



GBE HANDBOOK



Gold Buckle Extravaganza

2026 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 22

- 8:00 a.m. Campground available for move-in
- 12:00 p.m. Barns available for move-in

Thursday, July 23

- 7:00 a.m. Broiler Check-In | Ed and Carol Pinegar Learning Center
- 9:00 a.m. Broiler Show | Ed and Carol Pinegar Learning Center
Broilers not qualifying for the Gala will be released following judging
- 10:00 a.m. Deadline to Check-In all Country Cured Hams | FFA Building
- 11:00 a.m. All animals must be in place
- 12:00 p.m. Exhibitors meeting & contest team registration | Wilson Logistics Arena
- 1:00 p.m. Weigh-In of all animals all three locations:
Barrows – Barn 1 | Goats & Lambs – Barn 1 | Steers – Wells East
- 2:00 p.m. Photography contest entry deadline | Livestock Office
- 4:00 p.m. Stockman's Contest | Wilson Logistics Arena
- 5:30 p.m. Team Sales Contest | Wilson Logistics Arena
- 6:30 p.m. Exhibitor Dinner | Wilson Logistics Arena

Friday, July 24

- 8:00 a.m. Market Steer show (followed by showmanship) | Wilson Logistics Arena
- 11:30 a.m. Market Goat show (followed by showmanship) | Barn 1
- 2:00 p.m. Market Lamb show (followed by showmanship) | Barn 1
- 6:00 p.m. Market Barrow show (followed by showmanship) | Barn 1

Saturday, July 25

- 8:30 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest | Wilson Logistics Arena
- 11:00 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship Contest | Wilson Logistics Arena
- 2:00 p.m. Awards Program | Wilson Logistics Arena

*Exhibitors not qualifying for the Gold Buckle Gala will be released following the awards program

- 5:30 p.m. Gold Buckle Gala | Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex

OZARK EMPIRE FAIR FOUNDATION GOLD BUCKLE GALA AUCTION

7 p.m. Saturday, July 25 | Ozark Empire Fairgrounds | Wilson Logistics Arena

MARKET BEEF:

The Grand Champion Market Beef will sell for a minimum of \$7,000. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The Reserve Grand Champion Beef will sell for a minimum of \$4,000. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The remaining top six market steers will sell at a minimum of \$2,000. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

MARKET LAMBS:

The Grand Champion Market Lamb will sell for a minimum of \$1,000. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The Reserve Grand Champion Lamb will sell for a minimum of \$500. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The third place lamb will sell at a minimum of \$250. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

MARKET SWINE:

The Grand Champion Market Hog will sell for a minimum of \$1,000. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The Reserve Grand Champion Barrow will sell for a minimum of \$500. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The third place barrow will sell at a minimum of \$250. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

MARKET GOATS:

The Grand Champion Market Goat will sell for a minimum of \$1,000. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash, the remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat will sell for a minimum of \$500. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

The third place wether will sell at a minimum of \$250. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

MARKET BROILERS:

The Grand Champion Broilers will sell for a minimum of \$200. The Reserve Grand Champion Broilers will sell for a minimum of \$100. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

HAMS:

The top four hams (Junior & Senior Grand and Reserve Grand Champions) will sell for a minimum of \$100 each. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

EXHIBITOR DRESS: Black jeans; white, collared, long-sleeve shirt; and black show harness. Tie is optional. Only western boots or dark leather shoes allowed. No hats or caps allowed.

EXHIBITOR CONDUCT: All exhibitors must conduct themselves in a manner fitting to the occasion. All portions of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct apply. Purpose of this event is to showcase youth in agriculture to an urban society and raise funds for the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation which will benefit the facilities and programs of the Fair as well as provide additional funds for grants and scholarships. The Ozark Empire Fair reserves the right to remove any exhibitor, family member or friend of an exhibitor who acts in any way unbecoming the event.

ANIMAL CONDUCT: Animals must be calm, and under control at all times. The sale ring will be surrounded with dining tables, with gala guests and spectators. If an animal shows behavior unfit for the event, the animal may be removed from the event and dropped from the sale order.

CERTIFIED VET INSPECTION: All animals must be accompanied by a CVI completed by the animal's vet, along with their Health Quality Assurance form. All health requirements outlined by the state of Missouri for animal exhibitions need to be followed.

