



DIVISION II
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

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LIVESTOCK SHOWS

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Swine Shows:

Junior Swine Shows - Friday, September 18 - 4:00 p.m.

Meat Goat Shows:

Junior Meat Goat Showmanship - Saturday, September 19 - 4:00 p.m.

Junior Meat Goat Show - Sunday, September 20 - 10:00 a.m.

Junior Commercial Doe Meat Goat Show – immediately following the Jr. Market Meat Goat Show

Dairy Cattle Shows:

Open Dairy Cattle Show – Saturday, September 19 – 10:00 a.m.

Open Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Sunday, September 20 - 9:00 a.m.

Open Junior Dairy Cattle Show - Sunday, September 20 – following Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship

WNC District Show will run concurrently with the Open Junior Shows

Meat Sheep Shows:

Junior Market Lamb/Ewe Showmanship - Saturday, September 12 - 4:00 p.m.

Junior Market Lamb Show - Sunday, September 13 - 10:00 a.m.

Junior Meat Breed Ewe Show - Sunday, September 13 - follows Junior Market Lamb Show

Wool Breed Sheep Shows:

Fleece Show – Saturday, September 19 - 9:00 a.m.

Junior Wool Breed Show - Saturday, September 19 - 1:00 p.m.

Open Wool Breed Sheep Show – Sunday, September 20 - 9:00 a.m.

Beef Cattle Shows:

Open Junior Beef Cattle Showmanship - Saturday, September 12 - 4:00 p.m.

Open Junior Feeder Steer Show - Sunday, September 13 - 10:00 a.m.

Open Junior Beef Heifer Show - Sunday, September 13 - follows Open Jr. Feeder Steer Show

WNC District Show will run concurrently with the Open Junior Shows

Dairy Goat Shows:

Showmanship - Saturday, September 12 - 9:00 a.m.

Youth Dairy Goat Show (Jr. & Sr. Doe) - Saturday, September 12 - follows Showmanship

Open Junior Doe Show - Saturday, September 12 - 3:00 p.m. or after completion of Youth Show

Open Senior Doe Show - Sunday, September 13 - 9:00 a.m.

Very Special Livestock Show:

Saturday, September 12 – 10:00 a.m.

Poultry Shows:

Youth Standard, Standard Commercial Egg Layers - Friday, September 11
Youth Poultry Egg Show – Friday, September 11
Youth Bantam & Guinea Poultry Show – Thursday, September 17
Youth Poultry Showmanship - Saturday, September 19 - 10:30 a.m.
Youth Laying Hen Show - Saturday, September 19 - 12:00 p.m.

Rabbit Show:

Youth Rabbit Showmanship – Saturday, September 12 – 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Youth Rabbit Show - Saturday, September 12 - 10:00 a.m.

Display Livestock: On display from Friday, September 11 through Sunday, September 20 in Barns B, C & D.

Llama: Youth Llama Show – Tuesday, September 15 – 4:30 p.m.

DIVISION II - LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

Premiums will be forfeited if animals are removed from the stall or pen space prior to release date and time. (See respective Departments.)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Except in the case of conflict, in which event the following Rules and Regulations will prevail, the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this Division. **Illegal drugs, and/or unethical conduct in fitting and showing livestock will not be tolerated.** All others will be at judge's discretion.

Any animals being removed before their release time will forfeit all premiums.

Exhibitors bringing animals that have been micro-chipped must bring a reader, as well as their papers.

All Livestock Shows conducted according to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics can be found on fair web site: www.wncagcenter.org

Exhibitors must wear proper attire while in the show ring: long pants, shirt with collar, shoes with closed toe.

No animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds until their check-in time.

Maximum Youth age, 19, is as of show date unless specified by Department.

Allow up to 10 weeks for premiums to be processed.

ENTRIES

MAKE YOUR ENTRIES EARLY!! The right is reserved and will be used to reject entries received after all available space is taken, even if this occurs before specified time for closing entries.

Online Entries Only!! Be sure to fill in the online form completely and accurately. Give your rural route number, post office box number, or city street address, zip code, **Social Security Number on the NC State Sub W-9 form**, and telephone number, including area code. Note that exhibitors who choose not to disclose their full Social Security Number or Federal ID on the W-9 form at the time of registration, **even if they have submitted an entry in the past**, will forfeit any and all premiums.

NO PREMIUMS WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR TAX ID NUMBER. IF THE NUMBER LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM DOES NOT MATCH THE NAME ON THE ENTRY FORM WHEN GIVEN TO THE IRS, YOU COULD BE SUBJECT TO IRS FINES.

List the class number, as indicated in the premium list, for which each entry is made. Use a separate line for each animal. Do not make entries in the Championship classes. Indicate if you plan to make entries in the group and/or herd classes. It is not necessary to name the animals that will make up your group or herd until after the judging of individual classes. Entries in the group and herd classes must have previously been exhibited in the individual classes.

Bring your registration certificates to the Fair; they must be shown if requested by the superintendent. All beef cattle and swine over six months of age and all sheep over three months of age must be registered with their respective breed associations in the name of the bona fide owner, who must show official evidence of ownership of animals at least 30 days prior to showing. Animals shown as commercial are exempt from registration requirements. (See exceptions to this rule for group classes only in some departments.)

Each breed of livestock must be exhibited by more than one farm if the breed is to be considered for continuance in the NC Mountain State Fair Premium List.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

A showmanship award will be given to youth that are officially entered in a NC Mountain State Fair Youth Livestock Show and have developed proper showmanship skills with their livestock projects. These skills will be evaluated separately from the quality of the animals shown. **The show person judge will select the youth solely on their showmanship ability.**

Premiums will be paid only as noted in the judges' books.

ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

All Animals:

The animal health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being inspected and approved by the regulatory veterinarian during their designated check-in times.

All animals not meeting the entry requirements, that have an unthrifty nature or are in an unsuitable condition, and/or are exhibiting any signs of disease or illness (including obvious abscesses that are opened or closed, ringworm, sore mouth or any other signs of contagious disease) may be refused entry and will not be allowed in the barn, may be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the regulatory veterinarian, show committee, and/or the State Veterinarian.

During the duration of the Fair, all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian.

The Fair staff works diligently to prevent diseased animals from entering the fairgrounds, though owners should consider that animals may be exposed to infectious agents while at the Fair. It is a best management practice to keep exhibit animals returning from the Fair separate from your animals at home for 2-3 weeks. By isolating exhibited animals for this time, any animals exposed to disease while at the Fair should show signs of infection during this period. Once this period has passed, they can then be commingled with the animals that remained home.

Exhibitors are discouraged from bringing their dogs with them to the fair. If dogs must be brought, they are to remain in areas that are inaccessible to the public and must not be available for contact with the general public. Proof of rabies vaccination needs to be on hand.

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit livestock (beef and dairy cattle, horse, breeding swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits) and poultry at the WNC Livestock Expo. Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Registering a premise involves obtaining an alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed or processed. If an exhibitor wants more information or wishes to register for a National or State Premises ID, the exhibitor can:

1. For more information contact (919) 707-3250 or visit <http://www.ncfarmid.com>, or
2. Register for a National or State Premises ID by:
 - a. Printing, completing, and submitting the form found at <http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfarmid/registrationform.htm>,or
 - b. By completing the request form for National Premises ID found behind the livestock entry form.

Livestock:

ALL LIVESTOCK ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE HEALTH EXAMINATION AT TIME OF CHECK-IN AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY ONTO THE FAIRGROUNDS AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BARN UNTIL INSPECTED AND PASSED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS.

All livestock must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch, or microchip - readers must be supplied by owner) to enter the fairgrounds.

All sheep and goats must comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Sheep and goats without a scrapie tag, or a registration paper with corresponding tattoo or microchip information at the time of check-in will not be allowed. Scrapie Flock ID numbers must be presented at the time of check-in before an approval card can be issued. The Scrapie Flock ID number is not the same as the National or State Premises ID number. To obtain a scrapie Flock ID number, please see the Goat and Sheep entry requirements section.

Livestock and Poultry:

Drug and Chemical Compounds Policy for All NCDA&CS Sponsored Fairs, Exhibitions, and Events

The use of any drug and/or chemical compound in any manner that is not approved by the FDA, including but not limited to indications and directions on species, age, dosage amounts and/or withdrawal times, is illegal and prohibited.

The owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or responsible person must notify the show management prior to admittance into the livestock barns of any animal that is being administered drugs or chemical compounds in accordance with approved FDA guidelines for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal. Acceptance of the animal for exhibition will be at the discretion of the livestock superintendent and the show veterinarian and will depend on such factors as the nature of the drug or chemical compound and justification by an accredited veterinarian with a valid client-patient relationship. Regardless, livestock will not be allowed to exhibit if use of any drugs or chemical compounds will affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and/or responsible persons will be held accountable for the presence of any violative drug residue from their animal and subject to the disposition as specified below:

1. Findings of proof in intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited by the Policy on Use of Drugs and Chemical Compounds will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events.
2. If proof of intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in an illegal and prohibited manner cannot be found on an animal that has been demonstrated by the above detailed laboratory methods to have the presence of such a substance, a first time offense for a positive test will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a one-year prohibition on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of the positive animal. A second time offense by that exhibitor for any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of the positive animal.

Drug testing at the Fair may include, and is not limited to, the following drugs:

Acepromazine, Albuterol, Altrogest, Azaperone, Balbuterol, Boldenone, Bumetanide, Chlorpromazine and all other tranquilizers, Clenbuterol, Dexamethasone, Flumethasone, Flunixin, Furosemide, Isoetharine, Isoflupredone, Flumethasone, Methylprednisolone, Nandrolone, Paylean (labeled for swine only), Phenylbutazone, Optiflex (labeled for feedlot cattle only), and Terbutaline. Paylean and Optiflex are illegal for use in sheep and goats.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY SPECIES

Any of the species listed below entering the fairgrounds regardless of their purpose of entry must meet the requirements listed for that species.

CATTLE - BEEF and DAIRY

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth, or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Cattle from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Information relating to Brucellosis.
 - a. Those cattle which are native to North Carolina need not be tested. (Native meaning those cattle which were born in North Carolina or which have met North Carolina import requirements.)
 - b. Cattle originating from any certified Brucellosis free herd, regardless of the state of origin, may enter North Carolina, provided the following information is recorded on the official certificate:
 - i. The individual identification of each animal;
 - ii. The herd certification number;
 - iii. The date of the last herd test; and
 - iv. A permit when otherwise required in the rule.
 - c. Cattle imported from a Class Free State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and need not be tested.
 - d. Cattle imported from a Class A State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and pass a negative official blood test within 60 days prior to entry into North Carolina.
 - e. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Rule, a Brucellosis test is not required for steers or spayed females, and no test prior to entry in the state is required of:
 - i. Cattle under eight (8) months of age;
 - ii. Dairy heifers under 20 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis
 - iii. Heifers of the beef breed less than 24 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis;
5. Information relating to tuberculosis: A test for tuberculosis is not required for cattle which are native to North Carolina. Any cattle over 6 months of age not originating from a Tuberculosis Free state shall be required to have an official tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry, unless from an accredited herd.

SWINE

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth, or any signs of other contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Swine from out-of-state exhibitors (including market hogs) must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including age, sex, breed, and any registrations, ear tag, or ear notch numbers.
3. Statement by the veterinarian attesting that the swine listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Statement by the veterinarian that all breeding swine in the consignment originate from a Pseudorabies virus (PRV) Stage IV or V state or a Validated Brucellosis-Free and Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd. The herd validation qualification numbers must be listed. This requirement does not apply to market hogs.

GOATS and SHEEP

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth, or any signs of other contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece). Animals which are not shorn will not be allowed to stall or enter the check-in line.

Goats and sheep from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and any registration, tattoo, microchip or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the goats listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. The health certificate shall contain a statement that the flock of origin has not had Scrapie diagnosed within the past 42 months. **All goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines.** All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. If you have any questions about the program or would like to request a flock identification number and tags, North Carolina residents may call (919) 707-3250 or complete and submit the North Carolina Scrapie Ear tag Order Form located behind the livestock entry form, and out-of-state participants may call 1-866-USDA Tag (873-2824).
4. Any animal showing evidence of suspicious fungal lesions must have a signed veterinarian's statement on the health certificate with the date and type of treatment.
5. Dairy sheep and goats over six (6) months of age and sexually intact imported from out of state must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to import. All imports over six (6) months of age must have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to import unless they originate from a certified and accredited herd or are consigned for immediate slaughter.
 - a. The brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements shall not apply to goats entering the state only for exhibition purposes from states that are USDA Tuberculosis Accredited-Free and Brucellosis Certified free, when accompanied by an official health certificate. Such animals shall remain in the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days from the date of issuance of the health certificate.

HORSES, MULES, PONIES, and OTHER EQUINE

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened) or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

NCDA&CS requires that all equine six (6) months old and older must be in possession of a current negative Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) test (Coggins Certificate). The negative EIA test must be current and issued within twelve (12) months. A copy of a current (12 months) negative Coggins test certificate must be presented at check-in and unloading.

Equine from out-of-state exhibitors must also be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian or a valid equine event permit (also known as an equine passport or extended equine certificate of veterinary inspection). The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or microchip number as applicable.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the equine listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. Veterinarians should contact the department at (919) 707-3250 during outbreaks of vesicular stomatitis in the U.S. for additional statement requirements.

