

**2024**  
**GWINNETT COUNTY**  
**FAIR**

**LIVESTOCK**  
**EXHIBITOR**  
**INFORMATION**  
**BOOKLET**

**Gwinnett County Fair**  
**2405 Sugarloaf Parkway**  
**P.O. Box 1352**  
**Lawrenceville, GA 30046**  
**770-963-6522**

Dear Exhibitors,

We hope you enjoy the livestock competition at the Gwinnett County Fair. We are dedicated to presenting well-organized shows with spirited competition and quality animals. All the information in this book is available on our website: [www.gwinnettcountryfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryfair.com)

We hope that you enjoy your visit. Listed below are the board members and staff that make the livestock shows possible. If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

**Livestock Committee**

**John H. Lovin**  
**Gary Farmer**  
**Kelly Parham**

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/ Isabel Stafford-Bookkeeper

## **SHOW DATES & TIMES CHECK-IN INFORMATION**

Friday	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cattle Check-in - 3pm – 7pm
Saturday	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cattle Check-in/Weigh-in – 8am-11am Beef Showmanship – 1pm Commercial Heifer Show Steer Show
Sunday	September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fleckvieh Show – 8am Simmental Show Simmental Percentage Show Angus Show Hereford Show Charolais Show Red Angus Show Chi-Influence Show Other Registered Breeds Show Shorthorn Show
Wednesday	September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dairy Goat Check-in – 2pm though 9:30 am Thursday
Thursday	September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dairy Goat Show – 1pm
Saturday	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meat Goat check-in and weigh -in - 8am -10:30am Meat Goat Show – 11:30am (starting with showmanship)
Sunday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Gertrudis Check-in – 8am – 11am Market Lamb and Breeding Ewe check-in and weight-in –8am – 10:30am Combined Showmanship – 12n Market Lamb Show Breeding Ewe Show
Monday	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Judging Contest Registration-1pm (see website for more information) Judging Contest Orientation 1:45pm Santa Gertrudis – 5pm
Wednesday	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Sheep Show Check-in – 1pm -5pm
Thursday	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Sheep Show Check-in – 8:00am – 12:00n Open Sheep Show – 5pm
Friday	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dairy Heifer Check/Weigh-in – 1pm – 5pm
Saturday	September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Swine Check/Weigh-in – 8am – 2pm Dairy Heifer Show – 11am
Sunday	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday School – 8:00am Swine Show – 9:00am - Small Arena

**The fair reserves the right to change, combine or delete classes or breed shows offered depending on entries.**

# LIVESTOCK RULES

## **Cattle and Entry Information: \*\*\*For online entries-see the link on the website\*\*\***

- **All cattle must have a valid health certificate.** Health papers will be checked. There will be a GA Dept. of Agriculture official present to check animals upon unloading. It is strongly recommended that each animal be vaccinated. Animals must have a legible tattoo.
- **Arrive with your livestock on date and check-in times listed. For emergencies call Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 770-963-6522 Gary Farmer 706-207-8539 or Kelly Parham 770-309-5533.**

Shows offered: Angus, Charolais, Chi-Influence, Commercial Dairy Heifers, Commercial Beef Heifers, Fleckvieh, Hereford, Red Angus, Santa Gertrudis, Other Registered Breeds, Shorthorn, Simmental, Simmental Percentage and Steer. All animals must be registered with their association except commercial heifers, dairy heifers, and steers. A registered animal may only show in either the breed show or the commercial show not both. No registered percentage will be shown with purebred, ex: Balancer, Appendix, Shorthorn Plus. The Show committee will inspect registration certificates.

**A minimum of 7 head of cattle will constitute a show based on the entries at the deadline. If a show does not meet requirements exhibitors will be notified.**

**Junior entries must be registered in the junior's name. The fair reserves the right to change, combine or delete classes or breed shows offered depending on entries.**

**Junior/Open Show combined.** Junior and Open exhibitors will show in the same show. Juniors showing in open and junior are required to **pay two entry fees. Junior Exhibitor is defined as not completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade in school.** Juniors must show their own animal in class unless two animals are in the same class and another junior may be that showperson. No adult can accompany junior exhibitors in the ring. Junior exhibitors that cannot handle their animal will be dismissed from the ring. Junior entries must be in the junior's name not in farm name.

**\*\*All beef exhibitors must be 9 years old before January 1, 2025 to show in the 2024 show.** A Peewee class will be offered each night immediately following showmanship. There will be no entry fee and only ribbons will be awarded. Each exhibitor must be accompanied by an adult.

