

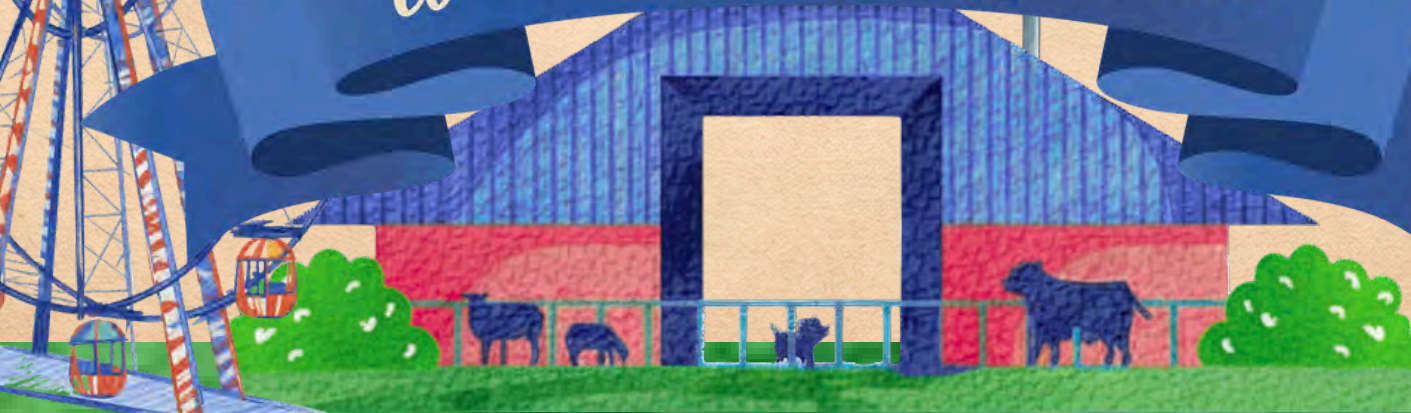


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Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter



Greetings,

Welcome to the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair! As the Agricultural and Youth Livestock Director, I am honored to welcome you to 11 days of exciting events, competitions, and time-honored traditions as we celebrate Freedom 250 a tribute to the spirit, heritage, and resilience that define our nation.

My journey with the Georgia National Fairgrounds began in 1993 as a teenager exhibiting cattle at the Georgia Jr. Beef Futurity. What started as a passion for livestock has grown into a lifelong connection with this community. Being part of an event that reflects the values of hard work, dedication, and agricultural principles deeply rooted in our country's history makes this role especially meaningful.

Our motto, "Family, Traditions, and Memories," aligns perfectly with the spirit of Freedom 250. For generations, families have gathered here to celebrate not only agriculture, but the freedoms and opportunities that bring us together. From cheering on competitors to enjoying grandstand entertainment and the laughter of the Midway, the fairgrounds will once again come alive with energy, pride, and community.

The success of the Georgia National Fair is made possible by the incredible dedication of our staff, exhibitors, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners. Your commitment reflects the very best of what this celebration stands for, and we are sincerely grateful for the role each of you plays in making this event a success.

Join us October 8th through October 18th as we celebrate the Georgia National Fair and the spirit of Freedom 250. Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-standing supporter, we look forward to welcoming you for a memorable experience filled with fun, tradition, and patriotic pride.

We hope to see you there as we celebrate freedom, community, and the traditions that bring us together.

Warm Regards,

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Welcome, Exhibitors!

The Georgia National Fair is so excited to welcome all the exhibitors who have journeyed from all corners of Georgia to be a part of our 37th annual Georgia National Fair! We are truly grateful to have you here at the Fair and cannot wait to see the amazing livestock projects you will be showcasing. Your participation is key to making the Fair a fun and educational experience for everyone, especially the younger generation and those in the agriculture industry. Through your projects, you also help educate the public about the importance of agriculture and where their food and fiber come from. Thank you for being a vital part of the bigger picture!

The Fair would not be the same without our amazing superintendents, judges, show staff, and volunteers! Their hard work and dedication behind the scenes ensure that everything runs smoothly, and all exhibitors have a fantastic experience. We deeply appreciate their dedication and commitment. If you see them, give them a big thanks - we truly appreciate all they do!

Georgia National Fair Dates



October 8 – 18, 2026
October 7 – 17, 2027
October 5 – 15, 2028
October 4 – 14, 2029

Georgia National Junior Livestock Show Dates



February 17 – 21, 2027
February 23 – 27, 2028
February 21 – 25, 2029
February 20 – 24, 2030



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2026 Georgia National Fair Livestock Show

Mission Statement

The state of Georgia established the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority to:

1. Showcase Georgia's agriculture/agribusiness
2. Promote the agricultural achievements of Georgia's young people
3. Provide a center for diverse activities to benefit the state's economy
4. Stage and promote a statewide fair to accomplish one or more of the above

Vision & Values

1. **Our vision is to constantly earn our reputation** as one of the world's foremost agricultural fairs, and a first-class venue for competitions, conventions, entertainment, exhibitions, expositions, meetings, trade shows, and related events. Every day, we exemplify our steadfast commitment to excellence in our expertise, efficiency, and quality of service.
2. **Our vision is to lead our industry through innovation;** to operate ethically; to satisfy our customer's expectations with motivated, service-oriented employees to provide a safe, clean, family-oriented environment; and to foster both the personal and professional growth of our people.
3. **We make our customers our focus.** We take pride in providing uncompromising customer service to our guests and patrons. We strive constantly to improve productivity and to promote the best interests of the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.

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Online Entries Only
July 1st- August 1st

Late Entries
August 2nd-7th at 12:00pm





37th Annual Georgia National Fair

Livestock Show Schedule

October 8th – 18th, 2026

Wednesday, October 7th

12 Noon - 10:00 PM..... RV Move-in (RV ONLY, NO Livestock/Tack before 4:00 PM)..... Horse Gate

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Barns open for Jr. Livestock Arrivals (Animals & Tack)..... All Barns

4:00 PM - All Night Tie-Outs open for Cattle Tie-Outs

Thursday, October 8th

8:00 AM – End-Of-Fair..... RV Move-In..... Horse Gate

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM..... Barns open for Jr. Livestock Arrivals (Animals & Tack)..... All Barns

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM..... Jr. Wether Dam Doe Check-In..... Sheep/Swine/Goat Barn 2

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM..... Jr. Market Goat Weigh-in New South Arena

2:00 PM All GOATS must be in place Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 1

4:00 PM Georgia National Fair Opening Ceremonies Reaves Arena

5:00 PM Jr. Market Goat Showmanship (grades 6th-12th)..... New South Arena

Following Showmanship.....Master 4-H & Supreme FFA Showmanship

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Jr. Heifer/Jr. Bred & Owned Heifer Check-In..... Sutherland Arena

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Jr. Market Beef/Jr. Slick Shear Steer Weigh-In Sutherland Arena

7:00 PM All BEEF CATTLE must be in place..... Multipurpose & Beef/Dairy Barn

Friday, October 9th

8:00 AM Barn opens for Comm. Dairy Heifer Arrivals Beef/Dairy Barn

8:00 AM Barn opens for Lamb & Ewe arrivals Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

8:00 AM Jr. Market Goat Showmanship (grades 1st-5th) New South Arena

Following Showmanship..... Breeders Groups/County Groups

**Following Group Classes.....Market Goat Show (Wethers)*

8:00 AM Jr. Beef Showmanship (Odd Grades - Ring 1) Sutherland Arena

8:00 AM Jr. Beef Showmanship (Even Grades - Ring 2)..... Sutherland Arena

Following Showmanship..... Breeders Groups/County Groups

Following Group Classes.....Bred and Owned Heifer Show (Ring 1)

Following Group Classes...Beef Heifer Show (breeds will be announced after entry deadline) (Ring 2)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM..... Jr. Breeding Ewe Check-in..... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM..... Jr. Market Lamb Weigh-in Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

2:00 PM All BREEDING EWES must be in place..... Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

2:30 PM.....Legislative Livestock Showdown.....

2:00 PM All MARKET LAMBS must be in place Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

5:00 PM **Jr. Breeding Ewe Showmanship & Show (Ring 1) New South Arena

5:00 PM **Jr. Wether Dam Doe Showmanship & Show (Ring 2) New South Arena

Saturday, October 10th

8:00 AM Jr. Heifer Show (1 Ring)..... Sutherland Arena

8:00 AM Jr. Market Goat Show cont. (Does)..... New South Arena

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM..... Jr. Comm. Dairy Heifer Weigh-in Foster Rhodes Arena

11:00 AM All COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFERS must be in place..... Beef/Dairy Barn

**Market Goat Wether Classes will be shown on Friday after Market Goat Showmanship. This will start 15 minutes after the last Goat Showmanship class. **Will Start 15 minutes following the previous show.*

12 NOON ****Jr. Mkt. Lamb 1st Year Exhibitor Show**..... New South Arena
1:00 PM Jr. Comm. Dairy Heifer Showmanship..... Foster Rhodes Arena
Following Showmanship.....*Jr. Comm. Dairy Dress-A-Cow Contest*
 2:00 PM ****Jr. Market Lamb Showmanship (grades 1st-12th)** New South Arena
Following Showmanship.....*Master 4-H & Supreme FFA Showmanship*
Following Master & Supreme..... *Breeders Groups/County Groups*

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 AM **Jr. Slick Shear Steer Show** Sutherland Arena
8:00 AM Jr. Comm. Dairy Heifer Show Foster Rhodes Arena
 9:00 AM **Jr. Market Lamb Show**..... New South Arena
 10:00 AM..... **Jr. Market Beef Show**..... Sutherland Arena

Monday, October 12th

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Barn opens for Open Dairy Goat Arrivals** Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

Tuesday, October 13th

10:00 AM **Open Dairy Goat Show** Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 2

Wednesday, October 14th

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM..... **Barn opens for Jr./Open Dairy Arrivals**.....Beef/Dairy Barn
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Barns open for Jr. Swine Arrivals Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 1 & 2

Thursday, October 15th

8:00 AM **Barns open for Jr. Swine Arrivals** Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 1 & 2
 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM..... **Barn opens for Jr. Beef Invitational Arrivals**.....Multipurpose Bldg.
 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM..... **Barn opens for Jr./Open Dairy Arrivals/Check-In**Beef/Dairy Barn
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM..... **Jr. Breeding Gilt & Jr. Market Swine Check-In**..... New South Arena
 3:00 PM **All BREEDING GILTS must be in place** Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 1 & 2
 3:00 PM **All MARKET SWINE must be in place** Swine/Sheep/Goat Barn 1 & 2
 5:00 PM **Jr. Swine Showmanship (12th-9th grades)** New South Arena

Friday, October 16th

8:00 AM **Jr. Swine Showmanship cont. (8th grade-Preclub)**..... New South Arena
***Following Showmanship*..... *Jr. Breeding Gilt Show*
 8:00 AM - 12 NOON..... **Barn opens for Jr. Beef Invitational Arrivals**.....Multipurpose Bldg.
 10:00 AM - 12 NOON..... **Jr. Beef Invitational Check-in/Weigh-in**..... Practice Ring 3
 2:00 PM **Jr./Open Dairy Shows (classes 1-9)**.....Foster Rhodes Arena
 2:00 PM **Jr. Beef Invitational Showmanship (4th-12th grades)**..... Sutherland Arena

Saturday, October 17th

8:00 AM**Jr. Market Swine Show**..... New South Arena
 9:00 AM**Peach State Livestock Judging Contest** Sutherland Arena
 10:00 AM**Jr. Dairy Showmanship** Foster Rhodes Arena
 1:00 PM**Jr. Invitational Slick Steer Show**..... Sutherland Arena
Following Slick Steer Show.....*Jr. Invitational Market Beef Show*
 2:00 PM**Jr./Open Dairy Shows (classes 10-24)**.....Foster Rhodes Arena

Sunday, October 18th

8:00 AM**Georgia Grown Swine Show** New South Arena

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9:00 AMJr. Invitational Heifer & Bred-and-Owned Heifer Show Sutherland Arena

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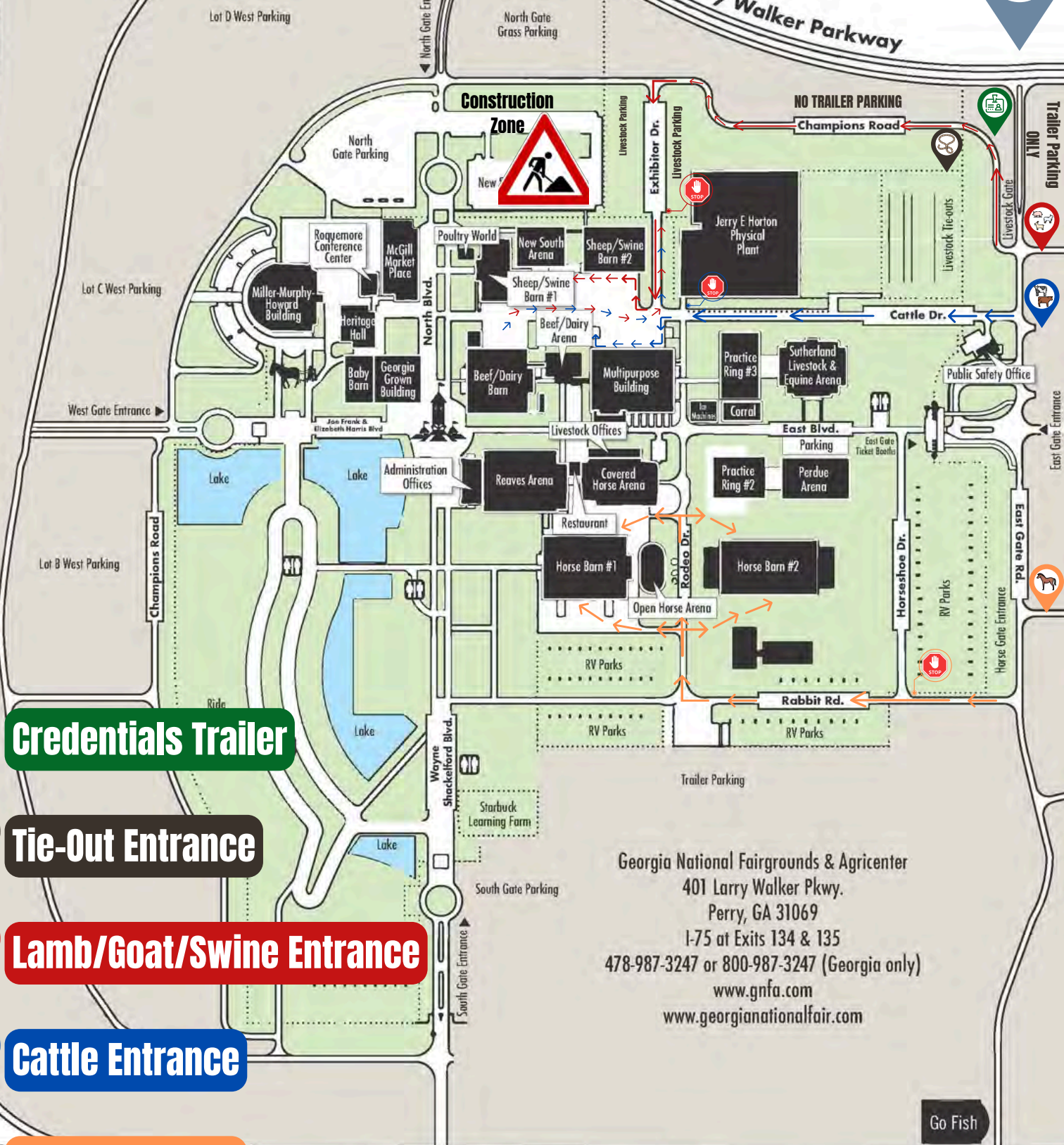
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Livestock Move-In



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 **Lamb/Goat/Swine Entrance**

 **Cattle Entrance**

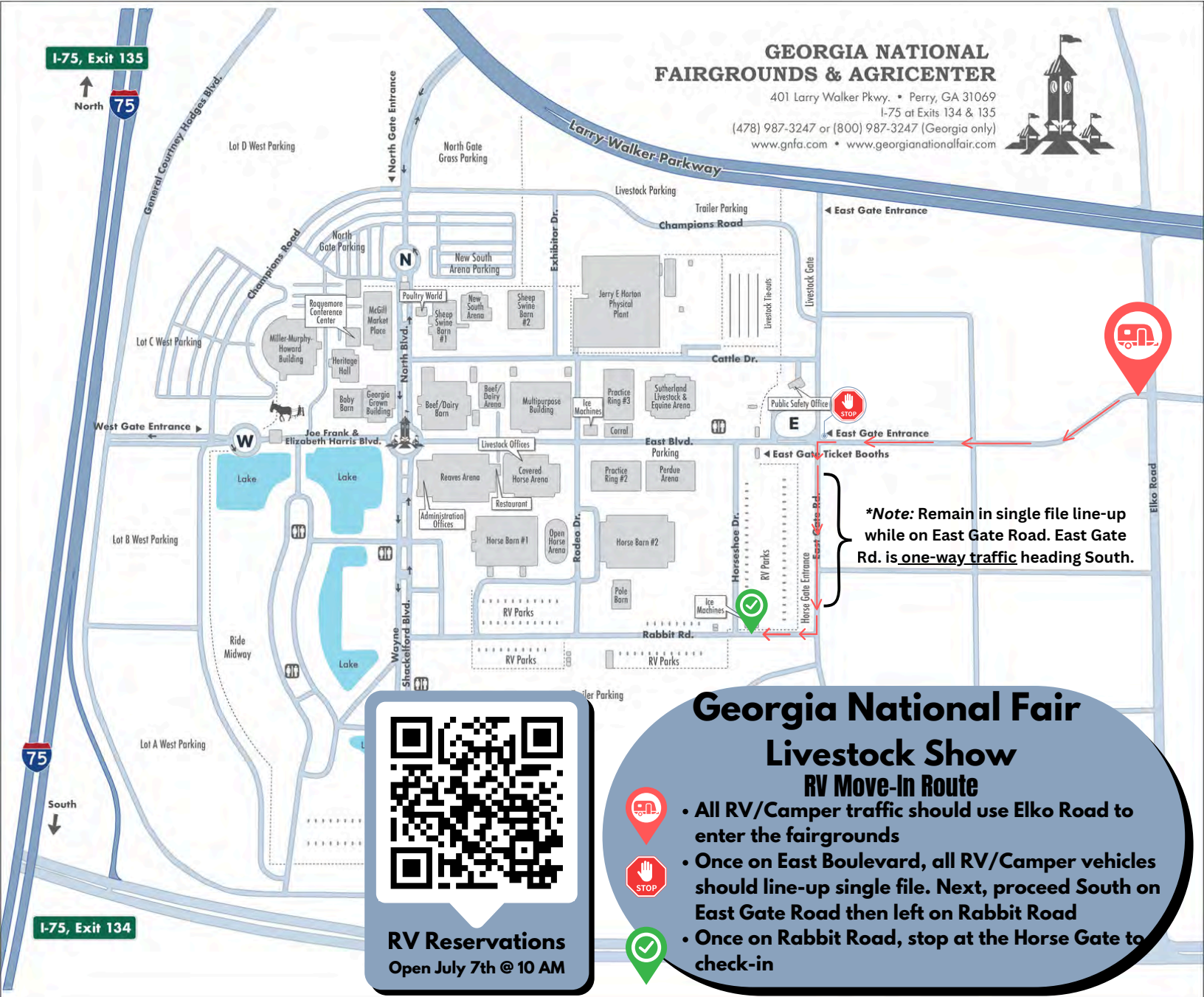
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***Note: Remain in single file line-up while on East Gate Road. East Gate Rd. is one-way traffic heading South.**



RV Reservations
Open July 7th @ 10 AM

Georgia National Fair Livestock Show RV Move-In Route

- All RV/Camper traffic should use Elko Road to enter the fairgrounds
- Once on East Boulevard, all RV/Camper vehicles should line-up single file. Next, proceed South on East Gate Road then left on Rabbit Road
- Once on Rabbit Road, stop at the Horse Gate to check-in

General Rules and Regulations

All exhibitors are cautioned to carefully read the following rules and regulations, as they will be strictly enforced.

