to wear the official show uniform of FFA: white pants, white dress shirt (long or short sleeve), and an official FFA jacket with tie/scarf.

Large Animal Receiving

In order to alleviate traffic issues seen in past years on large animal arrival day we will have one entrance and two exits designated as one way traffic in order to allow easy unloading and removal of vehicles from the fairgrounds. All vehicles will enter gate 3 (Electronic Sign) and proceed to their appropriate barn. Once unloaded you can then exit the barn area through either Gate 7 or Gate 4. We ask that you unload and remove your vehicles from the barn area in an appropriate amount of time. Please do not leave vehicles around the barns unattended as they will be towed.

- Tack ONLY can be brought in on Sunday, May 3rd from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Items left at your own risk.



Large Animal Release: Tack and animals will be released on Sunday, May 10th from 6:00am to noon. No vehicles allowed on grounds or tack removed before this time. **If you need to drop off feed for your breeding animals please drop off enough on Saturday morning to last through Sunday as well.**

Small Animal Receiving

- Please see the Livestock Schedule for times.

Small Animal Release: Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats will "Show and Go" on Sunday May 03, 2026. Auction animals will have to be permanently identified prior to release. Exhibitor's qualified to sale will return on Friday, May 8th where rabbits & poultry will be sold at 7pm. Exhibitors should arrive no later than 5pm.

Registered Paperwork Check in:

Any Registered animals exhibiting at the Fair must have their Registered papers turned in by Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 5:00pm. **NO LATE REGISTERED PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The exhibitor will be scratched from the class if Registered

papers are not received. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** NO copies will be accepted. No faxed copies will be accepted unless they are sent directly from the breed association to the Fair at 559-665-3720. Errors may disqualify your animal. **Registration papers MUST be in the exhibitor's name (farm or family name in not accepted).**

Grounds Access Times: The grounds will be open each day beginning on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00am and remain open until 9:00pm or until the close of Fair for feeding and caring for animals.

Cannot Show/Sale Letters:

It is required that every animal will be shown by its owner. If for some reason the owner cannot show or sell his/her animal, a letter must be mailed to the Board of Directors and received no later than Friday, May, 1st. Letters must be approved by the Board and on file in the Livestock Office stating the concern, Junior Exhibitor that will substitute for owner, signed by the exhibitor, parent, and the leader/ advisor.

Clean Pens and Award:

Pens and stalls should be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily. The winning club/chapter will receive a plaque and will be able to choose their stall location for 2027.

Pens will be assigned per club/chapter depending on space availability. You CANNOT request amount of pens wanted. Management reserves the right to allocate pen space.

Pens/Stalls are not to be used as tack pens/tack stalls. The Chowchilla Madera County Fair reserves the right to reassign unused pens/stalls as needed. Pens not being used to confine livestock are considered unused and can and will be used as needed by the Fair/Livestock Staff.

The exhibitor agrees: Upon submission of the Exhibitor's online entries, the Exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property.

- **No livestock scales allowed on the Chowchilla Fairgrounds**
- **No tents, pop-up, canopies, etc. allowed under the pavillions. Canopies or pop-ups with no sides will be allowed in a designated area for a fee of \$50.00 on a first come basis. All qualified pop-ups/canopies must have an appropriate tag. No tents allowed.**
- **Generators are allowed outside of the barn areas only.**
- **No soliciting buyers on grounds at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair**
- **No driving or parking vehicle on grounds without proper permits.**

- **Ice chest will only be allowed through the designated livestock entrance booth and will be checked. No glass or alcohol permitted inside.**
- **No BBQs or other cooking devices allowed.**
- **Per Fire Marshall code, personal propane tanks are not permitted.**
- **Electrical cords used must be a minimum of 12 gauge for 100' cords and 14 gauge for 50' cords.**

Canopies/Pop-ups: A limited number of canopies or pop-ups will be allowed in a designated area for a fee of \$50.00 on a first come basis. Canopies/pop-ups cannot be enclosed, or have any sides, interior must be visible, and must have a fireproof tag. All qualified pop-ups/canopies must post the approved tag for the run of the Fair. Any canopy/pop-up not appropriately tagged will be removed by Fair Staff. No tents allowed. Applications will be available in the livestock Office as of May 4th and on a first come basis.

Exhibitors Responsibilities: It's the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain and care for animals, pens, and stalls until animal is gone. Failure to deliver sale animals to the shipping area as specified by the Fair management will result in withheld premiums and sale proceeds. Brand Inspection fees and meat promotion deductions, where required, will be withheld from Exhibitors auction checks.

Pass Policy: Animal exhibitors who submit and pay their entry fee will be issued an admission pass for the duration of the Fair. Once the exhibitor has weighed their animal, the weight tag should be taken to the Livestock Office and the exhibitor will receive their wristband. Wristbands must be securely placed on the exhibitor's wrist and worn for entry beginning Wednesday, May 06th. Replacement of damaged wristbands will only be issued in exchange for the damaged wristband. If the exhibitor loses their wristband, they will be required to pay regular gate admission. Wristbands are good for fairgrounds admission only, not valid for admission into grandstand events.

Advisor/Leader/Parent Passes: Passes will be sold online only beginning March 1st at www.chowchillafair.org . All gates will operate as paid admission gates beginning Wednesday, May 06th.

No Pets Allowed on Grounds:

No pets, with the exception of those entered as an exhibit or as a service animal, are allowed on grounds May 3rd through May 10th, including the livestock pen areas and show arenas.

All exhibit animals MUST stay in their assigned area. Animals are not permitted in the Grandstands, Carnival Areas and Concessionaire areas.

Credit Cards : There will be a 4% processing fee on all credit card payments including online entries.

Replacement Checks: There will be a \$50.00 fee for replacement of a lost or damaged premium/auction check. Request for a replacement check must be made in writing and should include exhibitors name, as much additional information as possible (check number, check amount, etc.), and must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian if under age 18.