Add-on Money To Be Accepted: 2026 Gold Buckle Gala

Add-on money will be accepted for animals sold in the Gold Buckle Gala. All add-ons that are collected (money received) by the exhibitor prior to 3 p.m. on Saturday will be retained 100% by the exhibitor. Any add-on to be invoiced or received after 3 p.m. on Saturday will be split 75/25. Seventy-five percent will go to the junior exhibitor and twenty-five percent will be retained by the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.

JR MARKET BARROWS SHOW | OZARK EMPIRE FAIR**6 p.m. | Friday, July 24****ARRIVAL:** Must be in place by 11 a.m., Thursday, July 23. No arrival prior to 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 22.**RELEASE:** Following the 2 p.m. Awards Program on Saturday, July 25.

This is a **TERMINAL SHOW** for the **Top 3 Market Swine**. The **Top 3 Market Swine** will be sold in the **Gold Buckle Gala Auction on Saturday, July 25**. The **Ozark Empire Fair** will assume custody of the **Top 3 Barrows** following the **Gold Buckle Gala Auction**. The **barrows** will be loaded onto trailers immediately following the **Gala Auction** to be processed for the buyers.

Ozark Empire Fair Rules, Livestock Entry Rules, Junior Show Rules and all portions of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct apply.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries will only be accepted from exhibitors who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted.

NOMINATION & ENTRY: Exhibitors may nominate Barrows for the show by submitting a DNA sample(s) to the Ozark Empire Fair Livestock Office by May 15. A processing fee of \$10 per head must accompany the DNA sample and is nonrefundable. **Full ownership of the animal must be established by May 15.** An exhibitor may nominate five (5) barrows, but may only show two (2) barrows. Only one (1) barrow per exhibitor will be allowed in the Gala Auction.

NOMINATION DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ENTRY.

All barrows must also be entered into the Ozark Empire Fair on an official entry form with all fees paid as designated on the entry.

Entry Fee is \$20. ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 15.

LATE ENTRY FEE IS \$20 + A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$20 FOR A TOTAL OF \$40 PER ENTRY, ENTERED BY JULY 1.

The exhibitor's legal guardian **must** sign the official Fair entry form. Any entries determined invalid will be returned. No refund will be made.

HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE: Each exhibitor will be required to maintain a Health Quality Assurance record on each entry up until the time of exhibition at the Ozark Empire Fair. This form will include all past history on the barrow as can best be determined from the time the exhibitor took ownership of the animal, as well as any veterinary treatments administered to the barrow up until exhibition. This form must be completed and submitted upon check-in at the Fairgrounds. **All exhibitors must hold a quality assurance certificate for at least one of the four species (beef, swine, lamb, goat) represented at the Gold Buckle Extravaganza.** Certification does not have to be for the same species exhibited. All state recognized programs will be accepted, including Show Me Quality Assurance. **Quality Assurance Certificate must be submitted to the livestock office with a postmark date no later than June 15.**

EARTAGS: Barrows must be identified with an OEF numbered tag provided in the nomination packet. Animals must be individually identified with the tag provided in your DNA packet. The identification on the DNA card must exactly match the identification on the animal(s) entered. Any discrepancies at weigh-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by show officials and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 payable immediately by cash or credit card only.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival on the Fairgrounds, barrows will be weighed to determine classes. **Swine must weigh between 220 and 300 pounds. Absolutely NO leniency will be made on weight.** Barrows will be weighed only once. Underweight and overweight hogs will show in separate classes before judging of eligible hogs. Underweight and overweight hogs are not eligible for Gold Buckle Gala Auction or to show for Champions. Barrows must have been farrowed on or after December 1, 2025. The Ozark Empire Fair reserves the right to take DNA, urine, blood and tissue samples on any and all animals. Stalls will be assigned by superintendents.

FITTING AND GROOMING: See Section L (Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct) under Livestock Rules found in Administration and General Rules.

SHOW PROCEDURE: Ozark Empire Fair dress code (t-shirts) required. Once class winners are selected, any exhibitor that does not want to sell his/her animal and relinquish all ownership rights, may drop out of the competition. Exhibitors must declare their intent to participate in the selection of the top 3 barrows once their class is over. Once exhibitors enter the ring for the champion drive they will no longer be able to pull out of the show and must sell their animal if selected in the top 3. All animals in the supreme drive must stay in the ring until the alternate is chosen (4th place for small animals and 9th place for Steers).