ALPACAS, GUANACOS, LLAMAS, AND VICUNAS

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth, or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Alpacas, guanacos, llamas, and vicunas from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. Alpacas, guanacos, llamas and vicunas are exempt from tuberculosis and brucellosis testing. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or microchip number as applicable.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the alpacas, guanacos, llamas, or vicunas listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.

RABBITS

Animals with signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.** All feed and hay from states experiencing cases of rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV) are **BANNED** from entering the fairgrounds (see <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/maps/animal-health/rhd> for a current map of outbreaks in the United States). Any rabbit that has participated in other shows or exhibitions **MUST BE** quarantined and isolated for at least 14 days prior to being allowed entry to the fairgrounds.

Rabbits from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or microchip number as applicable.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the rabbits listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.

EXOTIC MAMMALS

Exotic mammals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth, or any other signs of contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Exotic mammals as defined by NCDA&CS from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, animal identification tag, tattoo, or microchip number as applicable.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the exotic mammals listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.

Exotic mammals include and are not limited to bison, buffalo and all other bovidae (other than domestic cattle), Old World camelids, etc. For applicable species, animals from out-of-state must have negative test results for brucellosis within 30 days and tuberculosis within 60 days for all animals six months old and older and must have the certification statement, "The herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months" included on the certificate.

POULTRY AND OTHER AVIAN SPECIES

Birds will not be accepted which are infected with or showing any clinical signs of an infectious or communicable disease or are infested with lice and/or mites.

All chickens, turkeys and guineas must be identified with numbered tamper-proof bands. Bands placed on birds tested by state testers will satisfy this requirement. Poultry entered at the fair are subject to examination (including blood test and swabs by a representative of the NCDA&CS).

No poultry shall have received a live virus vaccine within 30 days prior to entering the fair.

All avian species from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by either:

- i. a current VS 9-3 NPIP form that states the birds are from a flock certified as NPIP US H5/H7 Avian Influenza (AI) clean from the state of origin **or**
- ii. an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or approved state or federally employed veterinarian (5 days if they are pigeons, doves, birds of prey, psittacines, or song birds; contact NCDA&CS Veterinary Division/Poultry if there are questions regarding issuing time to entry). If an official health certificate is used, the health certificate should contain the following:
 1. Name and address of exhibitor.
 2. Description of each bird including breed, age, sex, other animal identification, etc.
 3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the birds listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
 4. Poultry and ratites must
 - a. originates from Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks or have tested negative for Pullorum-Typhoid within 30 days of entry
 - b. originates from an NPIP H5/H7 AI Clean or US AI Clean flock or have tested negative for Avian Influenza within 21days of entry

All in state chickens and turkeys for exhibition must originate from NPIP certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of entry. The test requirements may be satisfied by a negative test conducted by an official state tester at the time the birds are brought to the fair. In state birds may be randomly selected for Avian Influenza testing at the time the birds are brought to the fair.

Out-of-State birds will not be admitted for North Carolina poultry competitions.

DEPARTMENT N • JUNIOR MARKET SWINE SHOW
September 18, 2026



Superintendent: Billy Lewis

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 3, F Barn

Check-in/Unloading: September 18, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Judging: Junior Swine Showmanship September 18, Friday 4:00p.m.

Junior Market Swine Show September 18, Friday immediately following Junior Swine Showmanship

Junior Breeding Gilt Show September 18, Friday immediately following Junior Market Swine Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

JUNIOR SWINE SHOWS

INFORMATION TO SWINE EXHIBITORS

1. The swine show is open to any boy or girl living in North Carolina age 21 and under as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four animals: 2 in the Junior Market Swine, 2 in the Junior Breeding Gilts
3. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
4. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of the youth shows will be sponsored by Carolina Farm Credit.
5. Junior Market Swine Classes are open to barrows and gilts.
6. Classes will be divided by weight of the animal, with a maximum of 10 head per class.
7. No animal will be allowed to enter more than one class in the Junior Swine Show.
8. **Got to Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags go to <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>
9. The WNC 4-H Swine Project Show is a terminal show.

Showmanship

CLASS

- NA200 Beginner – Non-competitive Youth 8 and under*
- NA201 Novice - Youth 8 and under**
- NA202 Junior – 9-13 years old**
- NA203 Senior - 14-18 years old **
- NA204 Senior Plus - 19-21 years old **
- NA205 WNC Swine Project (ages 8 – 13) **
- NA206 WNC Swine Project (ages 14 -18) **

PREMIUMS

\$10 per exhibitor
(* Ribbon Only, ** Buckles for 1st)

JUNIOR MARKET SWINE

CLASS

- NB301 Classes will be determined by weight with no more than 10 animals per class. * & **
- NB302 WNC 4-H Market Hog Project ***

- * **Grand Champion** Junior Market Swine (Sponsored) Buckle, Banner
- * **Reserve Grand Champion** Junior Market Swine (Sponsored) Banner
- ****Got to Be NC Champion Junior Market Swine** (Sponsored)
- ****Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Junior Market Swine** (Sponsored)
- *****Grand Champion WNC 4-H Market Hog Project** (Banner)
- *****Reserve Grand Champion WNC 4-H Market Hog Project** (Banner)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$25	2 nd Place \$20	3 rd Place \$17	4 th Place \$14	5 th Place \$10
	6 th Place \$10	7 th Place \$10	8 th Place \$10	9 th Place \$10	10 th Place \$10

JUNIOR BREEDING GILT SWINE

CLASS

- NC401 Classes will be determined by weight with no more than 10 animals per class.

- * **Grand Champion** Junior Breeding Gilt Swine, Banner
- * **Reserve Grand Champion** Junior Breeding Gilt Swine, Banner
- ****Got to Be NC Champion Junior Breeding Gilt Swine** (Sponsored)
- ****Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Junior Breeding Gilt Swine** (Sponsored)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$25	2 nd Place \$20	3 rd Place \$17	4 th Place \$14	5 th Place \$10
	6 th Place \$10	7 th Place \$10	8 th Place \$10	9 th Place \$10	10 th Place \$10

DEPARTMENT O • MEAT GOAT SHOWS

September 19 & 20, 2026

Superintendent: Will Thompson

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 3, F Barn

Check-in/Unloading: Junior Meat Goat: September 19, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Judging: Showmanship: September 19, Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Junior Meat Goat Show September 20, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Junior Commercial Doe Meat Goat Show immediately following the Junior Market Meat Goat Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

JUNIOR MEAT GOAT SHOWS

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR MEAT GOAT SHOW

1. Exhibitors must be **21 years and under as of January 1 of the current year** and North Carolina residents.
2. **Only wethers with all baby teeth and weighing 30 pounds and over will be allowed to show in the market classes.**
3. There will be two commercial doe classes: (1) does with all baby teeth and (2) does that have lost at least one baby tooth and older.
4. **No animal will be allowed to enter more than one class in the Junior Meat Goat Show.**
5. Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of two junior market goats and two commercial does per doe class
6. Market classes will be determined by ascending weights and age with a maximum of 10 animals per class.
7. Commercial does will be classed according to weight and age classification.
8. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. (State request form can be found behind Livestock Entry Form.)
9. **Notice: All horns should be tipped and dull for the safety of the junior exhibitors.**
10. **Got to Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**

For tags <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>

JUNIOR MEAT GOAT SHOWS

Showmanship

CLASS

- OB200 Beginner – non-competitive youth 8 years old and under*
- OB201 Novice - 8 years old and under **
- OB202 Junior – 9-13 years old **
- OB203 Senior – 14-18 years old **
- OB204 Senior Plus - 19-21 years old **

PREMIUMS

\$10 per exhibitor

(* Ribbon Only, ** Buckles for 1st)

JUNIOR MARKET MEAT GOATS - Wethers Only!

CLASS

OC301 Classes will be determined by weight and age with no more than 10 animals per class.

- Grand Champion** Junior Market Goat (Sponsored) *
- Reserve Grand Champion** Junior Market Goat (Sponsored) *
- Got to be NC Champion** Junior Market Goat ** (Sponsored)
- Got to be NC Reserve Champion** Junior Market Goat ** (Sponsored)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$25	2 nd Place \$22	3 rd Place \$20	4 th Place \$17	5 th Place \$15
	6 th Place \$12	7 th Place \$10	8 th Place \$8	9 th Place \$6	10 th Place \$5

(*Rosette, **Banner)

AWARDS Grand Champion Junior Market Goat (Buckle)

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE MEAT GOATS

CLASS

OD401 Junior Commercial Doe Kids (with all baby teeth) (classes to be determined by weight)

- *Champion Commercial Doe Kid
- *Reserve Champion Commercial Doe Kid
- *Got to be NC Champion Commercial Doe Kid
- *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Commercial Doe Kid

OD402 Junior Commercial Does (missing at least one baby tooth and older) (classes to be determined by weight)

- *Champion Commercial Doe
- *Reserve Champion Commercial Doe
- *Got to be NC Champion Commercial Doe
- *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Commercial Doe
- ****Grand Champion** Junior Commercial Doe
- ****Reserve Grand Champion** Junior Commercial Doe
- ****Got to be NC Grand Champion** Junior Commercial Doe (Overall) (Sponsored)
- ****Got to be NC Reserve Grand Champion** Junior Commercial Doe (Overall) (Sponsored)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$25	2 nd Place \$22	3 rd Place \$20	4 th Place \$17	5 th Place \$15
	6 th Place \$12	7 th Place \$10	8 th Place \$8	9 th Place \$6	10 th Place \$5

(*Rosette, **Banner)



DEPARTMENT R • DAIRY CATTLE SHOWS

September 19 & 20, 2026

Sponsored in part by the WNC Dairy Commission

Superintendent: Open Dairy Cattle: Will Thompson
Open Junior Dairy Cattle: Mike Corn, Fletcher, NC

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 1, McGough Covered Arena *Please bring milking equipment. A portable unit will be available*

Unloading: Sept. 17, Thursday, 2:00 pm.-7:00 pm & Sept. 18, Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Must be in place)

NO OVERNIGHT UNLOADING

Check-in: Entry check-in time will be announced

Judging: Open Dairy Cattle Show: September 19, Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship: September 20, Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Open Junior Dairy Cattle Show September 20, Sunday Immediately following Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship
WNC District Show will run concurrently with the Open Junior Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

BREED, AGE AND GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

(to be used for Open, Junior and WNC Junior Dairy Cattle Shows)

BREED CODES: Ayrshire-AY Guernsey-GU Jersey-JE Brown Swiss-BS Holstein-HO

SPRING HEIFER CALF - Born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026

WINTER HEIFER CALF - Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

FALL HEIFER CALF - Born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER - Born June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

SPRING YEARLING HEIFER - Born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025

WINTER YEARLING HEIFER - Born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025

FALL YEARLING HEIFER - Born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024

JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES - Coming from classes eligible for Junior Champion. All bred and owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

FALL YEARLING IN MILK - Born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024

JUNIOR TWO-YEAR-OLD COW - Born March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

SENIOR TWO-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024

THREE-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023

FOUR-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

AGED COW - Born before September 1, 2021

DRY COW - Any cow that has completed a lactation regardless of age. To be designated at time of entry and dry at time of show. Not eligible for other classes unless calved before time of show.

EXHIBITOR'S HERD OF FIVE FEMALES - Group of 5 females any age and must be owned by, with at least 3 bred by, the exhibitor with a maximum of 3 animals that have freshened. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD - The exhibitor winning the most points on not to exceed six animals, and exhibited by himself in the open single classes, shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. The scale of points will be the same as for determining Premier Breeder. (Banner)

PREMIER BREEDER'S AWARD - The Breeder winning the most points on not to exceed six animals in the open single classes, exhibited by himself and/or other exhibitors, shall be designated the Premier Breeder. (Banner)

The point system for determining Premier Breeder is as follows:

Placements	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Points-Senior Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Points-Junior Females	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

OPEN DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
2. Cattle are to be tied on a first come first serve basis regarding spaces. NO motel displays or living spaces allowed. **Feed and hay for a single day use only allowed in the barn. NO STOCK PILING ALLOWED.**
3. No companion animals are allowed in the cattle area. (dogs, cats, etc...)
4. Please note the following rules:
 - A. Only the participants, judges and show personnel will be allowed inside the show ring.
 - B. The Open Dairy Show is judged on type only.
 - C. Any exhibitor removing cattle from the barn before the show is over will forfeit all prizes except in special cases determined by the Show Management.
 - D. Exhibitors are expected to wear clean, neat clothing while showing their animals. White shirts and pants are encouraged for the Open Dairy Show.
 - E. All registered animals will be shown in their respective breeds.
 - F. All group classes must be entered under the same exhibitor's name or farm name as entered in other classes.
 - G. **Entries in an open show must be made in the name of the owner as recorded on registration certificate.**
 - H. **Show harness with Exhibitor ID in it must be worn at all times in show ring.**
 - I. **Exhibitors are not allowed to make substitutions between breeds. A limit of two (2) substitutions per exhibitor may be made per show.**
 - J. Open Dairy Cattle Show registration fee is \$10.00 per animal per class. No fee for Best 3 Females or Breeder's Herd of 5.