The Georgia National Fair (GNF) will be held on the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, October 8-18, 2026, unless postponed, or extended by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority (GAEA), all of which they hereby claim and reserve the right to do from any cause whatsoever which they may deem necessary for the general good of all concerned.

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The GNF reserves to the GAEA the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the GAEA may order.

I. Statement of Liability

- a) All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the GAEA, but the GAEA will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the GAEA against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.
- b) The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or fowl that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore, and if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.
- c) Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Chapter 12 of Title 4, (O.C.G.A § 4-12-) State of Georgia warning notices for all livestock, equine, llama activities are as follows:
 - i. An equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of animal activities.
 - ii. A llama activity sponsor or llama professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in llama activities resulting from the inherent risks of animal activities.
 - iii. A livestock activity sponsor or livestock professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in livestock activities resulting from the inherent risks of animal activities.

II. Testing and Responsibility

- a) **DRUGS & DIURETICS:** Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules, the term “drug” shall mean: the sale, possession or use of any substance which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal. The use of any *diuretic, tranquilizers, or anti-inflammatory drugs* for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood, tissue, milk and/or urine samples for analysis. Any animal entered is subject to testing. The administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally for the treatment of a disease or injury must be done in accordance with regulations established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
- b) **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:** The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of an animal exhibited at the Georgia National Fair Livestock competitions, regardless of the acts of a third party. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regards to the drugs or

substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the Georgia National Fairgrounds property.

- i. Any animal exhibited in any 4H/FFA Junior show being treated with a prescription or over-the-counter medication (the use of any diuretic, tranquilizers, or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited) that has not completed its recommended withdrawal time must be accompanied by an original, complete veterinary prescription. This prescription must be provided to management upon request at any time during the show and will be required at the time of residue testing if that animal is selected. The prescribed medication(s) must be approved for the use on the treated animal.
 - ii. Should testing and inspection procedures used by the GNF reveal evidence of the presence of a foreign substance or drug exceed established tolerance levels, not medically necessary, is deemed to provide a competitive advantage, or not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or any other person shown to have had care, custody or attendance of the animal in any way, at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in these rules.
 - iii. When testing and inspection procedures identify a positive sample, the exhibitor will be provided the opportunity to send a second sample (if available) to a laboratory of their choice and at their own expense. In addition, the exhibitor will be provided the opportunity to submit a written appeal to the Residue Review Committee.
- c) **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority:
- i. Forfeiture of prize money
 - ii. Forfeiture of titles, trophies, and awards
 - iii. Banned from future livestock competition at the Georgia National Fair and the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show.
 1. The exhibitor and animal will be simultaneously disqualified and ineligible to exhibit for all species at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) from rule infraction. This disqualification also applies to the animal itself, and it may not be exhibited by any other individual at any Georgia National Fair or Georgia Junior National Livestock Shows. After the twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) suspension has been completed, the exhibitor will then be placed on probation for twenty-four (24) months or two show years (whichever is greater).
 2. During this probation period, management reserves the right to residue test any/all entries of the individual on probation that are entered at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and/or the Georgia National Fair. The exhibitor is responsible for full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples. Residue tests will be sent to a laboratory of show management's choice.
 3. If, at any time following the first ban, any **Junior 4H/FFA animal** shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any unapproved drugs, prohibited drugs, or drugs that are not under the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor will be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.
 - iv. Subject to investigation by federal, state, and local authorities for criminal prosecution.
 - v. Violation of these rules may result in disqualification from other 4-H and/or FFA activities.

Refusal to submit animals for testing or to cooperate in completion of minimum testing requirements will result in disqualification and subject the exhibitor to the same penalties provided for exhibitors whose animals test positive for drugs.

This policy was made in partnership between the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, Georgia FFA, Georgia 4-H, and the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science Department.

III. Exhibitor Eligibility for Entry

- a) Competition is open to the public unless otherwise stated in the special rules governing a particular department.
- b) **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:** All animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge.
- c) **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors entering an animal in any name other than the name of the bona fide owner or owners or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible may, at the discretion of the management, be barred from further showing, and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited. Entries that have been erroneously entered will be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in proper classes in one owner's name but must appear under this ownership in all classes entered.

d) Family Entries:

a. Each exhibitor must complete an entry through ShoWorks using the standard online entry process. If an exhibitor has no entries in the system, they will not be considered eligible for family entries.

b. Families must declare their intent to participate in family entries by July 15, 2026, at 11:59PM to qualify. Declarations must be submitted by completing and submitting the official Family Certification Form and Affidavit by the stated deadline.

c. At the time of species check-in, each sibling must declare if a change of exhibitor is going to happen.

d. To be eligible for family entries, exhibitors must be siblings, reside in the same household, house their animals at the same barn, be entered in the same species, and be registered as junior exhibitors.

e. If an animal is registered within a respective breed association under multiple siblings, but not all siblings are participating at the GNF, a family declaration must still be filled out prior to the deadline for family declaration.

f. Registered livestock will be eligible for family entries, if the animal is registered within the respective breed associations under all children's names. Animals that are registered under multiple sibling names will be allowed if all siblings are members of the respective national junior association. All names on the registration papers must be siblings and Bonafide members of the respective national junior breed association. Each sibling that may potentially show a registered animal must be registered for that species show at the GNF. For market and commercial species that do not have registration papers, siblings need to have an animal registered within that species specific show at the GNF for the family entry rule to apply.

- e) **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List are required of all animals. Diseased animals are barred entry (at all times) into the Fairgrounds area. Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to animals showing any signs or characteristics of disease. Inspectors will check health papers upon arrival.
- f) **BREEDER AFFIDAVIT:** Barren animals will not be eligible for breeding classes; an affidavit that the animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.
- g) If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a major show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud, or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair. In cooperation with the member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and the Rule Infraction Database, the Georgia National Fair reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor.
- h) To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their livestock must meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department or departments (in subsequent pages of this premium list).

- i) **ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. Entry deadline is August 1st, 2026. Late entries are due August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card. Livestock show information can be found at www.georgianationalfair.com - Livestock - Livestock Competitions.

Please Note: Livestock Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, and the office is closed on Saturday & Sunday. If the entry deadline falls on the weekend or a Holiday, there will be no one in the office to assist you. The deadline will not be extended.

- j) **ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, the management reserves the right to reject, accept or accept conditionally, an application for entry, and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings.
- k) **SIGNATURES:** By completing the online entry, the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
- l) **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED:** Social Security number is required for premium checks.
- m) **ENTRY FEES:**
- i. Beef & Dairy Cattle..... \$20.00
 - ii. Sheep, Swine, & Goats..... \$15.00
 - 1. Entry fee includes the original bedding which will be in the stalls upon arrival of livestock.
 - iii. Late Entry Fee.....\$100.00
- n) **CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES:** Must be made no later than *September 10*.
- o) **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.
- p) **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
- q) **SUBSTITUTIONS (Open Shows ONLY):** Substitutions of animals will be allowed within the same breed and class and for the same exhibitor. In addition, one open substitution (out of class) will be allowed per exhibitor. Substitutions can be made only in the name of the original exhibitor. Exhibitors in breed shows without defined classes can substitute only an animal of the same sex with a birth date within 90 days of the entry being substituted. Exhibitors in these shows will also be allowed one open substitution (not the same sex and DOB not within 90 days).
- r) **GROUP CLASSES:** All entries for group classes must be shown in their respective single classes. Animals to comprise a competitive group need not be named in application for entry, but exhibitors must indicate in which group class they expect to compete.
- s) **JUNIOR & OPEN SHOW EXHIBITORS:** All animals shown in the Junior Show are eligible to show in the Open Show if applicable classes are available. If the Junior Exhibitor elects to show in the Open Show, he/she must abide by all the Open Show rules, including entry deadline, and must apply and pay entry fees for both shows.
Exception: Heifers showing in the Comm. Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to be shown in the Purebred Show of the Georgia National Fair during the same year.
- t) **SHOW NUMBER:** Each entry in the Fair will be assigned a show number. This number will identify animals in the show and will correspond with the Official Livestock Catalog number and must be displayed properly when the entries are being judged.

IV. Passes and Parking

a) JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

- i. **Complimentary Livestock Admission Wristbands:** All participating exhibitors will receive three (3) wristbands and one (1) complimentary vehicle pass per family will also be provided. (Example: If a household has 2 participating exhibitors, you will receive a total of 6 wristbands and 2 vehicle passes, etc.). Additional passes must be purchased.
- ii. **4-H and FFA chapters** with junior entries will receive complimentary Livestock Admission wristband and complimentary livestock vehicle passes for Agents or Advisors.
- iii. **All Livestock Admission Wristbands** must be put on when picked up and kept on until your stay with us is final, if for any reason these wristbands get lost or must be cut off, the exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a replacement. All complimentary wristbands must be picked up at Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock Gate to the Fairgrounds upon arrival.
- iv. Additional wristbands/passes (quantities limited) may be purchased at the Livestock Credentials office, **priced as follows:**
 1. Wristbands: (4-day weekend) -\$50 (Season/10-days) - \$95
 2. Passes: (2-day) - \$25, (1-day) - \$15, Senior 60 yrs.+ \$10, Children 10 yrs. and under Free
 3. Livestock Vehicle pass - \$15
- v. **Every vehicle and every person must have a wristband/pass to enter the gate. There will be no Vehicle or Trailer parking inside the gates. All vehicles with livestock vehicle passes will be parked in a designated area outside the Livestock Gate,** not for entrance of driver or passengers. Parking spaces are limited, and a vehicle pass does not guarantee space.
- vi. Livestock trailers may be dropped in designated areas without a vehicle pass. Any vehicle other than trailers must have a vehicle pass to enter and to park in designated areas.
- vii. All vehicles must be out of the barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.

b) OPEN SHOW EXHIBITORS

- i. **Complimentary Livestock Admission Wristband** are issued depending on the number of entries:

<u>Number of Entries</u>	<u>Passes</u>
1.....	1
2 - 3.....	2
4 - 5.....	3
6 or more.....	4
- ii. One complimentary vehicle pass will be issued per exhibitor.
- iii. **Open and Junior Show Exhibitors:** Exhibitors showing in both junior and open shows, when those shows are held within the same time period, will receive complimentary passes for the junior show only, not for both shows. When the junior and open shows are not held within the same time period, the exhibitor will receive passes for both shows.

- c) No parking is permitted on the asphalt next to the barns.
- d) **NONCOMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the Show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit(s) from the grounds immediately.
- e) **AGENTS/ADVISORS (4H & FFA):** **Must confirm their junior exhibitor's entries in order to receive their complimentary passes.**
- f) If you are an exhibitor and you are reading these rules, please email "*I have read the rules*" to livestock@gnfa.com by entry deadline to receive a GNFA hat. Please include your name, what you are showing and the date. Do not share this rule with anyone.
- g) **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:** On heavy attendance days the Georgia State Patrol will designate all gates on the Fairgrounds as exits only from approximately 9 pm until 11 pm. It is strongly suggested that you plan your entrance and exit times wisely with this information in mind.

V. Care of Animals, Stalls and Pens

- a) **ANIMAL WELL-BEING:** Management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal.
- b) **CONTROL:** All animals exhibited at the Georgia National Fair must be halter broke or broke appropriate for the species.
- c) **BEDDING:** The official bedding of the Georgia National Fair is wood shavings or pellets. All beef entries in the Junior and Open shows will be required to use wood shavings or pellets in the barn. The first bedding is provided, and additional chips can be purchased on site. Absolutely **NO** exceptions to this rule. Violators will forfeit all premiums won. Junior and Open Dairy and Llama exhibitors will be allowed to use straw on top of the existing wood shavings. Wood shavings must not be removed from stalls.
- d) **BEDDING SALES:** Shavings and pellets will be available on the Fairgrounds at reasonable prices. Straw will be allowed in the outside tie-outs only, except where otherwise specified. Hours and location for purchase of bedding will be posted.
- e) **TIE-OUTS:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle are only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set in the tie out area, but no electric fence is allowed in the tie out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens in tie outs for cattle. Maximum pen space is 12' x 12'. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.
- f) All vehicles must be out of barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.
- g) **SIGNS:** Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign or banner over their exhibit advertising their own herd or farm. This sign or banner shall be of a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitor's signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs must not exceed 22 x 28 inches and may be used to advertise individual animals within an individual exhibit. The management reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed.
- h) Demonstrators, trophies, decorations, portals, fountains, signs, banners, advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character **will not** be allowed in the aisles or public passageways or attached to the Show buildings' walls, posts, or doors.
- i) **Community White Boards are located in all the barns, and outside of the Arenas. Please use these boards for your advertising and marketing materials. Any advertising or marketing signs posted outside of these boards will be taken down.**
- j) All owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The Georgia National Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- k) **NO DOGS:** Are allowed on the Georgia National Fairgrounds during the Fair except service dogs and dogs participating in demonstrations and/or competitions.
- l) All articles and animals for the exhibition must be in their places, with all rubbish and waste cleared away by 9:00 am each morning.
- m) **ARRIVAL TIME:** All animals must be in the barn by the time and date specified in this book under individual shows.
- n) **DEPARTURE TIME:** All animals must be out of the barn by 9:00 pm on the date of their release as specified in this book under individual shows. They may spend that night in the tie-outs but must be off the grounds by noon the following day.
- o) **EARLY DEPARTURE:** Any animal on exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without a special order given by the Livestock Department. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor.
- p) ANY EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN TO BE USED IN YOUR STALL OR SPACE MUST COMPLY WITH AND BE USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.

- q) **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED:** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.
- r) **TRIMMING CHUTES:** NO chutes allowed in the center aisle of cattle barn. Chutes & equipment outside of barn must be kept orderly. **No chutes on the Court of Honor (South side of Multi-Purpose Building).**

VI. Notice to Exhibitors

- a) Exhibitors may spend the night inside the barns only to tend to lactating animals and must do so within their assigned stalling area or purchase additional stalling space, if available. No other camping is allowed in or around the barn areas.
- b) In order to create a good public image and add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc., should be stored out of sight by 8 am each morning.
- c) No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes. Coolers are allowed.
- d) No Unauthorized ATVs, Golf Carts, Motorcycles or Bicycles allowed on the grounds.
- e) The following are prohibited on the property known as the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter: **Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Skates, Hover Boards, Roller Blades, and other similar mechanical equipment.**

VII. Judges and Judging Procedure

- a) Policies of selecting judges and of determining judging systems rest solely with the management.
- b) Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations, and procedures of the Georgia National Fair.
- c) The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error, or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Georgia National Fair management or such referee may be appointed to make a decision regarding final placement. Such cases may be appealed in writing to the Livestock Committee, from whose decision there will be no appeal.
- d) If any exhibitor or his/her representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the Show, the management may withhold from such exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable.
- e) Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.
- f) No one will be allowed to act as judge in the ring or class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.
- g) Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intent of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his/her award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. Only first prize-winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.

VIII. Premiums & Awards

- a) **Online IRS Form W-9:** When adding your first entry to your new exhibitor account, you will be prompted to complete and sign an online version of IRS Form W-9. The completion and submission of the W-9 is mandatory for all livestock exhibitors. Unless you complete the online IRS Form W-9 you will not be able to make your first entry. We are gathering this information so that the IRS reporting requirements for premium earnings can be met. Additionally, this information will allow us to aggregate your premium earnings and report this number to you in January so you can see it when preparing your tax return.
 - i) Please make sure that the name and social security number supplied on the W-9 matches the exhibitor registered on the exhibitor account.
- b) Premium checks will be mailed out by the Georgia National Fair (except where otherwise stated) as soon as possible after the conclusion of the show.

- c) All premium checks issued by the Georgia National Fair are good for up to **90 days** from the issue date on the check. *Checks not cashed by that time will not be reissued.* In the event that a premium check is lost in the mail, request must be made before this 90-day period has lapsed to have the premium check reissued.

IX. Protests

- a) Protests against an award and/or eligibility must be made in writing to the Agricultural/Youth Livestock Director of the Georgia National Fairgrounds and accompanied by an affidavit and a deposit of \$50.00 within twenty (24) hours following the designation of such award. Any animal being protested must have been entered into the appropriate show and qualified to show before the protest will be accepted. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit will be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair. The Livestock Superintendent will notify the exhibitor of the protested animal or article of such protest, and both parties shall then have ten (10) days in which to bring testimony in the case to be submitted to the Livestock Committee. The protested award will be held in abeyance until final action of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority. No other protest will be considered by the Livestock Committee.

X. Photographs

- a) Exhibitors of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners must make themselves and their animals available for the taking of official photographs and must remain at the Show until animals are released; those photographs are to become the property of the Georgia National Fair with copies made available on site for purchase by the exhibitors.
- i. *Failure to comply may result in premium monies being withheld.*
 - ii. Only the photographers displaying the badge of “Official Photographer” are authorized to take photos for resale on the Fairgrounds.

Health Requirements

Georgia Department of Agriculture
Agriculture Building Capitol Square
Atlanta Georgia 30334-2001 USA
(404) 656-3667 FAX (404) 656-9380

General Requirements

1. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and required tests.
2. A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.
3. An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.
4. **No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.**
5. **Livestock may be inspected upon arrival for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the fairgrounds. If suspected animals are not removed from or return to the show facility, all of the exhibitor's entries will be disqualified.**

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must be individually identified and accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate). The certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exceptions will be the following:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats, and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the certificate of veterinary inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (unless specified otherwise by show management).
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued by a veterinarian, must be updated, and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate: "to the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (sore mouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or communicable disease."
3. Georgia equine participating in Georgia Equine Shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete Equine Requirements)

****Certificate of veterinary inspection is required on all market hogs at the Georgia National Fair as there will be breeding hogs on the premises. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and test required. ****

Note: These rules and regulations are current as of **May 10, 2024**.

Revised March 5, 2005 - For complete & current regulations, call (404) 656-3667.

Farm Animal Livestock Requirements

I. CATTLE

A. Brucellosis

- i. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirements.
- ii. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for Brucellosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin: call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations).

B. Tuberculosis

- i. DAIRY CATTLE - All dairy cattle six (6) months of age and older must have a negative TB test within sixty (60) days of shipment - REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN (This does not apply to Georgia Cattle).
- ii. BEEF CATTLE - Beef cattle originating from a TB free state do not require a TB test. Beef cattle from the following states will require a negative TB test if six (6) months of age or older within sixty (60) days of shipment: **REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN (This does not apply to Georgia Cattle).**

II. SWINE

A. Georgia Swine

- i. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative Brucellosis and a negative Pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:
 1. Swine originating from a validated Brucellosis free herd and a qualified Pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- ii. Market Swine
 1. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 2. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 3. Market swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the “Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions”.