4. FFA Novice
Limited to FFA students showing a species for the first time during the current school year. This class is not open to FFA students with previous 4-H experience in that species. The top two winners will advance to FFA Intermediate Showmanship Class.
5. FFA Intermediate
Limited to Freshman and Sophomores regardless of experience. The top three winners will advance to FFA Advanced Showmanship Class. Not eligible if entered in FFA Novice Showmanship.
6. FFA Advanced
Limited to 11th Grade & above. Exhibitor earning 1st place will advance to FFA Master Showmanship. Not eligible if entered in FFA Novice Showmanship.

**LARGE ANIMAL MASTER SHOWMANSHIP
DO NOT ENTER**

1st through 7th Ribbons Only. Any previous winner of Large Animal Master Showmanship at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair will not be eligible to compete, except 4-H previous winner is eligible to compete in FFA division and vice versa. Entries in Master Showmanship must have been winners in individual classes of showmanship. All Advanced Showmanship winners must compete in Master Showmanship unless a previous winner or an exhibitor wins two species contests in one division that exhibitor must designate which species they will participate in. It is YOUR responsibility to scratch one (1) hour after completion of Showmanship if you are eligible in more than one (1) species. A form must be signed at the livestock office. This will allow the 2nd place winner to compete.

**DIVISIONS FOR MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:
FFA MASTER SHOWMANSHIP
4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**

**PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT #7**

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per entry

Open to ages 2 - 8 years of age NOT enrolled in 4-H. All participants must be at least 3 years of age as of January 01, 2026. LIMITED TO SHEEP AND GOATS ONLY. All must be tagged with the USDA Scrapie tag to enter the fairgrounds. Sign up at the Livestock Office May 8th until 3:00 pm

RULES: State and Local rules apply to all entries. Exhibitors who are enrolled in any junior organization for which classes are offered elsewhere are not eligible to enter in this division

DIVISION 1: Pee Wee Showmanship

CLASS:

1. 2 to 4 years old
2. 5 to 8 years old

**4-H & FFA EDUCATIONAL PANELS
DEPARTMENT #8**

American System of Judging

Rules: Panel should be livestock related. NO more than one entry per species per club. Panel must be no larger than 4x8 feet of plywood or other rigid material. Material must be supplied by club. Panels will be received Monday, April 20th 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Eastman Hall. Clubs/Chapters may pick up panels on Thursday, May 14th between 2:00 pm -7:00 pm. All panels MUST be designed, constructed and displayed by club or chapter members only. Adults may supervise.

1st - \$20 2nd - \$10.00 3rd - \$5.00

- DIVISION 1: BEEF
- DIVISION 2: DAIRY
- DIVISION 3: SWINE
- DIVISION 4: SHEEP
- DIVISION 5: GOAT
- DIVISION 6: HORSE
- DIVISION 7: SMALL ANIMALS

CLASS:

1. EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

**BREEDING BEEF CATTLE
DEPARTMENT #9**

Rules: See ownership requirements under livestock rules and information.

**REGISTERED BREEDING ANIMALS
American System of Judging**

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10
Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA Registered

Any breed with a minimum of 3-Exhibitors, 10 -head entered may receive their own division at Managements discretion.

Beef birth dates are as follows:

CLASS:

FEMALES:

1. Junior Calf – Jan 1, 2026 – Mar 15, 2026
2. Senior Calf – Sept 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025
3. Summer Yearling – May 1, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025
4. Junior Yearling – Jan 1, 2025 – Apr 30, 2025
5. Senior Yearling – May 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024

6. 2 year old Females – Jan 1, 2024 – Apr 30, 2024
(must have calf at side or show obvious signs of pregnancy or have veterinarian's certificate stating that animal is or has been an embryo producing female. See state rule IX–3)
7. Aged Cow/Calf— Prior to January 1, 2023- natural Calf at side. Cow must be lactating. Calf less than 6 months of age.

BULLS:

8. Junior Calf – Jan 1, 2026 – Mar. 15, 2026
9. Senior Calf – Sept 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025
10. Summer Yearling – May 1, 2024– Aug 31, 2025
11. Junior Yearling – Jan 1, 2025– Apr 30, 2025
12. Senior Yearling – May1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024

1st - \$30 2nd - \$25 3rd - \$20
Entry Fee: \$20.00 per class

CLASS:

13. Produce of Dam: Two animals, either sex, shown in the above classes as individuals, the produce of one cow. Dam must be identified by registration number.
14. Get of Sire: 3 animals by same sire. Sire must be identified by registration number.
15. Pair of Females: Two females
16. Pair of Calves. Two calves, either sex

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10
Entry Fee: \$30.00 per entry
Will be shown by weight

DIVISION 2: 4-H & FFA Commercial

CLASS:

1. Heifer Calves - Sept 1, 2025 – Feb 28, 2026
2. Yearling Heifers – Mar 1, 2025– Aug 31, 2025
3. Senior Yearling Heifers – Sep 1, 2024 – Feb 28, 2025
4. Cow/Calf— Cow born prior to Sep 1, 2024. Natural Calf at side. Calf less than 6 months of age
5. Pair of Females – Two females, shown in the above classes.

DIVISION 3: 4-H & FFA Club or Chapter Group – Enter at Ringside only

NO Entry fee

Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter or group. No member may enter more than two animals.

CLASS:

1. Breeding

DIVISION 4: Chowchilla Beef Bred Heifer Project

CLASS:

1. Chowchilla Beef Bred Heifer Project - this class is open only to exhibitors pre-registered with the Chowchilla Beef Bred Heifer Project.