CLASS	AY	BS	GU	HO	JE
Spring Heifer Calf	RA101	RA102	RA103	RA104	RA105
Winter Heifer Calf	RA106	RA107	RA108	RA109	RA110
Fall Heifer Calf	RA111	RA112	RA113	RA114	RA115
Summer Yearling Heifer	RA116	RA117	RA118	RA119	RA120
Spring Yearling Heifer	RA121	RA122	RA123	RA124	RA125
Winter Yearling Heifer	RA126	RA127	RA128	RA129	RA130
Fall Yearling Heifer	RA131	RA132	RA133	RA134	RA135
* Junior Champion Female					
* Junior Reserve Champion Female					
Fall Yearling In Milk	RA136	RA137	RA138	RA139	RA140
Junior Two-Year-Old Cow	RA141	RA142	RA143	RA144	RA145
Senior Two-Year-Old Cow	RA146	RA147	RA148	RA149	RA150
Three-Year-Old Cow	RA151	RA152	RA153	RA154	RA155
Four-Year-Old Cow	RA156	RA157	RA158	RA159	RA160
Aged Cow	RA161	RA162	RA163	RA164	RA165
Dry Cow	RA166	RA167	RA168	RA169	RA170
* Senior Champion Female					
* Senior Reserve Champion Female					
** GRAND CHAMPION					
** RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION					

PREMIUMS	1st Place \$50	2nd Place \$45	3rd Place \$40	4th Place \$35	5th Place \$30
(* Rosette, **Banner)	6th Place \$28	7th Place \$26	8th Place \$24	9th Place \$22	10th Place \$20

Junior Best Three Females (Rosette)	RA171	RA172	RA173	RA174	RA175
PREMIUMS	1st Place \$60	2nd Place \$55	3rd Place \$50	4th Place \$45	

Breeder's Herd of Five Females (Rosette)	RA176	RA177	RA178	RA179	RA180
PREMIUMS	1st Place \$250	2nd Place \$225	3rd Place \$200	4th Place \$175	

Showmanship - Open to all Youth

CLASS

RB500	Beginner – Non-competitive youth 8 and under*
RB501	Novice - 8 years old and under **
RB502	Junior – 9 - 13 years old **
RB503	Senior – 14 - 18 years old **
RB504	Senior Plus – 19 - 21 years old **

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor
 (* Ribbon Only, ** Buckles for 1st)

OPEN JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
2. Is open to exhibitors ages 21 and under as of January 1 of the current year.
3. No exhibitor in the Junior Dairy Show may show more than three animals.
4. All exhibitors are expected to have personally cared for the animals prior to the show.
5. All animals must be shown without assistance. Adults, other than officials, will not be allowed in the ring during the show unless requested by a show official. (Exception: Junior County Herd.)
6. **Registration papers or DHIA calf pages must be presented to the Junior Show superintendent.**
7. Cattle are to be tied on a first come first serve basis regarding spaces. NO motel displays or living spaces are allowed. **Feed and hay for a single day use only allowed in barn. NO STOCK PILING ALLOWED.**
8. **One substitution will be allowed only when such substitution replaces an animal which dies, becomes sick, was injured or deleted by the Superintendent. Only one such qualified substitute will be allowed per exhibitor.**
9. Breed and age classification same as listed in Open Dairy Cattle Show.
10. **Show harness with Exhibitor ID in it must be worn at all times in show ring.**

OPEN JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE CLASSES

CLASS	AY	BS	GU	HO	JE
Spring Heifer Calf	RC201	RC202	RC203	RC204	RC205
Winter Heifer Calf	RC206	RC207	RC208	RC209	RC210
Fall Heifer Calf	RC211	RC212	RC213	RC214	RC215
Summer Yearling Heifer	RC216	RC217	RC218	RC219	RC220
Spring Yearling Heifer	RC221	RC222	RC223	RC224	RC225
Winter Yearling Heifer	RC226	RC227	RC228	RC229	RC230
Fall Yearling Heifer	RC231	RC232	RC233	RC234	RC235
* Junior Champion (Per Breed)					
* Junior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					
Fall Yearling In Milk	RC236	RC237	RC238	RC239	RC240
Two-Year-Old Cow	RC241	RC242	RC243	RC244	RC245
Three-Year-Old Cow	RC246	RC247	RC248	RC249	RC250
Four-Year-Old Cow	RC251	RC252	RC253	RC254	RC255
Aged Cow	RC256	RC257	RC258	RC259	RC260
Dry Cow	RC261	RC262	RC263	RC264	RC265

*** Senior Champion (Per Breed)**

*** Senior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)**

*** GRAND CHAMPION (Per Breed)**

*** RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION (Per Breed)**

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$50	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$30	4 th Place \$25	5 th Place \$22
	6 th Place \$17	7 th Place \$17	8 th Place \$17	9 th Place \$17	10 th Place \$17

(*Rosette)

Junior County Herd (Rosette)

RC266 RC267 RC268 RC269 RC270

This class will consist of five (5) females of one breed shown by junior exhibitors from one county.

Please specify on the entry form to whom the premium check should be made payable.

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$100	2 nd Place \$75	3 rd Place \$50	4 th Place \$25
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CLASS

RC280 Costume Class

- A. Any exhibitor in the Junior Dairy Show may participate. The exhibitor may have the assistance of one other junior age person while in the ring. Exhibitors may use any ideas they wish on how to “dress” or “decorate” their dairy animals to represent any personality, place or thing, with emphasis on dairy production. Costumes may consist of any material if it is not considered harmful to the animal or potentially harmful to other exhibitors. A 5 - 10 minute period will be allowed for “finishing touches” after the animals enter the ring.
- B. Presence in the show ring constitutes entry in the class.

Judging for Class RB280 as follows:

	Points
Relation to milk industry	50
Safety to animals and exhibitors	20
Attractiveness	10
Originality and creativeness	10
Presentation	5
Promptness entering ring	5
Total	100

\$200 prize money will be equally divided among all participants in class RB280.

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Junior Dairy Cattle Shows are sponsored by the WNC Dairy Commission and the WNC Youth Livestock Expo. The WNC Dairy Commission will sponsor ribbons, trophies, and pay all premiums.
2. The Junior Dairy show is open to any youth aged 21 and under as of January 1 of the current year and living in Western North Carolina in the counties of Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, Cleveland, Catawba, Lincoln, Alexander, and all counties west.
3. Cattle are to be tied on a first come first serve basis regarding spaces. NO motel displays or living spaces are allowed. **Feed and hay for a single day use are only allowed in the barn. NO STOCK PILING ALLOWED.**
4. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
 - A. Any exhibitor removing cattle from the barn before the show is over will forfeit all prizes except in special cases determined by the steering committee.
 - B. Exhibitors are expected to personally care for the animals prior to the show.
 - C. Exhibitors are expected to wear clean, neat clothing while showing their animals. 4-H and FFA members may wear their respective attire. White shirts and appropriate pants are acceptable.
 - D. Each Junior dairy cattle exhibitor can show a maximum of three animals and can bring an extra animal to clip. These animals can be in any combination of calves, yearlings or cows as long as they are in separate classes.
 - E. **One substitution will be allowed only when such substitution replaces an animal which dies, becomes sick, was injured or deleted by the Superintendent.**
- F. The decision of the WNC Dairy Show Rules Committee on any questions will be final.
- G. Registration papers or DHIA calf pages must be presented to the Junior Show Superintendent. Grade animals

must have a DHIA calf page to be shown. These animals must have some type of identification that management can use to verify birth dates.

- H. Breed and age classifications are the same as listed in Open Dairy Cattle Show.
- I. The judge shall have the right not to award a first-place premium if no animal merits the placement.
- 5. A rotating WNC Herdsman Trophy will be awarded to the county designated by an anonymous committee of dairy businesspeople. This trophy will be the responsibility of the WNC Dairy Commission.
- 6. No exhibitor in the WNC District Junior Dairy Show may show more than three animals.
- 7. **Show harness with Exhibitor ID in it must be worn at all times in show ring.**

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW CLASSES

CLASS	AY	BS	GU	HO	JE
Spring Heifer Calf	RD401	RD402	RD403	RD404	RD405
Winter Heifer Calf	RD406	RD407	RD408	RD409	RD410
Fall Heifer Calf	RD411	RD412	RD413	RD414	RD415
Summer Yearling Heifer	RD416	RD417	RD418	RD419	RD420
Spring Yearling Heifer	RD421	RD422	RD423	RD424	RD425
Winter Yearling Heifer	RD426	RD427	RD428	RD429	RD430
Fall Yearling Heifer	RD431	RD432	RD433	RD434	RD435
*Junior Champion (Per Breed)					
*Junior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					
Fall Yearling In Milk	RD436	RD437	RD438	RD439	RD440
Two-Year-Old Cow	RD441	RD442	RD443	RD444	RD445
Three-Year-Old Cow	RD446	RD447	RD448	RD449	RD450
Four-Year-Old Cow	RD451	RD452	RD453	RD454	RD455
Aged Cow	RD456	RD457	RD458	RD459	RD460
Dry Cow	RD461	RD462	RD463	RD464	RD465
* Senior Champion (Per Breed)					
* Senior Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					
* Grand Champion (Per Breed)					
* Grand Reserve Champion (Per Breed)					

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$45	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$35	4 th Place \$30	5 th Place \$25
	6 th Place \$20	7 th Place \$20	8 th Place \$20	9 th Place \$20	10 th Place \$20

(* Denotes ribbon or banner only.)

PREMIER JUNIOR DAIRY EXHIBITOR AWARD

The NC Mountain State Fair reserves the right to present an award at the conclusion of the Junior Dairy Shows to the Junior Dairy exhibitor that excels in total herdsman ship, showmanship, and total sportsmanship. Entry is made in this class by everyone showing in the District Junior Dairy Show. Judging will be done during the entire show.



DEPARTMENT S • MEAT BREED SHEEP SHOWS

Junior Meat & Market Lamb, September 12 & 13, 2026

Superintendent: Junior Meat Breed Ewe Show: Billy Lewis
Junior Market Lamb Show: Billy Lewis

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 3, F Barn

Check-in/Unloading: Junior Meat Breed Sheep check-in: September 12, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Judging: Junior Meat Breed Showmanship September 12, Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Junior Market Lamb Show September 13, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Junior Meat Breed Ewe Show September 13, Sunday following the Junior Market Lamb Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

JUNIOR MEAT BREED SHOWS

Showmanship

CLASS

- SB200 Beginner – Non-competitive youth 8 and under*
- SB201 Novice - 8 years old and under **
- SB202 Junior – 9 - 13 years old **
- SB203 Senior – 14 - 18 years old **
- SB204 Senior Plus – 19 - 21 years old **

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor
(* Ribbon Only, ** Buckles for 1st)

JUNIOR MEAT BREED EWE

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The junior sheep shows are open to any youth **aged 21 and under as of January 1 of the current year** and living in North Carolina.
2. Each exhibitor may exhibit two ewe lambs and two yearlings per breed. An entry in the market show cannot be shown in the breed shows, and an entry shown in the breed show cannot be shown in the market show. The show is open to all breeds of sheep.
3. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. (State request form can be found behind Livestock Entry Form.)
4. Exhibitors must have been the primary caretaker of the sheep entered in their name for at least 30 days prior to show date. **EXACT birthdate must be entered on the entry form of all Ewes.**
5. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the superintendent or livestock director.
6. **Got to Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in the Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>

JUNIOR MEAT BREED EWE SHOW

DORSET

CLASS

- SC301 Dorset Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025
- SC302 Dorset Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

HAMPSHIRE

CLASS

- SC303 Hampshire Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025
- SC304 Hampshire Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

SOUTHDOWN

CLASS

- SC305 Southdown Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025
- SC306 Southdown Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

KATAHDIN

CLASS

- SC307 Katahdin Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025
- SC308 Katahdin Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

DORPER

CLASS

- SC309 Dorper Ewe Lambs born on or after September 1, 2025
- SC310 Dorper Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

OTHER PUREBREDS

CLASS

- SC311 Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025
- SC312 Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

COMMERCIAL

CLASS

- SC313 Commercial Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025 (To be shown by weight)
- SC314 Commercial Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 (To be shown by weight)
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

COMMERCIAL HAIR SHEEP

CLASS

- SC315 Commercial Hair Sheep Ewe Lambs, born on or after September 1, 2025 (To be shown by weight)
- SC316 Commercial Hair Sheep Yearling Ewes, born September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 (To be shown by weight)
 - *Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Reserve Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
 - *Got to be NC Reserve Champion Meat Breed Ewe

- **Grand Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
- **Reserve Grand Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe
- **Got to be NC Grand Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe (Sponsored)
- **Got to be NC Reserve Grand Champion Junior Meat Breed Ewe (Sponsored)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$20	2 nd Place \$17	3 rd Place \$15	4 th Place \$10	5 th Place \$8
	6 th Place \$6	7 th Place \$5	8 th Place \$5	9 th Place \$5	10 th Place \$5
	(*Rosette)				

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries.
2. Lambs must be wethers or ewes (**NO RAMS**).
3. All lambs must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place. Lambs must weigh between 60 and 140 pounds.
4. Classes will be divided by the weight of the animal with no more than 10 lambs per class. Class assignments will be by weight with no exceptions.
5. There will **not** be a sale of Market Lambs.
6. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. (State request form can be found behind Livestock Entry Form.)
7. Exhibitors must have been the primary caretaker of the sheep entered in their name for at least 30 days prior to show date.
8. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the superintendent or livestock director.
9. **Got to Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in the Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>

JUNIOR MARKET LAMB SHOW CLASSES

CLASS

- SD401 Market Lamb - Classes will be determined by weight with no more than 10 animals per class.
- SD402 Market Lamb - Hair Sheep Influence - Classes will be determined by weight with no more than 10 animals per class.
- * **Grand Champion** Junior Market Lamb (Sponsored)
 - ** **Reserve Grand Champion** Junior Market Lamb (Sponsored)
 - ** **Got to be NC Champion** Junior Market Lamb (Overall) (Sponsored)
 - ** **Got to be NC Reserve Champion** Junior Market Lamb (Overall) (Sponsored)
- (*Buckle, **Banner)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$20	2 nd Place \$17	3 rd Place \$15	4 th Place \$10	5 th Place \$8
	6 th Place \$6	7 th Place \$5	8 th Place \$5	9 th Place \$5	10 th Place \$5



BILTMORETM

DEPARTMENT T • WOOL BREED SHEEP SHOWS

September 19 & 20, 2026

Superintendent: Savannah Trantham (828) 774-8912, wncfiber@gmail.com

Ring Master: Allison Rudisill & Randy Trantham

Gatekeeper: Jo Willoughby & Jeremy Trantham

Show Secretary: Caitlin Satterfield & Jennifer Rudisill

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 1, A Barn

Check-in/Unloading: Sheep: September 18, Friday 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. (All live animal shows and showmanship)
Showmanship Clinic/Practice will take place following check-in for Juniors

Fleece: Will be done directly from a check-in judging sheet starting at 8:00 am on September 19th.