B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as “Georgia swine” requirements above.

- i. **NOTE:** Swine purchased and/or removed from the farm of a validated/qualified herd loses validated/qualified status at the time of transfer and will require the appropriate tests prior to exhibition.

C. Any exhibition of out-of-state swine must have an entry permit number from the Dept. of Agriculture. (Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).

III. SHEEP

- A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those sheep born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: “To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (sore mouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”
- B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.
- C. *Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infections and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.*

IV. GOATS

- A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those goats born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: “To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of foot rot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”
- B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirement above.
- C. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

V. EQUINE

- A. Georgia equine does not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for exhibition.
- B. All Georgia equine exhibited must have a negative equine infectious anemia test within the previous 12 months. The original laboratory issued test record, or a legible copy must accompany the animal. Nursing foals less than six (6) months of age are exempt from this test requirement when accompanied by their dam which has a current negative test for equine infectious anemia.
- C. Equine entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and shall originate from premises free of any contagious or infectious disease and shall not have been exposed to any contagious or infectious disease prior to or during shipment.
- D. All Equine must be negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within twelve (12) months prior to entry with test results, test dates, accession numbers, and name and address of the approved testing laboratories recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

VI. EXOTIC ANIMALS AND NON-TRADITIONAL LIVESTOCK (LLAMAS & ALPACAS)

- A. Georgia llamas and alpacas must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification.
- B. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.
- C. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.

VII. RABBITS

- A. All Georgia state guidelines for RHDV (*rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus*) apply, exhibition of rabbits does not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection unless required by the individual show authority.
- B. All rabbits entering Georgia requires an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the previous 30 days for rabbits entering for sale, trade, adoption, or exchange for a fee or other type of compensation.
- C. This show will be governed by the latest rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA).

For info on the health requirements for moving livestock and horses within Georgia or across state lines, check out the rules and regulations at Subject 40-13-2 & 40-13-3 on the State of Georgia website <https://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/40-13>

For Interstate Animal movement requirements visit: <https://www.interstatelivestock.com/>

Georgia National Fair Herdsman Competition

About:

The Herdsman Competition is designed to encourage and acknowledge the good work ethic of 4-H and FFA chapters from across the state of Georgia as they care for their livestock at the show. Along with working effectively and cooperatively with your show team members and advisors as well as demonstrating good sportsmanship and being a helping hand to others.

Each chapter/county herdsman exhibit will be judged each day of the Georgia National Fair Livestock Show by judges who are selected by the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter Livestock Show Management. Herdsman prizes will be awarded to the following species: **Beef Cattle, Commercial Dairy Cattle, Goat, Lamb, and Swine**. There will be a Top 5 Herdsman named from each species listed above with the appropriate awards and premiums. The winner will be able to move in an hour early for the 2027 Georgia National Fair.

Herdsman Premiums

1st – \$500, 2nd – \$400, 3rd – \$300, 4th – \$200, 5th – \$100

Registration:

Individuals can register for the herdsman competition during species check-in from when check-in starts until the conclusion. Once check-in has closed the herdsman registration closes, **No Exceptions**. Competitors can sign up during check-in times through the QR code or at the species barn office. County 4-H and FFA chapters may combine their herdsman exhibits to be judged as one exhibit. Unless stated otherwise, each herdsman exhibit registered will be judged separately.

Judging Criteria:

1. **Appearance & Cleanliness** – 50 points
 - a. Aisles and stalling/bedding areas should be kept clean and tidy
 - b. Animals should be kept clean and well-groomed
 - c. County/chapter banners and additional decorations will accrue points
 - d. For 2026, we will also have the patriotic portion of our herdsman competition.
2. **Educational Value** – 25 points
 - a. Educational information about the species, breeds, animal history, agricultural importance and the youth livestock program will accrue points
3. **Conduct** – 25 points
 - a. Exhibits should be well represented and have someone present at the area
 - b. Courtesy to exhibitors, spectators and show officials will accrue points. Roughhousing, foul language, excessive loud noise, violation of facility rules and regulations will result in deducting points

Total points – 100 points

2026 STATE 4-H AND FFA MARKET LAMB SHOW

Judge: Clay Burson

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Friday, October 9th at Sheep/Swine/Goat Barn 2

Show Time: 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 11th at New South Arena

Release Time: All animals participating in the Junior Market Lamb Show must be out of the barn 2-hrs after the conclusion of the Overall Top-5 Drive.

The State 4-H and FFA Market Lamb Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair.


Show Rules

1. All lambs must be owned by the exhibitor and tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before August 1, 2026. If a lamb loses an ear tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager no later than seven days after the ear tag is lost.
2. Entries must be made online by the County Agent for 4-H entries or by the Agriculture Teacher for FFA entries by August 1, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by August 8, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check for all of the entries from that county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. All ewes and wethers must have a scrapie tag. Name and location of the breeder must be included on the entry form for the lamb to compete in Georgia Born. Georgia Born entries must include the scrapie tag number from the birth flock.
4. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of five (5) market lambs, regardless of sex. Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of three (3) market lambs regardless of sex. Entry fees are \$30 per market lamb for the first 3 market lambs entered and \$35 for the 4th and 5th market lamb entered. An exhibitor can bring no more than three (3) market lambs to the Georgia Junior National Market Lamb Show.
5. Tent space will be assigned to each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter based on the number of entries per group. Tents spaces will only be allowed for 4-H and FFA groups and no tents will be allowed outside of the assigned space. Tent space assignments will be completed along with penning assignments and emailed out from the office of the Show Manager.
6. Entries must be wethers or ewe lambs. No ram lambs will be allowed.
7. Ewes and wethers will be shown separately. A top 5 will be selected from the ewes and a top 5 will be selected from the wethers. Ewes WILL NOT be allowed to show in both the State 4-H and FFA Market Lamb show and the GNF Breeding Ewe Show.



8. The lamb must have an official health certificate (health paper), according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations. It is important that this requirement be met; without health papers, lambs will not be unloaded.
9. Lambs will be weighed at check-in by show officials. The weights will be recorded, and the lambs will show by those weights. No weigh cards will be used. There will be no weigh backs. The scales will only be used for weigh-in by show officials.
10. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds, EXCEPT for hair sheep. Hair sheep must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds.
11. Lambs must be housed in the barn and remain in the barn, or the interior fence located between the barns and trailers from check-in until the animal has completed showing. Housing in trailers is not allowed.
12. All lambs must be trained to show and be properly groomed.
13. Any entry may be mouthed for age and must have their milk teeth.
14. Electric prod use is prohibited.
15. Showmanship classes will be divided by grade in school. If there are more than 40 entries in one class, it may be divided into heats.
16. An exhibitor, or anyone assisting an exhibitor, is not allowed to aggressively or loudly pop, slap or strike their sheep at any time during the show. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification.
17. A minimum of ten (10) animals is required to constitute a breed classification. If there are less than ten (10) they will be shown in Other Breeds. The number of divisions for each breed will be determined by the number of entries.
18. All lambs will be classified during check-in using the following categories:
 - a. Black Face - This includes breeds such as Hampshire, Suffolk and their crosses
 - b. Natural – At least 50% of lambs fleece, excluding face and legs, must be dark fiber.
 - c. White/Speckle Face - This includes white face breeds and their crosses with predominately white faces and dark speckles.
 - d. Hair - This includes hair breeds like Katahdin and Dorper and their crosses.
 - e. Southdown – Lambs should be hornless and have white wool with mouse to white colored wool on the face, ears, and legs and be compact and blocky bodied.
 - f. Other Breeds - This includes other breeds that do not fit the above classifications.



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19. Painting/altering the natural appearance/color of a lamb with any substance before check-in/classification is not permitted. Any animal that has been altered in any way will be disqualified.
 20. Blankets or other covers must be removed during classification. Decisions of the classifier are final and are not subject to appeal.
 21. The Show Management reserves the right to change, combine or delete classes with insufficient entries.
 22. All first, second, and third place class winning entries must compete for Division and Championship Drive competition or all prize money and all awards will be forfeited for that respective entry. There will be a selection of the top five (5) ewes and top five (5) wethers. The Top Five (5) ewes and wethers will be selected from the Division Champions, Reserves, and thirds.
 23. Rules for the Georgia Born division can be found on page 50.
 24. There will be a County Group of five competition following showmanship. A county may enter only 2 groups. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.
 25. There will be a Breeder's Group of three competition following County Groups. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups.

2026 FIRST YEAR FEEDER MARKET LAMB SHOW

1. The purpose of this show is to recognize First Year participants in the State Market Lamb Show and is intended for novice exhibitors. Each first-year feeder will be recognized. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded. Placings will be determined by lamb quality.
2. This show will be held in conjunction with the State Market Lamb Show in Perry, GA.
3. All lambs must register and meet the requirements of the State Market Lamb Show in order to qualify to show.
4. Exhibitors who show in the First Year Feeder Market Lamb Show are eligible to compete in State Market Lamb competition.
5. All exhibitors may show only one of their own lambs in this show. Lamb must be designated at weigh-in.
6. No substitute showmen will be allowed in this show.

2026 STATE 4-H AND FFA MARKET GOAT SHOW

Judge: Wayne Morse

Showmanship: Taylor Langford

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th at New South Arena

Show Time: 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th at New South Arena

Release Time: All animals participating in the Junior Market Goat Show must be out of the barn 2-hrs after the conclusion of the Overall Top-5 Drive. All market goats will have the option to go stall in HORSE BARN 1 ONLY after the conclusion of the show. No goats will be allowed in Horse Barn 2.

The State 4-H and FFA Market Goat Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair.

Show Rules

1. All market goats must be owned by the exhibitor and must be ear tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before August 1, 2026. If a market goat loses an ear tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager no later than seven days after the ear tag is lost.
2. Entries must be made online by the County Agent for 4-H entries or by the Agriculture Teacher for FFA entries by August 1, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by August 8, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check for all of the entries from that county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of five (5) market goats, regardless of sex. Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of three (3) market goats regardless of sex. Entry fees are \$30 per market goat for the first 3 market goats entered and \$35 for the 4th and 5th market goat entered. An exhibitor can bring no more than three (3) market goats to the Georgia Junior National Market Goat Show.
4. All market goats (does and wethers) must have a scrapie tag.
5. Tent space will be assigned to each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter based on the number of entries per group. Tents spaces will only be allowed for 4-H and FFA groups and no tents will be allowed outside of the assigned space. Tent space assignments will be completed along with penning assignments and emailed out from the office of the Show Manager.
6. Market goats (does and wethers) must not have hair greater than ½” in length above the hock or knee. Goats found to have hair longer that ½” above the hock or knee may be disqualified.

7. Does WILL NOT be allowed to show in both the State 4-H and FFA Market Goat show and the GNF Junior Wether Dam Breeding Doe Show.
8. Exhibitors are eligible from the state of Georgia only. Classes are open only to 4-H and FFA members through the 12th grade in school (plus pre-club age children in grades 1-4). Animals entered in the GNF Breeding Doe Show or the GNF Dairy Goat Show are not eligible to show in the Junior Market Goat Show. This show is open to any breed or crossbred wether or doe.
9. Market goats will be weighed by show officials. Market goats will be divided into wethers and does and shown by weight with number of market goats per class based on number of entries and at the discretion of show management. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 40 lbs. Animals not making minimum weight will be sifted from the show and returned to the exhibitor. No entry fee refunds will be given for market goats that are sifted from the show.
10. Market goats must have an official health certificate (health paper), according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations. It is important that this requirement be met; without health papers, market goats will not be unloaded.
11. Market goats must be housed in the barn from check-in to completion of showing. Housing in trailers is not allowed.
12. All market goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped. Horns not tipped at time of weigh-in will be tipped by a show official. It is recommended that market goats be disbudded early in life for exhibitor safety reasons.
13. No washing or grooming of market goats allowed outside the barn.
14. No farm or association names or logos other than 4-H & FFA will be allowed on clothing in the show ring. Only show officials and exhibitors are allowed in the show ring.
15. Use of muzzles is optional on market goats.
16. All first, second, and third place class winning entries must compete for Division and Championship Drive competition or all prize money and all awards will be forfeited for that respective entry. There will be a selection of the top five (5) for market wethers and market does.
17. A Grand and Reserve Champion Market Doe and a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Wether will be selected. There will be a selection of the Top Five (5) Market Wethers and Top Five (5) Market Does. The top five (5) will be selected from the division champions, reserves, and thirds. The selection of the Overall Top 5 may be made by selecting three (3) from each class and three (3) from each division to move on to the next level of recognition.
18. Rules for the Georgia Born division can be found on page 50.
19. There will be a County Group of five competition following showmanship. A county may enter only 2 groups. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.
20. There will be a Breeder's Group of three competition following County Groups. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups

Georgia Born Guidelines for the Georgia Junior Livestock Sheep and Goat Shows

- The objective of these programs is to highlight Georgia-born animals, in hopes that it will increase the awareness of all Georgia producers.
- We welcome all sponsors who would like to unconditionally support this objective. No stipulations can be made based on organizational membership.
- Procedure:
 1. Exhibitors will indicate if an animal is Georgia Born (GB) when registering for the state show.
 2. The GB status will be confirmed at check-in by the animal's scrapie tag (sheep and goats).
 3. During the show, the top three GB animals will be identified in each class as the three highest-placing animals. If these are not the first, second, or third place animals, the clerk will tell the exhibitor (e.g. if it is the fourth, fifth, and seventh placed exhibitors) before leaving the ring that they are one of the top three GB and need to come back at the division drive.
 4. During the division drive, if the grand champion is GB, it will automatically serve as the champion GB. If not, it will pass to the reserve division champion. If the reserve division champion is not, it will pass to the third overall. If none of these are GB, the champion drive will be "reloaded" with first, second, and third place GB from each class. From this point, the judge will be asked to select a grand, reserve, and third GB.
 5. If an overall top five is selected, and the grand and reserve are not GB, but one or more of the remaining top five are GB, these will not automatically serve as the GB champion and/or reserve. After the top five are selected, all divisional GB champions, reserves, and thirds will be brought back in for the selection of the Top 5 GB animals. If the third, fourth, or fifth overall are GB, they will be included in the drive for GB champion and reserve.
 6. There will be a Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and third selected from each Division and a Grand and a Top 5 selected Overall.
 7. All GB selections will take place after the selection of the overall division drives and champion drives.
- All management and organization will be performed by the staff of the Georgia Junior National Livestock program. Sponsors are not permitted to organize or manage the eligibility or selection of GB animals in any way.
- All sponsors are invited to the show and encouraged to come. No sponsors are allowed in the ring until after selections are made.

Georgia National Fair

Junior Wether Dam Doe Showmanship

Judge: Kash Allen

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th in Sheep and Swine 2.

Show Time: 5:00 PM on Friday, October 8th at New South Arena in Ring 2.

Show Rules

1. Junior Wether Dam Doe Showmanship will be a combination of exhibitors from the Junior Wether Dam Doe Show.
2. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors who have entered and qualified to show in the Junior Wether Dam Doe Show at the Georgia National Fair are qualified to participate in Jr. Wether Dam Doe Showmanship.
3. **Registration:** Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and/or FFA. Additionally, Preclub children in grades 1 – 4, who are at least 6 years old by August 1st, 2026, are also eligible to participate.
4. **Substitute Showmen:** No substitute showman will be allowed for Junior Wether Dam Breeding Doe Showmanship.
5. **Classes:** Showmanship classes will be split into heats based on the number of entries for that class. Exhibitors that are registered for showmanship must compete in their specific heat that is printed on the posted show order. Awards and premiums will be distributed to places 1st – 10th in the following classes:
 - a. **Class 1:** 11th – 12th grade
 - b. **Class 2:** 9th – 10th grade
 - c. **Class 3:** 7th – 8th grade
 - d. **Class 4:** 5th – 6th grade
 - e. **Class 5:** 3rd – 4th grade
 - f. **Class 6:** 1st – 2nd grade

Georgia National Fair

Junior Wether Dam Doe Show

Judge: Kash Allen

Superintendent: Ben Lastly

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th in Sheep and Swine 2.

Show Time: 5:00 PM on Friday, October 9th at New South Arena in Ring 2.

Show Rules

1. Junior Show exhibitors are required to adhere to the GNF General Rules and Regulations outlined on pages 17-24.
2. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are eligible for this show. However, it is open to all school student members of 4-H and FFA, up until the 12th grade. Additionally, pre-Club children in grades 1 – 4, who are at least 6 years old by August 1st, 2026, are also eligible to participate.
3. **Animal Eligibility:** Does that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior Wether Dam Doe Show are **NOT** eligible to show in the Junior Market Goat Show. Animals will be validated at check-in/weigh-in to show in the Georgia National Fair Junior Wether Dam Doe Show **OR** the Junior Market Goat Show.
4. **Ownership:** The ownership of Wether Dam Does should be exclusively held by the exhibitor before or on Saturday, August 1st, 2026. The exhibitor is required to uphold uninterrupted and complete ownership, possession, and daily care responsibilities of the Doe(s) from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the show at the Georgia National Fair.
5. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
6. **Health Certificates:** Please ensure that the animals you bring to the event have Health Certificates that comply with the guidelines mentioned in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements section on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. Health Certificates are mandatory for all animals. Compliance with this requirement is crucial, as goats

without health papers will not be allowed to be unloaded or remain on the premises. Additionally, it is important to note that all Does must possess a Scrapie tag.

7. **Identification:** To participate in the Wether Dam Does competition, it is imperative to include a Scrapie Tag Number or Georgia (GA) State Ear Tag on the entry form. The ear tag present in the animal's ear should precisely correspond to the ear tag number provided on the entry form during the check-in process. GA State Ear Tags are obtainable through either your county Agricultural Education Teacher or 4-H Agent. In the event that an animal misplaces its tag, it is crucial to notify the GNFA Livestock Department within a maximum of seven (7) days from the date of tag loss.

i. Official USDA scrapie tags in wether dam does must be covered during exhibition by black tape. Any method used to cover identification tags must not alter the natural appearance of the ear, cause discomfort to the animal, or violate any state or federal identification requirements. All tags must remain properly affixed to the animal as required by law. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification from the class.

8. **Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$15.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter an unlimited number of wether dams but will only be able to bring/show a maximum of four (4) Does.
9. **Online Entries:** [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)
10. **Signatures:** The online entry process includes a section where the exhibitor must agree to the rules and regulations. This agreement is signified by selecting the check box, which will act as the exhibitor's signature.
11. **Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is *Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM*. The deadline to submit LATE entries is *Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm*. The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.
**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*
12. **Refunds:** No refunds will be provided.
13. **Stall/Bedding:** The show barn manager(s) will be responsible for organizing the stalling for Does. Bedding will be provided, and additional bedding can be purchased at the livestock equipment trailers.
14. **Control:** All Wether Dam Does participating in the Georgia National Fair are required to be effectively trained to consistently respond to commands and always remain under control.