MARKET BEEF
DEPARTMENT #10
Danish System of Judging

RULES: A copy of the brand inspection or bill of sale must be present at weigh in. After weighing, market beef may be divided in weight classes as desired by management for convenience in judging. The exhibitor must individually own all market beef for 120 days prior to the opening day of the Fair.

MARKET BEEF SCORECARD

GRADE:

Market Ready: Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades

Not Market Ready: Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select- or lower.

Market Cattle over 1400 lbs.

Overweight market cattle are defined as any market steer over 1400 lbs. at the official weigh-in. These cattle will be assigned to heavyweight classes and allowed to show and sell. Ribbons will be provided for this class.

These animals will be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. Exhibitors can still participate in showmanship with these cattle if entered and must show their own animal.

Overweight cattle do qualify to sell in the Auction however they will only be paid at the auction bid price at a maximum pay weight of 1400 lbs. and will be processed at a cattle processing facility designated by the Fair

SINGLE MARKET ANIMALS

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS.

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per entry

DIVISION 1– FFA Market Beef

DIVISION 2 – 4-H Market Beef

CLASS:

1. Heifers or Steers 1100 pounds

SINGLE FEEDER ANIMALS

American System of Judging

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS.

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per entry

DIVISION 3 – FFA Feeders

DIVISION 4 – 4-H Feeders

CLASS:

1. Feeder Heifers or Steers, 350 – 999 pounds
2. Feeder Prospect, 1,000 + pounds

DIVISION 5– FFA Chapter Group– Enter at Ringside only

DIVISION 6 – 4-H Club Group– Enter at Ringside only

NO Entry fee

Note: 4-H & FFA use same class.

Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter or group. No member may enter more than one animal.

CLASS:

1. Market/Feeder – Market and Feeder animals will be allowed to show together for Club/Chapter Group

BOB DAY MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given annually at the Fair, in Memory of Bob Day, a long time Board Member, a registered Angus Breeder, & Fair supporter. Awarded to the highest scoring Angus Exhibitor (4 – H or FFA) based on the following criteria:

Registered Angus breeding Animals (Bulls, Heifers, and Cow/calf pairs)

Predominantly Black Market Steers

SHOWMANSHIP

Class Placing Scores

1st - 10 points 2nd - 9 points 3rd - 8 points
 4th - 7 points 5th - 6 points 6th - 5 points
 7th - 4 points 8th - 3 points 9th - 2 points 10th - 1 point

Champion - 20 points Reserve Champion - 15 points

Showmanship Champion - 20 points

Showmanship Reserve Champion - 15 points

BREEDING GILT

DEPARTMENT #11

RULES: NO BOAR SHOW. See ownership requirements under livestock rules and information. Sows, Senior Yearling or older must have raised a litter of pigs to be eligible for entry. Gilts entered in market or feeder hog division may not be entered in the breeding division or vice-versa. Any violations of this rule will exclude the offending exhibitor from competition in all departments of the Fair. Ear notches must be listed at time of entry. All breeding animals must be removed from the grounds following the show. There will be no pens available, all animals will be shown from their trailer.

REGISTERED BREEDING ANIMALS

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per class

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA Registered Gilts

CLASS:

1. Jan. - Feb. pig – Jan 1, 2026 – Feb 28, 2026
 2. Late Fall pig - Oct 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025
 3. Fall pig – July 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2025
 4. Senior or Junior Yearling – Aug 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
 5. Pair of Females: Two females, owned by same exhibitor
- **All Owned by one exhibitor and entered as an individual****

Any breed with a minimum of 3 exhibitors and more than 10 head entered is eligible for their own division at the discretion of management.

COMMERCIAL GILTS

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

**** ALL COMMERCIAL GILTS WILL BE WEIGHED****

DIVISION 2: 4-H & FFA Commercial Gilts

CLASS:

1. Commercial Gilt

DIVISION 3: 4-H / FFA Club or Chapter Group – Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry Fee

Three animals that have been shown in the previous divisions and members of one chapter or club. *No member may enter more than two animals.*

MARKET SWINE

DEPARTMENT #12

Danish System of Judging

Breeds called at scale

RULES: After weigh-in, market hogs may be divided by breeds if applicable and weight for judging. **The MINIMUM weight for swine is 220 lbs. Animals that do not meet the minimum weight requirement will be moved into the feeder division and will not be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.**

Maximum pay and sale weight is 285 lbs. Any hogs 286 lbs. and over will not be eligible to sell at the Fair. Hogs over 286 lbs. will be eligible to show in Showmanship and must be removed from the grounds following the Show. The exhibitor must individually own the market animal for 60 days.

PROP-12: Swine Exhibitors who plan on selling their hog in the Livestock Auction must upload a Bill of Sale with the breeders permit number when registering online. The Bill of Sale must be uploaded to the exhibitor's ShoWorks file prior to completing the registration process. The following information MUST be attached to or written on your Bill of Sale:

Breeder name, address, and phone number

(Breeder name), certifies that our commercial breeding pig (dam of show pig) was kept in compliance with the Animals Confinement minimum standards.

Date, printed name, signature

Sold to: (Exhibitor's name)

Identification number of the pig

Amount of sale

Exhibitors who purchase a hog from a breeder who is not PROP-12 compliant will not be eligible to show or sell at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair.

Overweight Market Swine

Overweight market swine are defined as any market hog over 285 lbs. at the official weigh-in. These hogs will be assigned to super heavyweight classes and allowed to show. Ribbons will be provided for this class.

These animals will not be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. Exhibitors can still participate in showmanship with these hogs if entered and must show their own animal.

Overweight hogs do not qualify to sell in the Auction.

MARKET HOG SCORECARD

GRADE:

Market Acceptable: U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits.

Not Market Acceptable: Any hog of below average conformation including U.S. No. 3, U.S. No. 4 and utility grade hogs.