Judging: Fleece Show: September 19, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Junior Wool Breed Show: September 19, Saturday 1:00 p.m.

Open Wool Breed Sheep Show: September 20, Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Release: After the conclusion of show

BREED CODES: (To be used for the Open Wool Breed Sheep Show, Junior Wool Breed Show and Open Fleece Show.)

Border Leicester - BL

Cotswold - CW

Romney - RO

Valais Blacknose - VB

Shetland - SL

Fine Wool – FW

Medium Wool – MW

Long Wool - LW

Double Coated/Primitive-DCP

WOOL BREED SHEEP SHOWS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Classes will be offered for Border Leicester, Romney, Shetland, Cotswold, Valais Blacknose, Fine Wool (micron of 25 or less), Medium Wool (micron of 26 – 31), Long Wool (micron of 32 or higher), Double Coated/Primitive, white and natural colors in each breed. All animals entered MUST have a minimum of two (2) inch fleece (except necks, legs, and bellies).
- Animals must be purebred to be shown in their breed classes. Registration papers are required at check-in – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If registration papers are not received with entries, your animals will be moved to the long or fine wool class.
- The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. (State request form can be found behind Livestock Entry Form.)
- Breakdown of age classification is:

Junior Lambs	Born January 1, 2026 or after
Senior Lambs	Born October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
Yearlings	Born September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025
Fleece	Any age only for fleece class
- Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of two (2) animals per class. If an exhibitor has two animals in one class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the Superintendent. Exhibitors will not receive more than two (2) premiums per class.
- Animals will be judged by breed standards with emphasis to focus 60% wool and 40% conformation, except in the fleece class which is 100% on fleece quality.
- All sheep must have an ear tag. Contact the Superintendent if you have questions.
- Junior show is open to any youth **age 21 or younger** as of January 1st of the current year.
- In any case where questions arise that are not covered specifically by these or the following rules, the decision of the superintendent will be final.

10. Exhibitors interfering with or influencing any judge will have their stock eliminated and will be ejected from the show.
11. No exhibitor will be allowed behind the judging table, unless acting in an official capacity. No entry into show arena unless exhibiting sheep. NO EXCEPTIONS!
12. Trophies will be provided by the North Carolina Mountain State Fair for the Junior show.
13. Open Wool Breed Sheep show entry fee is \$7 per sheep per class. Pair and flock classes are \$7 for each pair/flock entered.
14. **Substitutions will only be permitted for the open show. No Additions Are Permitted – No Exceptions.**
15. **Got To Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in the Got To Be NC Champion Awards. Eligibility is open only to NC youth entered in the Open Junior Wool Breed Sheep Show. For tags <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>**

OPEN WOOL BREED SHEEP SHOW

NOTE: Valais Blacknose classes will be divided into: A) 75% or Lower; B) 75.1% - 96.5%; C) Purebred 96.6% or higher

CLASS	BL	CW	RO	DCP	SL	FW	MW	LW	VB
White Junior Ram Lamb (NC Fine)	TA101	TA102	TA103	TA104	TA105	TA106	TA107	TA108	TA109
White Senior Ram Lamb (NC Fine)	TA110	TA111	TA112	TA113	TA114	TA115	TA116	TA117	TA118
Natural Colored Junior Ram Lamb	TA119	TA120	TA121	TA122	TA123	TA124	TA125	TA126	TA127
Natural Colored Senior Ram Lamb	TA128	TA129	TA130	TA131	TA132	TA133	TA134	TA135	TA136
White Ram Yearling (NC Long)	TA137	TA138	TA139	TA140	TA141	TA142	TA143	TA144	TA145
Natural Colored Ram Yearling	TA146	TA147	TA148	TA149	TA150	TA151	TA152	TA153	TA154
White Junior Ewe Lamb (NC Fine)	TA155	TA156	TA157	TA158	TA159	TA160	TA161	TA162	TA163
White Senior Ewe Lamb (NC Fine)	TA164	TA165	TA166	TA167	TA168	TA169	TA170	TA171	TA172
Natural Colored Junior Ewe Lamb	TA173	TA174	TA175	TA176	TA177	TA178	TA179	TA180	TA181
Natural Colored Senior Ewe Lamb	TA182	TA183	TA184	TA185	TA186	TA187	TA188	TA189	TA190
White Ewe Yearling (NC Long)	TA191	TA192	TA193	TA194	TA195	TA196	TA197	TA198	TA199
Natural Colored Ewe Yearling	TA200	TA201	TA202	TA203	TA204	TA205	TA206	TA207	TA208

*** Flock (two lambs, two yearlings, one ram) (Per Breed)**

Flock Class	TA227	TA228	TA229	TA230	TA231	TA232	TA233	TA234	TA235
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*** Young Breeder's Flock (one ram lamb, two ewe lambs)**

Young Breeder's Flock	TA236	TA237	TA238	TA239	TA240	TA241	TA242	TA243	TA244
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*** Champion Ram (Per Breed)**

*** Reserve Champion Ram (Per Breed)**

*** Champion Ewe (Per Breed)**

*** Reserve Champion Ewe (Per Breed)**

Pair Ewes	TA245	TA246	TA247	TA248	TA249	TA250	TA251	TA252	TA253
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*** Gift of Sire Class (three of any age from the same sire)**

Gift of Sire Class	TA254	TA255	TA256	TA257	TA258	TA259	TA260	TA261	TA262
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White Fleece (NC Fine)	TA263	TA264	TA265	TA266	TA267	TA268	TA269	TA270	TA271
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Natural Colored Fleece (NC Long)	TA272	TA273	TA274	TA275	TA276	TA277	TA278	TA279	TA280
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*** Champion Flock (Per Breed)**

*** Reserve Champion Flock (Per Breed)**

*** Champion Young Breeder's Flock (Per Breed)**

*** Reserve Champion Young Breeder's Flock (Per Breed)**

*** Champion Gift of Sire (Per Breed)**

*** Reserve Champion Gift of Sire (Per Breed)**

**** Supreme Champion Ram**

**** Supreme Champion Ewe**

**** Supreme Champion Pair**

**** Supreme Champion Flock**

**** Supreme Champion Young Breeder's Flock**

**** Supreme Champion Gift of Sire**

**** Supreme Champion Fleece**

**** Premier Exhibitor**

TA – OPEN WOOL BREED SHEEP

PREMIUMS	1st Place \$20	2nd Place \$15	3rd Place \$12	4th Place \$10
	5th Place \$8	6th Place \$5	7th Place \$3	8th Place \$2

(* Rosette, ** Banner only)

Showmanship

CLASS

- TB201 Non-Competitive - Youth 8 years old and under*
 TB202 Junior youth 8 and under**
 TB203 Intermediate youth 9 – 15 years old**
 TB204 Senior youth 15 - 21 years old**

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor
 (* Trophy, ** Buckles for 1st)

OPEN JUNIOR WOOL BREED SHEEP SHOW

NOTE: Valais Blacknose classes with be divided into: A) 75% or Lower; B) 75.1% - 96.5%; C) Purebred 96.6% or higher

CLASS	BL	CW	RO	DCP	SL	FW	MW	LW	VB
White Junior Ewe Lamb	TC301	TC302	TC303	TC304	TC305	TC306	TC307	TC308	TC309
White Senior Ewe Lamb	TC310	TC311	TC312	TC313	TC314	TC315	TC316	TC317	TC318
Natural Colored Junior Ewe Lamb	TC319	TC320	TC321	TC322	TC323	TC324	TC325	TC326	TC327
Natural Colored Senior Ewe Lamb	TC328	TC329	TC330	TC331	TC332	TC333	TC334	TC335	TC336
White Ewe Yearling	TC337	TC338	TC339	TC340	TC341	TC342	TC343	TC344	TC345
Natural Colored Ewe Yearling	TC346	TC347	TC348	TC349	TC350	TC351	TC352	TC353	TC354
* Champion Ewe (Per Breed)									* Got To Be NC Champion Ewe (Per Breed)
* Reserve Champion Ewe (Per Breed)									* Got To Be NC Reserve Champion Ewe (Per Breed)
**Grand Champion Ewe									** Got To Be NC Grand Champion Ewe (Overall)
**Reserve Grand Champion Ewe									** Got To Be NC Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (Overall)

Pair Ewes	TC355	TC356	TC357	TC358	TC359	TC360	TC361	TC362	TC363
White Fleece	TC364	TC365	TC366	TC367	TC368	TC369	TC370	TC371	TC372
Natural Colored Fleece	TC373	TC374	TC375	TC376	TC377	TC378	TC379	TC380	TC381
**Grand Champion Pair									
**Grand Champion Fleece									
**Premier Exhibitor									
**Wacky Trio Champion Overall (2 ewes same color, 1 ewe opposite color)									
* Shepherd's Awards (Rosettes Only) (1st-5th)									

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$20 2nd Place \$15 3rd Place \$12 4th Place \$10
 5th Place \$8 6th Place \$5 7th Place \$3 8th Place \$2
 (*Rosette, **Trophy)

CLASS

TC390 Costume Class

- Any exhibitor in the Junior Wool Breed Sheep Show may participate. The exhibitor may have the assistance of one other junior age person while in the ring. Exhibitors may use any ideas they wish on how to “dress” or “decorate” their sheep to represent any personality, place or thing, with emphasis on wool production. Costumes may consist of any material as long as it is not considered harmful to the animal or potentially harmful to other exhibitors. A 5 - 10 minute period will be allowed for “finishing touches” after the animals enter the ring.
- Presence in the show ring constitutes entry in the class.

Judging for Class TC390 as follows:

	Points
Relation to the wool industry	50
Safety to animals and exhibitors	20
Attractiveness	10
Originality and creativeness	10
Presentation	5
Promptness entering ring	5
Total	100

Rosettes for 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, 4th Place and 5th Place

FLEECE SHOW

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each fleece will be tagged with breeder number (this will be assigned when you check in), class entered, and breed. Fleeces should be clean, with minimal debris/vegetable matter. Do not wash or card fleece.
2. Entry fee is \$7 per fleece per class.
3. Fleeces need to be in a clear plastic bag.
4. In any case where questions arise that are not covered specifically by these rules, the decision of the superintendent / director will be final.

CLASS	BL	CW	RO	DCP	SL	FW	MW	LW	VB
White	TD401	TD402	TD403	TD404	TD405	TD406	TD407	TD408	TD409
Mixed Color	TD410	TD411	TD412	TD413	TD414	TD415	TD416	TD417	TD418
Natural Color	TD419	TD420	TD421	TD422	TD423	TD424	TD425	TD426	TD427

* **Champion White Fleece (Rosette)**

* **Champion Mixed Color Fleece (Rosette)**

* **Champion Natural Color Fleece (Rosette)**

PREMIUMS	1st Place \$30	2nd Place \$25	3rd Place \$20	4th Place \$18	5th Place \$16	6th Place \$14
	7th Place \$12	8th Place \$10	9th Place \$8	10th Place \$6	11th Place \$4	12th Place \$2



DEPARTMENT U • JUNIOR BEEF CATTLE SHOWS
September 12 & 13, 2026
Sponsored in part by the WNC Beef Commission

Superintendent: Will Thompson

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 1, McGough Covered Arena

Check-in/Unloading: All Junior Beef check-in: September 12, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Judging: Showmanship: September 12, Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Open Junior Feeder Steer Show September 13, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Open Junior Beef Heifer Show September 13, Sunday after Open Junior Feeder Steer Show

WNC District Show will run concurrently with the Open Junior Show

Release: After the conclusion of show

SCOTTY COCHRAN MEMORIAL JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP SHOW
Showmanship is Open to ALL Junior Beef Exhibitors

UA100 Beginner (Non-competitive youth 8 and under) (Trophy)

UA101 Novice (Youth under 8 years old) *

UA102 Junior Showmanship (ages 9 - 13) *

UA103 Senior Showmanship (ages 14 - 18) *

UA104 Senior Plus Showmanship (ages 19 - 21) *

UA105 WNC Dairy Steer Project (ages 8 - 13) *

UA106 WNC Dairy Steer Project (ages 14 - 18) *

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor
 (*Buckle for 1st Place)

OPEN JUNIOR BEEF SHOWS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPEN JUNIOR BEEF SHOWS

1. Open to any youth in the world to exhibit.
2. **Exhibitors must be 21 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year.**
3. Animals must be free from disease; steer and feeder calves must be hornless.
4. All animals must be shown at halter.
5. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the show superintendent.
6. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in the case of death or injury to his/her livestock.
7. In any case where questions arise that are not covered specifically by these or the following rules, the decision of the superintendent will be final.
8. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
9. There is no entry fee for the Open Junior Beef Shows.
10. AOB Show is designated for breeds that are not listed as a Breed Show or for breeds not having enough animals to constitute a Breed show.
11. **Got to Be NC tags must be present for eligibility in Got to Be NC Champion Drive.**
For tags go to <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>
12. **Tattoos may be verified to Registration Certificate. A legible tattoo must be present on ALL registered cattle.**

OPEN JUNIOR STEER SHOWS

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries per class.
2. Steers should weigh between 350 and 1500 pounds. Steers will be divided into classes by weight after all entries have been weighed and checked in, with no more than 10 entries per class. Steers weighing under 350 or over 1500 may be shown but will not be eligible to participate in the Championship Class.