- 15. Class Breaks:** Classes will be categorized based on weight; registration papers are not required for participation. There is a minimum weight requirement of 40 lbs., there is no specified maximum weight limit. Please note that any Wether Dam Doe failing to meet the minimum weight of 40 lbs. will not be eligible to participate in the show.
- 16. Horns:** All Does must be dehorned or have horns tipped and rounded.
- 17. Hair:** The Wether Dam Doe Show is a haired show.
- 18. Grooming:** The application of hair color above the animal's flank is strictly prohibited. Additionally, the use of any artificial or natural materials, such as added hair, in the grooming process of any exhibit is not permitted. Any deliberate alteration of a goat's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural way will lead to disqualification and forfeiture of all rewards and prizes.
- 19. Filling of Animals:** The use of any substance not intended for the well-being of the animal is strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification. All Does must be presented in their natural form and structure without any change or modification, except for grooming the hair and trimming the hooves. Please note that filling with any unauthorized substance and altering the animal's appearance other than the mentioned exceptions is strictly forbidden and may result in immediate disqualification.
- 20. Premiums:** To ensure a smooth process and retention of awarded premiums, exhibitors who receive premiums from the Georgia National Fair must provide their Social Security Number upon entry. This requirement aims to prevent any potential delays or forfeiture of premiums. The Social Security Numbers will be utilized for the completion of an IRS-1099 form, specifically for exhibitors receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards from the Georgia National Fair.

2026 Junior Wether Dam Doe Awards

Overall Grand Champion Wether Dam Doe – \$1,000 & Banner

Overall Reserve Champion Wether Dam Doe – \$800 & Banner

Third Overall Champion Wether Dam Doe – \$600 & Banner

Fourth Overall Champion Wether Dam Doe – \$400 & Banner

Fifth Overall Champion Wether Dam Doe – \$200 & Banner

Georgia National Fair

Junior Breeding Ewe Showmanship

Judge: Barrett Carlisle

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Friday, October 9th in New South Arena.

Show Time: 5:00 PM on Friday, October 9th in New South Arena Ring 1.

Show Rules

1. Junior Breeding Ewe Showmanship will be a combination of exhibitors from the Junior Breeding Ewe Show.
2. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors who have entered and qualified to show in the Junior Breeding Ewe Show at the Georgia National Fair are qualified to participate in Jr. Breeding Ewe Showmanship.
3. **Registration:** Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and/or FFA. Additionally, PreClub children in grades 1 – 4, who are at least 6 years old by August 1st, 2026, are also eligible to participate.
4. **Substitute Showmen:** No substitute showman will be allowed for Junior Breeding Ewe Showmanship.
5. **Classes:** Showmanship classes will be split into heats based on the number of entries for that class. Exhibitors that are registered for showmanship must compete in their specific heat that is printed on the posted show order. Awards and premiums will be distributed to places 1st – 10th in the following classes:
 - a. **Class 1:** 1st – 2nd grade
 - b. **Class 2:** 3rd – 4th grade
 - c. **Class 3:** 5th – 6th grade
 - d. **Class 4:** 7th – 8th grade
 - e. **Class 5:** 9th – 10th grade
 - f. **Class 6:** 11th – 12th grade

Georgia National Fair

Junior Breeding Ewe Show

Judge: Barrett Carlisle

Superintendents: Kent Benson & Gary Farmer

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Friday, October 9th at New South Arena

Show Time: 5:00 PM on Friday, October 9th at New South Arena in Ring 1.

Show Rules

1. Junior Show exhibitors are required to adhere to the GNF General Rules and Regulations outlined on pages 17-24.
2. **Age:** Ewe Lambs and yearling ewe are eligible to show. The show committee reserves the right to verify age through mouth examination.
3. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are eligible for this show. However, it is open to all school student members of 4-H and FFA, up until the 12th grade. Additionally, pre-Club children in grades 1 – 4, who are at least 6 years old by August 1st, 2026, are also eligible to participate.
4. **Animal Eligibility:** Breeding Ewes that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior Breeding Ewe Show are not eligible to show in the Junior Market Lamb Show. Animals will be validated at check-in/weigh-in to show in the Georgia National Fair Junior Breeding Ewe Show *or the* Junior Market Lamb Show.
5. **Ownership:** The ownership of Breeding Ewes should be exclusively held by the exhibitor before or on Saturday, August 1st, 2026. The exhibitor is required to uphold uninterrupted and complete ownership, possession, and daily care responsibilities of the Ewe(s) from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the show at the Georgia National Fair.
6. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
7. **Health Certificates:** Please ensure that the animals you bring to the event have Health Certificates that comply with the guidelines mentioned in the Health Requirements and Farm

Animal Livestock Requirements section on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. Health Certificates are mandatory for all animals. Compliance with this requirement is crucial, as ewes without health papers will not be allowed to be unloaded or remain on the premises.

- 8. Identification:** To participate in the Breeding Ewe Show, it is imperative to include a Scrapie Tag Number or Georgia (GA) State Ear Tag on the entry form. The ear tag present in the animal's ear should precisely correspond to the ear tag number provided on the entry form during the check-in process. GA State Ear Tags are obtainable through either your county Agricultural Education Teacher or 4-H Agent. In the event that an animal misplaces its tag, it is crucial to notify the GNFA Livestock Department within a maximum of seven (7) days from the date of tag loss.

i. Official USDA scrapie tags in breeding ewes must be covered by black tape during exhibition. Any method used to cover identification tags must not alter the natural appearance of the ear, cause discomfort to the animal, or violate any state or federal identification requirements. All tags must remain properly affixed to the animal as required by law. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification from the class.

- 9. Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$15.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter an unlimited number of commercial breeding ewes but can only bring/show a maximum of four (4) Ewes.
- 10. Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is ***Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM***. The deadline to submit LATE entries is ***Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm***. The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*

- 11. Refunds:** No refunds will be provided.
- 12. Penning/Bedding:** To maintain a uniform arrangement, every county is required to collectively pen 4-H/FFA participants in their designated area. The responsibility of penning ewes lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment by making any necessary modifications. Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival, and additional bedding can be purchased at the livestock equipment trailers. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed for bedding in the barns.
- 13. Tack Areas:** Due to space limitations in the Sheep/Swine/Goat Barns, no tack pen space will be assigned or available in the barn. This means that all tack boxes, trimming stands and supplies must be inside of the pen and out of the alleyways.

- 14. Control:** All ewes must possess the ability to be consistently handled and always controlled. PreClub exhibitors in grades 1st – 4th will be allowed to use halters in the showing if needed. Should any ewe display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove the animal from the showing. It is important to note that this decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 15. Class Breaks:** Classes will be categorized based on weight; registration papers are not required for participation. There is a minimum weight requirement of 50 lbs., there is no specified maximum weight limit. Please note that any Breeding Ewe failing to meet the minimum weight of 50 lbs. will not be eligible to participate in the show.
- 16. Wool:** The Breeding Ewe Show has no wool length requirements.
- 17. Grooming:** The use of any artificial or natural materials, such as added hair, in the grooming process of any exhibit is not permitted. Any deliberate alteration of an ewe's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural way will lead to disqualification and forfeiture of all rewards and prizes.
- 18. Filling of Animals:** The use of any substance not intended for the well-being of the animal is strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification. All Ewes must be presented in their natural form and structure without any change or modification, except for grooming the hair and trimming the hooves. Please note that filling with any unauthorized substance and altering the animal's appearance other than the mentioned exceptions is strictly forbidden and may result in immediate disqualification.
- 19. Premiums:** To ensure a smooth process and retention of awarded premiums, exhibitors who receive premiums from the Georgia National Fair must provide their Social Security Number upon entry. This requirement aims to prevent any potential delays or forfeiture of premiums. The Social Security Numbers will be utilized for the completion of an IRS-1099 form, specifically for exhibitors receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards from the Georgia National Fair.

2026 Junior Breeding Ewe Awards

Overall Grand Champion Breeding Ewe – \$1,000 & Banner

Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe – \$800 & Banner

Third Overall Champion Breeding Ewe – \$600 & Banner

Fourth Overall Champion Breeding Ewe – \$400 & Banner

Fifth Overall Champion Breeding Ewe – \$200 & Banner

Georgia National Fair Junior Beef Showmanship

Judge (Even Grades): Tar Tut
Judge (Odd Grades): Krisha Geffert

Check-in: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th in Sutherland Arena

Show Time: 8:00 AM on Friday, October 9th with odd grades showing in Ring 1 and even grades in Ring 2 in Sutherland Arena.

Show Rules

1. Junior Beef Showmanship will be a combination of the exhibitors from the Junior Heifer Show, Market Beef Show, and Slick Shear Steer Show.
2. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors who have entered and qualified to show in the Junior Heifer, Market Beef or the Slick Shear Steer Show at the Georgia National Fair are qualified to participate in Jr. Beef Showmanship.
3. **Registration:** Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and/or FFA.
4. **Substitute Showmen:** No substitute showman will be allowed for Junior Beef Showmanship.
5. **Classes:** Showmanship classes will be split into heats based on the number of entries for that class. Exhibitors that are registered for showmanship must compete in their specific heat that is printed on the posted show order. Awards and premiums will be distributed to places 1st – 10th in the following classes:

Ring 1	Ring 2
Class 2: 5 th grade	Class 1: 4 th grade
Class 4: 7 th grade	Class 3: 6 th grade
Class 6: 9 th grade	Class 5: 8 th grade
Class 8: 11 th grade	Class 7: 10 th grade
	Class 9: 12 th grade
6. **County Group of 5:** County Group of 5 classes will begin after the conclusion Junior Beef Showmanship. Entries can be a combination of 4-H and FFA exhibitors from the Junior Heifer, Market Beef and/or the Slick Shear Steer Show. Each county group entry must have at least three (3) different owners representing their county.
7. **Breeders Group:** Breeders Group classes will begin after the conclusion of the County Group of 5 classes. The Grand Champion Breeders Group award will be given to the entry with the best three (3) head. Entries are limited to two (2) groups per breeder.

Georgia National Fair

Junior Heifer Show

Judges: Krisha Geffert

Superintendents: Katherine Patel, Todd Claxton, Jason Duggin

Barn Manager: Timmy White

Check-in/Weigh-in: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th in Sutherland Arena

Show Time: 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 10th in the Sutherland Arena

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Heifer Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations stated on pages 17-24.
2. **Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing commercial and registered breeding heifers and it is required that all heifers must be born on September 1, 2024, and after. The Show Committee holds the authority to determine the age of the heifers by mouth examination.
3. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are qualified to participate in this show. Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and FFA.
4. **Ownership:** The ownership of the Heifer(s) should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Saturday, August 1st, 2026. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains full ownership and possession of the animal(s) and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the Georgia National Fair.
5. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a breed and/or weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
6. **Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements mentioned on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all

animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in steers being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.

Identification: All Jr. Beef Cattle must have a tattoo for identification purposes, with the exception of branding as specified by a specific breed organization will be accepted (ex: American Brahman Breeders Association). The tattoo number on the animal's ear or brand should exactly match the tattoo number or brand indicated on the entry form during the animal's check-in process. *(Ear tag numbers will not be accepted as tattoo numbers or brands on the entry form.)*

L Tag Coverage: All breeder/promotional tags will have to be covered by black tape. Any method used to cover identification tags must not alter the natural appearance or structure of the ear or cause discomfort to the animal. All tags must remain properly affixed to the animal. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the class.

Entries: The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$20.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter an unlimited number of market beef animals but can only bring/show a maximum of four (4) market animals. Entries can be a combination of steers, market heifers and/or slick shear steers.

- a. Market Beef animals are not allowed to enter to in both the Georgia National Fair Jr. Market Beef Show (Steer) and the Slick Shear Steer Show.

Online Entries: [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)

10. Entry Deadline: The deadline to submit entries for the 36th Annual Georgia National Fair is **Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. The deadline to submit LATE entries is **Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm**. The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

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Refunds: There will be no refunds.

Stalling/Bedding: To maintain a uniform arrangement, every county is required to collectively stall 4-H/FFA participants in their designated area. The responsibility of stalling market beef animals lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary modifications. Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed in the barns.

Tack Areas: Tack areas will be assigned on availability based upon the number of market beef animals that “actually check-in/weigh-in”.

- 14. Make-Up Area:** The make-up area must be free from blocking chutes, fans, blowers, and any other tack equipment.
- i. **Access Restriction:** Only the exhibitor and their animal are permitted in the holding area. No additional individuals are allowed in this space.
- 15. Fans:** All fans that will be used for the cooling of livestock must be attached to the tie panel in the animal stalling/bedding area and cannot be attached by any extension greater than 42” from the tie panel. Fans that are on a fan stand in the alley “Butt Fans” will not be permitted.
- 16. Neck Ropes:** It is required for participants to bring their own neck ropes, which should be used for securing both attended and unattended steers.
- 17. Tie-Outs:** Cattle can be tethered in the designated tie-out area every evening after 8:00 PM. The tie-out space is available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please note that tie-out areas are exclusively designated for cattle. Exhibitors are allowed to use any type of natural bedding they prefer within the specified tie-out area. However, it is important to note that no equipment like fans, generators, tents, etc., is permitted in the tie-out area. While exhibitors can set up pens in the tie-out area, electric fences are strictly prohibited. Panels can be set up as pens in the tie-outs, with a maximum limit of 12'x12' pen space. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that both the pens and animals are securely positioned. If any rules are violated, the GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels accordingly. Additionally, it is allowed to use vehicles solely for the purpose of delivering bedding and feed. However, please ensure that the vehicles are not left unattended and refrain from parking them in the tie-out area.
- 18. Control:** All market beef animals must possess the ability to be consistently handled and controlled while wearing a halter. Nose tongs are prohibited when exhibiting market beef animals, this includes noses rings. Should any market beef animal display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove the animal from the showring. It is important to note that this decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 19. Horns:** To ensure compliance with show requirements, it is mandatory to dehorn all steers. In the event of any regrowth of horns, prompt action must be taken to rasp them down and groom the steers, so they appear presentable during the show.
- 20. Fitting:** Application of graphite, hair, cotton twine, or any similar elements is prohibited. The use of false tailheads and tail switches is also prohibited. The final decision on the suitability of the entries will be made by the Show Superintendents and cannot be contested. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- 21. Force Filling of Market Animals:** The act of forcibly filling market animals with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. This prohibition extends to the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, and similar equipment. However, the use of drenches is permitted, provided they are used to aid the animal, such as electrolytes, calming agents, and bloat guards. When administering drenches, the applicators must not exceed a capacity of 150 cc/ml. It is essential that all market animals exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any attempts to alter the steer's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums or prizes.

- 22. Classification:** See pages 24 – 29 in the Georgia National Fair Livestock Premium Book for steer breed classification guidelines and make sure that your entry/entries meet the guidelines. Entries will not be allowed to change breeds after the entry deadline. Registration papers, breeder affidavits or other paperwork will not be considered during the steer classification process.
- 23. Classes:** The Georgia National Fair Jr. Market Beef Show is structured so that the divisions will be separated into breeds and then divide classes based on weight. Divisions will be:
- a. Market Heifers:** The market heifer division will be shown first, and classes will be divided based on weight.
 - b. Breed Divisions:** Any breed with a minimum of seven (7) steers after check-in/weigh-in and classification will be considered a breed division.
 - c. Crossbreed Division:** This division will consist of steers with varying percentages of British and Continental breeds.
- 24. Championship:** The first (1st) and second (2nd) place market animal from each class will compete for the Grand and Reserve Champion of their respective breeds. All breed Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions will compete in the Overall Championship Drive and the conclusion of the breed shows.
- 25. Premiums:** Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.

2026 Market Beef Show Awards

Overall Grand Champion Market Beef – \$1,000 & Banner

Overall Reserve Champion Market Beef – \$800 & Banner

Third Overall Champion Market Beef – \$600 & Banner

Fourth Overall Champion Market Beef – \$400 & Banner

Fifth Overall Champion Market Beef – \$200 & Banner

Georgia National Fair Steer Show

Breed Classification Guidelines

Classification Terms

- **Ideal Characteristics:** Characteristics in combination that most accurately represent the breed.
- **Acceptable Breed Characteristics:** Characteristics that represent the breed.
- **Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.
- **Absolute Disqualifications:** Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division.
- **Considerations:** The following will be considered at the discretion of the classification committee: birthmarks or scarring (due to hot iron branding, freeze branding, or injury-caused discoloration).

Breed Characteristics

British Breeds

Hereford

Ideal Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
- Red body with white face, white underline, and white-marked legs
- Feather neck
- Horned Herefords must be dehorned

Acceptable Breed Characteristics: (but not necessarily desirable; in combination may be discriminating)

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Solid red or solid white ear
- Excess white on legs
- Excess white above the underline
- Freckling on face and nose
- Eye pigment
- Black hair in tail, ear or on rear end of animal
- Black spotting/smut or freckling on the nose
- Line back

- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Diluter color pattern
- Brindles
- Double muscling
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
- Solid Black
- Polled

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Continental breed type structure or head
- Bumps where horns would be on a horned animal
- Birthmarks or white hair on the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)

Absolute Disqualifications:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (white on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot, or tail
- Horns or scurs
- Brindle
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars
- Double muscling

Red Angus

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Red Angus
- English/British characteristics
- Polled
- Black pigmentation (animals may have two of three areas of black pigmentation on the nose, around the eyes, and on the anus, but not all three)
- A blond, light red, or mixed switch

- Black hair on the tail, muzzle, face, neck, and shoulder

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Course joints or head (big feet, big dewclaws)
- Bumps where horns would be on a horned animal
- Solid white switch

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Horns or scurs
- White above the underline or in the front of the navel
- White on the leg
- Black pigmentation (having all three areas of black pigmentation: on the nose, around the eyes, and on the anus)
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars or evidence of dehorning
- Double muscling

Shorthorn

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
- Solid red; solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, or tail; or any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Motley or brockle face
- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Straight-line white markings across leg
- Coarse head
- Double muscling

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle

Continental Breeds

Charolais

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Charolais
- White, yellow, gray, or silver (moderate dappling allowed)
- Expression of diluter gene
- Painting or spotting less than 20%
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Excessive painting or spotting (over 20%)
- Double muscling
- Brindles
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color
- Short stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Excessive dark pigmentation (eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Excessive dappling

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Black, red, dark smuts
- Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
- Excessive painting or spotting (over 25%)

Chi-Influence

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must exhibit Chi Influence in head (ear, eye, and nose) and skeleton
- Any shade of black, red, gray, or yellow
- Brindles, baldies, blaze faces, and motleys

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Coarse joints and skeleton
- Excessive spotting above the underline

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Appears to be a purebred of any other breed

Limousin

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Limousin
- Solid black, red, light red, charcoal black, yellow, blonde
- Bald face

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Coarse joints, skeleton, and head
- Brindle
- Pointed Poll
- White Switch

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Roans
- Stocking Legs
- Spotting above the underline

Maine-Anjou

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Maine Anjou
- Spotted, solid black, or red
- White stocking legs, white underline, and spotting above the underline and on the face
- Heavy skeletal structure

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- None

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Appears to be more than 50% any other breed
- Brindle
- Diluted Color Pattern
- Roan

Simmental

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Simmental
- Larger, longer head
- Larger ear, lower set
- Solid black, red, light red, gray, smut, red and white, yellow and white, black and white

- Painting or spotting above the underline
- Stocking legs
- Bald, blaze, or streak face
- Diluter color pattern

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- 40% or more white above the underline
- Diluter color pattern around the eyes and muzzle

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Brindle
- Roans
- Skunk Tail

Gelbvieh / Balancer

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% purebred Gelbvieh
- Solid black, grey, yellow to gold, red
- Light skin pigmentation around the eyes and nose
- Diluter color pattern

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Roans
- Double Muscling
- Brindle
- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in front of the navel (white on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot, or tail

American Breeds

Brahman Influence

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a 50% Bos indicus
- Progression of importance to include Bos indicus influenced head, eye, and ear (of moderate length, slightly pointed, drooping and opening down and forward); showing Bos indicus influenced sheath
- Any color (or color pattern)

Absolute Disqualifications:

- Inadequate Bos indicus head, eye, and/or ear

Glossary

Baldface – white covers a majority of the face

Blaze or Streak Face – a wide strip of white down the face to the muzzle

Bos indicus – (zebu) subspecies of cattle, originating in Asia; have a prominent hump in front of the shoulder

Bos Taurus – subspecies of cattle, originating in west Asia but usually called "European"

Brindle – a streaking of black or brown on the body (tiger stripe)

British / English – originating in the British Isles; Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn are most numerous in the U.S.