SINGLE MARKET ANIMALS

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per entry

DIVISION 1– FFA Market Swine

DIVISION 2 – 4-H Market Swine

CLASS:

1. AOB
2. Duroc
3. Hamp
4. York
5. Light Cross
6. Dark Cross

SINGLE FEEDER ANIMALS

American System of Judging

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 3 – FFA Single Feeder Swine

DIVISION 4 – 4-H Single Feeder Swine

CLASS:

1. Feeder Pigs – 60 to 219 pounds

DIVISION 5: FFA Chapter Group – Enter at Ringside ONLY

DIVISION 6: 4-H Club Group – Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry Fee

Note: FFA & 4-H use same class

Three animals that have been shown in the previous divisions owned by three separate individuals, members of one chapter or club. *No member may enter more than one animal.*

CLASS:

1. Market /Feeder - Market and Feeder hogs will be allowed to show together for Club/ Chapter Group

BREEDING SHEEP

DEPARTMENT # 13

Scrapies Requirements for Sheep and Goats

All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual identification. All official identification will be kept on the animals. The official identification may be official USDA individual identification ear tags, premises ear tags or legible premise tattoos (if they include a unique animal number), Scrapie Flock Certification program ear tags, registration tattoos if accompanied by registration papers, or other methods approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

RULES: Flock number shall be used to identify all entries. Numbers shall be on regular and practical tags attached to

the ear or tattooed in the ear. An exhibitor may not use the same flock number on more than one animal during any consecutive calendar year. Flock numbers and breeder's initials, name or association prefix shall be on regular and practical tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear for yearlings and lambs bred by exhibitor. **REGISTRATION NUMBERS MAY NOT BE USED AS FLOCK NUMBERS. LAMBS MUST SHOW LAMB'S TEETH.** See ownership requirements under livestock rules and information.

REGISTERED BREEDING ANIMALS

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA REGISTERED

Any breed with a minimum of 3-Exhibitors, 10 -head entered may receive their own division at Managements discretion.

CLASS:

RAMS:

1. Yearling—Sept 2024—Aug 2025
2. Fall Lamb – Sept 2025 – Dec 2025
3. Spring Lamb—Jan 2026—Feb 2026
4. Pair of Lambs—Two ram lambs bred by exhibitor

EWES:

5. Yearling – Sept 20204– Aug 2025
6. Pair of Yearling Ewes
7. Fall Lamb—Sept 2025—Dec 2025
8. Spring Lamb—Jan 2026—Feb 2026
9. Pair of Lambs—Two ewe lambs bred by exhibitor

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

GROUPS:

All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

CLASS:

10. Young Flock – One ram lamb & two ewe lambs bred by exhibitor
11. Flock – One yearling or ram lamb, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs
12. Get of Sire – Four sheep sired by same ram bred by exhibitor.

WETHER DAM EWES

(Previously known as Farm Flock)

American System of Judging

All Wether Dam Ewes will be weighed

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 2: 4-H & FFA FARM FLOCK

CLASS:

1. Wether Dam Ewes
2. Pair of Wether Dam Ewes

*** ALL NON-REGISTERED EWES WILL BE WEIGHED & SHOWN BY WEIGHT***

DIVISION 3: 4-H & FFA Club or Chapter Group – Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry Fee

Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter/club. No member may enter more than two animals.

CLASS:

- Breeding

LAD & LASSIE LEAD

American System of Judging

RULES: Each entrant shall provide their own sheep or make arrangements to borrow one. NO RAMS may be shown. Entry is open to all members of 4-H and FFA. Independents must be registered as such with this Fair. Entries will be judged on 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 either of **100% WOOL**, or a minimum of **70% WOOL** and no more than **30% SYNTHETIC FIBER**.

Entrants must also provide their commentary typed and written in **“THIRD PERSON”** by Wednesday, May 06, 2026, 5 PM. Sheep must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. Entrant must do all grooming preparation for show. Outfits do not have to be made by the entrant. Rosettes will be awarded for 1st- 4th place. Outfits must be new to this Fair.

Entry Fee \$7.00 per entry

DIVISION 4: LAD & LADIES LEAD

CLASS:

- All Ages

LAD & LASSIE LEAD SCORECARD

1. GENERAL APPEARANCE	50 points
Coordination of ensemble (use of wool) of style	suitability
Presentation of garment	
Coordination of garment	
Eye appeal	
2. SHOWMANSHIP	30 points
Ability to lead	
Handling of sheep	
Appearance of animal	
3. PERSONAL PRESENTATION	20 points
Poise	
Gracefulness	
TOTAL	100 points

MARKET SHEEP

DEPARTMENT #14

Danish System of Judging

RULES: After weigh-in, animals will be divided by breeds if applicable and into weight lot classes as desired for convenience in judging. **The MINIMUM weight will be 110 lbs. Animals that do not meet the minimum weight requirements will be moved into the feeder division and will not be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Auction. Maximum pay weight is 150 lbs. The exhibitor must individually own the market animal for 60 days prior to the opening day of Fair.**

Market lambs will be mouthed and classed by breed at scale. Market lambs must have been slick sheared seven (7) days before weigh in. If it appears to have more than 7 days of fleece, you will be asked to shear the lamb and return to scale to weigh in before scale closes.

Overweight Market Lambs

Overweight market Lambs are defined as any market Lamb over 150 lbs. at the official weigh-in. These lambs will be assigned to heavyweight classes and allowed to show and sell. Ribbons will be provided for this class. These animals will be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. Exhibitors can still participate in showmanship with these lambs if they entered and must show their own animal.

Overweight lambs do qualify to sell in the Auction however they will only be paid at the auction bid price at a maximum pay weight of 150 lbs. and will be processed at a meat processing facility designated by the Fair.

MARKET LAMB SCORECARD

GRADE

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16 - .35 average or greater conformation and cut ability.

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.16 or >.35; under finished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cut ability.

