



**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR
JULY 14 – 18, 2026**

**MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL RULES
& REGULATIONS**

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ANIMAL CARE POLICY STATEMENT

The Lincoln County Fair is the showplace for animal agriculture in Lincoln County. All animals and livestock shown, displayed and housed at the fairgrounds shall receive care that is humane, healthy and consistent with accepted animal agriculture practices. Cruelty, neglect or indifference to animal comfort will not be tolerated and will constitute grounds for removal from the Fairground premises. Animal care shall be consistent with sound husbandry practices and with the rules and regulations established by the Lincoln County Fair Board. A licensed veterinarian will professionally attend animals experiencing illness, injury or discomfort. Livestock exhibits shall reflect the care and concern that Lincoln Countians have for livestock and companion animals.

CODE OF ETHICS

Believing it is in the best interest of all junior exhibitors to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image, the Lincoln County Fair, Inc., sets forth the following regulation: 4-H and FFA members are expected to conduct themselves according to the best tradition of their respective organizations. Inappropriate conduct (drinking alcohol, use of tobacco products, stealing, vandalism and indiscreet behavior) will not be tolerated. Any violation of this rule will be grounds for disqualifying the exhibitor and/or livestock involved. Further, any premium monies and/or awards earned by a disqualified exhibitor will be forfeited.

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RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY OF 4-H & FFA MEMBERS: Entries in the 4-H Youth department are limited to Lincoln County 4-H Members who have passed their 8th birthday and not passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current program year. Entries for FFA members must be active participants who are 9th grade and above. Market livestock exhibitors must be members of a Lincoln County 4-H Club or FFA chapter. Members of both the 4-H youth development program and FFA must be in good standing with their respective organizations.
2. All eligible exhibitors will be allowed to show two market animals of each species. All eligible exhibitors in 4-H or FFA in Lincoln County will be allowed to sell one animal. This includes attending club meetings, project meetings, training courses and/or events as determined by your club or organization.
3. All exhibitors shall wear the "Exhibitor" shirt provided by the Lincoln County Fair, along with appropriate attire (jeans, boots or closed toed shoes) for the livestock shows and auction.
4. Each exhibit shall be owned by the exhibitor and shall represent work accomplished with a 4-H or FFA project during the current program year.
5. The 4-H Youth Development program, through the County University Extension office, reserves the right to refuse and or reject the entries of club members who fail to observe rules and regulations and hence, are not in good standing.
6. Every precaution shall be taken to protect the exhibits, but neither the Lincoln County Fair nor the 4-H Youth Development program, nor Vocational Agricultural Instructors will be responsible for any losses or damage to the exhibits.
7. Exhibitors are not permitted to show the same animal in both the 4-H and FFA divisions. Animals are designated to a division at the time of weigh-in and may not be switched to another division after close of entries (May 31) or once entries are received by the Lincoln County Fair.
8. Market livestock exhibitors may not have sold animals in another fair or festival in the same calendar year.
9. Each exhibitor should make a poster displaying exhibitor name, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and other pertinent information.
10. All Lincoln County 4-H and FFA Livestock exhibitors 8 years of age and older are required to purchase a season pass wristband (good Tuesday through Saturday) for \$30 per exhibitor. **All exhibitors must wear the season pass wristband at all times while on the fairgrounds.**
11. Two vehicles pass per family, regardless of number of species shown, will be mailed to mailing address after final deadline.
12. Health requirements are established by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division, and shall be complied with as published by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Exhibitors are responsible for knowledge of health requirements. Rules are available at www.mda.mo.gov.
13. All animals may be subject to veterinarian inspection prior to unloading at the fairgrounds. All animals are also subject to inspection by the show committee. The show committee can reject any animal that is not clean or not suitable for showing. Steers must be free from warts, pinkeye, ringworm and other contagious diseases.
14. There is no pen or tie fee for market livestock entries. Pen assignments will be posted in each barn. Changes can only be made with approval of the barn superintendent.
15. Water will be available. Feed is to be supplied by the exhibitor. Each exhibitor will be responsible for care of their animals and for cleaning all pens used. Load bedding into the container provided. Do not stack bedding and other refuse on ground behind the livestock barns. Cattle will be bedded with sawdust, which will be provided by the fair board. No straw bedding will be allowed in the cattle barn. An exhibitor may bring in feed and forage for his/her own use during the fair. Space in the barn is for livestock exhibits only and may not be used for storage of feed.
16. Use of video equipment, including but not limited to camera phones, camcorders, and digital video equipment or recording devices, is prohibited on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.
17. Any exhibitor not complying with regulations and decisions of the Livestock Show Committee and the Fair Board will be disqualified from all shows and sales and will be required to leave the grounds.
18. The alleyways in the livestock barns shall be clean and open to foot traffic from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. each day of the fair.
 - a. No baled bedding will be allowed except in the sheep livestock barn.
 - b. Only one tack box per exhibitor will be allowed in the livestock barns.
 - c. Lawn chairs and other equipment must be kept at the foot of pens to keep alleyways open.