Brockle or Motley Face – white spotting on the face

Composite Other Breeds – any percentage registered breed with less than seven (7) head present at the show (Low Percentage Simmental, Chi-Influence, and Charolais Record).

Continental – breeds originating in Continental Europe; sometimes called "Exotic"

Dappling – mottled or spotted markings

Diluter Gene – cattle that carry both copies of the gene will appear white. Non-diluter cattle will appear black or dark-red, while those that carry a single diluter gene will appear grey or yellow.

Discriminatory – characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification, but in combination with other visual characteristics could lead to disqualification

Horned – horns are solidly attached to the skull or there is evidence of dehorning

Painting – large white markings covering a major portion of the body

Pigmentation – dark skin coloring on the point of the animal (eyes, nose, ears, anus, tail)

Polled – naturally hornless

Purebred – animal of known ancestry eligible for registry in a breed association

Scurs – horny tissue of rudimentary horn attached to skin and not the skull

Sheath Score – scoring system from 1-5 based on the length of the sheath (1 = little sheath and 5 = excess sheath)

Smut – grey color pattern

Spotting – white spots on the animal

Georgia National Fair

Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship

Judge: Rachel Kurth

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 10th in Foster Rhodes Arena

Show Time: 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 10th in Foster Rhodes Arena

Show Rules

1. Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship will be a combination of the exhibitors from the Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Show.
2. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors who have entered and qualified to show in the Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Show at the Georgia National Fair are qualified to participate in Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship.
3. **Registration:** Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and/or FFA.
4. **Substitute Showmen:** No substitute showman will be allowed for Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship.
5. **Classes:** Showmanship classes will be split into heats based on the number of entries for that class. Exhibitors that are registered for showmanship must compete in their specific heat that is printed on the posted show order. Awards and premiums will be distributed to places 1st – 10th in the following classes:
 - a. **Class 1:** 4th – 5th grade
 - b. **Class 2:** 6th grade
 - c. **Class 3:** 7th grade
 - d. **Class 4:** 8th grade
 - e. **Class 5:** 9th grade
 - f. **Class 6:** 10th grade
 - g. **Class 7:** 11th grade
 - h. **Class 8:** 12th grade
6. **County Group of 5:** County Group of 5 classes will begin after the conclusion Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship. Entries can be a combination of 4-H and FFA exhibitors from the Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifer Show. Each county group entry must have at least three (3) different owners representing their county.
7. **Breeders Group:** Breeders Group classes will begin after the conclusion of the County Group of 5 classes. The Grand Champion Breeders Group award will be given to the entry with the best three (3) head. Entries are limited to two (2) groups per breeder.
8. **Scholarship:** The champion senior exhibitor in commercial dairy heifer showmanship will receive a \$375 scholarship sponsored by AgGeorgia Farm Credit.



Georgia National Fair

Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show

Judge: Rachel Kurth

Superintendents: Josh Allen, Jillian Bohlen

Check-in/Weigh-in: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 10th in Foster Rhodes Arena

Show Time: 8:00 AM on Sunday, October 11th in the Foster Rhodes Arena

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations stated on pages 17-24.
2. **Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing commercial dairy heifers and it is required that all commercial dairy heifers must be born between March 1, 2025, and August 1, 2026. The Show Committee holds the authority to determine the age of the heifers by mouth examination.
3. **Weight:** Commercial Dairy Heifers must weigh between 250 lbs. and 1,250 lbs. Any commercial dairy heifer that weighs less than 250 lbs. or over 1,250 lbs. will be disqualified.
4. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are qualified to participate in this show. Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and FFA.
5. **Animal Eligibility:** Commercial Dairy Heifers may be of mixed or purebred dairy breed that are not registered at the time of entry. Commercial Dairy Heifers that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to show in the Junior/Open Dairy Show the same year. Do not enter into both shows because violation of this rule will result in loss of premiums and/or awards.
6. **Ownership:** The ownership of the Dairy Heifer(s) should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Sunday, August 1st, 2026. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains full ownership and possession of the animal(s) and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the Georgia National Fair.
7. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a breed and/or weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the

exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.


- 8. Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements mentioned on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in heifers being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.
- 9. Identification:** All Jr. Commercial Dairy Heifers must have an official State of Georgia ear tag with only one (1) official tag per heifer. Tattoos are required on all solid color dairy heifers regardless of breed, but it is recommended that all dairy heifers have a tattoo. The animals' tattoo and ear tag number does not need to correspond, but the tattoo/ear tag number in the animal's ear should exactly match the tattoo/ear tag number indicated on the entry form during the animal's weighing process.
 - a. Photograph:** All Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer entries must submit a photograph that clearly shows the animal from the side, and the Stage of Georgia ear tag must be readable in the picture.
 - b. Tag Covering: All breeder/ promotional tags will have to be covered by black tape. Any method used to cover identification tags must not alter the natural appearance or structure of the ear, or cause discomfort to the animal. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the class.**
- 10. Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$20.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter an unlimited number of commercial dairy heifers but will only be able to bring/show a maximum of four (4) commercial dairy heifers.
- 11. Online Entries:** [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)
- 12. Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is *Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM*. The deadline to submit LATE entries is *Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm*. The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*
- 13. Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- 14. Stalling/Bedding:** To maintain a uniform arrangement, every county is required to collectively stall 4-H/FFA participants in their designated area. The responsibility of stalling dairy heifers lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary

modifications. Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed for bedding in the barns.

- 15. Nightly Barn Occupants:** The Georgia State 4-H/FFA rules do not allow junior livestock exhibitors and/or their advisors/teachers to stay in the barn overnight. The Georgia National Fair rules only allow an overnight stay in the barn to tend to lactating animals and commercial dairy heifers do not fall into the category of lactating animals.
- 16. Tack Areas:** Tack areas will be assigned on availability based upon the number of dairy heifers that “actually check-in”.
- 17. Fans:** All fans that will be used for the cooling of livestock must be attached to the tie panel in the animal stalling/bedding area and cannot be attached by any extension greater than 42” from the tie panel. Fans that are on a fan stand in the alley “Butt Fans” will not be permitted.
- 18. Neck Ropes:** It is required for participants to bring their own neck ropes, which should be used for securing both attended and unattended dairy heifers.
- 19. Tie-Outs:** Cattle can be tethered in the designated tie-out area every evening after 8:00 PM. The tie-out space is available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please note that tie-out areas are exclusively designated for cattle. Exhibitors are allowed to use any type of natural bedding they prefer within the specified tie-out area. However, it is important to note that no equipment like fans, generators, tents, etc., is permitted in the tie-out area. While exhibitors can set up pens in the tie-out area, electric fences are strictly prohibited. Panels can be set up as pens in the tie-outs, with a maximum limit of 12'x12' pen space. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that both the pens and animals are securely positioned. If any rules are violated, the GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels accordingly. Additionally, it is allowed to use vehicles solely for the purpose of delivering bedding and feed. However, please ensure that the vehicles are not left unattended and refrain from parking them in the tie-out area.
- 20. Horns:** To ensure compliance with show requirements, it is mandatory to dehorn all commercial dairy heifers. In the event of any regrowth of horns, prompt action must be taken to rasp them down to one inch (1”) in length, so they appear presentable during the show. If a commercial dairy heifer is not dehorned it will be disqualified.
- 21. Control:** All dairy heifers must possess the ability to be consistently handled and controlled while wearing a halter. Nose tongs are prohibited when exhibiting heifers. Should any heifer display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove the animal from the showing. It is important to note that this decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 22. Force Filling of Commercial Dairy Heifers:** The act of forcibly filling dairy heifers with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. This prohibition extends to the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, and similar equipment. However, the use of drenches is permitted, provided they are used to aid the animal, such as electrolytes, calming agents, and bloat guards. When administering drenches, the applicators must not exceed a capacity of 150 cc/ml. It is essential that all commercial dairy heifers exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any

attempts to alter the heifer's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums and/or prizes.

- 23. Classes:** The Georgia National Fair Commercial Dairy Heifer Show is structured so that the heifers will be separated into classes by weight. There will be no reweighs once the heifer leaves the scale area.
- 24. Championship:** The first (1st) and second (2nd) place heifer from each class will compete for the Grand and Reserve Champion of their respective weight division. All division Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions will compete in the Overall Championship Drive.
- 25. Scholarship:** The Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer will receive a \$375 scholarship sponsored by AgGeorgia Farm Credit.  **AGGEORGIA FARM CREDIT**
- 26. Premiums:** Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.

2026 Commercial Dairy Heifer Show Awards

Overall Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer – \$1,000 & Banner

Overall Reserve Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer – \$800 & Banner

Third Overall Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer – \$600 & Banner

Fourth Overall Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer – \$400 & Banner

Fifth Overall Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer – \$200 & Banner

Georgia National Fair

Junior Swine Showmanship

Judge (12th – 9th grades): Jenna Jackman

Judge (8th grades – PreClub): Will Hilty

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th in New South Arena

Show Time: 12th – 9th grade showmanship will begin on Thursday, October 15th at 5:00 PM in New South Arena. 8th grade – 1st grade showmanship will begin on Friday, October 16th at 8:00 AM in New South Arena.

Show Rules

1. Junior Swine Showmanship will be a combination of the exhibitors from the Junior Breeding Gilt Show, and the Junior Market Swine Show.
2. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors who have entered and qualified to show in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show and the Junior Market Swine Show at the Georgia National Fair are qualified to participate in Jr. Swine Showmanship.
1. **Registration:** Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and/or FFA. Additionally, PreClub children in grades 1 – 4, who are at least 6 years old by August 1st, 2026, are also eligible to participate.
3. **Substitute Showmen:** No substitute showman will be allowed for Junior Swine Showmanship.
4. **Classes:** Showmanship classes will be split into heats based on the number of entries for that class. Exhibitors that are registered for showmanship must compete in their specific heat that is printed on the posted show order. Awards and premiums will be distributed to places 1st – 10th in the following classes:
 - a. **Class 1:** 12th grade
 - b. **Class 2:** 11th grade
 - c. **Class 3:** 10th grade
 - d. **Class 4:** 9th grade
 - e. **Class 5:** 8th grade
 - f. **Class 6:** 7th grade
 - g. **Class 7:** 6th grade
 - h. **Class 8:** 5th grade
 - i. **Class 9:** 4th grade
 - j. **Class 10:** 3rd grade
 - k. **Class 11:** 2nd grade
 - l. **Class 12:** 1st grade

Georgia National Fair Junior Breeding Gilt Show

Judge: Jenna Jackman

Superintendents: Argene Claxton & Harold Milligan

Barn Manager: Robert Dove

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th in New South Arena

Show Time: Following Junior Swine Showmanship on Friday, October 16th in the New South Arena

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations stated on pages 17-24.
2. **Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing commercial and registered breeding gilts and it is required that all gilts must be born between January 1st, 2026 – April 30th, 2026.
3. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are qualified to participate in this show. Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and FFA. PreClub exhibitors in grades 1 – 4 and at least 6 years of age by August 1st, 2026, are eligible.
4. **Animal Eligibility:** Gilts that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior Breeding Gilt Show are not eligible to show in the Junior Market Swine Show. Do not enter into both shows because violation of this rule will result in loss of premiums and/or awards.
5. **Ownership:** The ownership of the Gilt(s) should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Saturday, August 1st, 2026. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains full ownership and possession of the animal(s) and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the Georgia National Fair.
6. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a breed and/or weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
7. **Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements

mentioned on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in gilt(s) being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.

- 8. Identification:** All Registered Breeding Gilts (*Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, All Other Breeds, Spot and Yorkshire*) must have an ear notch which corresponds to the registration paper (see Rule 18), a State of Georgia ear tag is not required. All Commercial Breeding Gilts must have an ear notch and an official State of Georgia ear tag with only one (1) official tag per hog. The ear tag number, ear notch in the hog's ear, and registration number (if applicable) must match what is on the entry form when the animal is checked in. (*Ear tag numbers cannot be used as ear notch numbers and vice versa on the entry form.*)
 - a. 4th – 12th grade Exhibitors:** Official State of Georgia ear tags can be obtained through your county FFA advisor or 4-H extension agent.
 - b. PreClub Exhibitors:** Official State of Georgia ear tags can be obtained through the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter Livestock Department. You can contact the Livestock Department at (478)224-3944 or by email at livestock@gnfa.com.
 - c. Lost Tags:** If your hog loses its ear tag, notify the GNFA Livestock Department no later than seven (7) days after the tag has been lost. An email with a picture of the misplaced tag must be sent to the Livestock Department email at livestock@gnfa.com to receive a new tag.
- 9. Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$15.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter an unlimited number of breeding gilts (registered and commercial) but will only be allowed to bring THREE (3) of these entries to the Georgia National Fair Breeding Gilt Show.
- 10. Online Entries:** [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)
 - 11. Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is *Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM*. The deadline to submit LATE entries is *Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm*. The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*
- 12. Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- 13. Penning/Bedding:** To maintain a uniform arrangement, every county is required to collectively stall Jr. Breeding Gilt and Jr. Market Swine 4-H/FFA participants in their designated area. The responsibility of stalling swine lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary modifications. All swine will be penned two (2) hogs per pen,

and pen dividers might be necessary (the Georgia National Fair does not provide pen dividers). Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed for bedding in the barns.

- 14. Tack Areas:** Due to space limitations in the Sheep/Swine/Goat Barns, no tack pen space will be assigned or available in the barn. This means that all tack boxes and supplies must be inside of the pen and out of the alleyways.
- 15. Control:** All swine must possess the ability to be always under control by the exhibitor. Should any swine display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove any animal from the showing. It is important to note that the decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 16. Hair:** There will be no hair length requirement to show in the Georgia National Fair Breeding Gilt Show. Clipping will not be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Georgia National Fair.
- 17. Grooming:** Water and oils without dyes will be the only substances permitted for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns: however, restraining pigs will not be allowed. No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor will be subject to disqualification. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Pigs should be able to pass a towel wipe test if checked at any point in the showing process.
- 18. Force Filling of Swine:** The act of forcibly filling swine with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. It is essential that all breeding gilts exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any attempts to alter the gilt's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums and/or prizes.
- 19. Registration Certificates:** All registered gilts that enter to show in a breed division will be required to present their original registration certificate at the time of check-in. Registration certificates must be solely in the exhibitor's name. Registration certificates that have a farm name or family name will not be accepted. Copies or duplication of the original registration certificate will not be accepted.
 - a.** Gilts that have entered to show in a registered breed division but do not have a registration certificate at check-in will not be allowed to show in the breed division and be moved to the commercial class. The registration number must be entered during the online entry process when the exhibitor is registering to show at the Georgia National Fair. Registration numbers will be checked on the respective breeds association database prior to arrival and check-in at the Georgia National Fair. Any registration numbers that are considered "Pending" will not be accepted.
 - b.** National Swine Registry, Certified Purebred Swine and the American Berkshire Association breed eligibility standards will be followed.
- 20.** Entries that are bruised, cut late, unsound or lame, not of show caliber, show signs of stress or not matching entry form information will be disqualified. These entries will be marked and

housed in the barns with eligible entries and will return home with the exhibitor. Out pigs will not be allowed to show in showmanship.

- 21. Classes:** The Georgia National Fair Jr. Breeding Gilt Show is structured so that the classes will be separated into breeds for registered gilts and separated by weight for commercial gilts. The Georgia National Fair reserves the right to change, combine, and/or delete classes with insufficient entries.
- 22. Divisions:** There must be seven (7) gilts “actually checked-in” of a breed division to make and compete in the championship drive. If less than seven (7) gilts are “actually checked-in”, they will show in All-Other Breeds. If a breed division does not make for two (2) consecutive years, they will show in the All-Other Breeds division. Breed divisions are **Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, All Other Breeds (AOB), Spot, Yorkshire, Lightweight Commercial, and Heavyweight Commercial**
- 23. Registered Gilt Classification:** The classes listed below are the ones offered for the breed divisions at the Georgia National Fair, except Commercial Gilts. Registered gilts must be born between January 1st, 2026 – April 30th, 2026.
 - a. Class 1:** April 2026 Gilts
 - b. Class 2:** March 2026 Gilts
 - c. Class 3:** February 2026 Gilts
 - d. Class 4:** January 2026 Gilts
- 24. Commercial Gilt Classification:** Commercial gilt classes will be determined by weight, and they will be on the weigh-back system. **Weight requirements for commercial gilts are 225 lbs. – 375 lbs.** The weight classes will be broken into divisions and each division champion and reserve champion will compete for grand and reserve champion commercial gilt.

Light Cross:

- 1. A gilt must exhibit coloration consisting solely of white and/or blue.**
- 2. If you plan to show your gilt in the light cross division, she must be brought up to be classified.**
- 3. A three-member classification committee will be responsible for determining eligibility under the Light Cross category.**
- 4. Any gilt failing to meet the criteria for Light Cross shall be immediately reclassified to the Dark Cross division.**
- 5. The decision rendered by the classification committee shall be final and not subject to appeal or protest.**

Dark Cross:

- 1. Any gilt exhibiting coloration other than white or blue shall be classified as a Dark Cross.**
- 2. This includes, but is not limited to, gilts with black, red, or sandy coloring.**
- 3. Gilts in the Dark Cross category will not require committee classification.**

- 25. Weigh-Back:** The commercial breeding gilt division will be on the weigh-back system. All exhibitors that have commercial entries will be required to check-in between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th, 2026. Weights can be submitted in the following way below and are due by 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th, 2026. Weights must be marked between 225 – 375 lbs. with a 15 lbs. weight margin (plus or minus). Late-weight submissions or changes will not be accepted.
- a. Kiosks:** Kiosks will be stationed in New South Arena and exhibitors can record weights for their entry digitally.
- 26. Premiums:** Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.
- 27. Overall Championship:** The first place and second-place hogs in each class will compete for the division champion. The division champions in the registered and commercial divisions will compete separately for their respective Overall Top 5 Champion drives.

2026 Purebred Breeding Gilt Show Awards

- Overall Grand Champion** Purebred Breeding Gilt – \$1,000 & Banner
Overall Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt – \$800 & Banner
Third Overall Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt – \$600 & Banner
Fourth Overall Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt – \$400 & Banner
Fifth Overall Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt – \$200 & Banner

2026 Commercial Breeding Gilt Show Awards

- Overall Grand Champion** Commercial Breeding Gilt – \$1,000 & Banner
Overall Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt – \$800 & Banner
Third Overall Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt – \$600 & Banner
Fourth Overall Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt – \$400 & Banner
Fifth Overall Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt – \$200 & Banner

2026 Bred and Owned Breeding Gilt Show Awards

- Overall Grand Champion** Bred and Owned Breeding Gilt – \$1,000 & Banner
Overall Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Breeding Gilt – \$800 & Banner
Third Overall Champion Bred and Owned Breeding Gilt – \$600 & Banner
Fourth Overall Champion Bred and Owned Breeding Gilt – \$400 & Banner
Fifth Overall Champion Bred and Owned Breeding Gilt – \$200 & Banner

Georgia National Fair Bred & Owned Gilt Show

Judge: Jenna Jackman

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th in New South Arena

***Important Note:** This show will be organized simultaneously with the Georgia National Fair Jr. Breeding Gilt Show. Furthermore, please be informed that the Bred-and-Owned Overall Drive will take place before the Jr. Breeding Gilt Top 5 Overall Purebred Drive.