SINGLE MARKET LAMB

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS.

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: – FFA Single Market Lamb

DIVISION 2: – 4-H Single Market Lamb

CLASS:

- Wether or Ewe Lamb, 110 to 180 pounds

SINGLE FEEDER LAMBS

American System of Judging

Entry fee: \$20.00 per class

DIVISION 3: FFA Feeder Lambs

DIVISION 4: 4-H Feeder Lambs

CLASS:

- 1. Feeder lambs – 75 - 109 pounds

DIVISION 5: FFA Chapter Group – Enter at Ringside ONLY

DIVISION 6: 4-H Club Group – Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry Fee

Note: 4-H & FFA use same class.

Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter/club.

No members may enter more than one animal.

CLASS:

- 1. Market/Feeder - Market and Feeder animals will be allowed to show together for Club/Chapter Group.

BREEDING BOER GOATS

DEPARTMENT # 15

American System of Judging

Scrapies Requirements for Sheep & Goats

All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual identification. All official identification will be kept on the animals. The official identification may be official USDA individual identification ear tags, premises ear tags or legible premises tattoos (if they include a unique animal number), Scrapie Flock Certification program ear tags, legible registration tattoos if accompanied by registration papers, or other methods approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Divisions 1-2

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

Division 3

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA Registered Full-blooded/Purebred & Percentage Does

DIVISION 2: 4-H & FFA Registered Full-blooded/Purebred Bucks

CLASS:

- 1. Age 0-4 months 01-13-26 - 05-12-26
- 2. Age 4-8 months 09-13-25 - 01-12-26
- 3. Age 8-12 months 05-13-25 - 09-12-25
- 4. Age 12-18 months (does only) 11-13-24 - 05-12-25
- 5. Age 18-24 months (does only) 05-13-24 - 11-12-24
- 6. Age 24 months & over (does only) 05-13-24

Any female 24 months of age and over that has not kidded or does not have proof of pregnancy will not be allowed to show.

- 7. Dam and Daughter (Group consists of two females, one being of the other owned by the same exhibitor)

- 8. Best pair of females (Two does of any age owned by the same exhibitor)

- 9. Get of Sire (three animals of any age sired by the same buck owned by one exhibitor)

DIVISION 3: 4-H & FFA Non-Registered Does

CLASS:

- 1. Wether Dam Does
- 2. Pair of Wether Dam Does

DIVISION 4: 4-H/FFA Club or Chapter Group Boer Goats ONLY – Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry fee

Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter/club. No member may enter more than two animals.

CLASS:

- 1. Breeding

MARKET GOATS

DEPARTMENT #16

Danish System of Judging

Scrapies Requirements for Sheep & Goats

All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual identification. All official identification will be kept on the animals. The official identification may be official USDA individual identification ear tags, premises ear tags or legible premises tattoos (if they include a unique animal number), Scrapie Flock Certification program ear tags, legible registration tattoos if accompanied by registration papers, or other methods approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

RULES: Market goats are wethers and does only, no bucks allowed. Market goats must show milk teeth. Either horned, tipped, or de-horned animals are permissible.

After weigh –in, animals will be divided by breeds if applicable and weight for judging. The MINIMUM weight is 60 lbs. Animals the do not meet the minimum requirement will be moved into the feeder division and will not be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Maximum pay weight is 110 lbs. The exhibitor must individually own the market animal for 60 days prior to the opening of Fair.

Overweight Market Goat

Overweight market Goats are defined as any market Goat over 110 lbs. at the official weigh-in. These goats will be assigned to heavyweight classes and allowed to show and sell. Ribbons will be provided for this class. These animals will be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. Exhibitors can still participate in showmanship with these goats if they entered and must show their own animal.

Overweight goats do qualify to sell in the Auction however they will only be paid at the auction bid price at a maximum pay weight of 110 lbs. and will be processed at a meat processing facility designated by the Fair.

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .08-.12 most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptable, average or greater conformation and cut ability

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib fat range <.08 or >.22; under finished goats grading USDA Good or lower, below average conformation or cut ability.

SINGLE MARKET GOAT

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS.

Entry fee: \$30.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: FFA Single Market Goat

DIVISION 2: 4-H Single Market Goat

CLASS:

1. Market Goats, 60 to 110 pounds

SINGLE FEEDER GOATS

American System of Judging

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 3: FFA Feeder Goats

DIVISION 4: 4-H Feeder Goats

CLASS:

1. Feeder Goats, 45 – 59 pounds

DIVISION 5: FFA Chapter Group– Enter at Ringside ONLY

DIVISION 6: 4-H Club Group– Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry fee

Note: 4-H & FFA use same class.

Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter/club. *No members may enter more than one animal.*

CLASS:

1. Market/Feeder Boer Goats - Market and Feeder animals will be allowed to show together for Club/Chapter Group

DAIRY GOATS DEPARTMENT #17

All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual identification. All official identification will be kept on the animals. The official identification may be official USDA individual identification ear tags, premises ear tags or legible premises tattoos (if they include a unique animal number).

Rules: See ownership requirements under livestock rules and information. Registration tattoos or electronic identification are acceptable on goats provided the identification appears on the registration papers (and

owner/exhibitor has reader if electronic ID is used). Exhibitor is responsible for ensuring availability of electronic ID reader. Tattoos may be placed in the tail head or flank of goats that cannot be ear tagged or tattooed in the ears. Non-registered goats must have either a USDA premises ear tag or tattoo as official identification.