- d. Barn lights and all radios must be turned off at 12 midnight every night so that livestock are in the barns unless they are still in use for show/sale.
19. All barns are closed during show and sale. Only exhibitors and parents are allowed in the barns at this time.
20. Check with the barn superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds after respective market shows and livestock auctions. Exhibitors will need to assist in the barn and/or show area clean up following the directions of committee members. Exhibitors may be asked to help throughout the week of the fair in the barn or in the show arena.
21. Any youth participating in the livestock show and sale found drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages, nicotine products or drugs will automatically be disqualified from the show and sale and will forfeit ribbons and premiums earned prior to that time.
22. The judges will place all classes according to merit in Blue, Red and White ribbon groups. Animals may be disqualified by the barn committee. Any animal disqualified must be removed from barn/grounds immediately upon notice of disqualification. The judge's decision will be final. The decisions of the Livestock Superintendent and/or committee are final and binding.
23. Any youth participating in the show and wishing to stay on grounds overnight with livestock must have a parent or guardian remain overnight with them. Only 4-H or FFA members exhibiting livestock may stay overnight. Youth exhibitors staying overnight on the grounds must register their name, emergency phone number and the name of the person responsible for them at a designated place in their respective barn.
24. The Livestock Committee and the Lincoln County Fair, Inc., assume NO RESPONSIBILITY for accidents to exhibitors. The livestock committee has the right to ask for a doctor's release for exhibitors to be allowed to show and sell animals.
25. The Livestock Committee and the Lincoln County Fair, Inc., assume NO RESPONSIBILITY for accidents, injury to or loss of animals while under the ownership of the exhibitor or following sale of animals during the Lincoln County Fair.
26. Ribbons will be awarded for animals shown in compliance with Market Show General Rules. Blue ribbon animals placed first in class are eligible to be shown as grand champion in their respective division and blue-ribbon animals placed second in class are eligible to be shown for reserve grand champion in their respective division. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbon placing will be awarded in market steer, market hog, market lamb, market chicken and market fryer rabbit in junior livestock shows. Grand and Reserve Champion animals must sell at the auction. If an exhibitor has both or two champions, (s)he can choose which animal will be sold. Each participant will be limited to one animal in the sale. Trophies will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals in each division.
27. All market livestock not meeting weigh-in requirements for showing must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
28. **A 3% fee will be deducted from the consignor check for the sale of animals with proceeds earmarked for auction expenses at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.**
29. There will be no professional handling of junior exhibitor animals from weigh in date. Professional is defined as "for hire or as a means of making a living." Animals are to be groomed/clipped by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor, with assistance from the immediate family or other Lincoln County 4-H/FFA exhibitors only. Grooming / fitting may occur in species designated areas only. Animals are not allowed to leave the designated barn area.
30. NO CHANGES ARE ALLOWED IN ENTRIES AFTER WEIGH IN. All animals must be registered in individual names at weigh in. All animals must be weighed at designated weigh-in locations on specified dates and times. NO EXCEPTIONS.
31. Junior exhibitors must show animals entered under his/her name at weigh in and entry. Exhibitors must be present to show animals entered under their name at the fair. Exception will be if an exhibitor owns two animals in the same weight class, another junior exhibitor may show one of the two animals.
32. Unruly animals in the barn and/or show ring will be excused. Uncontrollable animals, which the exhibitor cannot handle alone, may be disqualified by the superintendent and required to leave the ring. If excused, no ribbon will be awarded, and animals will not be allowed to sell in the auction. Minimal assistance in showing a market animal is allowed by another Lincoln County exhibitor at the discretion of the superintendent.
33. No premiums are paid on Market animals.
34. Photos: Photographs are used in various print and electronic media. Should you prefer that your child not be photographed at LCF events, we want to work with you to keep his or her photo from being taken. Because there

are so many youths involved in the fair, we cannot assure you that your child will not be photographed. We will ask official photographers to honor personal requests not to be photographed. Please visit with your children about your wishes and encourage them to let photographers know that they request not to be photographed. Should a photo of your child be taken and used against your wishes, please let us know so that we will not use it again in the future. All exhibitors participating in the auction will be photographed with his or her buyer(s).

35. **All market hogs, cattle, goats and lambs must be removed from the barns by 9am Friday morning, unless you are showing in the breed show.**
36. **Exhibitors not attending and participating in the assigned workday(s) may forfeit the privilege of showing at next year's fair.**
37. Omissions: In case of omission of any rule, the Lincoln County Fair Livestock Committee adheres to the rules and regulations established and followed by the Missouri State Fair.
38. The Lincoln County Fair Livestock Committee and Auction Committee reserve the right to amend the rules and regulations as necessary. Exhibitors will be notified if changes occur.
39. **NEW RULE: If you are taking your animal to the State Fair or holding it over for the breed show and you plan on selling that animal at the auction, you will be responsible for contacting your buyer (buyers) on where to take it after you show it at the state fair or breed show. Your animal will only be able to have the destination of being floored or taken home.**

RATE OF GAIN (ROG) COMPETITION

1. All steers, goats or lambs entered in the Lincoln County Fair Market Livestock Show are entered into a rate of gain competition.
2. Market animals are enrolled in the ROG class when weighed in and tagged according to the above schedule.
3. All breeds within a species will compete together for the ROG award.
4. Refer to Lincoln County Fair Market Livestock Show breed rules for the weigh dates, times and minimum and maximum weights of the animals.
5. The final weight for ROG competition will be taken at the Fair. This final weight will be used to determine the Rate of Gain and will also determine in which weight class the market animal will be shown. The final weight at the fair will also be the weight for the Junior Livestock Auction. Only animals shown at the fair are eligible for the Rate of Gain awards.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

Showmanship classes will be held for youth exhibitors in the Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat and Market Hog Category with two age divisions:

Junior division age 13 and under;
Senior division age 14 and over.