Show Rules

1. Siblings that live at the same address can be listed on the same pedigree as the breeder and owner and qualify for the Bred and Owned division. **All listed siblings must be in good standing with FFA, 4-H, or be in Pre-Club.**
2. The owner number and breeder number must be identical to qualify for the bred and owned division.
3. The exhibitor **MUST** have **owned the dam at the time of conception. This also means that if a bred female is purchased from out of state and the offspring from that female are born at your place, Those pigs will NOT qualify for bred and owned.**
4. If more than one member of the family is listed on the pedigree, a family certification form must be completed. This form can be found on the National Swine Registry's website.
5. To enter the bred and owned division, you must have the animal's registration number, as well as the breeder's owner number.
6. Entries for the bred and owned show **must** be done at the time of **online** entry; **no entries will be accepted at the show.**

Examples of an acceptable Bred and Owned farm names listed on the pedigree:

a. Breeder:

Jack Smith
Perry, GA

Owner:

Jack Smith
Perry, GA

b. Breeder:

Jack and Jane Smith
Perry, GA

Owner:

Jack and Jane Smith
Perry, GA

c. Breeder:
Georgia Farms
Bob and Joe
Perry, GA

Owner:
Georgia Farms
Bob and Joe
Perry, GA

Georgia National Fair

Junior Market Swine Show

Judge: Will Hilty

Superintendent: Ben Lastly, Christina Chafin

Barn Manager: Robert Dove

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th in New South Arena

Show Time: Saturday, October 17th starting at 8:00 AM in the New South Arena

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Market Swine Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations stated on pages 17-24.
2. **Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing market swine, and it is required that all market swine must be born after January 1, 2026.
3. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are qualified to participate in this show. Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of Georgia 4-H and FFA. PreClub exhibitors in grades 1 – 4 and at least 6 years of age by August 1st, 2026, are eligible.
4. **Animal Eligibility:** Market Swine that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior Market Swine Show (Market Gilt) are not eligible to show in the Junior Breeding Gilt Show. Do not enter into both shows because violation of this rule will result in loss of premiums and/or awards.
 - a. **Castration:** All barrows exhibiting in the Georgia National Fair Market Swine Show must be physically castrated and completely healed prior to the show. Immune castration is not acceptable.
5. **Ownership:** The ownership of the Market Barrow(s) and/or Gilt(s) should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Saturday, August 1st, 2026. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains full ownership and possession of the animal(s) and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the Georgia National Fair.
6. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a breed and/or weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the

exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.

7. **Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements mentioned on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in market swine being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.
8. **Identification:** All Registered Market Barrows (*Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, All Other Breeds, Spot and Yorkshire*) must have an official State of Georgia ear tag, ear notch and registration certificate number (see Rule 19). All Crossbred Market Barrows and Market Gilts must have an ear notch and an official State of Georgia ear tag with only (1) official tag per hog. The ear tag number, ear notch in the hog's ear, and registration number (if applicable) must match what is on the entry form when the animal is checked in. (*Ear tag numbers cannot be used as ear notch numbers and vice versa on the entry form.*)
 - a. **4th – 12th grade Exhibitors:** Official State of Georgia ear tags can be obtained through your county FFA advisor or 4-H extension agent.
 - b. **PreClub Exhibitors:** Official State of Georgia ear tags can be obtained through the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter Livestock Department. You can contact the Livestock Department at (478)224-3944 or by email at livestock@gnfa.com.
 - c. **Lost Tags:** If your hog loses its ear tag, notify the GNFA Livestock Department ***no later than seven (7) days after the tag has been lost.*** An email with a picture of the misplaced tag must be sent to the Livestock Department email at livestock@gnfa.com to receive a new tag.
9. **Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$15.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter an unlimited number of market swine (barrows & gilts) but will only be allowed to bring THREE (3) of these entries to the Georgia National Fair Market Swine Show.
10. **Online Entries:** [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)
 11. **Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is ***Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM.*** The deadline to submit LATE entries is ***Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm.*** The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*
12. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds.

- 13. Penning/Bedding:** To maintain a uniform arrangement, every county is required to collectively stall Jr. Breeding Gilt and Jr. Market Swine 4-H/FFA participants in their designated area. The responsibility of stalling swine lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary modifications. All swine will be penned two (2) hogs per pen, and pen dividers might be necessary (the Georgia National Fair does not provide pen dividers). Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed for bedding in the barns.
- 14. Tack Areas:** Due to space limitations in the Sheep/Swine/Goat Barns, no tack pen space will be assigned or available in the barn. This means that all tack boxes and supplies must be inside of the pen and out of the alleyways.
- 15. Control:** All swine must possess the ability to be always under control by the exhibitor. Should any swine display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove any animal from the showing. It is important to note that the decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 16. Hair:** There will be no hair length requirement to show in the Georgia National Fair Market Swine Show. Clipping will not be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Georgia National Fair.
- 17. Grooming:** Water and oils without dyes will be the only substances permitted for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns; however, restraining pigs will not be allowed. No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor will be subject to disqualification. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Pigs should be able to pass a towel wipe test if checked at any point in the showing process.
- 18. Force Filling of Swine:** The act of forcibly filling swine with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. It is essential that all breeding gilts exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any attempts to alter the gilt's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums and/or prizes.
- 19. Registration Certificates:** All registered barrows that enter to show in the registered barrow division will be required to present their original registration certificate at the time of check-in. Registration certificates must be solely in the exhibitor's name. Registration certificates that have a farm name or family name will not be accepted. Copies or duplication of the original registration certificate will not be accepted.
- a. Barrows that have entered to show in the registered barrow division but do not have a registration certificate at check-in will not be allowed to show in the registered division and be moved to the crossbreed class. The registration number must be entered during the online entry process when the exhibitor is registering to show at the Georgia National Fair. Registration numbers will be checked on the respective breeds association database prior to arrival and check-in at the Georgia National Fair. Any registration numbers that are considered "Pending" will not be accepted.

b. National Swine Registry, Certified Purebred Swine and the American Berkshire Association breed eligibility standards will be followed.

20. Entries that are bruised, cut late, unsound or lame, not of show caliber, show signs of stress or not matching entry form information will be disqualified. These entries will be marked and housed in the barns with eligible entries and will return home with the exhibitor. Out pigs will not be allowed to show in showmanship.

21. **Classes:** The Georgia National Fair Junior Market Swine Show is structured so that divisions will be registered, crossbred and market gilts. The registered barrow division will have classes that are separated by breed. The crossbred and market gilt divisions will have classes that are separated by weight. The Georgia National Fair reserves the right to change, combine, and/or delete classes with insufficient entries. Divisions will be:

a. **Registered Barrows, Crossbred Barrows, Market Gilts**

b. **Crossbred and Market Gilt Classification**

Light Cross:

1. **A market hog must exhibit coloration consisting solely of white and/or blue.**
2. **If you plan to show your market hog in the light cross division, it must be brought up to be classified, otherwise it will automatically go in dark cross.**
3. **A three-member classification committee will be responsible for determining eligibility under the light cross category.**
4. **Any market hog failing to meet the criteria for Light Cross shall be immediately reclassified to the Dark Cross division.**
5. **The decision rendered by the classification committee shall be final and not subject to appeal or protest.**

Dark Cross:

1. **Any market hog exhibiting the coloration other than white or blue shall be classified as dark cross.**
 2. **This includes, but is not limited to, market hogs with black, red, or sandy coloring.**
 3. **Market hogs in the Dark Cross category will not require committee classification.**
22. **Breed Classes:** There must be seven (7) registered market barrows “actually checked-in” of a breed to make and compete in the championship drive. If less than seven (7) registered market barrows are “actually checked-in”, they will show in All-Other Breeds. If a breed class does not make for two (2) consecutive years, they will show in the All-Other Breeds class. Breed classes are **Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, All Other Breeds (AOB), Spot, and Yorkshire.**
23. **Weigh-Back:** The Market Swine Show will be on the weigh-back system. All exhibitors that have market swine entries will be required to check-in between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 15th, 2025. **Weights can be submitted in the following way below and are due by 12 NOON on Friday, October 16th, 2026. Weights must be marked between 215 – 290 lbs.**

with a 15 lbs. weight margin (plus or minus). Late-weight submissions or changes will not be accepted.

a. **Kiosks:** Kiosks will be stationed in New South Arena and exhibitors can record weights for their entry digitally. You must scan the QR code

24. Premiums: Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.

25. Overall Championship: The first place and second-place hogs in each class will compete for the division champion. The division champions in Registered and Crossbred Barrows will compete for the Overall Top 5 Market Barrow. Division Champions in the Market Gilt will compete for the Overall Top 5 Market Gilt.

2026 Market Swine Show Awards

Overall Grand Champion Market Barrow – \$1,000 & Banner

Overall Reserve Champion Market Barrow – \$800 & Banner

Third Overall Champion Market Barrow – \$600 & Banner

Fourth Overall Champion Market Barrow – \$400 & Banner

Fifth Overall Champion Market Barrow – \$200 & Banner

Overall Grand Champion Market Gilt – \$1,000 & Banner

Overall Reserve Champion Market Gilt – \$800 & Banner

Third Overall Champion Market Gilt – \$600 & Banner

Fourth Overall Champion Market Gilt – \$400 & Banner

Fifth Overall Champion Market Gilt – \$200 & Banner

Georgia National Fair

Junior Invitational Showmanship

Judge: Zack Butler

Check-in: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16th in Practice Ring 3

Show Time: 2:00 PM on Friday, October 17th in Sutherland Arena

*The Junior Invitational Showmanship is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair.
All entries are open to 4-H and FFA members.*

Show Rules

1. **JR INVITATIONAL SHOWMANSHIP** will be a combination of Jr. Invitational Slick Steer, Market Beef and Breeding Heifer exhibitors starting with 4th grade and will show in Sutherland Arena. Each participant in SHOWMANSHIP must own the calf they show, and the calf must be entered and qualified to show in the market beef or breeding heifer classes. **Showmanship classes will be split into heats and these heats will be printed and posted in barn. Every exhibitor must compete in their specific heat.**
2. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** No substitute showmen will be allowed to show in showmanship.

Jr. Invitational Showmanship

Combination of Jr. Invitational Slick Steer, Market Beef and Heifer Exhibitors

1st Place, each class - Belt Buckle

- a. **Class 1:** 4th grade
- b. **Class 2:** 5th grade
- c. **Class 3:** 6th grade
- d. **Class 4:** 7th grade
- e. **Class 5:** 8th grade
- f. **Class 6:** 9th grade
- g. **Class 7:** 10th grade
- h. **Class 8:** 11th grade
- i. **Class 9:** 12th grade

Georgia National Fair

Junior Invitational

Slick Steer Show

Judge: Zack Butler

Superintendent: Carole Knight / (706) 542-8892

Co-Superintendent: Todd Claxton / (912) 253-3957

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16th in Practice Ring 3

Show Time: 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 17th in the Sutherland Arena

The Junior Invitational Slick Steer Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair. All entries are open to 4-H and FFA members.

Show Rules

1. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by the GNF General Rules & Regulations.
2. This is a feeder steer calf show and it is suggested that all calves are born on or after August 1st, 2025. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all steers for age.
3. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors from the State of Georgia are only eligible. This show is open to all 4-H and FFA members through the 12th grade in school.
4. **Ownership:** Slick Shear Steers must be solely owned by the exhibitor no later than Friday, August 30th, 2026. The exhibitor must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide daily care of the steer(s) from August 30th, 2026, until show day at the Georgia National Fair.
5. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) must be shown by the exhibitor that entered them into the Georgia National Fair. Substitute showmen will be allowed if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a weight class, not showmanship. The substitute showman must be a current 4-H or FFA member and be approved by the show superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to a disability, a substitute showman (current 4-H or FFA member) will be allowed to show that exhibitor's animal upon approval from show management. The exhibitor with the disability must be present at the showing when the substitute showman and animal enter the ring.
6. **Health Certificates:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements on pages 24 – 27 in this Premium Book are required on all animals. It is important that this requirement is met because without health papers, steers will not be unloaded and asked to be removed from the grounds.
7. **Identification:** Tattoo will be required on all Jr. Beef Cattle for identification. The tattoo number in the animal's ear must match the tattoo number that is on the entry form when the animal is weighed in. (**Ear tag numbers are not accepted for tattoo number on the entry form.*)

8. **Entries:** Entry fees are \$20.00, and exhibitors are allowed to enter a maximum of four (4) slick shear steers.
9. **Entry Deadline:** The entry deadline for the Georgia National Fair Junior Invitational Cattle Show is *Friday September 12, 2026, at 11:59 PM! Entries are made through <https://www.theshowportal.com/>*. The entry deadline will not be extended, and no late entries will be accepted. All livestock entries are processed online and require to be paid for with credit/debit card.
10. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
11. **Signatures:** By completing the online entry, the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
12. **Stalling/Bedding:** All counties must stall 4-H/FFA together on an aisle. The stalling of steers will be done by the show barn manager; changes may be made at their discretion.
13. **Neck Ropes:** Must be provided by the participant and used for tying up steers attended and unattended.
14. **Tie-Outs:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 PM each evening in the designated tie-out area. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first serve” basis. Cattle are only allowed in tie out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind is allowed such as fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set in the tie out area, but no electric fence is allowed in the tie-out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pen in tie-outs for cattle. Maximum pen space is 12’x12’. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that the pens and animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles are permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.
15. **Control:** All steers entered in the Georgia National Fair must be halter broke to always handle and be under control. Any steer that becomes unruly can be dismissed from the showing at the discretion of the judge or show superintendent(s); there will be no appeal.
16. **Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by weight, there will be no breed classes.
17. **Horns:** All steers must be dehorned and if any regrowth of horns they should be rasped and made presentable for the show.
18. **Hair:** Steers must be shorn to not more than ¼ inch on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch. The tail switch will be no more than 12 inches above the cartilage of the tail. Steers must be shorn before arrival onto the Fairgrounds. Steers will be checked at weigh-in for the ¼ inch length; violation of the ¼ inch uniform length over the entire body will result in disqualification. Steers not shorn will be disqualified from showing. The decision of the Superintendent(s) will be final.
19. **Fitting:** Materials including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, artificial coloring, adhesives, etc. are prohibited. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied. The decision

of the Show Superintendents regarding fitting will be final and cannot be protested. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.

20. **Force Filling of Steers:** Force filling of steers with any substance including water, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (ex: electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench applicators must be 150 cc/ml or less. All steers must show in their natural confirmation and structure without the alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. Any attempt to change the natural composition or appearance of any steer in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification and the loss of any and all premiums and prizes.
21. **Premiums:** Based upon available funds, premiums will be given out at the show. Exhibitors will receive a voucher in class and vouchers must be redeemed before the end of the shows. No prize money will be mailed out after the show.

Georgia National Fair Junior Invitational Market Beef Show

Judge: Zack Butler

Superintendent: Carole Knight (706) 542-8892

Co-Superintendent: Todd Claxton / (912) 253-3957

Check-in/Weigh-in/Steer Classification: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16th in Practice Ring 3

Show Time: Following the Slick Steer Show on Saturday, October 17th in the Sutherland Arena

The Junior Invitational Market Beef Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair. All entries are open to 4-H and FFA members.

Show Rules

1. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by all General Rules and Regulations printed in the beginning of this book.
2. **Health Certificates:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in this Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. **Eligibility:** Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th through 12th grade in school. No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. **Entry Deadline:** All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. All applications for entry must be made online through www.theshowportal.com by the entry deadline of September 13, 2026. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card.
5. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
6. **Signatures:** By completing the online entry, the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
7. **Number Of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of steers or heifers an exhibitor may enter in the show. However, no more than two (2) beef animals may be entered or shown per class by any exhibitor.
8. **Ownership:** Market beef animals must be owned by the exhibitor from September 13, 2026. A description of the calf, including breed, birth date and tattoo number, must be entered on the form. This is a feeder market beef calf show and it is suggested that all calves be born on or after August 1, 2024. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all cattle. The exhibitor must

maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide daily care for the cattle from September 13, 2026, to show time.

9. **Tattoo:** All steers must have a legible ear tattoo which must correspond to tattoo number on entry form. Tattoos will be checked. No fresh tattoos allowed.
10. The GNF Jr. Invitational steer show will be structured so that divisions will be separated into breeds which will further be divided into classes based on weight. The Divisions will be composed of:
 - a. **Crossbred Division.** This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of British and Continental breeds.
 - b. **Brahman Influence Division.** This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of Brahman (*Bos indicus*).
 - c. **Breed Divisions.** Any breed with a minimum of five (5) steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division.
 - d. **All Other Breeds Division.** Any breed division (including Brahman derivative) with less than five steers will show in the All-Other Breeds (AOB) division.
 - e. **Steer Classifications Guidelines:**
 - i. **Continental Breeds:** Steers must show a predominance of characteristics indicating that the animal is approximately 50% or more of the breed entered. Continental breeds include (but are not limited to) Charolais, Chi-Influenced, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, and Simmental.
 - ii. **British Breeds: Angus:** Must show all the characteristics of the Angus breed; black in color with no white above the underline, or on leg, foot, or tail (white is allowed in front of the navel.) Smooth polled, nor scurs.
 - iii. **Hereford:** Hereford steer should exhibit typical Hereford color markings, breed character, and phenotypic expression of frame size, muscle, and structure (Freckles, dark eye pigmentation and small ticks will be included.) Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible (horned steers must be dehorned).
 - iv. **Shorthorn:** Must show all characteristics of the Shorthorn breed. Color typically should be red, white or red/white roan. No black or blue/white roans allowed.
 - v. **Red Angus:** Must show all characteristics of the Red Angus breed. Smooth polled, no scurs.
 - vi. **Brahman Influences:** Must show evidence of Brahman (or Brahman derivative) parentage.
 - f. **Other critical points:**
 - i. ***Exhibitors will declare a breed on the entry form based on the breed characteristics of their steer.**
 - ii. ****Steers will be classified by a committee of three classifiers. If less than 50 head of steers are entered in the Junior Invitational Steer Show, show management reserves the right to create a steer show of classified steers into***

British, Continental, or Crossbred. Those steers grouped as either British or Continental will then be shown by weight, lightest to heaviest.