****Dairy Goats are received Sunday, May 3rd 7:00am to 8:00am & released after the show.****

REGISTERED OR GRADE DAIRY GOATS

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA Dairy Goats

CLASS:

1. Junior Kid – Mar 01, 2026 – Apr 19, 2026
2. Senior Kid – Jan 01, 2026 – Feb 28, 2025
3. Yearling, not in milk – Jan 01, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024
4. Yearling Milker – Jan 1 – Jan 01, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024
5. Two years, under three – Jan 01, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
6. Three years – Jan 01, 2022 – Dec 31, 2022
7. Four years – Jan 01, 2021 – Dec 31, 2021

GROUPS:

All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

CLASS:

8. Best Pair, Females

9. Daughter & Dam

****Does 2 years of age or older must have freshened at least once to be eligible for show****

All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

BEST UDDERED GOAT AWARD

This award will be given to the exhibitor showing the best uddered goat in FFA or 4-H. Best uddered goat in milk, any age. To be judged on udder only and to be milked in ring if Judge so desires.

Entries to be made at ringside.

DIVISION 2: 4-H & FFA Club or Chapter Group Dairy Goats ONLY

Enter at Ringside only

No Entry Fee

Class:

1. Club/Chapter Group Dairy Goats
2. Three animals that have been shown in classes as specified and owned by members of one chapter/club. No members may enter more than two animals.

DAIRY CATTLE
DEPARTMENT #18

Please contact the Dairy Committee for any questions.
Kerry Nieuwkoop-Yanez—559-706-5622, knkoop@gmail.com

Rules: See ownership requirements under the livestock rules and information.

Animals must be owned and in the exhibitor's name (not the family name) for at least 30 days prior to Fair.

Original registration certificates, a stamped duplicate issued a U.S. breed association, or other mentioned above must be presented and available to management when the animals arrive on the fairgrounds.

Exhibitor must have sole ownership of their grade dairy animal (s), under their care and management, and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown for minimum of the 30 consecutive days immediately prior to the opening day of the Fair.

Animals are only to be entered in one division. Exhibitor will not be allowed to show the same animal in more than one division.

REGISTERED PUREBRED BREEDING ANIMALS

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10
Entry Fee \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA Registered

Note: Breed must be from recognized breed association

CLASS:

BULLS:

1. Intermediate Calf—Dec. 01, 2025—Feb 28, 2026
2. Senior Calf – Sept 01, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025
3. Summer Yearling – June 01, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025
4. Junior Yearling – Mar 01, 2024 5 May 31, 2025

FEMALES:

5. Intermediate Calf—Dec. 01, 2025—Feb 28, 2026
6. Senior Calf – Sept 01, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025
7. Summer Yearling– June 01, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025
8. Junior Yearling – Mar 01, 2025 – May 31, 2025
9. Winter Yearling—Dec. 01, 2024—Feb 29, 2025
10. Senior Yearling – Sept 01, 2024– Nov. 30, 2024
11. Two years, under three – Sept 01, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024
12. Three years, under four – Sept 01, 2022 – Aug 31, 2023
13. Four years & over – prior to Sept 01, 2021

GROUPS

Note: All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

CLASS:

14. Young Herd*
15. Produce of Dam**
16. Best 3 Head, either sex

***YOUNG HERD:** One bull and two females, all senior yearlings or younger.

****PRODUCE OF DAM:** Two animals, any age & either sex, the produce of one cow. The dam must be identified by registration number. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry from the same dam. 34

GRADE OR UNREGISTERED PUREBRED ANIMALS BY REGISTERED SIRE

American System of Judging

1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10
Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

RULES: Senior and Junior Yearling in milk must show with 2 year olds. By his/her signature as the owner or agent at entry submission online, the exhibitor also certifies that the sire of each animal entered in the following divisions for grade animals was registered. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required. State Brucellosis tag number is acceptable. Animals that have been registered by a purebred breed association cannot be entered in these divisions. Use the same birth dates as registered dairy cattle.

Exhibitor must have sole ownership of their grade dairy animal(s), under their care and management, and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown for a minimum of the 30 consecutive days immediately prior to opening day of Fair.

DIVISION 2: 4-H & FFA Grade

CLASS:

1. Intermediate Calf—Dec. 01, 2025- Feb 28, 2026
2. Senior Calf – Sept 01, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025
3. Summer Yearling– June 01, 2025 – Aug 31, 2025
4. Junior Yearling – Mar 01, 2025 – May 31, 2025
5. Winter Yearling—Dec. 01, 2024—Feb 29, 2025
6. Senior Yearling – Sept 01, 2024– Nov. 30, 2024
7. Two years, under three – Sept 01, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024
8. Three years, under four – Sept 01, 2022 – Aug 31, 2023
9. Four years & over – prior to Sept 01, 2022
10. Best 3 Head

All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

DIVISION 3 – 4-H / FFA Club or Chapter Group for Breeding Dairy

Enter at Ringside only

No Entry Fee

CLASS:

1. Breeding - Three animals that have been shown in registered or grade classes as specified, owned by members of one club. *No member may enter more than two animals.*

BEST UDDERED COW AWARD

This award will be given to the exhibitor showing the best uddered cow in FFA or 4-H. Best uddered cow, in milk, any age. To be judged on udder only and to be milked in ring if Judge so desires.

Entries to be made at ring side.

DAIRY HEIFER PROJECT ANIMALS

American System of Judging

Any questions regarding the Dairy Springer Heifer Project, please call the Dairy Springer Heifer Project Committee Chairman, Kerry Nieuwkoop- Ynez (559) 706-5622.

Rules: A copy of the brand inspection for sale heifer **must** be provided at vet check. Animals to be sold at the Replacement Heifer sale Thursday, May 07, 2026, must be entered in this division and complied with Dairy Springer Heifer Project requirements. All breeds will be judged together.

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID
ON REPLACEMENT HEIFERS.
Entry Fee: Class 1 - \$20.00 Class 2 - \$7.00

DIVISION 4: FFA Heifer Project

DIVISION 5: 4-H Heifer Project

CLASS:

1. 2 Year Old - March 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

DIVISION 6: 4-H/FFA Club or Chapter Group Replacement Heifers –

Enter at Ringside ONLY

NO Entry Fee

CLASS:

1. Replacement Heifers—Three animals that have been shown in the replacement heifer classes as specified, owned by members of one club or chapter.