The purpose of the showmanship award is to teach exhibitors the art of livestock exhibits showmanship and sportsmanship.

1. All market livestock youth exhibitors are competing in the Showmanship competition.
2. Showmanship competition is judged during the market animal shows.
3. A trophy will be awarded to the top Junior and Senior showman selected for each specie.
4. The showmanship judge will be instructed by the show committee to not consider any exhibitor not wearing proper attire. Improper attire includes T-shirts with slogans and tennis shoes; however, Lincoln County Fair "Exhibitor" T-shirts are acceptable.
5. Showmanship will be judged on the following criteria:
 - i. Appearance of Animal (cleanliness, grooming, trimming)
 - ii. Showing of the Animal (posing, parading, changing positions). Exhibitors must show their own animal to be eligible for the showmanship award. Participants will be evaluated on control and handling of their animals, sportsmanship and attention to the judge and arena surroundings. The judge may ask questions of participants.
 - iii. Appearance and Merits of Exhibitor.

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

1. Classes for the Master Showmanship exhibition will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.
2. The Master Showmanship competition is open to any 4-H or FFA member that has completed a Livestock Project (Market or Breeding).
3. Each exhibitor will show a steer, hog, goat and lamb. Members must obtain permission for use of animals belonging to another exhibitor for the competition.
4. Master Showman exhibitors must own at least one of the animals they are exhibiting. Exhibitors may own all three animals, but ownership of all three species is not required.
5. Exhibitors can expect to have questions posed to them regarding all three species by the judge in addition to the usual Showmanship competition.
6. Master Showmanship will be judged on the following basis:
 - a. 50% based on the showing of the animal and appearance of the exhibitor.
 - b. 50% based on the knowledge of the exhibitor as pertains to each species.
7. Once an exhibitor has been awarded the Master Showmanship recognition, he/she is ineligible for further Master Showmanship Competition at the Lincoln County Fair.
8. In recognition of the award, the Master Showman will receive a trophy.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

1. The contest will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.
 - a. The Livestock Judging Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a livestock project in Lincoln County (Market or Breeding).
2. Livestock Judging will consist of five (5) to six (6) classes of market and/or breeding animals of cattle, hogs, goats and sheep. Scoring will be based on placing, questions and reasons.
3. Ribbons will be awarded according to the Danish system (Blue, Red and White).

MARKET ANIMAL EAR TAGS: Every animal that is weighed will receive a numbered ear tag at the time of weighing in. This ear tag number identifies the animal and owner for the livestock shows, auction, and shipping. Animals must also be tagged with a 840 tags. CVI papers (health papers from your vet) are required; they must be dated within 30 days of the fair. **At any time, you lose your ear tag from the fair please contact the barn chair immediately so we can get you a replacement. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE FAIR CHECK IN!!!! Animals arriving without an ear tag, 840 tag or Health papers will be dismissed, and you will not be able to show or sell at the fair.**

STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY: See Missouri State Fair Rules www.mostatefair.com in regard to eligibility to show market species at the Missouri State Fair. All exhibitors at the Lincoln County Fair wishing to take market livestock sold at the Lincoln County Fair auction to the Missouri State Fair are required to complete an advance sales agreement and submit it with the backtag at the end of the livestock show. **All advance sales agreements MUST be received by the conclusion of shows on Wednesday evening.**

EXHIBITOR BACK TAGS are given to exhibitors during the exhibitors' meeting approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of each animal market show. Back Tag numbers correspond to the ear tag number of each animal that is weighed for the market class at the fair. This back tag serves several purposes, primarily for the judge to identify animals to mark judging sheets with rank and ribbon. This tag has information that informs show officials of your intentions for the animal following the market class. **EVERY BACK TAG MUST BE TURNED IN ONCE THE ANIMALS YOU OWN HAVE BEEN SHOWN or by the CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.** If you only show one animal, mark the back of the tag as desired from options printed. If you have more than one animal in the show, wait until both your animals have been shown and the destination for the animals have been determined. Then mark both back tags and turn both in as directed. This tag **MUST** be given to the show secretary or designated person before you leave the fairgrounds following the respective market show or your animal will not be placed in the sale order. Any animals that do not have corresponding back tags turned in will also be the responsibility of the owner (YOU) to remove animal(s) from the fairgrounds by date and time specified. If you show one or more species, you must turn in every back tag for every animal you own/show at the fair.

***If you show more than one species in the market division, inform show officials of which species you wish to sell following the last market show. This only applies to those exhibitors showing more than one species.**