CLASS

- UB401 Individual Open Feeder Steer - Weight between 350 - 750 pounds
****Grand Champion** Open Junior Feeder Steer
****Reserve Grand Champion** Open Junior Feeder Steer
****Got to Be NC Champion Open Junior Feeder Steer (Sponsored)**
****Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Open Junior Feeder Steer (Sponsored)**
- UB402 Individual Open Market Steer - Weight between 751 - 1500 pounds
****Grand Champion** Open Junior Market Steer
****Reserve Grand Champion** Open Junior Market Steer
****Got to Be NC Champion Open Junior Market Steer (Sponsored)**
****Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Open Junior Market Steer (Sponsored)**

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$50	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$30	4 th Place \$25	5 th Place \$22
	6 th Place \$17	7 th Place \$17	8 th Place \$17	9 th Place \$17	10 th Place \$17

(** Banner)

OPEN JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER SHOW

1. Exhibitors are expected to have been involved with the care of animals entered prior to the show.
2. Classes will be divided by their date of birth. Classes within a given breed may be combined dependent upon the number of entries.
3. Heifers must be registered with their respected breed association to show in a breed show. Non-registered beef heifers will show in the Commercial division.
4. If there are less than three total heifers entered and exhibited in any breed show, there will be no classes offered, nor ribbons awarded for that breed. Those heifers will be eligible to show in the AOB Show.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to three (3) entries per breed.

BREED CODES:

Angus - AN	Charolais - CH	Galloway - GA	Hereford - HF
Percentage Simmental - PS	Red Angus - RA	Shorthorn - SH	Simmental – SM
All other Breeds - AOB	Commercial - XX		

CLASS	AN	CH	GA	HF	PS	RA	SH	SM	AOB	XX
Mar. 1, 2026 and after	UC501	UC511	UC521	UC531	UC541	UC551	UC561	UC571	UC581	UC591
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2026	UC502	UC512	UC522	UC532	UC542	UC552	UC562	UC572	UC582	UC592
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025	UC503	UC513	UC523	UC533	UC543	UC553	UC563	UC573	UC583	UC593
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025	UC504	UC514	UC524	UC534	UC544	UC554	UC564	UC574	UC584	UC594
Jul. 1 - Aug. 31, 2025	UF505	UC515	UC525	UC535	UC545	UC555	UC565	UC575	UC585	UC595
May 1 - Jun. 30, 2025	UC506	UC516	UC526	UC536	UC546	UC556	UC566	UC576	UC586	UC596
Mar. 1 - Apr. 30, 2025	UC507	UC517	UC527	UC537	UC547	UC557	UC567	UC577	UC587	UC597
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025	UC508	UC518	UC528	UC538	UC548	UC558	UC568	UC578	UC588	UC598
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024	UC509	UC519	UC529	UC539	UC549	UC559	UC569	UC579	UC589	UC599
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2024	UC510	UC520	UC530	UC540	UC550	UC560	UC570	UC580	UC590	UC600

- *Grand Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- *Reserve Grand Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- *Got to Be NC Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- *Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Junior Heifer (per breed)
- **Supreme Champion Junior Heifer
- ** Reserve Supreme Champion Junior Heifer
- ***Supreme Got to Be NC Champion Junior Heifer (Sponsored)
- ***Supreme Got to Be NC Reserve Champion Junior Heifer (Sponsored)

PREMIUMS	1 st Place \$50	2 nd Place \$40	3 rd Place \$30	4 th Place \$25	5 th Place \$22
	6 th Place \$17	7 th Place \$17	8 th Place \$17	9 th Place \$17	10 th Place \$17
	(* Rosette, ** Buckle, *** Banner)				

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR SHOWS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR BEEF SHOWS AND SALE

1. The Junior Beef Shows and Sale are sponsored by the Western North Carolina Beef Commission. The Western North Carolina Beef Commission will sponsor ribbons and trophies, unless so stated in this book. Additional premiums and classes may be offered by the Western North Carolina Beef Commission in addition to what is presented by the NC Mountain State Fair.
2. Any youth in the counties of western North Carolina, west of and including Avery, Burke, Rutherford, Polk, McDowell, Cleveland, Caldwell, Watauga Counties, are eligible to exhibit - or approved by Superintendent.
3. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.
4. All animals must be shown at halter.
5. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the second entry may be shown by an exhibitor approved by the show superintendent.
6. Each exhibitor or buyer must assume all liability in the case of death or injury to his/her livestock.
7. In any case where questions arise that are not covered specifically by these or the following rules, the decision of the WNC Jr. Beef Show Rules Committee will be final.
8. In the Feeder Steer, Market Steer, and Heifer Shows, first place will return to compete for Grand Champion with the second-place class winners standing by for Reserve Champion competition. In the event the first-place class winner is not eligible for, or withdraws from, the Championship class, the second and third place winners will participate as stated.
9. NC Mountain State Fair will pay class premiums placing 1st - 5th for WNC District Junior Feeder Steer, WNC District Junior Market Steer, WNC District Junior Beef Heifer Show.

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR FEEDER STEER SHOW

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries.
2. All calves must be shown at halter.
3. Only steer calves without horns are eligible.
4. Calves must weigh between 350 and 750 pounds. (Calves will be divided into classes by weight after all entries have been weighed and checked in.) Calves weighing under 350 or over 750 may be shown but will not be eligible to participate in the Championship Class.
5. There will be no sale associated with the Junior Feeder Steer Show.
6. **Got to Be NC Tags Must Be Present for Eligibility in the Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags go to <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>
7. The WNC Dairy Steer Project Show is a terminal show.

JUNIOR FEEDER STEER

CLASS

UD101 WNC Dairy Steer Project

UD103 Individual Feeder Steer

Got to Be NC Champion Junior Feeder Steer

Grand Champion Junior Feeder Steer

Reserve Champion Junior Feeder Steer

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$22 3rd Place \$18 4th Place \$15 5th Place \$10

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW AND SALE

1. Exhibitors are expected to be involved with the care of the animals prior to the show.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to (2) two entries.
3. All steers in the show must be less than 24 months of age.
4. Entries will be divided by weight into classes.
5. First place in each class will return to compete for Grand Champion, with the second-place winners standing by for Reserve Champion competition.
6. **Got to Be NC Tags Must Be Present for Eligibility in Got to Be NC Champion Awards.**
For tags <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock>

JUNIOR MARKET STEERS

CLASS

UE201 Individual Market Steer

Got to Be NC Champion Junior Market Steer

Grand Champion Junior Market Steer

Reserve Champion Junior Market Steer

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$30 2nd Place \$25 3rd Place \$20 4th Place \$15 5th Place \$10

WNC DISTRICT JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER SHOW

1. Exhibitors must have been the primary caretaker of the heifer(s) entered in his/her name for at least 60 days prior to the show date.
2. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.

3. Classes will be divided by their date of birth. Classes within a given breed may be combined, dependent upon the number of entries.
4. Heifers must be registered with their respected breed association to show in a breed show. Non-registered beef heifers will show in the Commercial division.
5. If there are less than three heifers total entered and exhibited in any breed show, there will be no classes offered, nor trophies awarded for that breed. Those heifers will be eligible to show in the commercial or AOB class.

BREED CODES

Angus - AN	Charolais - CH	Galloway - GA	Hereford – HF
Percentage Simmental - PS	Red Angus - RA	Shorthorn - SH	Simmental – SM
All other Breeds - AOB	Commercial - XX		

CLASS	AN	CH	GA	HF	PS	RA	SH	SM	AOB	XX
Mar. 1, 2026 and after	UF301	UF311	UF321	UF331	UF341	UF351	UF361	UF371	UF381	UF391
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2026	UF302	UF312	UF322	UF332	UF342	UF352	UF362	UF372	UF382	UF392
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025	UF303	UF313	UF323	UF333	UF343	UF353	UF363	UF373	UF383	UF393
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025	UF304	UF314	UF324	UF334	UF344	UF354	UF364	UF374	UF384	UF394
Jul. 1 - Aug. 31, 2025	UF305	UF315	UF325	UF335	UF345	UF355	UF365	UF375	UF385	UF395
May 1 - Jun. 30, 2025	UF306	UF316	UF326	UF336	UF346	UF356	UF366	UF376	UF386	UF396
Mar. 1 - Apr. 30, 2025	UF307	UF317	UF327	UF337	UF347	UF357	UF367	UF377	UF387	UF397
Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025	UF308	UF318	UF328	UF338	UF348	UF358	UF368	UF378	UF388	UF398
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024	UF309	UF319	UF329	UF339	UF349	UF359	UF369	UF379	UF389	UF399
Sep. 1 - Oct. 31, 2024	UF310	UF320	UF330	UF340	UF350	UF360	UF370	UF380	UF390	UF400

PREMIUMS	1st Place \$20	2nd Place \$18	3rd Place \$15	4th Place \$12	5th Place \$10
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PREMIER JUNIOR BEEF EXHIBITOR AWARD

The NC Mountain State Fair will reserve the right to present an award at the conclusion of the Junior Beef Shows to the Junior Beef exhibitor that excels in total herdsman ship, showmanship, and total sportsmanship. Class placing will not be a determining factor. Entry is made in this class by everyone showing in the Junior Beef Show. Judging will be done during the entire show. Total demeanor of the exhibitor will be taken into consideration for this award.



DEPARTMENT V • DAIRY GOAT SHOWS
September 12 & 13, 2026
OFFICIAL AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION SHOW

Superintendent: Carl Washburn

Show Secretary: Bruce Smith - Dobson, NC

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Location: Gate 1, A Barn

Check-in/Unloading: Friday, September 11, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (All Shows)

Judging: Showmanship: September 12, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Youth Dairy Goat Show (Jr. & Sr. Doe): September 12, Saturday following Showmanship

Open Junior Doe Show September 12, Saturday 3:00 p.m. or after completion of Youth Show

Open Senior Doe Show September 13, Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Release: After the conclusion of show

DAIRY GOAT SHOWS

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DAIRY GOAT SHOW

1. Competition is open to the world for animals registered or recorded in the American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society. Open shows are sanctioned separately by the American Dairy Goat Association for the following breeds: Alpines, LaManchas, Nubians, Oberhaslis, Saanens, Nigerian Dwarf, Toggenburgs and Recorded Grades. All rules that are governed by ADGA shall be followed and enforced.
2. Ages of the animals in the show will be computed from September 12, 2026.
3. All entries must comply with both ADGA and Mountain State Fair rules. Be thoroughly familiar with both.
4. Be sure to use the official entry form and include the goat's tattoo and registration number. List the class number in which the animal will be shown and indicate any group class an animal is to enter. In order to be shown in a group class, the doe must have competed in her individual class and the dairy herd class must be pre-entered with a herd name.
5. Up to **TWO (2)** substitutions of animals will be allowed per exhibitor.
6. A registration paper or a stamped duplicate (for animals under six months of age) is required for each animal. **Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration or recordation certificate. No signed transfers will be accepted. Youth name must be listed on the ADGA Signature Card and presented at time of show.**
7. Each exhibitor will be limited to one premium payment in each of the group classes.
8. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. (State request form can be found behind Livestock Entry Form.)
9. Entry in the Champion Challenge class is open to permanent champions only. Qualification must be by registration/recordation or written certification by the American Dairy Goat Association. Champion Challenge competitors shall NOT be foreclosed from group and progeny classes. Shifts from regular classes to Champion Challenge may be made (with proof of qualification) any time before the beginning of judging of breed.
10. A separate entry form must be used for Junior Doe Show and Senior Doe Show (Junior Show is defined as age of the goat, not the exhibitor).
11. If you enter more than one breed, please group all animals together by breeds.
12. **Show order will be as follows: Recorded Grade, Saanen, Toggenburg, Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf and Oberhasli .** (Show order is subject to change.)
13. Animals must be legibly tattooed prior to show date. Animals which have been re-tattooed must have the changes indicated on the ADGA registration paper.
14. ADGA dress code is required. Exhibitors are to wear white or off-white, if possible, while exhibiting goats. (NO SHORTS)
15. There will be no dogs permitted on show premises.
16. There will be no pre-show milk out.
17. Showmanship class age will be as of show date.
18. **All Youth Dairy Goat Exhibitors must be present if they have goats entered in the Youth Show. The exhibitor must show at least one animal if they have more than one entered in a class.**

19. Youth Dairy Goat Show is open to all exhibitors **under 21 years of age** prior to the day of the show. This is a combination Junior Doe and Senior Doe show.
20. All animals must arrive no later than 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 11.
21. **The NC Mountain State Fair or its representatives reserve the right to limit the number of animals when all available space has been filled.**
22. There is a \$7 registration fee per animal per class for the Open Junior and Open Senior Doe Shows.
23. Goats entered by a 4-H/FFA group can be shown in both the Open & Youth shows. Exhibitors must be entered separately using the 4-H/School Employer ID Number & premium payment will be to the 4-H/FFA Club.