NO MEMBER MAY ENTER MORE THAN ONE ANIMAL AND NO MORE THAN ONE ANIMAL MAYBE ENTERED IN ONE DIVISION.

**SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP
DEPARTMENT #19**

RULES: Animal shown in Showmanship must be owned by the exhibitor and entered by the exhibitor in an appropriate market or breeding class. Only animals owned, fitted and shown by the exhibitor are eligible.

Entry Fee - \$5.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: RABBIT

DIVISION 2: POULTRY

DIVISION 3: PYGMY GOAT

CLASS:

1. Primary 4-H Members, ages 5 - 8 years of age. Participants must be enrolled in Madera and Merced County 4-H and have turned 5 years of age by December 31, 2025. Participant ribbons only will be given.

2. 4-H Junior

Limited to exhibitors in the 4th & 5th Grades. First three winners may advance to 4-H Intermediate Showmanship Class.

3. 4-H Intermediate

Limited to exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades. First three winners may advance to 4-H Advanced Showmanship Class.

4. 4-H Advanced

Limited to 9th Grade and above.

5. FFA Novice

Limited to FFA students showing a species for the first time during the current school year. This class is not open to FFA students with previous 4-H experience in that species. First three winners may advance to FFA Intermediate Showmanship Class.

6. FFA Intermediate

Limited to Freshman and Sophomores regardless of experience. First three winners may advance to FFA Advanced Showmanship Class. Not eligible if entered in FFA Novice Showmanship.

7. FFA Advanced

Limited to 11th Grade & above. Not eligible if entered in FFA Novice Showmanship.

**SMALL ANIMAL MASTER SHOWMANSHIP
DO NOT ENTER**

1st through 3rd Ribbons only. First place winners in Advanced Rabbit, Avian and Pygmy Goat Showmanship. Any previous winner of Small Animal Master Showmanship at the Chowchilla-Madera County Fair will not be eligible to compete. Entries in Master Showmanship must have been winners in individual classes of showmanship. All Advanced Showmanship winners must compete in Master Showmanship unless was a previous winner or an exhibitor wins two specie contests, that exhibitor must designate which species they will participate in. It is YOUR responsibility to notify the livestock office after completion of showmanship if you are not able to compete. A form must be signed at the livestock office. This will allow the 2nd place winner eligible to compete.

DIVISIONS FOR MASTER SHOWMANSHIP:

FFA MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

4-H MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats will “Show and Go” on Sunday May 03, 2026. Auction animals will have to be permanently identified prior to release. Exhibitor’s qualified to sale will return on Friday, May 8th where rabbits & poultry will be sold at 7pm. Exhibitors should arrive no later than 5pm.

PYGMY GOATS

DEPARTMENT #20

Danish System of Judging

1st - \$10 2nd - \$7 3rd - \$5

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA Pygmy Goats

CLASS:

1. Junior Kid Doe - 2 - 6 months
2. Intermediate Kid Doe - 7 - 12 months
3. Senior Kid - 1 year and older
4. Junior Wether - 2 - 6 months
5. Intermediate Wether 7 - 12 months
6. Senior Wether - 1 year and older

All owned by one exhibitor and entered as individuals.

BREEDING RABBITS

DEPARTMENT #21

American System of Judging

RULES: Rules, definitions and judging procedures as described in the latest edition of the Guide Book and Standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. shall apply to all County and District Fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture but we will not be A.R.B.A Sanctioned. Rabbits will be entered, shown and judged in proper division and class for breed, variety, age and sex. Rabbits found to be in ill health will be refused from the show by the show committee and **MUST** be removed from the fairgrounds. A list of general disqualifications may be obtained from the Cooperative Extension Service in Madera. No Tattooing will be permitted on the fairgrounds. All rabbits must have permanent earmarks (tattoo) and earmarks must correspond to the entry blank. Entries are limited to 2 entries per class, per exhibitor, per division. NO substitutions except in same breed, sex, class and variety. Any corrections due to clerical error must be made before the start of the show. This will be a **ONE-DAY, CARRY CASE SHOW**. Rabbits will remain in carry case except for judging. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to the judging table on time. Exhibitors shall not state ownership of any animal to the judge. All rabbits are entered at owner's risk; the Fair, fair employees, judges and show personnel are not responsible in any way for loss, injury or death of entries. All reasonable precautions will be taken to insure their safety. Please do not enter more animals than you can exhibit and care for properly. 4-H and FFA show against each other. **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR JUDGING CARD(S) BEFORE LEAVING. THEY WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

1st - \$3.50 2nd - \$3.00 3rd- \$2.00

Entry fee: \$10.00 per entry

4-H & FFA HEAVYWEIGHT BREEDS

DIVISION 1: HEAVYWEIGHTS

(State breed and birth date of rabbit when submitting entry online)

CLASS:

1. Senior Buck – over 8 months of age
2. Intermediate Buck – over 6 months, but less than 8 months of age
3. Junior Buck – under 6 months of age
4. Senior Doe – over 8 months of age
5. Intermediate Doe – over 6 months, but less than 8 months of age
6. Junior Doe – under 6 months of age

4-H & FFA LIGHTWEIGHT BREEDS

DIVISION 2: LIGHTWEIGHTS

(State breed and birthdate of rabbit when submitting entry online)

CLASS:

1. Senior Buck – over 6 months of age
2. Junior Buck – under 6 months of age
3. Senior Doe – over 6 months of age
4. Junior Doe – under 6 months of age

4-H & FFA FUR ANIMALS

DIVISION 3: FUR ANIMALS

CLASS:

1. Fur—Rex, Mini Rex
2. Fur—Satin
3. Fur—All other breeds, colored
4. Fur—All other breed, White

MARKET RABBITS

DEPARTMENT #22

American System of Judging

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS.