**Entry fee - \$15 per animal for Junior show AND \$15 for Open show. These fees must be paid upon submission of entries. ONLINE ENTRIES ARE PREFERRED \*\*\*See the website for a link to online entries-www.gwinnettcountyfair.com. Online entries must be submitted by Sunday, September 1st. If it is necessary to send a paper entry, please contact us at [livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com](mailto:livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com) for entry forms. Late entries not submitted by this date must be approved by Livestock Committee.**

**\*\*\*All premiums will be paid in cash. Exhibitors will receive a voucher with their ribbon in the ring. Make sure you receive the correct voucher before leaving ringside. Vouchers must be brought to the window at the livestock office by the end of the fair.\*\*\***

**All animals are required to stay on premises until after the completion of show.** Animals must be tied out at night. **Tie out time is 8:00 p.m.** If animals remain in the barn, a person must be present with the animals until the fairground closes that night to keep the bed area clean. Bedding will be provided in the barn. No straw allowed in barn. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed and care for animals. **Beds and area must be cleaned by 9:00 a.m. the following morning of stay at fair. No dogs are allowed in the barn including service dogs.**

Blocking chutes will be allowed in specific areas only. All blocking chutes must be kept inside big arena. No chutes in the isles of the barn. Curtains allowed over display area only. No curtains allowed over cattle. Only signs will be allowed. Tack area assigned on arrival. **No butt fans allowed.**

**Commercial Beef Heifers, Steers, and Commercial Dairy Heifers will be shown by weight.** Steer must have been born after August 1, 2022. **Steer, Commercial Heifer, Commercial Dairy Show is only for Juniors (4-H & FFA).** Classes for Commercial Heifers and Steers will be divided after weigh in. Commercial Dairy Heifers must weigh 100 lbs and not over 1250 lbs to be eligible to show. All Commercial Dairy Heifers and Steers must be dehorned and healed. Commercial Dairy Heifers must be born between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 1, 2023.

**Herdsmen Award:** Competition will be judged on animals displayed for public viewing. Stall cards, displays and manure kept in appropriate containers will count toward award. **If there are no deserving awards no plaques will be distributed.** This award will be mailed upon completion of the fair.

**A photographer will be on site daily for photos. More information is available on our website.**

**\*\*\*Questions about shows and/or arrival schedule may be directed to John Lovin – 770-402-0754, Gary Farmer - 706-207-8539 or Kelly Parham – 770-309-5533. Entry questions may be directed to Kelly Parham, Gary Farmer or [livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com](mailto:livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com).\*\***

**CLASSES FOR REGISTERED BREEDS:**

1. Cow - Calf Pair (not eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion female)
2. Late Junior Heifer Calves - calved March 2024 and later
3. Early Junior Heifer Calves calved January - February 2024
4. Late Senior Heifer Calves calved November to December 2023
5. Early Senior Heifer Calves calved September to October 2023
6. Late Summer Yearling Heifers calved July to August 2023
7. Early Summer Yearling Heifers calved May to June 2023
8. Late Junior Yearling Heifers calved March to April 2023
9. Early Junior Yearling Heifers calved January to February 2023
10. Late Senior Yearling Heifers calved November - December 2022
11. Early Senior Yearling Heifers calved September - October 2022
12. Grand Champion Female
13. Reserve Grand Champion Female

**BULL CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED UPON ENTRIES.**

**Bulls 1 year of age and over must have nose ring or nose clip. No bulls over 3 years old.**

**Class Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup>-\$75; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$60, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$45, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$30, 5<sup>th</sup>-\$20, 6<sup>th</sup>-lower--\$15

**Grand Champion-\$100; Reserve Grand Champion-\$50**

**Commercial Dairy Heifers  
Commercial Beef Heifers  
Steer**

**These shows are for junior exhibitors only.**

**Animals will be divided by weight after check in.**

**Show order will be posted once check in is complete.**

**Class Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup>-\$100; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$85; 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$70; 4<sup>th</sup>-\$55; 5<sup>th</sup>-\$45; 6<sup>th</sup>-lower--\$25

**Grand Champion-\$100; Reserve Grand Champion-\$50**

## **BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

\*\*\*There will be a combined showmanship for all beef exhibitors on Saturday, September 6th at 1pm.