BREED CODES:

Nubian - NU	Oberhasli - OB	Recorded Grade - RG	Saanen - SA
Toggenburg - TO	Alpines - AP	LaMancha - LM	Nigerian Dwarf - ND

Showmanship Classes (Exhibitor required to pre-enter on entry form)

CLASS

- VA001 Pee Wee Fitting and Showing - 8 years and under (Ribbons and Trophies only)
- VA002 Junior Fitting and Showing - 9 years through 13 years (Buckles for 1st)
- VA003 Senior Fitting and Showing - 14 years through 19 years (Buckles for 1st)

PREMIUMS \$10 per exhibitor

OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW

OPEN JUNIOR DOE SHOW

CLASS	ND	OB	RG	SA	TO	AP	LM	NU
Junior Kids -on or after Apr. 1, 2026	VB201	VB206	VB211	VB216	VB221	VB226	VB231	VB236
Inter. Kids -Mar. 1, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2026	VB202	VB207	VB212	VB217	VB222	VB227	VB232	VB237
Sr. Kids - Sept. 12, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026	VB203	VB208	VB213	VB218	VB223	VB228	VB233	VB238
Dry Yearlings - Sept. 12, 2024 - Sept. 11, 2025	VB204	VB209	VB214	VB219	VB224	VB229	VB234	VB239

*** Grand Champion (Per Breed)**

*** Reserve Grand Champion (Per Breed)**

JUNIOR DOE PREMIUMS

1 st Place \$35	2 nd Place \$30	3 rd Place \$25	4 th Place \$20	5 th Place \$17	6 th Place \$15	7 th Place \$13
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(*Rosette, **Banner)

Grand Champion (Per Breed)	\$50
Reserve Grand Champion (Per Breed)	\$30
Best of Show (Overall)	\$150

OPEN SENIOR DOE SHOW

CLASS	ND	OB	RG	SA	TO	AP	LM	NU
Milkers under 2 years of age	VC301	VC309	VC317	VC325	VC333	VC341	VC349	VC357
Milkers 2-3 years of age	VC302	VC310	VC318	VC326	VC334	VC342	VC350	VC358
Milkers 3-4 years of age	VC303	VC311	VC319	VC327	VC335	VC343	VC351	VC359
Milkers 4-5 years of age	VC304	VC312	VC320	VC328	VC336	VC344	VC352	VC360
Milkers 5 years of age and over	VC305	VC313	VC321	VC329	VC337	VC345	VC353	VC361

***Grand Champion (Per Breed)**

***Reserve Grand Champion (Per Breed)**

Champion Challenge	VC306	VC314	VC322	VC330	VC338	VC346	VC354	VC362
*Dairy Herd-3 Does in milk, any age (Per Breed)	VC308	VC316	VC324	VC332	VC340	VC348	VC356	VC364

***Best Udder (Per Breed)**

****Best Doe in Show (Overall)**

****Best Udder in Show (Overall)**

****Best Dairy Herd in Show (Overall)**

****Premier Breeder (per breed by computation)**

****Premier Exhibitor (per breed by computation)**

SENIOR DOE PREMIUMS

1st Place \$50 2nd Place \$39 3rd Place \$30 4th Place \$25 5th Place \$20 6th Place \$13
(*Rosette, **Banner)

Grand Champion (Per Breed) \$50
Reserve Grand Champion (Per Breed) \$30
Best Udder (Per Breed) \$25
Best of Breed (Per Breed) \$75
Best Doe in Show (Overall) \$150
Best Udder in Show (Overall) \$125
Best Dairy Herd in Show (Overall) \$125

YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW

YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW/JUNIOR DOE SHOW

CLASS	ND	OB	RG	SA	TO	AP	LM	NU
Junior Kids -on or after Apr. 1, 2026	VD401	VD405	VD409	VD413	VD417	VD421	VD425	VD429
Inter. Kids -Mar. 1, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2026	VD402	VD406	VD410	VD414	VD418	VD422	VD426	VD430
Sr. Kids - Sept. 12, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026	VD403	VD407	VD411	VD415	VD419	VD423	VD427	VD431
Dry Yearlings - Sept.12, 2024 - Sept.11, 2025	VD404	VD408	VD412	VD416	VD420	VD424	VD428	VD432
* Junior Doe Champion (Per Breed)								
* Junior Doe Reserve Champion (Per Breed)								

YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW/SENIOR DOE SHOW

CLASS	ND	OB	RG	SA	TO	AP	LM	NU
Milkers under 2 years of age	VE501	VE506	VE511	VE516	VE521	VE526	VE531	VE536
Milkers 2-3 years of age	VE502	VE507	VE512	VE517	VE522	VE527	VE532	VE537
Milkers 3-4 years of age	VE503	VE508	VE513	VE518	VE523	VE528	VE533	VE538
Milkers 4-5 years of age	VE504	VE509	VE514	VE519	VE524	VE529	VE534	VE539
Milkers 5 years of age and over	VE505	VE510	VE515	VE520	VE525	VE530	VE535	VE540
*Senior Doe Champion (Per Breed)								
*Senior Doe Reserve Champion (Per Breed)								
*Best Udder (Per Breed)								

****Grand Champion (Per Breed) \$25**
****Reserve Grand Champion (Per Breed) \$20**
****Best Doe in Show (Overall) \$50**
****Best Udder in Show (Overall) \$35**

****Youth Herd** - Youth Herd Class - 3 animals in milk of any breed owned and shown by exhibitor. All exhibitors show at one time at the conclusion of Best Doe in Show. One winning herd will be chosen and awarded. **\$50**

Costume Class

VE473 Costume Class (Ribbon Only)

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$25 2nd Place \$20 3rd Place \$15 4th Place \$12 5th Place \$10
(*Rosette, **Banner)

W • VERY SPECIAL LIVESTOCK SHOW
September 12, 2026

Superintendent: Anna Viands
Assistant Superintendent: Jimmy Lytle
Entry Deadline: September 7, 2026 (Filled out entry form received by)
Location: Gate 1, McGough Arena
Check-in: September 12, Saturday 9:30 am – 10:00 am
Judging: September 12, Saturday 10:00 am
Release: After the conclusion of show



SPECIAL SHOW

The North Carolina Mountain State Fair is pleased to announce the 16th year of this show. This show is designed for people with special needs. It is only natural that the fair should recognize the talent and desire for these entrants in the field of agriculture. The North Carolina Mountain State Fair and Livestock Department are grateful for the support and efforts provided by the people involved to enable this competition to grow and expand.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Completed entry forms will include the exhibitor's name, social security number, mailing address and telephone number.
2. Each exhibitor must be identified as disabled according to PL 94-142 or 504.
3. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program Guidelines. (State request form can be found behind Livestock Entry Form.)
4. Each exhibitor will be paired with a helper to assist him/her in the correct way to show the animal. Animals will be provided for the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitor may leave upon conclusion of the show.

CLASS

W101 Wool Breed Sheep

AWARDS: \$10.00 and Rosette (Money will be mailed out after the show.)

Name: _____

First

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Last

2. What or who makes you happy? Why? _____

3. What or who are you most thankful for? _____

4. What is the best advice you could give someone? _____

5. What scares you? _____

6. What is your most prized possession? _____

7. What is the funniest thing you have done or that has happened to you? _____

8. What do you love most about your life? _____

9. What is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you? _____

10. How do you show kindness to others? _____

11. What is one thing you are really good at? _____

12. What is one thing you feel good about already accomplishing in life? _____

13. What is one thing you would still like to accomplish in life? _____

14. What other information would you like us to know about you? _____

Manager, North Carolina Mountain State Fair: Please accept the following entries, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Mountain State Fair, as published in catalog, by which I agree to be governed in exhibiting. All statements made in connection with said entries are true. I understand that any prize money won will be made payable to the name indicated above and may be subject to being reported to the IRS on a NC Sub 1099 form.

SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR OR AGENT: _____

Make all entries early!! The right is reserved to reject any entries received after space is taken.

DEPARTMENT X • POULTRY SHOWS

Poultry & Guineas

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Birds will be entered in single classes only.
2. Birds will be judged in class listed on entry form. **No class changes during check-in.**
3. Premiums will be paid by check after the fair.
4. All birds will be cared for and fed by the fair.
5. The fair will provide cages and cups for food and water.
6. The fair management reserves the right to interpret, amend, or add to these rules.
7. All birds must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner, who must have owned the birds for at least 60 days prior to deadline.
8. All birds are entered at the risk of the owner, and the NC Mountain State Fair management will not be responsible for any loss or damage but will exercise all possible vigilance in the care of the birds. No one will be allowed to handle birds on display except the owners and officials of the show.
9. The American Standard of Perfection will be the guide of the judges in awarding premiums. The premiums will be paid on standard varieties listed in this show catalog, and then only to worthy specimens.
10. Decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in the cases of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the fair. Protests must be filed with the division superintendent no later than noon of the day following the award and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$5.00 which will be retained by the fair if the protest is not sustained. The division superintendent will appoint a committee to consider the protest, and all interested parties will be notified of the time of the hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The NC Mountain State Fair will follow the rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions governing appeals.
11. Judges will not award premiums to any animal because of its mere presence. It must be individually worthy. It is not the policy of the fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind, or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. No premium will be awarded to any exhibit that does not possess high intrinsic merit.
12. Unless otherwise specified in the department rules and regulations, no exhibitor may win more than two premiums in any one individual class, and not more than one premium in any group class.
13. No exhibitor may accompany judges during their deliberations except such attendants as are necessary to handle and show livestock and other such exhibits. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with adjudication, or who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges, will be excluded from further competition and any premiums previously won will be forfeited.
14. The judge will have the right not to award a first-place ribbon/premium if the item does not merit the placing. Awards in any class will be given only if merited.
15. Fraud or deception as to breeding, or in any other form, will be exposed and exhibitor guilty of such violation will be excluded from further participation in the fair and all premiums previously won will be forfeited.
16. The right is reserved and will be used to reject entries received after all available space is taken, even if this occurs before specified time for closing entries.
17. Old English breeds that are not dubbed can be shown but will not be judged except for young birds.
18. Production breeds can be shown but will not be judged.
19. Premiums will be paid only based on the records of the judging report, which will be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or director. Ribbons will be securely attached to the cages upon which they were awarded, if possible, but the ribbons have no value in payment of premiums since they may become detached and find their way on to the wrong exhibit.
21. Any other or miscellaneous categories at the end of each area are only for items which are not listed in the preceding categories. They shall not be used for duplications.
22. Judges, when requested, may give the reasons for their decisions embracing the value and desirable qualities of the exhibits to which they have been awarded premiums.
23. Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the NC Mountain State Fair premium list. There will be no additional prize money for given places, in the event of a tie. There shall not be more than one ribbon awarded and premium paid for each placement in a class.
24. Premiums will be paid to winning exhibitors after the award reports are compiled and checked. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address on his or her entry form. This process takes approximately ten weeks. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until **December 1, 2026**, after which time the books of the fair are closed.

JUDGING

1. Judges will use the latest American Standard of Perfection. Judges may withhold prizes if birds are not of sufficient merit.
2. Any person who interferes with judges will forfeit all premiums. The decision of the judges will be final.
3. After judging, exhibitors can place any advertising material, by the exhibitor, with his coop.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All bird entries will be presented for examination (including blood test and swabs) to a representative of the NCDA & CS Veterinary Division before being placed in the show.
2. All chicken entries will originate from U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of admission to the fair. The test requirements may be satisfied by a negative test conducted by a representative of the NCDA & CS Veterinarian Division at the time birds are brought to the fair.
3. All birds must be identified with numbered tamper-proof bands. Bands placed on birds tested at the fairgrounds by a representative of the NCDA & CS Veterinarian Division will satisfy the requirement. **The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in.**
4. No poultry shall have received a live virus vaccine within 45 days prior to entering the fair. It is recommended that all birds be vaccinated for laryngotracheitis with a modified live virus vaccine at least 45 days and not more than one year before the show.
5. Birds will not be accepted which are showing any clinical signs of an infectious or communicable disease or are infected with lice and/or mites.
6. All poultry exhibited at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair shall have been in the possession of the exhibitor for 60 days prior to the deadline. Exhibitors will fill out the entry form completely.
7. Coops used in transporting live birds to the fair shall not be allowed inside the exhibit tent.

Definition of Terms used in Premium List

Cock: Male bird, 1 year old or over

Hen: Female bird, 1 year old or over

Cockerel: Male bird, less than 1 year old

Pullet: Female bird, less than 1 year old

A Champion and a Reserve Champion will be awarded for Standard Chicken, Standard Commercial Class Egg Layers, Bantam Chicken, and Guinea. An Over All Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen out of the two following groups 1 - Standard Poultry, Standard Commercial Class Egg Layers; 2 - Bantam Poultry, Guinea.

Overall Champion TBD, trophy

Champion TBD, trophy

Overall Reserve Champion TBD, trophy

Reserve Champion TBD, trophy



XAA • YOUTH STANDARD POULTRY SHOW

September 11 - 15

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Check-in: September 10, Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Check-in Times WILL BE Enforced*

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 11, Friday

Release: September 15, Tuesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (All Poultry Must Be Picked Up)

Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents up to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to 6 chickens per class per exhibitor.