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

DIVISION 1: 4-H & FFA MARKET RABBITS

Note: All breeds together Must be owned for a minimum of 30 consecutive days. Cannot be entered in any other class. .

All Market Ready animals will be eligible for the Rabbit Sale on Friday, May 8, 2026. It will be the responsibility of the seller to ensure that the animal(s) are removed from the Fairgrounds at the conclusion of the sale.

Overweight Market Rabbits -

Overweight Market rabbits are defined as those exceeding 5.5 pounds. These rabbits will be assigned to a super heavyweight fryer class for weights 5.6 lbs. and above, in which all overweight rabbits must show. Ribbons will be provided for this class. These animals are "not" eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. Exhibitors, however, can still participate in showmanship if they entered, and must show their own animal.

Overweight rabbits do “not” qualify to sell in the Auction . Exhibitors are fully responsible for these animals and be properly cared for by the exhibitor until released. A release must be obtained from the Livestock office.

Sale is Live Pickup only. Exhibitor is responsible for providing a carrier for transportation.

CLASS:

1. Meat Pen
 - Three animals
 - Not under 3.5 lbs. or over 5.5 lbs. each or 10 weeks old.
 - All the same breed and variety.
 - One entry per exhibitor.
 - If a meat pen rabbit does not make weight at the weigh in, the exhibitor has the option to be put into the single fryer class.
2. Single Fryer
 - Not under 3.5 lbs. or over 5.5 lbs. each, not over 10 weeks old.

BREEDING POULTRY

DEPARTMENT #23

American System of Judging

POULTRY HEALTH INSPECTION WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL POULTRY UPON ARRIVAL PRIOR TO COOP-IN. POULTRY INSPECTION SITE WILL BE DESIGNATED WITH SIGNS. DO NOT COOP-IN UNTIL INSPECTED.

RULES: 4-H and FFA judged together.

All species must be identified by closing date by numbered leg bands. Changes or substitutions must be made by Friday, May 9th. A judge may excuse an individual from the competition because of temporary or curable defects. No diseased entries will be accepted. Please examine carefully before bringing to show. All entries are exhibited at owner’s risk. The management assumes no responsibility. The management reserves the right to refuse any entry that is not in the best interest of the fair. This is a one-day, carry case show. Poultry will remain in the carry case except during judging. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their animal cooped in time. Exhibitors shall not state ownership of any animal to the judge.

1st - \$3.50 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00
Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry

4-H & FFA LARGE POULTRY

DIVISION 1: Large Poultry –specify breed when entering Large poultry may be divided into divisions (American Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, or Continental) at Management’s discretion. There must be 10 birds entered by 3 exhibitors to qualify for a separate division. All others will be shown in “all other” large poultry division.

CLASS:

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet
5. Utility – All nonstandard breeds. Hens & Pullets only.

4-H & FFA BANTAM BREEDS

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry

DIVISION 2: Single Comb – Clean Leg

DIVISION 3: Other Comb – Clean Leg

DIVISION 4: Feather Legged

CLASS:

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet

4-H & FFA TURKEYS

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry

DIVISION 5: 4-H & FFA Turkeys

CLASS:

1. Tom – any age
2. Hen – any age

4-H & FFA OTHER POULTRY

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry

DIVISION 6: 4-H & FFA other poultry

CLASS:

1. All Pigeons
2. All Game Birds

MARKET POULTRY
DEPARTMENT #24
American System of Judging

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ON MARKET ANIMALS.
Entry Fee: \$20.00 per entry

POULTRY HEALTH INSPECTION WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL POULTRY UPON ARRIVAL PRIOR TO COOP-IN. POULTRY INSPECTION SITE WILL BE DESIGNATED WITH SIGNS. DO NOT COOP UNTIL INSPECTED.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR JUDGING CARDS BEFORE LEAVING. THEY WILL NOT BE MAILED. Exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform of the organization they represent. Birds are to be checked in prior to show. All birds must be part of a supervised poultry project for a minimum of sixty (60) days and each individual bird owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of thirty (30) days. Additional divisions may be added after the close of entries based upon entry numbers.

All Market Ready animals will be eligible for the Rabbit Sale on Friday, May 8, 2026. It will be the responsibility of the seller to ensure that the animal(s) are removed from the Fairgrounds at the conclusion of the sale.

Sale is Live Pickup only. Exhibitor is responsible for providing a carrier for transportation.

DIVISION 1 – 4-H & FFA MARKET POULTRY

- All the same breed and variety.
- All animals selling in the auction need to be clearly tagged.
- One entry per exhibitor.

CLASS:

1. Poultry Meat Pen (2) Birds – same breed, each bird 4 - 8 pounds max, chickens not over 10 weeks old.
2. One market turkey – over 18 pounds, hens not over 20 weeks, toms not over 24 weeks.

No weight limit on Market Turkeys.

Overweight Market Poultry Meat Pens

Overweight Poultry Meat Pen birds are defined as those exceeding 8 pounds (per animal). If only one bird exceeds the 8 lb. limit, the pen of two is considered overweight. These birds will be assigned to a super heavyweight class for weights 8.1 lbs. and above, in which all overweight birds must show. Ribbons will be provided for this class.

These animals are “not” eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards. Exhibitors, however, can still participate in showmanship if they entered, and must show their own animal.

Overweight birds do “not” qualify to sell in the Auction. Exhibitors are fully responsible for these animals and must be properly cared for by the exhibitor until released. A release must be obtained from the Livestock office.

Sale is Live Pickup only. Exhibitor is responsible for providing a carrier for transportation.

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