**Exhibitors in showmanship must be entered in show and show their own animal.**

Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> – Belt Buckle; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$30; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20; 6<sup>th</sup>- lower--\$15

Classes:

4<sup>th</sup> grade

5<sup>th</sup> grade

6<sup>th</sup> grade

7<sup>th</sup> grade

8<sup>th</sup> grade

9<sup>th</sup> grade

10<sup>th</sup> grade

11<sup>th</sup> grade

12<sup>th</sup> grade

**The livestock committee reserves the right to combine showmanship classes based on grade and number of exhibitors.**

## **CLASSES FOR SANTA GERTRUDIS SHOW:**

1. Cow - Calf Pair (not eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion female)
2. Late Junior Heifer Calves - calved March 2024 and later
3. Early Junior Heifer Calves calved January - February 2024
4. Late Senior Heifer Calves calved November to December 2023
5. Early Senior Heifer Calves calved September to October 2023
6. Late Summer Yearling Heifers calved July to August 2023
7. Early Summer Yearling Heifers calved May to June 2023
8. Late Junior Yearling Heifers calved March to April 2023
9. Early Junior Yearling Heifers calved January to February 202
10. Late Senior Yearling Heifers calved November - December 2022
11. Early Senior Yearling Heifers calved September - October 2022
12. Grand Champion Female
13. Reserve Grand Champion Female

### **BULL CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED UPON ENTRIES.**

**Bulls 1 year of age and over must have nose ring or nose clip. No bulls over 3 years old.**

**Class Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup>-\$75; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$60, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$45, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$30, 5<sup>th</sup>-\$20, 6<sup>th</sup>-lower--\$15

**Grand Champion-\$100; Reserve Grand Champion-\$50**

### **STAR 5 OPEN FEMALE CLASSES: (no prize money will be awarded for these classes-only ribbons)**

1. Calved on or after September 1, 2023
2. June 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023
3. March 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023
4. September 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
5. January 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

### **STAR 5 BULL CLASSES: (no prize money will be awarded for these classes-only ribbons)**

At this time, there is only one SGBI approved Star 5 Bull Class. All Star 5 Bulls, regardless of age, will show in the same class.

### **Showmanship Classes:**

**Exhibitors in showmanship must be entered in show and show their own animal.**

Time of showmanship will be decided once all animals are checked in.

Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> – Belt Buckle; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$30; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20; 6<sup>th</sup>- lower--\$15

**The division of showmanship classes will be based on grade and number of exhibitors.**

## Swine

**ONLINE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED VIA OUR WEBSITE**

[www.gwinnettcountyfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyfair.com)

**Online entry deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Check in on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> with the show on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**\*\*\*\*DUE TO SPACE RESTICTIONS, WE WILL ACCEPT THE FIRST 330 ENTRIES. ALL ENTRIES AFTER THIS LIMIT WILL GO ON A WAITING LIST IN THE EVENT THAT SOME WITHDRAW BEFORE CHECK IN DAY. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF YOU ARE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*A LIMIT OF 3 ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR AND ALL ENTRIES MUST WEIGH A MINIMUM OF 180LBS AT CHECK-IN – PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ANIMAL THAT WILL NOT MEET WEIGHT REQUIREMENT\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*If you bring only one animal, you MUST bring a pen divider so that your animal can share a pen without any potential issues.**

**\*\*Pen assignments will be made and posted at check in.**

**Entry fee of \$10 must accompany entry. Do not send cash  
Open to Georgia 4-H, FFA and Youth Pre-club exhibitors only.**

**All exhibitors must show their own animal.**

**All swine must have valid health certificate. All swine must be trained for showing.**

**Shows offered:**

**Market Barrows—shown by weight**

**Market Gilts—shown by weight**

**Commercial Breeding Gilts—shown by weight**

**Registered Breeding Gilts—shown by breed and birthdate.**

**-If there are less than seven (7) head of a breed they will be shown with Other Breeds.**

**Swine should be clipped prior to arrival to the fairgrounds.**

**Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$65; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$45; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$40, 6<sup>th</sup> – lower --\$25.**

**Grand Champion: \$100 Reserve Champion: \$50**

**Showmanship Classes:**

**Exhibitors in showmanship must be entered in show and show their own animal.**

**Time of showmanship will be decided once all animals are checked in.**

**Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> – Belt Buckle; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$30; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20; 6<sup>th</sup>- lower--\$15**



## Market Goats

Online entries are accepted via our website: [www.gwinnettcountryfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountryfair.com)

Online entry deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>

Show date is Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30--checkin will begin at 8 am\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*Maximum of 3 head per exhibitor -Minimum weight will be 35lbs—PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ANIMAL THAT WILL NOT MEET WEIGHT REQUIREMENT\*\*\*

**\*\*Pen assignments will be made and posted at check in.**

**Show is open to Georgia Junior exhibitors ONLY.**

**Entry fee \$10 per animal**

All goats must have a valid health certificate. Animals must have their milk teeth in normal position at the time of the show. Loss of one or both of the milk teeth will result in disqualification. Horns must be tipped or removed and completely healed. Goats will be shown by weight. **Bracing will be allowed as long as all feet remain in contact with the ground.**

Show will be open to any breed, wethers, does or crossbred. No bucks allowed. Exhibitors will be responsible for care and feeding of animals. Clipping and fitting is encouraged but not required.