CLASS

XAA001 - AMERICAN – Plymouth Rocks, Dominique, Wyandotte, Javas, Rhode Islands, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamona, New Hampshire, Holland, Delaware

XAA002 – ASIATIC – Brahmas, Cochins, Langshan

XAA003 – ENGLISH – Dorking, Redcap, Cornish, Orpington, Susses, Australorp

XAA004 – MEDITERRANEAN – Leghorn, Minorca, Spanish, Analusian, Ancona, Sicilian, Buttercup, Catalana

XAA005 – CONTINENTAL – Hamburg, Campine, Lakenvelder, Barnvelder, Welsummers, Polish, Houdan, Faverolle, Crevecoeurs, LaFleche

XAA006 – ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS (AOSB) – Modern Games, Old English, Malays, Sumatras, Aseels, Shamos, Yokohama, Cubalaya, Sultan, Naked Neck, Araucana, Ameraucana

PREMIUMS: 1st Place \$10 2nd Place \$8 3rd Place \$6 4th Place \$4 5th Place \$2
Each class will be sub-classed by cock, cockerel, pullet, and hen with premiums paid to each sub-class.

STANDARD COMMERCIAL CLASS EGG LAYERS

XAAC • YOUTH September 11 - 15

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Check-in: September 10, Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Check-in Times WILL BE Enforced*

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 11, Friday

Release: September 15, Tuesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (All Poultry Must Be Picked Up)

Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents up to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to 5 chickens per class per exhibitor.

CLASS

XAAC001 – WHITE EGG LAYERS

XAAC002 – BROWN EGG LAYERS

PREMIUMS: 1ST Place \$10 2nd Place \$8 3rd Place \$6 4th Place \$4 5th Place \$2

XAB • YOUTH BANTAM POULTRY SHOW

September 16 - 20

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Check-in: September 16, Wednesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Check-in Times WILL BE Enforced*

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 17, Thursday

Release: September 20, Sunday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (All Poultry Must Be Picked Up)

Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents up to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to 6 chickens per class per exhibitor.

CLASS XAB001 – OLD ENGLISH – The Old English breed is the only breed in this class.

XAB002 – MODERN GAME – The Modern Game breed is the only breed in this class.

XAB003 – SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED (SCCL) – Ancona, Andalusian, Autrolorp, Catalana, Campine, Delaware, Dorking, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenixs, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island, Spanish, Sussexs

XAB004 – ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED (RCCL) – Anconas, Antwerp, Belgians, Dorkings, Dominiques, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Red Caps, Rhode Islands, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes

XAB005 – ALL OTHER COMB CLEAN LEGGED (AOCCL) – Ameraucanas, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, LeFleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas

XAB006 – FEATHERLEGGED (FL) – Cochins, Frizzles, Brahmas, D’Uccle, Faveroles, Silkies, Suntans, Booted Bantams

PREMIUMS: 1st Place \$10 2nd Place \$8 3rd Place \$6 4th Place \$4 5th Place \$2

Each class will be sub-classed by cock, cockerel, pullet, and hen with premiums paid to each sub-class.

XAE • YOUTH GUINEA SHOW

September 16 - 20

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Check-in: September 16, Wednesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Check-in Times WILL BE Enforced*

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 17, Thursday

Release: September 17, Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Guineas Must Be Picked Up)

Rules and Regulations

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents up to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2026.

CLASS: XAE001 – GUINEA FOWL – All Guinea Fowl are in this class

PREMIUMS: 1st Place \$10 2nd Place \$8 3rd Place \$6 4th Place \$4 5th Place \$2

XF • YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

September 19, 2026

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Assistant Superintendent: Travis Love

Entry Deadline: *August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS*

Check-in: September 19, Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 19, Saturday 10:30am

Competition Overview:

Poultry showmanship gives young people the opportunity to competitively demonstrate their knowledge and skills in raising, conditioning, evaluating, and handling poultry. Participants gain experience in following oral instructions, speaking before an audience, and handling their bird.

Any type of poultry may be used for this showmanship competition: standard, bantam, guinea, laying hen.

The chosen bird to be blood tested. The bird must be in good health.

CLASS

XF001 Non-Competitive youth 8 and under *

XF002 Junior youth 8 years old and under**

XF003 Intermediate youth 9 – 13 years old**

XF004 Senior youth 14 - 18 years old**

PREMIUMS: \$10 per exhibitor

(* Ribbon Only, ** Buckles for 1st)



XG - Youth Laying Hen Show

September 19, 2026

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Assistant Superintendent: Travis Love

Entry Deadline: March 27, 2026

Participation Fee: \$15.00

Chick Pick-up: May 19, 2026, 10:00am to 8:00pm in Heritage Circle

Check-in: September 19, Saturday 7:30am – 9:00am

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 19, Saturday 12:00pm

Release: after the conclusion of the show

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competition is open to all North Carolina youth residents under the age of 19 as of August 31, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to the first 40 exhibitors registered online.
3. Each exhibitor is required to show a Pen of 3, other birds received during pick-up are to remain at the exhibitor's farm/place for their personal use. If the exhibitor doesn't show any birds, the fair must be notified as to why the no-show. This could affect the exhibitor from being able to show in future shows. Only the chickens shown in the Youth Laying Hen Show will be available for premiums.
4. Exhibitor must have raised the chickens from chicks and from the same hatch as all other exhibitors. Fair will set up arrangements with a supplier to ensure same hatch is provided to registered exhibitors.
5. Any use of antibiotic and/or growth hormone drugs are strictly prohibited. Any evidence of the use of these drugs will lead to the disqualification of the exhibitor and the exhibitor may be banned from competing in future shows. The show superintendent, judge, NCDA&CS veterinary staff, or fairgrounds administrative staff reserve the right to test the birds being shown for banned substances.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to take chickens home at the conclusion of the show.
7. General Rules and Regulations, Judging, and Health Regulations for poultry show will apply. (www.wncagcenter.org)

SHOW DAY AND JUDGING

1. All individuals (whether an FFA/4-H club member or individual) will participate in the individual competition.
2. Class breaks will be determined by exhibitor age according to the overall participation response. The Fair will try to limit these classes to 10 exhibitors per class.
3. On judging day all exhibitors must check-in with their top 3 laying hens. Once checked in each exhibitor will be assigned a cage for their pen of 3 to be placed in. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the cages until judging time.
4. Judging of birds will be based on uniformity, body conformation, health characteristics, and other aspects of the bird quality at the judge's discretion. During judging NO exhibitor is allowed to talk to the judge except when being asked by the judge. Exhibitors may watch but must save all questions until all judging is done. After the competition, exhibitors may ask the judge for clarification on decisions and areas of future improvements. Arguing the decision of the competition with the judge is not allowed and may lead to disqualification of the exhibitor from the competition. Interfering with judging will be grounds for disqualification. These rules may apply to anyone acting on behalf of the exhibitor.

4-H AND FFA CLUBS

1. FFA and 4-H groups are encouraged to participate. Each group member will need to register using their individual name and list the club/school's name. A minimum of 5 club members must participate in order to be eligible for club awards.
2. Clubs not knowing their members' names at the March deadline must register their club and pay for the number of members participating. At the time of April pick-up, a club information sheet listing the names of the participating members along with the corresponding W-9 form must be submitted. There will be NO substitutions after the registration has been completed. The student's name must be on the registration and the student named must be present to have the birds judged for the competition.
3. An exhibitor may not have more than one group of birds in the competition (i.e... cannot have a set of birds as an individual and another set of birds as a FFA/4-H member). All individuals (whether an FFA/4-H club member or individual) will participate in the individual competition. FFA/4-H club group awards will be based on individual scores. If an individual is participating as a FFA/4-H club group member, the organization must be listed at the time of registration. A current W-9 must be submitted to reflect the organizations Tax I.D. number.
4. Club awards will only be awarded if three or more club register by the entry deadline in their respective category.

* If more than 50 entry forms are submitted prior to the deadline, groups may be asked to limit the number of entries within their club in order to fairly distribute the birds.

CLASS

XG001 PeeWee Layers - 5 years old and younger (will compete for PeeWee Championships within this class) (Trophy)

XG002 Trio Set of Layers - 6 to 19 years old

PREMIUMS:

1st Place \$15 2nd Place \$13 3rd Place \$11 4th Place \$9 5th Place \$8 6th – 10th Place \$6

Grand Champion Trio (Banner) (Sponsored)

Reserve Grand Champion Trio (Banner) (Sponsored)

Grand Champion PeeWee Trio (Trophy) (Sponsored)

Reserve Champion PeeWee Trio (Trophy) (Sponsored)

FFA CLUB AWARDS:

Top FFA Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

Runner Up FFA Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

4-H AWARDS:

Top 4-H Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

Runner Up 4-H Club (Banner)(Sponsored)

(FFA Club and 4-H Awards are based off points received during individual judging)



XH – YOUTH POULTRY EGG SHOW

Superintendent: Scott Rackley

Assistant Superintendent: Travis Love

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026

Check-in: September 10, Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Gate 7, Entrance B (far back corner gate) – Farm Adventure Tent

Judging: September 11, Friday

Release: September 15, Tuesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each entry must be from the exhibitor's flock they are raising on their farm/homeplace. (No Store-Bought Eggs)
2. Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries per class.
3. Eggs must be fresh eggs.
4. Eggs are to be pre-weighed by the exhibitor and placed in the correct weight class. Judge will weigh when judging. If the eggs are placed in the wrong class, eggs will not be placed or premiums paid.
 - a. Small Size 18 – 20 oz. per dozen
 - b. Medium Size 21 – 23 oz. per dozen
 - c. Large Size 24 – 26 oz. per dozen
 - d. Extra-Large Size 27 – 29 oz. per dozen
5. Eggs must be placed in a regular egg carton style container. (Container style used in grocery stores)
6. Judging is based on the USDA Standards: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/eggs>
Exterior: Stain, adhering dirt or foreign material, egg shape, shell texture, ridges, shell thickness, body checks
Interior: Air cell, white/albumen, yolk, spots (blood or meat)

CLASS

- XH001 – White Shelled Chicken Eggs - small/medium size
- XH002 – White Shelled Chicken Eggs - large/extra-large size
- XH003 – Brown Shelled Chicken Eggs – small/medium size
- XH004 – Brown Shelled Chicken Eggs – large/extra-large size
- XH005 – Blue/Green Shelled Chicken Eggs – small/medium size
- XH006 – Blue/Green Shelled Chicken Eggs – large/extra-large size

Premiums: 1st Place \$10 2nd Place \$6 3rd Place \$4 Best of Show – Blue Rosette



DEPARTMENT Y • YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

September 12, 2026

Double Youth Rabbit Show Sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association

Rabbit Superintendent: Lisa Young

Rabbit Secretary: Lisa Young

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Check-in: Check-in with Veterinarian is Saturday, September 12th for Showmanship 7:00 am – 7:30 am; for the Rabbit Show 7:00 am – 9:00 am (No Exceptions)

Location: Gate 1, McGough

Judging: September 12, Saturday – Showmanship 8:00 am; Rabbit Show 10:00 am

Release: After the conclusion of show.

Rabbit Breeds to be Sanctioned: Dutch, Florida White, Harlequin, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, and Satin Angora

Premiums:	1st Place \$5	2nd Place \$4	3rd Place \$3	4 th Place \$2	5 th Place \$1	Best of Breed \$8
	Best Opposite of Sex \$6		Best of Show \$50		Reserve Best of Show \$40	

Ribbons and trophies will be awarded for Youth Show placements.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, third, fourth, and fifth places.

The Show Secretary will issue awards and show reports after checking show records.

Premium money will be mailed separately.

NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

SHOW RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS OF THE RABBIT SHOW:

1. The double youth Rabbit show will be governed by the latest rules and regulations of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
2. All entries must have permanent and legible ear marked (left ear). (Rabbits – Tattoo)
3. Classes will be called three times only. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing his/her own rabbit/cavy to the table as the class is called. If you need assistance, please ask the Superintendent or Show Secretary.
4. Youth exhibitors must be able to handle their own animal(s).
5. North Carolina Mountain State Fair reserves the right to add, delete, or substitute judges if needed.
6. No alcoholic beverages allowed on premises.
7. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children. If your child breaks it, you pay for it.
8. The North Carolina Mountain State Fair will not be responsible in case of fire, theft, or accidents that occur to persons or property of the exhibitor at the show.
9. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor prior to the show.
10. Only those rabbits entered in shows will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
11. **NO RABBITS 9 WEEKS OR YOUNGER ARE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
12. No exhibitor will be allowed behind the judging tables, unless acting in an official capacity.
13. The judges' decisions are final. Post all objections to the Superintendent.
14. This show will be a carrying cage show. All animals must be in Leak Proof Carriers.
15. Any rabbit showing signs of disease or sickness will be removed from the show area and the entry fee forfeited.
16. Substitutions on the day of the show will be accepted **ONLY** in the same sex, class, variety, group, and breed.
17. Writers will be needed for this show. Please volunteer.
18. All animals must be examined by the veterinarian on hand during check-in 7:30am-9:00am. If rabbits come in during other times, they must present a Health Certificate. All rabbits will be presented for examination before being placed in the show area. The Veterinarian will not accept rabbits infected with, or show any clinical symptoms of, infectious or communicable diseases. Rabbits developing symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases during the show will be removed from the show area and placed in isolation. Any rabbit which does not display a good condition of health and vigor or is deemed unsuitable for public exhibitions may be refused at check-in and for the purpose of judging will be considered "Not Shown" and entry fee forfeited. The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering.