- iii. *The judge will select a Champion, Reserve Champion, and a Third High Overall representative from British, Continental and Crossbred Division that will all compete for Top Five Steer Honors.*
- iv. *If more than 50 head of steers are entered in the Junior Invitational Steer Show, steers will be shown by those breeds classified by the committee of classifiers and Overall Top Five Steers will be selected.*

11. **Market Heifers:** Market heifers will not be classified. They will be shown by weight.
12. **Weigh-In:** All market cattle will be weighed by show officials on Friday, Oct. 16, between 10:00am - 12:00pm. No reweighs after calves leave the scales. Class winners will not be reweighed.
13. **Championship:** The first-place market beef in each division will show for the Grand and Reserve Champion. The second-place market beef from the division from which Grand Champion of the show is picked will compete for Reserve Champion. Each Grand and Reserve Champion will compete for the overall Top 5.
14. **Substitute Showmen:** Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showmen allowed where exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. Substitute must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by show superintendent. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring. No substitute showmen will be allowed to show in showmanship.
15. **Control:** All market cattle must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any calf that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.
16. **Force Filling Of Steers/Market Heifers:** Force filling of steers/market heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example - electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench applicators must be 150cc/ml or less. All steers/market heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
17. **All Market Cattle Must Be Dehorned.** Any regrowth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for the show.
18. No hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied to the animal.
19. No nose tongs can be used in exhibiting cattle.
20. **Stalling: Stalling will be the responsibility of the barn manager; changes may be made at their discretion.**
21. **Bedding:** Wood chip bedding will be provided for the first bedding. No straw, sand or other material will be allowed in the beef barn complex.
22. **Tack Areas** will be assigned on an available basis depending on the number of animals *actually checked in.*

23. **Neck Ropes** must be used for tying calves and provided by the participant.
24. Exhibitors must keep the part of the building occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. Ribbons won at this, and other shows may be used to decorate the area. Paint or any other substance that will mar or deface the stalls **WILL NOT** be tolerated.
25. **No Blocking Chutes** will be allowed in the arena area.
26. **Tie-Outs:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle are only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set in the tie out area, but no electric fence is allowed in the tie out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens in tie outs for cattle. Maximum pen space is 12’x12’. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.
27. **Passes:** Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Note: Any breed with a minimum of five steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division

Georgia National Fair

Junior Invitational

Heifer Show

Judge: Zack Butler

Superintendent: Christa Steinkamp / (706) 542-6366

Co-Superintendent: Kate Whiting / (478) 987-2028

Check-in/Weigh-in: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16th in Practice Ring 3

Show Time: 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 18th in the Sutherland Arena

The Junior Invitational Heifer Show is being held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair. All entries are open to 4-H and FFA members.

Show Rules

1. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by all General Rules and Regulations printed in the beginning of this book.
2. **Health Certificates:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. **Eligibility:** Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th through 12th grade in school. No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. **Social Security Numbers** will be required for premium checks in the amount of \$600 or more.
5. **Entry Deadline:** All livestock entries will be ONLINE ONLY. All applications for entry must be made online through www.theshowportal.com by the entry deadline of September 13, 2026. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card.
6. **Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
7. **Signatures:** By completing the online entry, the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.
8. **No. Of Entries:** There is no limit on the number of market cattle or breeding heifers an exhibitor may enter in the show. However, no more than two (2) head may be entered or shown per class by any exhibitor.
9. **Ownership:** Heifers must have been owned by the exhibitor since September 13, 2026. The exhibitor must maintain continuous full ownership, possession, and provide daily care for the heifer(s) from September 15, 2026, to show time.
10. **Registration Certificates** (all heifers except Commercial): All registered heifers that enter to show in a breed division will be required to present their original registration certificate at the time of check-in. Registration certificates must be solely in the exhibitor's name. Registration certificates that have a farm name or family name will not be accepted. Copies or duplication of the original registration certificate will not be accepted.

- a. All exhibitors are encouraged to bring original registration papers to check in. In place of original papers, an exhibitor can log onto the breed association website to verify registration of an animal as long as all required information is visible. Photos or copies of papers will not be accepted. Animals without proper registration information that leave registration WILL NOT be allowed to return later to check in.
11. **Age:** Both *commercial Heifers* and registered heifers must be born September 1, 2024, and after.
12. **Tattoo:** All heifers, including Commercial heifers, must have a legible tattoo, *or brand where acceptable by breed association*, and must match tattoo number on Registration papers. Tattoo or brand number must be included on the entry form; otherwise, entry will not be accepted. No fresh tattoos allowed.
13. **Breed Shows:** There must be five (5) heifers actually showing per breed division to make for a championship drive. If less than five (5) heifers check-in then they will show in “Other Breeds”. If a breed division does not make for 2 consecutive years they will show in “Other Breeds”. The Composite Other Breeds division which will include any percentage registered breed with less than 5 (five) head present at the show (Low Percentage Simmental, Chi Influence, and Charolais Record).
- a. **Simmental** – Registered Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked-in for the show. If there are less than five (5) Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals, they will show in Composite Other Breeds. Registered percentage Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked in for the show. If there are less than five (5) registered High Percentage Simmentals, they will be combined with the purebred Simmental. Percentage Simmental heifers must be at least ½ Simmental genetics to compete in the High Percentage Simmental Show. Any registered Percentage Heifer that is less than ½ Simmental genetics will show in the Low Percentage division IF there are five (5) or more head entered in the show. If there are less than five (5) Low Percentage heifers, they will show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.
- b. **Limousin and Lim-Flex** – Registered Limousin must be orange papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Limousin Show. All Lim-Flex heifers must be purple papered and 25% or higher to compete in the Limousin Show. Limousin and Lim-Flex females will show together in one show. Registered Shorthorn Plus (those with green papers) will be shown separately from purebred shorthorns (those with red papers) provided there are at least five (5) head check in at the show. If there are less than five (5) registered checked in they will show with the purebreds.
- c. **Registered Shorthorn Plus** (those with green papers) – Will be shown separately from purebred shorthorns (those with red papers) provided there are at least seven (7) head check in at the show. If there are less than seven (7) registered checked in, they will show with the purebreds.
- d. **Charolais** – Only purebred Charolais will be allowed to compete in the Charolais Show Charolais Record – Charolais Record animal will be shown separately if there are five (5) or more checked in. If there are less than 5 they must show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.
- e. **Gelbvieh** – Balancers will have a separate breed show if there are five (5) or more checked in for the show. If there are less than five (5) registered Balancers, they will be combined with the purebred Gelbvieh.
- f. **Chi- Influence Heifers** – Chi Influence heifers must be a minimum of 6.25% Chi to show as Chi Influence. If less than five (5) check in, they show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.

- g. **Miniature Hereford** will be shown separately if there are five (5) or more checked in. If there are less than 5, they must show in the Hereford Division.
 - h. **High % Maine, Maintainer and Maine Angus** – Registered High % Maine heifers must be Brown papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Maine Show. All Maintainer heifers must be Green papered and 1/4 - 5/8 Maine Anjou to show in the Maine show. Maine Angus cattle must be Blue papered and 3/8 Maine-Anjou to 5/8 Maine Anjou blood and have between 3/8 registered Angus to 5/8 registered Angus and/or registered Red Angus blood to show in the Maine show. High % Maine, Maintainer and Maine Angus females will show together in one show.
 - i. **Any Percentage/Composite/Plus that does not have a breed listed must be entered in “COB”.**
14. **Registered heifers will be checked in with their registration papers. If less than 50 head of heifers are entered in the Junior Invitational Heifer Show, show management reserves the right to create a heifer show of registered heifers into either British, Continental, or Commercial. Those heifers grouped as either British or Continental will then be shown by youngest to oldest. Commercial heifers will be weighed in and shown by weight, lightest to heaviest. The judge will select a Champion, Reserve Champion, and a Third High Overall representative from British, Continental and Commercial Division that will all compete for Top Five Heifer Honors.**
 15. **If more than 50 head of heifers are entered in the Junior Invitational Heifer Show, heifers will be shown by the provided breed breaks and Overall Top Five Females will be selected.**
 16. **Mouthing:** All heifers are subject to be mouthed for age.
 17. **Classes:** Registered heifers will be shown by breed. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight. Classes will be split at the discretion of show management based on the number of entries.
 18. **Championship:** The 1st and 2nd place heifers in each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the respective breeds. Each Grand and Reserve Champion will compete for the overall Top 5.
 19. **Substitute Showmen:** Exhibitor must show their own animal unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class. Substitute must be a 4-H or FFA member and **must be approved by show superintendent.** No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the ring.
 20. **Control:** All heifers must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.
 21. **Force Filling Of Heifers:** Force filling of heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example - electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench applicators must be 150cc/ml or less. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
 22. No nose tongs can be used in exhibiting cattle.
 23. **Stalling: Stalling will be the responsibility of the barn manager; changes may be made at their discretion.**
 24. **Bedding:** A first bedding of wood chips will be provided. No straw, sand, or colored wood chips will be allowed in the beef barn complex.
 25. **Tack Areas:** Tack areas will be assigned on an available basis depending on the number of animals *actually checked in.*

26. **No Butt Fans Allowed:** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.
27. **Tie-Outs:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a “first come, first served” basis. Cattle are only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set in the tie out area, but no electric fence is allowed in the tie out area. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens in tie outs for cattle. Maximum pen space is 12’x12’. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. The GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.
28. **Passes:** Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.
29. Heifers may be entered in both the Breeding Heifer show and the Market Heifer show. They must be entered/paid for at the time of entry. Heifers will not be allowed to move from Breeding Heifer show to Market Heifer show or vice versa at the time of check-in.

Classifications for Each Breed

(Except Commercial Heifers)

Jr Invitational Heifer Show

(The seven classes listed below are the only ones offered in this show for all breeds except Commercial Heifers.) Registered heifers must be born September 1, 2022, and after.

- Class 1 - **Junior Heifer Calf** - born January 1, 2026, and after
- Class 2 - **Winter Heifer Calf** - born November 1 - December 31, 2025
- Class 3 - **Senior Heifer Calf** - born September 1 - October 31, 2025
- Class 4 - **Late Summer Heifer** - born July 1 - August 31, 2025
- Class 5 - **Summer Heifer** - born April 1 - June 31, 2025
- Class 6 - **Yearling Heifer** - born January 1 - March 31, 2025
- Class 7 - **Senior Yearling Heifer** - born September 1 - December 31, 2024

Classifications for Commercial Heifers

Jr Invitational Heifer Show

Commercial Heifers must be born September 1, 2024, and after

Commercial Heifers will be weighed at check-in and shown by weight. Classes may be divided into **divisions** with division champions competing for overall champion. Division champions will receive an award; overall champion will receive award and premium money. Class winners will not be reweighed.

Georgia National Fair Jr. Invitational Bred & Owned Heifer Show

1. This show will be held in conjunction with the Georgia National Fair Junior Invitational Heifer Show and the Bred-and-Owned Overall Drive will be held after the Junior Heifer Top 5 Overall Drive.
2. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by the GNF General Rules and Regulations. Exhibitors must also abide by the GNF Jr. Invitational Heifer Show Rules and Regulations.
3. To be eligible for the bred-and-owned show, the exhibitor(s) must have owned the entry's dam at the time of conception and the exhibitor(s) name must be listed as the breeder and original owner on the registration certificate (**farm/ranch name, family name is not acceptable.*)
4. Bred-and-owned females calved on or after September 1, 2024, are eligible.
5. Bred-and-owned females must show in the owned show to be eligible for the Bred & Owned Show. Bred-and-owned must be declared at the time of entry. An additional entry fee will be charged per entry.
6. All juniors are eligible to compete for bred-and-owned in each registered heifer division (commercial heifers excluded). The first and second bred and owned will be chosen in each class as shown and will only compete in a lead-out class for champion bred and owned if the breed champion or reserve champion *is not* bred and owned. Champion Breed and Owned heifers will receive a banner and be placed in the running for Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Heifer. Bred and owned status will be verified at their time of check-in prior to the show.

Georgia National Fair

Junior Dairy Female Show

Judge: Shawn Nehls

Superintendents: Bobby Smith, Henry Hibbs, Lucy Ray

Barn Manager: Chuck Lee

Check-in/Weigh-in: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 16th in the Beef & Dairy Barn

Show Time: 2:00 PM on Friday, October 17th in the Foster Rhodes Arena

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Dairy Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations on pages 17-24.
2. The Junior and Open Dairy Show will be judged at the same time. If applicable, make sure that you enter both Junior and Open Dairy Show classes because it will not be allowed at check-in.
3. **Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing registered dairy heifers and it is required that all dairy heifers must be born before May 31, 2026. The Show Committee holds the authority to determine the age of the heifers by mouth examination.
4. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors may participate after they reach nine years of age and until December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 19 years of age. All owners (exhibitors) must be in good standing with a National/State Dairy Breed Association.
5. **Animal Eligibility:** Dairy females that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior/Open Dairy Show are not eligible to show in the Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show the same year. Do not enter into both shows because violation of this rule will result in loss of premiums and/or awards.
6. **Showmanship:** Youth Exhibitors must enter a dairy animal *in the exhibitor's name* into the show to be eligible to compete in the Showmanship. Animals exhibited in showmanship classes must also be entered and qualify to show in the Dairy Show classes. Classes will be:
 - a. **Class 1:** Preclub
 - b. **Class 2:** 4th – 5th grades
 - c. **Class 3:** 6th – 7th grades
 - d. **Class 4:** 8th – 9th grades
 - e. **Class 5:** 10th grade
 - f. **Class 6:** 11th grade
 - g. **Class 7:** 12th grade
 - h. **Class 8:** Collegiate
7. **PDCA:** All regulations set forth by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association will apply.
8. **Ownership:** The ownership of the Dairy animal(s) should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Sunday, August 1st, 2026. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains

full ownership and possession of the animal(s), and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the Georgia National Fair. Leased or project animals that are owned by another party may be shown provided they meet the requirements of their respective National and State Dairy Breed Association. A copy of the lease agreement or affidavit indicating animal project responsibility must be present at check-in.

- 9. Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a breed and/or weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
- 10. Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements mentioned on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in heifers being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.
- 11. Identification:** All Jr. Dairy females must have an RFID tag or tattoo.
 - a. Tag Coverage:** All breeder identification tags must be covered by black tape. Any method used to cover identification tags must not alter the natural appearance or structure of the ear or cause discomfort to the animal. All tags must remain properly affixed to the animal. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the class.
- 12. Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$20.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two (2) dairy heifers per class. Only one (1) entry per exhibitor is allowed for the following classes: *Best Junior Female* and *Best Senior Female*.
- 13. Online Entries:** [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)
- 14. Signatures:** The online entry process includes a section where the exhibitor must agree to the rules and regulations. This agreement is signified by selecting the check box, which will act as the exhibitor's signature.
- 15. Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is ***Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM***. The deadline to submit LATE entries is ***Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm***. The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*

- 16. Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- 17. Stalling/Bedding:** The responsibility of stalling dairy cattle lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary modifications. Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed for bedding in the barns.
- 18. Tack Areas:** Tack areas will be assigned on availability based upon the number of dairy heifers that “actually check-in”.
- 19. Fans:** All fans that will be used for the cooling of livestock must be attached to the tie panel in the animal stalling/bedding area and cannot be attached by any extension greater than 42” from the tie panel. Fans that are on a fan stand in the alley “Butt Fans” will not be permitted.
- 20. Neck Ropes:** It is required for participants to bring their own neck ropes, which should be used for securing both attended and unattended dairy heifers.
- 21. Tie-Outs:** Cattle can be tethered in the designated tie-out area every evening after 8:00 PM. The tie-out space is available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please note that tie-out areas are exclusively designated for cattle. Exhibitors are allowed to use any type of natural bedding they prefer within the specified tie-out area. However, it is important to note that no equipment like fans, generators, tents, etc., is permitted in the tie-out area. While exhibitors can set up pens in the tie-out area, electric fences are strictly prohibited. Panels can be set up as pens in the tie-outs, with a maximum limit of 12'x12' pen space. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that both the pens and animals are securely positioned. If any rules are violated, the GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels accordingly. Additionally, it is allowed to use vehicles solely for the purpose of delivering bedding and feed. However, please ensure that the vehicles are not left unattended and refrain from parking them in the tie-out area.
- 22. Milking Parlor:** The Milking Parlor hours will be posted on the parlor when Jr./Open Dairy check-in begins.
- 23. Control:** All dairy heifers must possess the ability to be consistently handled and controlled while wearing a halter. Nose tongs are prohibited when exhibiting heifers. Should any heifer display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove the animal from the showing. It is important to note that this decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 24. Force Filling of Dairy Animals:** The act of forcibly filling dairy animals with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. This prohibition extends to the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, and similar equipment. However, the use of drenches is permitted, provided they are used to aid the animal, such as electrolytes, calming agents, and bloat guards. When administering drenches, the applicators must not exceed a capacity of 150 cc/ml. It is essential that all dairy females exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with

the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any attempts to alter the heifer's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums and/or prizes.

- 25. Registration Certificates:** All registered dairy females that enter to show in a breed division will be required to present their original registration certificate or a digital copy will be accepted at the time of check-in. Also, they must be certified by the respective breed association to be 87% or higher purebred to be eligible for entry. Registration certificates must be solely in the exhibitor's name.
- 26. Breed Divisions:** Breed divisions will be held for those breeds listed that have a minimum of 7 (7) entries actually checked in. Breed divisions not meeting Breed divisions will be **Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire.**
- 27. Classes:** The Georgia National Fair Junior Dairy Heifer Show is structured so that the heifers will be separated into classes by date of birth.
- a. **Class 1** – Spring Heifer Calf (Born March 1 – May 31, 2026)
 - b. **Class 2** – Winter Heifer Calf (Born December 1, 2025 – February 29, 2026)
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 - t. **Class 20** – *Supreme Championship*
 - u. **Class 21** – *Best Senior Female*
- 28. Substitutions:** Substitution of animals will be allowed within the same breed and class for the same exhibitor. In addition, one junior substitution (out of class, but within the same breed) will be allowed per exhibitor. Substitution can be made only in the name of the original exhibitor; Exhibitors must submit a new entry form at check-in with all the information completed on the substitute dairy heifer. Extra entry form will be available at the barn office upon arrival.

29. Premiums: Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.

2026 Junior Dairy Heifer Show Awards

Supreme Champion Junior Dairy Female – \$500 & Clock

Notice to Exhibitors

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2. In order to create a good public image and to add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc. must be stored out of sight by 8:00 AM each morning.
3. No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes and regulations.

Georgia National Fair

Open Dairy Female Show

Judge: Shawn Nehls

Superintendents: Bobby Smith, Henry Hibbs, Lucy Ray

Barn Manager: Chuck Lee

Check-in/Weigh-in: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 16th in the Beef & Dairy Barn

Show Time: 2:00 PM on Friday, October 17th in the Foster Rhodes Arena

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Dairy Heifer Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations on pages 17-24.
2. The Junior and Open Dairy Show will be judged at the same time. If applicable, make sure that you enter into both Junior and Open Dairy Show classes because it will not be allowed at check-in.
3. **Age:** This event is dedicated to showcasing registered dairy heifers and it is required that all dairy heifers must be born before May 31, 2026. The Show Committee holds the authority to determine the age of the females by mouth examination.
4. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors may participate after they reach nine years of age. All owners (exhibitors) must be in good standing with a National/State Dairy Breed Association.
5. **Animal Eligibility:** Dairy females that are entering into the Georgia National Fair Junior/Open Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to show in the Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show the same year. Do not enter into both shows because violation of this rule will result in loss of premiums and/or awards.
6. **PDCA:** All regulations set forth by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association will apply.
7. **Ownership:** The ownership of the Dairy female(s) should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Saturday, August 1st, 2026. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains full ownership and possession of the animal(s), and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 1st, 2026, until the day of the Georgia National Fair. Leased or project animals that are owned by another party may be shown provided they meet the requirements of their respective National and State Dairy Breed Association. A copy of the lease agreement or affidavit indicating animal project responsibility must be present at check-in.
8. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a breed and/or weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It

is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.