There will be separate shows for does and wethers provided the numbers warrant.

Classes will be divided upon completion of weigh-in

**Class Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$65 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$45; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$40, 6<sup>th</sup> – lower--\$25.

**Grand Champion: \$100 Reserve Grand Champion: \$50**

### **Showmanship Classes:**

**Exhibitors in showmanship must be entered in show and show their own animal.**

Time of showmanship will be decided once all animals are checked in.

Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> – Belt Buckle; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$30; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20; 6<sup>th</sup>- lower--\$15

# OPEN SHEEP SHOW

4:00pm Thursday, September 19, 2024

Check-in: Wednesday 1pm-5pm

Thursday 8am – 12n

1. This show is co-sponsored by the Georgia Sheep and Wool Growers Association for the following breeds: Cheviots, Hampshires, Oxfords, Polled Dorsets, Shropshires, Southdowns, Suffolk, Tunis, & all others.
2. Gwinnett County Fair and Livestock Association will not be held responsible for any animal or property. Georgia Department of Agriculture Rules MUST be followed. Health papers will be checked, and animals will be inspected by state inspectors.
3. Deadline for paper entries is August 29th, however, if space is available, entries will be accepted later. **\*\*Online entries are preferred and will be accepted via our website thru Sept. 1st\*\*\* [www.gwinnettcountyfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyfair.com) Mail paper entries to: GCL&FA, INC c/o KELLY PARHAM 105 LONG SHOALS CIRCLE EATONTON, GA 31024. Email [livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com](mailto:livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com) for entry forms.**
4. A charge of \$10.00 per animal must accompany entries. Shavings will be provided for bedding. No straw allowed.
5. All exhibition animals must be recorded by recognized breed Associations. If requested, registration or transfer certificate showing the exhibitor to be the owner must be produced.
6. All entries should be made on printed forms or copies, which may be obtained from the Secretary upon request, giving name, registry number, breed, ear tag number, and the date of birth of each animal. Animals to compose a competitive group need not be named when making entries, but the exhibitor must indicate the group prizes in which he wishes entries made.
7. There must be at least 2 exhibitors per breed show, otherwise the animals will be shown in the AOB show.
8. Flock: To consist of two yearling ewes, two ewe lambs and one ram.
9. Ear tags must be made legible before the time of the exhibition in order that the superintendent may easily check flock and registration number after the judge has made the placings.
10. September 1<sup>st</sup> is to be used as the base date for computing ages of sheep in all classes but only those animals that have lamb teeth will be eligible to show in lamb classes.
11. Animals will be released Wednesday evening after the completion of the show.
12. Prize will be paid up to 4 places: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$10 Grand Champion- \$50, Res. Grand Champion-\$25.

## Ram Classes:

1. Senior Ram Lamb, Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2023
2. Early Junior Ram, Jan 1 – Feb 15, 2024
3. Late Junior Ram, Feb 16, 2024 – later
4. Pair of Rams
5. Champion Ram
6. Reserve Champion Ram

## Ewe Classes

7. Senior Yearling Ewe, Sept 1, 2021 – Feb 15, 2023
8. Junior Yearling Ewe, Feb 16, 2023 – Aug 31, 2023
9. Pair Yearling Ewes
10. Senior Ewe Lamb, Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2023
11. Senior Champion (Rosette only)
12. January Ewe Lamb
13. February Ewe Lamb
14. March Ewe Lamb
15. Pair Ewe Lambs
16. Junior Champion (Rosette only)
17. Champion Ewe
18. Reserve Champion Ewe
19. Pen of 4 Lambs
20. Flock

# SOUTHEAST EMPIRE LAMB AND BREEDING EWE SHOW

\*\*\*\*Show date is Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*ONLINE ENTRIES ARE BEING ACCEPTED VIA OUR WEBSITE-

[www.gwinnettcountyfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyfair.com)-THRU September 1st\*\*\*\*

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 entry fee per animal. Entry fees are nonrefundable. If paper forms are necessary email [livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com](mailto:livestock@gwinnettcountyfair.com).