19. If there are less than five rabbits to show in a sanctioned breed, that sanctioned breed could be dropped from the Rabbit Show for the next year.

YA - YOUTH RABBIT SHOWS

CLASS

YA001 Youth Rabbit Show – A

YA002 Youth Rabbit Show – B

YD • YOUTH RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendent:

Entry Deadline: *August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS*

Check-in: Check-in with Veterinarian is Saturday, September 12th from 7:00 am – 7:30 am (No Exceptions)

Location: Gate 1, McGough

Judging: September 12, Saturday 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Release: After the conclusion of show.

SHOW RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS OF THE RABBIT SHOW:

1. **Youth Showmanship will be governed by the latest rules and regulations of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.**
2. Youth are to bring their rabbit to the showmanship judges table during the allotted time to be judged. This is to be done as the youth has time between the showing of their breed(s) in the youth rabbit show.
3. If a youth is involved in showmanship during the rabbit judging of their breed/breeds another youth or an adult may place the animal/s on the table for the youth show judge.
4. The proper attire needs to be worn - pants, long sleeve shirt, apron/lab coat.
5. Each youth exhibitor is responsible for bringing his/her own rabbit to the table.
6. Youth exhibitors must be able to handle their own animal.
7. Rabbits for showmanship must be checked by the veterinarian.
8. All other rules listed under **Y – Youth Rabbit Show** will be followed.

CLASS

YD001 Non-Competitive - Youth 8 and under *

YD002 Junior youth 8 and under **

YD003 Intermediate youth 9 - 13 years old**

YD004 Senior youth 14 - 18 years old**

PREMIUMS: \$10 per exhibitor (* **Ribbon Only**, ** **Belt Buckle Award for 1st place**)

Z • DISPLAY LIVESTOCK

Superintendent: Paul Reneau

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026, **by** 11:55pm, ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Location: Gate 1, Barns B, C, & D

Set-up & Decorating: September 7 - 10 Monday - Thursday

Animal Check-in/Unloading: September 10, Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Release: September 20, Sunday 8:00 p.m.

Display animals will be in place for ALL 10 days.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entry Requirements and Rules:

- Stall Layout must be mailed in.
- No commercial displays will be judged.
- No animal will be judged more than one time in any category.
- Animals will be judged based on the way they are penned.
- Stalls are assigned by the Superintendent.
- Stall assignments and other information will be issued through the Superintendent starting on Monday, September 1.
- Stalls will be provided at no charge. The stalls are 10' X 10' stationery with three sides 8' high. The front has a wire mesh panel. The stall floors may be either red clay or concrete. Initial bedding is provided by the Fair. Additional bedding and feed is the responsibility of the owner.
- No hanging of cages on walls down center of barns.
- Animal size is defined as: Large Animal - Equine, Cattle, Llamas; Medium Animal - Goats, Sheep, Swine; Small Animal - Rabbit, Poultry, Pigeons.
- Use of cages or supplies that are the property of the WNC Agriculture Center/North Carolina Mountain State Fair is prohibited. (Excluding goat, sheep, and cattle panels)
- Violation of rules will result in FORFEITURE of any PREMIUMS.
- Animals must meet all Health Regulations.
- The safety of the animals and fair visitors must always be kept as top priority.

Health Regulations:

- The Health Regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. The decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being checked and approved by the regulatory veterinarian in charge. All entries shall be inspected prior to unloading between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday. All animals that do not meet the entry requirements and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. After entry, any animals exhibiting signs of disease or illness, or found not to have met entry requirements, may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines.
- Illegal Drugs and/or unethical conduct will not be tolerated at the Mountain State Fair.
- Blood test at B barn for Poultry, Thursday September 4th, 1 pm to 3 pm
- Livestock in B, C, and D Barns are not displayed for contact with the public. That is, exhibitors should have measures in place to prevent and discourage the public from contact, including petting and/or feeding, with these display livestock.
- Negative Coggins is required for all Equine.

During the Fair Requirements:

- NO vehicles and trailers allowed on the fairgrounds until the fair is closed and the crowd is cleared out.
- Exhibit must be manned at ALL times when the fair gates are open.
- If your exhibits are not manned while the gates are open to the public you could forfeit your premiums and chances of being allowed to exhibit in future fairs.
- Exhibitors removing animals from display before 8:00 p.m. on September 14 will forfeit all awards.
- Every effort will be made to guard the safety of the animals; however, the Mountain State Fair assumes no responsibility for losses or accidents.

Judging:

- Judges will not give awards to any animal because of its mere presence. It must be individually worthy. The judge will have the right not to award a ribbon/award if the item does not merit the placing.
- The Superintendent will determine the category in which any other animal will be classified. All awards will be paid by check from the N C Mountain State Fair.
- Judging will be done once the fair opens by a panel of judges. Judges' names and time of judging will not be announced.

LARGE ANIMALS

CLASS

Z001 Equine
Z002 Bovine
Z003 Llama

MEDIUM ANIMALS

CLASS

Z004 Goats
Z005 Sheep
Z006 Swine

SMALL ANIMALS

CLASS

Z007 Rabbit
Z008 Poultry/Pigeon

The display areas will be judged, and premiums will be paid as follows:

Best Kept Area - Well maintained, neat and clean area

Best Kept Large Animal Exhibit	\$50
Best Kept Medium Animal Exhibit	\$50
Best Kept Small Animal Exhibit	\$50

Most Educational Display - Must have educational material displayed for fair going public to gain knowledge of Livestock, Breeds, Associations, etc.

Most Educational Large Animal Display	\$50
Most Educational Medium Animal Display	\$50
Most Educational Small Animal Display	\$50

Best Decorated Display - Overall appearance of exhibitor area

Best Decorated Large Animal Display	\$50
Best Decorated Medium Animal Display	\$50
Best Decorated Small Animal Display	\$50

Best Youth Display - Youth must have primary involvement in setup and display, youth are ages 19 and under

Best Youth Large Animal Display	\$25
Best Youth Medium Animal Display	\$25
Best Youth Small Animal Display	\$25

Cutest Baby - Animal must be one year or less at the start of fair

Cutest Large Animal Baby	\$25
Cutest Medium Animal Baby	\$25
Cutest Small Animal Baby	\$25

Judge's Choice 1st place - Best overall Clean, Fair Theme, Educational and Decorated display

Judge's Choice 1st Place - Large Animals	\$50
Judge's Choice 1st Place - Medium Animals	\$50
Judge's Choice 1st Place - Small Animals	\$50

Judge's Choice 2nd place - Best overall Clean, Fair Theme, Educational and Decorated display

Judge's Choice 2nd Place - Large Animals	\$25
Judge's Choice 2nd Place - Medium Animals	\$25
Judge's Choice 2nd Place - Small Animals	\$25

Individual Animals by type: Equine, Bovine, Llama, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, and Poultry/Pigeon

1st Place	\$80
2nd Place	\$50
3rd Place	\$30

Display Livestock Stall Set-up Request:

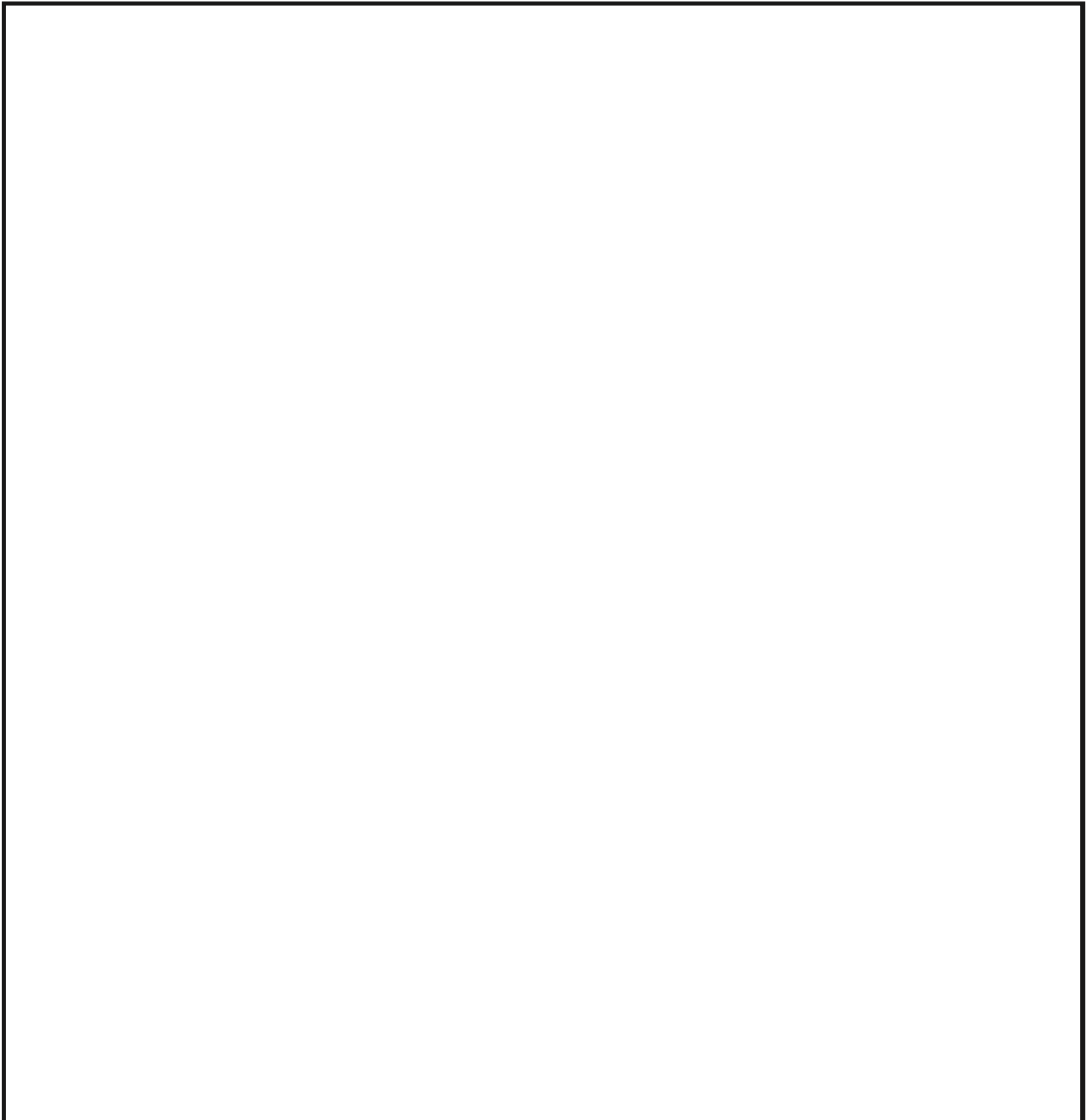
Name: _____ Phone #: _____

stalls Requested: _____ Last 4 of SS#: _____

Preferred stall #: _____

Barn Location desired: _____

***Please draw pen set-up and sawdust request here. We will try to meet all needs.**



ZZ • YOUTH LLAMA SHOW

September 15, 2026

Superintendent: Allie Beck

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY, UNTIL 11:55 pm - NO EXCEPTIONS

Check-in/Unloading: September 15, Tuesday 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm *Check-in Times WILL BE Enforced*

Location: Gate 3, F Barn

Judging: September 15, Tuesday 4:30pm

Release: At the conclusion of the show

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is a youth show only. Open to all North Carolina youth.
2. EACH EXHIBITOR must submit a separate entry form. DO NOT combine multiple youth exhibitors in one entry account. Premiums will only be sent to the exhibitor on the entry form and with the proper filled out W-9 form.
3. One animal per youth per class.
4. Please read and beware of all required health regulations;
<https://www.wncagcenter.org/p/mountainstatefair/competitions/livestock>

Exhibitor Age Groups:

Junior	8- to 9-year-olds
Intermediate	10- to 12-year-olds
Senior	13- to 18-year-olds

Passes:

Each youth exhibitor will be given a packet at check-in. In the packet there will be two (2) wristbands. One for the exhibitor and one for an adult. Any others family or support staff wanting in will need to pre-buy a wristband at the time of registration. One day tickets can be purchased at one of the main gates. You cannot buy tickets at the llama gate entrance.

Stalls/Pens:

We will try to provide one stall per farm/club. This will be determined after registration closes. We will look at the number of exhibitors and llamas.

Health Requirements:

The Health Regulations of Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules & Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Animals cannot be unloaded until checked in. All owners must comply with North Carolina State Regulations.

YOUTH LLAMA SHOW

CLASS

ZZ001 Senior Youth Showmanship**

ZZ002 Intermediate Youth Showmanship**

ZZ003 Junior Youth Showmanship**

Showmanship Premiums \$10 per exhibitor (**Buckles for 1st**)

- ZZ005 Senior Youth Public Relations
- ZZ006 Intermediate Youth Public Relations
- ZZ007 Junior Youth Public Relations
- ZZ009 Senior Youth Obstacle
- ZZ010 Intermediate Youth Obstacle
- ZZ011 Junior Youth Obstacle

PREMIUMS 1st Place \$10 2nd Place \$8 3rd Place \$6 4th Place \$4 5th Place \$2 6th Place \$2

AWARDS

- Grand Champion *
- Reserve Grand Champion *
- Senior Performance Champion **
- Intermediate Performance Champion **
- Junior Performance Champion **
- Overall Youth Versatility Award***
- (*Rosette, **Banner, ***Trophy)