- 9. Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements mentioned on pages 25-28 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in heifers being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.
- 10. Identification:** All open dairy animals must have an RFID tag or tattoo.
 - a. Tag covering: All breeder identification tags must be covered by black tape. Any method used to cover identification tags must not alter the natural appearance or structure of the ear or cause discomfort to the animal. All tags must remain properly affixed to the animal. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the class.**
- 11. Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$20.00 per entry. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of two (2) dairy females per class. Only one (1) entry per exhibitor is allowed for the following classes: *Best Three Junior Female, Best Three Senior Female, and Breeders Herd of Five.*
- 12. Online Entries:** [Livestock Competitions \(georgianationalfair.com\)](http://georgianationalfair.com)
- 13. Signatures:** The online entry process includes a section where the exhibitor must agree to the rules and regulations. This agreement is signified by selecting the check box, which will act as the exhibitor's signature.
 - 14. Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 37th Annual Georgia National Fair is *Saturday, August 1st, 2026, at 11:59 PM.* The deadline to submit LATE entries is *Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 12:00pm.* The late entry fee is an additional \$100 PER ENTRY. We kindly inform you that the late entry deadline will not be extended. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card.

**Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*
- 15. Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- 16. Stalling/Bedding:** The responsibility of stalling dairy animals lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary modifications. Wood shavings will be provided for bedding upon arrival. Absolutely no straw, sand or other materials will be allowed for bedding in the barns.

- 17. Tack Areas:** Tack areas will be assigned on availability based upon the number of dairy females that “actually check-in”.
- 18. Fans:** All fans that will be used for the cooling of livestock must be attached to the tie panel in the animal stalling/bedding area and cannot be attached by any extension greater than 42” from the tie panel. Fans that are on a fan stand in the alley “Butt Fans” will not be permitted.
- 19. Neck Ropes:** It is required for participants to bring their own neck ropes, which should be used for securing both attended and unattended dairy heifers.
- 20. Tie-Outs:** Cattle can be tethered in the designated tie-out area every evening after 8:00 PM. The tie-out space is available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please note that tie-out areas are exclusively designated for cattle. Exhibitors are allowed to use any type of natural bedding they prefer within the specified tie-out area. However, it is important to note that no equipment like fans, generators, tents, etc., is permitted in the tie-out area. While exhibitors can set up pens in the tie-out area, electric fences are strictly prohibited. Panels can be set up as pens in the tie-outs, with a maximum limit of 12'x12' pen space. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that both the pens and animals are securely positioned. If any rules are violated, the GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels accordingly. Additionally, it is allowed to use vehicles solely for the purpose of delivering bedding and feed. However, please ensure that the vehicles are not left unattended and refrain from parking them in the tie-out area.
- 21. Milking Parlor:** The Milking Parlor hours will be posted on the parlor when Jr./Open Dairy check-in begins.
- 22. Control:** All dairy females must possess the ability to be consistently handled and controlled while wearing a halter. Nose tongs are prohibited when exhibiting. Should any heifer or cow display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove the animal from the showing. It is important to note that this decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 23. Force Filling of Dairy Cattle:** The act of forcibly filling dairy cattle with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. This prohibition extends to the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, and similar equipment. However, the use of drenches is permitted, provided they are used to aid the animal, such as electrolytes, calming agents, and bloat guards. When administering drenches, the applicators must not exceed a capacity of 150 cc/ml. It is essential that all commercial dairy heifers exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any attempts to alter the heifer’s natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums and/or prizes.
- 24. Registration Certificates:** All registered dairy animals that enter to show in a breed division will be required to present their original registration certificate or a digital copy at the time of check-in. Also, they must be certified by the respective breed association to be 87% or higher purebred to be eligible for entry. Registration certificates must be solely in the exhibitor’s name.

- 25. Breed Divisions:** Breed divisions will be held for those breeds listed that have seven (7) entries actually checked in. Breed divisions will be **Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Ayrshire.**
- 26. Classes:** The Georgia National Fair Open Dairy Heifer Show is structured so that the heifers will be separated into classes by date of birth.
- a. **Class 1** – Spring Heifer Calf (Born March 1 – May 31, 2026)
 - b. **Class 2** – Winter Heifer Calf (Born December 1, 2025 – February 29, 2026)
 - c. **Class 3** – Fall Heifer Calf (Born September 1 – November 30, 2025)
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 - o. **Class 15** – *Intermediate Championship (Champion & Reserve)*
 - p. **Class 16** – 4-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022)
 - q. **Class 17** – 5-Year-Old Cow (Born September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021)
 - r. **Class 18** – Aged Cow (Born August 31, 2020, and before)
 - s. **Class 19** – *Senior Championship (Champion & Reserve)*
 - t. **Class 20** – *Supreme Championship*
 - u. **Class 21** – Produce-Of-Dam (Two animals of any age that are the produce of one cow)
 - v. **Class 22** – Daughter-Dam (2 animals, any age one dam and one daughter)
 - w. **Class 23** – Best Three Senior Females
 - x. **Class 24** – Breeder’s Group (A group entry consists of two females over two years of age, two un-calved females under two years of age and one female any age. Three of the entries must be bred by the exhibitor)
- 27. Substitutions:** Substitution of animals will be allowed within the same breed and class for the same exhibitor. In addition, one open substitution (out of class, but within the same breed) will be allowed per exhibitor. Substitution can be made only in the name of the original exhibitor; Exhibitors must submit a new entry form at check-in with all the information completed on the substitute dairy heifer. Extra entry form will be available at the barn office upon arrival.
- 28. Premiums:** Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-

1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.

2026 Open Dairy Show Awards

Supreme Champion Open Dairy Female – \$1,000 & Clock

Supreme Champion Open Dairy Heifer - \$500

Notice to Exhibitors

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2. In order to create a good public image and to add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc. must be stored out of sight by 8:00 AM each morning.
3. No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes and regulations.

Georgia National Fair

Open Dairy Goat Show

Judge: Justin Bassett

Superintendent: Shannon Lawrence 706-816-9100

Show Secretary: Ivy Hailey

Check-in: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM on Monday, October 12th

Show Time: 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 13th starting with Showmanship and following with the Open Dairy Goat Show.

***Please note: RV reservations start on July 7, 2026.*

Please use this link: <https://www.gnfa.com/p/rvreservations>

*** Link to online entries for show: <https://showman.app/shows#/georgia-national-fair-open-dairy-goat-show-0b85>*

Show Rules

1. Exhibitors participating in the Open Dairy Goat Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations stated on pages 17-24.
2. This show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) and their rules shall govern. Only American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, and Canadian Goat Society registered, recorded, or applied for animals may be shown. The Senior Doe and Junior Doe shows are sanctioned separately. The show order is subject to change.
3. **Eligibility:** This is an open dairy goat show, and exhibitors must be a minimum of 6 years of age by entry deadline.
4. **Showmanship:** Animals exhibited in showmanship classes must also be entered and qualified to show in the Open Dairy Goat show classes.
5. **Dress:** All exhibitors are asked to wear white for all Open Dairy Goat show classes.
6. **Health Certificates:** ALL goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the show date. Please ensure that the animals you bring to the event have Health Certificates that comply with the guidelines mentioned in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements section on pages 25-28 of the Premium Book. Health Certificates are mandatory for all animals. Compliance with this requirement is crucial, as goats without health papers will not be allowed to be unloaded or remain on the premises.
7. **Registration:** Original registration certificates are required for all goats six (6) months of age or older, or stamped duplicates will be accepted per the ADGA rules at the time of the show. All paperwork is required for check-in with the Show Secretary by 6:00 PM on Monday, October 12, 2026.
8. **Base Date:** The base date for entries is Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Date of birth for animals must be included in the entry form.
9. **Entries:** The entry fee for participation in classes are \$10.00 per entry. This includes pen(as needed)/shavings fee.

- 10. Online Entries:** Are available on the Showman App. All entries are online.
- 11. Entry Deadline:** The cutoff date for regular entries is September 20, 2026, at midnight. Late entries are available at \$20.00 per entry until October 11, 2026 at 2pm.
- 12. Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- 13. Substitutions:** NEW THIS YEAR: Changes are allowed up to 9:00am on October 13, 2026.
- 14. Updates:** Dairy goat entries will be updated on Facebook and privately (if needed) on the GDGBA Facebook page. If needed otherwise, please email yrfgoats@gmail.com.
- 15. Premiums:** Will be paid at the show. Tickets will be attached to the show ribbons and will need to be filled out and turned into the show appointed purser. Senior show payouts are available during the Lunch Break. The junior payouts will be made available towards the end of the junior doe show. **DO NOT LEAVE THE SHOW WITHOUT RECEIVING PAYMENT.** Once the show ends and everyone leaves the books close, no more payouts will occur. Any exhibitor receiving more than \$600 in premiums will be required to furnish their Social Security number and address for the purpose of receiving a IRS-1099 form.
1. **First place: \$25.00**
 2. **Second place: \$ 20.00**
 3. **Third place: \$ 15.00**
 4. **Fourth place: \$ 10.00**
 5. **Fifth place: \$ 5.00**
 6. **Grand Champion: \$ 25.00**
 7. **Reserve Champion: \$ 20.00**
 8. **Best of Breed: \$ 25.00**
 9. **Best Udder of Show: \$ 40.00**
 10. **Best In Show: \$ 50.00**
 11. **Dairy Herd/Georgia Grown Dairy Herd: \$50.00 (First place only)**
 12. **Dam & Daughter: 1st – 5th As above**
- 16. Stalling/Bedding:** Before any exhibitors unload any animal, ALL animals must be checked in with the Georgia Department of Agriculture Inspectors or the Show Superintendent. After clearance, check-in with the Dairy Goat Superintendent for stalling.
- 17. NO Dogs or Bucks are allowed in the Dairy Goat Barn or show ring.**
- 18. Control:** All does participating in the Georgia National Fair are required to be effectively trained and always remain under control.
- 19. Horns:** All does must be dehorned or have scurs less than 2 inches per ADGA rules.
- 20. Filling of animals:** The use of any substance not intended for the well-being of the animal is strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification. All does must be presented in their natural form and structure without any change or modification, except for grooming the hair and trimming the hooves. Please note that filling with any unauthorized substance and altering the animal's appearance other than the mentioned exceptions is strictly forbidden and may result in immediate disqualification.
- 21. Breeds:** This show is sanctioned by ADGA for the following breeds: Junior and Senior does in LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, All Other Purebred (AOP) and Recorded Grade.
- 22. Group/Specialty Classes:** Any animals competing in these classes **MUST** have been shown in regular breed classes.
- a. **Best Udder:** Judge will choose per class, per breed, then choose an entry of the breed to participate in Best Udder in Show.
 - b. **Dam & Daughter:** 2 senior does, 1 as the dam of the other will be shown. All breeds together.
 - c. **Dairy Herd:** 4 does in milk and all animals must be owned by the same exhibitor, regardless of breed. All breeds compete together.
 - d. **Georgia Grown Dairy Herd:** 4 does in milk and all animals must be owned and bred by a Georgia resident. All breeds compete together.
- 23. Class Size:** At the judge's discretion, classes may be combined and/or split into heats.

Notice to Exhibitors

24. Exhibitors may spend the night inside the barn within their stalling areas, not in the hallways.
25. In order to create a good public image and to add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc. must be stored out of sight by 8:00 AM each morning.
26. No cooking is allowed inside the barns to comply with local fire codes and regulations.
27. All exhibitors must remain at the show until at least 2:00pm, unless otherwise approved by the show superintendent.
28. No vehicles will be allowed into the fairgrounds until after 2:00pm. Failure to follow these rules will result in penalties.

CLASSES:

Showmanship: Exhibitors can ONLY enter 1 of the showmanship classes.

Class 1 – 10 and under

Class 2 – 11-14 years

Class 3 - 15-17 years

Class 4 - Advanced: No age limit

Class 5 – Novice: Less than 3 years of showing.

Senior Does: *LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, AOP, Recorded Grade*

Class 1: Milkers Under 2 years old (October 12, 2024, and after)

Class 2: Milkers 2-3 years old (October 13, 2024 – October 12, 2023)

Class 3: Milkers 3-4 years old (October 13, 2023 – October 12, 2022)

Class 4: Milkers 4-5 years old (October 13, 2022 – October 12, 2021)

Class 5: Milkers 5 + years old (born on or before October 13, 2021)

- Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

Class 6: Champion Challenge

- Best Udder for breed (Judge's Choice)
- Best Senior Doe in Show
- Best Udder in Show

Group Classes (Follows Best Udder class)

Class 7: Dam & Daughter

Class 8: Dairy Herd

Class 9: Georgia Grown Dairy Herd

Junior Does: *LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, AOP, Recorded Grade*

Class 10: Junior Kids: 0-5 months (born May 12, 2026, or after)

Class 11: Senior Kids: 5-8 months (born February 12, 2026 – May 13, 2026)

Class 12: Junior Yearlings: 8-12 months (born October 12, 2025 – February 13, 2026)

Class 13: Intermediate Yearlings: 12-18 months (October 13, 2025 – April 12, 2025)

Class 14: Senior Yearlings: 18-24 months (April 13, 2025 – October 12, 2024)

- Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion
- Best Junior Doe in Show

Peach State Livestock Judging Contest

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Sutherland Arena / Saturday, October 17th, 2026

Registration: 8:30 AM / Contest: 9:00 AM

1) Eligibility

- a. Junior Division: 4-H and FFA members from 4th – 9th grade. Grades are defined as September 1st of the current year.
- b. Senior Division: 4-H and FFA members from 10th – 12th grade but can include members of 9th grade. Grades are defined as September 1st of the current year.
- c. Collegiate Division: Open to all junior and senior colleges in the United States offering a degree or program in agriculture and/or animal science. Collegiate division is a “workout” only. Individual scores will be tabulated. No awards will be given to the collegiate division.

2) Entry Fee

- a. Entries are due by **September 20, 2026**, to receive ground passes to enter the fairgrounds.
- b. Contest entry fee is \$15.00 per competitor. Entries that are submitted on time will receive grounds passes to enter the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.
- c. Late entries will be \$25.00 per competitor and WILL NOT include ground passes.
- d. **Check should be made to: North Region FFA**
- e. **Mail entry application and fee to: Kent Benson**

J. Phil Campbell Research Center
1420 Experiment Station Rd.
Watkinsville, GA 30677

- 3) Enter through the Livestock Gate on Exhibitor Drive and stop at the Credentials Trailer to receive your grounds passes.
- 4) Junior and Senior 4-H/FFA Divisions will consist of a maximum of four (4) individuals per team with the top three (3) scores constituting the team score.
- 5) The Collegiate Division will tabulate individual scores; no team scores will be compiled.
- 6) You will not be allowed to add a contestant the day of the contest; however, you may substitute.
- 7) **Junior/Senior 4-H/FFA Division:**
 - a. Max of 10 placing classes including market and breeding beef, swine, sheep, and goats.
 - b. Juniors will give a minimum of one (1) set of reasons.
 - c. Seniors will give a minimum of two (2) sets of reasons.
- 8) **Collegiate Division:**
 - a. Max of 10 placing classes including market and breeding beef, swine, sheep, and goats.
 - b. Max of six (6) sets of reasons may be included.
- 9) Performance data will be provided on selected breeding classes.
- 10) Awards will include team and individual results for junior and senior divisions only.

11) Contestants talking to anyone, but a group leader may be disqualified. Personal communication devices are prohibited.

For more information or questions about the Peach State Livestock Judging Contest contact:

Kent Benson: kbenson@gaaged.org / (530) 574-3687

Dylan Davis: dylan.davis@uga.edu / (706) 483-2729



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4-H and FFA Division

\$15 per person (\$25 late entry with NO ground pass)

County or Chapter Name

Coach/Advisor Name

Team#1 JR. or SR. (please circle one)

Team Member Names:

Team #2 JR. or SR. (please circle one)

Team Member Names:

Team #3 JR. or SR. (please circle one)

Team Member Names:

Individual Contestant Names

_____ JR or SR

_____ JR or SR

_____ JR or SR

_____ JR or SR



Peach State Livestock Judging Contest

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Registration: 8:30 AM / Contest: 9:00 AM

Collegiate Division

\$5 per person (Entries received after entry deadline will not be provided ground passes.)

College/University _____

Coach's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Contestants:

Team:

Alternatives:





37th Annual Georgia National Fair

Equine, Llama & Rabbit Show Schedule

October 8th – 18th, 2026

Every day of the Fair

All Day.....Rabbit Exhibit.....Horse Barn 1

Wednesday, October 7st

12:00 NoonRabbit Exhibit Move-InHorse Barn 1

Thursday, October 8th

8:00 AMDraft Horse Move-InHorse Barn 2

Friday, October 9th

10:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PMDraft Horse ShowPerdue Arena

Saturday, October 10th

10:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PMDraft Horse ShowPerdue Arena

5:00 PMFeathered Horse Move-In.....Horse Barn 2

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 AMMiniature Horse Move-In.....Horse Barn 2

10:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 5:00 PMDraft Horse ShowPerdue Arena

Monday, October 12th

10:00 AMMiniature Horse Demonstration.....Practice Ring 2

6:00 PMFeathered Horse ShowPerdue Arena

Tuesday, October 13th

10:00 AMMiniature Horse Demonstration.....Practice Ring 2

10:00 AMFeathered Horse ShowPerdue Arena

Wednesday, October 14th

10:00 AMFeathered Horse ShowPerdue Arena

Friday, October 16th

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM.....Llama Move-In.....Horse Barn 2

8:00 AM.....Rabbit Show Move-In..... Multipurpose Building

Saturday, October 17th

10:00 AMLlama Show.....Practice Ring 2

10:00 AMRabbit Show Multipurpose Building

Sunday, October 18th

10:00 AMLlama Show.....Practice Ring 2

**FARM
BUREAU**
GEORGIA

Est. 1879
GODFREY'S
Feed
TRIED ★ TESTED ★ PROVEN

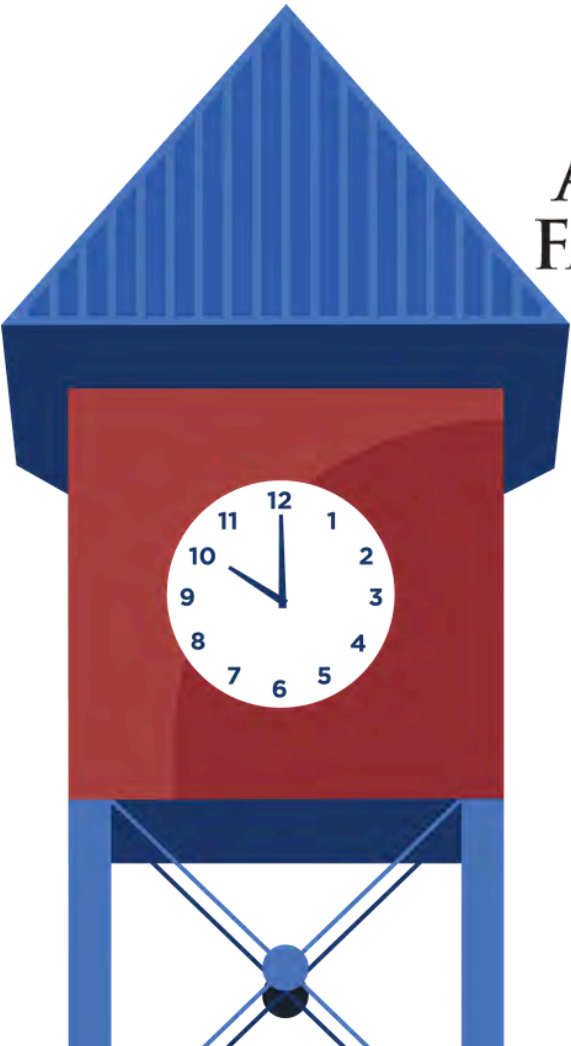
WEAVER
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