**Market Lambs:** This show is open to any Georgia 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Exhibitors must comply with all state show rules regarding age, ownership and eligibility. Lambs will be shown by weight. (See Georgia 4-H/FFA State Livestock Show rules and regulations).

**Breeding Ewes:** This show is open to any Georgia 4-H or FFA exhibitor who is eligible to enter under the Georgia State Breeding Ewe Show. See Georgia State 4H/FFA State Livestock Show Rules and Regulations ([http://www.georgia4h.org/livestock/state\\_livestock\\_show.htm](http://www.georgia4h.org/livestock/state_livestock_show.htm))

**\*\*\*A sheep cannot be entered in both the Market Lamb and the Breeding Ewe show.**

**Health Certificates:** Certificates of veterinary inspection are required on all lambs exhibited.

**Number of Entries:** A maximum of three (3) lambs per exhibitor will be allowed. A maximum of four (4) breeding ewes per exhibitor will be allowed.

**Classes:** Lambs and Ewes will be classed and shown by weight.

**Control:** All lambs must be broken to handle and be under control at all times.

**Penning:** Pens will be assigned based on available space. All lambs must be penned in the barn in designated pens. No stalling in trailers. Counties will be penned together.

**Showmanship:** Exhibitors must show own animal. Showmanship will be by grade in school. Lambs must be entered in the regular show to be eligible for showmanship. All lambs and sheep must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of hooves. No painting of lambs or ewes allowed.

**Class Prize Money:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$65 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$45; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$40, 6<sup>th</sup> - lower--\$25.

**Grand Champion:** \$100 **Reserve Grand Champion:** \$50

**Showmanship Classes:**

**Exhibitors in showmanship must be entered in show and show their own animal.**

Time of showmanship will be decided once all animals are checked in.

Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> - Belt Buckle; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$45; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$30; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$20; 6<sup>th</sup> - lower--\$15

## **DAIRY GOAT SHOW**

### **JUNIOR AND SENIOR DOE SHOW**

Check in for Dairy Goats will be Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2pm and go through 9:30 Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. All exhibitors must be in barn no later than 8:30am on Thursday.

This show is an official American Dairy Goat Association Show and their rules shall govern this competition and is open to the world.

The Senior and Junior Doe Shows are sanctioned separately for the following breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg and Recorded grade. Breeds will show in that order.

We will offer our fun Milking Contest and Costume Contest again this year.

Base date for both shows is September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There will be no pre-show milk outs.

All animals must have a valid health certificate. Refer to livestock requirement letter.

Classes will be standard breaks as other shows.

Rules and entry form for this show are available at [www.gwinnettcountyfair.com](http://www.gwinnettcountyfair.com) or from John Latimer at the address below. Please direct all questions to John.

Contact person:

John Latimer, Secretary- 1540 McRee's Mill Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677

Phone (706) 202-3220—Email Address: llacres@juno.com

# HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK IN GEORGIA

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

All livestock exhibitions must apply to the Department of Agriculture for an exhibition permit. The management of the exhibition is responsible for obtaining the permit. For information call (404) 656-3667. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.

A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.

## CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official 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 (or less if specified 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 and 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 foot rot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (sore mouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. Market swine and market cattle will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection or any testing provided no breeding livestock are on the exhibition premises. Market lambs and market goats will require a certificate of veterinary inspection and individual identification as outlined in the section below entitled "Farm Animal Livestock Requirements". Sheep and goat wethers of any age are not required to be individually identified for exhibition. In addition, all market animals must either be consigned directly to slaughter with no animals from the show ground returning to a farm or be consigned to another market show with confinement at the original show facility until movement. If market animals will be returning to a farm or if show management requires such, all animals on the show grounds must have proper certificates of veterinary inspection and must satisfy the appropriate test and identification requirements described below in the section "Farm Animal Livestock Requirements".

## FARM ANIMAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS:

### I. CATTLE

#### A. Brucellosis:

1. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirements.
2. 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:

1. Georgia cattle have no tuberculosis test requirements.
2. Out-of-state must satisfy Georgia import requirements for tuberculosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin - call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations).

#### C. **Cattle from Missouri, South Dakota and Texas** must have an entry permit number from the Department of Agriculture (Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).

### II. SWINE

#### A. Georgia swine:

1. 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:
  - a. 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.
2. Market swine:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions" section described above.

#### 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. 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 Department 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 1-1-2024 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 foot rot, 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 infectious 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 1-1-2024 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 (sore mouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
- B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS 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.

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