DNA SAMPLES: DNA samples will be collected on the Top 3 Barrows, the 4th place alternate, and any other barrow(s) as requested by show officials. These samples, along with those submitted in May, will be analyzed. Should DNA samples taken in May, not match those taken during the Fair, exhibitors, parents and guardians may be banned from competing at future Gold Buckle Extravaganzas, Gold Buckle Galas and the Ozark Empire Fair. Additionally, a violation of any published rule may disqualify entries; premium, sale monies and salvage value will NOT be paid.

DRUG TESTING: Any animal exhibited in a market class must meet withdrawal times and be eligible for processing for human consumption at the time of show. Urine, blood, saliva and/or tissue samples may also be taken from any barrow(s) to conduct testing for anabolic steroids, diuretics, caffeine, feed additives or drug residues. A positive test may result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums, sale monies and salvage value and may ban the exhibitor, along with immediate family members, from participating in the Ozark Empire Fair for three years. The exhibitor is responsible for the full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples including, but not limited to, the lab fee of \$250.

SHOWMANSHIP: A jackpot swine showmanship contest will be held following the swine show. Entry in this showmanship requires pre entry with an entry fee of \$10.00

* 80% of each entry fee will be jackpotted with three (3) payouts per age division; 45% to First, 35% to second, 20% to Third.

Two winners will be selected from each of the following age divisions: Junior - 12 years and under; Intermediate - 13 to 16 years, and Senior 17 years and over. Winners will qualify for participation in the Round-Robin Showmanship Contest on Saturday, July 25.

GOLD BUCKLE GALA: Junior exhibitors with animals qualifying and selling in the Gold Buckle Gala must take their own animal through the sale ring. Animals must remain under the exhibitor's care and expense until sold. All participants in the auction warrant that (1) the carcass of their animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption; (2) the carcass of their animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal; (3) the carcass of their animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice as defined by the Ozark Empire Fair and (4) there exists no unusual circumstance that would materially diminish the value of such carcass (5) their animal meets the definition and characteristics of the species and sex in the division in which they are exhibited. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the sale animal's carcass without regard to the exhibitor's actual responsibility or fault.

VIOLATION OF PUBLISHED RULES: Exhibitors, immediate family members, parents and guardians may be banned from competing at future Gold Buckle Extravaganzas, Gold Buckle Galas and the Ozark Empire Fair for a violation of the published 2026 Ozark Empire Fair and Gold Buckle Extravaganza rules. Additionally, a violation of any published rule may disqualify entries, and premiums, sale monies and salvage values will NOT be paid. The Ozark Empire Fair may hold any animal under quarantine for an extended period of time for any tests deemed necessary. Please be sure to review the following prior to entry: General Rules & Regulations, Livestock Entry Rules, Junior Show Rules, Livestock Health Requirements and Division Entry Rules.

JR Market Broilers | Ozark Empire Fair

Youth Gold Buckle Extravaganza Market Shows Department

Check-in: 7:00 a.m., Thursday, July 23

Show: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 23

ARRIVAL: Must be in place by 7 a.m., Thursday, July 23.

RELEASE: Following the conclusion of the Broiler show. BOTH the grand champion and reserve champion broiler pens must stay on property until the Gold Buckle Gala Auction on Saturday evening.

RETURNING IN 2026 - Broiler Sourcing - Cobb Vantress will be donating the broilers for the 2026 show.

Ozark Empire Fair Rules and all portions of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct apply.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries will only be accepted from exhibitors who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted.

1. An entry consists of 4 birds.
2. Exhibitors are allowed two entries in the JR Market Broiler Show.
3. Entry fee is \$5.00 for a pen of 4 birds.
4. Owners are responsible for care of birds prior to judging.
5. There is no weight range for an entry.
6. Only the 4 birds submitted as a pen will be judged as one entry.
7. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. following the 7 a.m. check-in on Thursday, July 23. All entries must be present at that time and remain until time of release.
8. Champion and Reserve pens will sell in the Gold Buckle Gala on Saturday, July 25.
9. Pens will be judged on the following criteria: uniformity, soundness, market value and product.
10. **All broilers should be entered into class Y1700 in the JR Market Broilers Division of the Youth Gold Buckle Extravaganza Market Shows Department.** Entry must be made on an official Ozark Empire Fair Poultry entry form available online at www.ozarkempirefair.com or through the online entry process at www.ozarkempirefair.com.

Important! Ordering broilers from the Ozark Empire Fair Livestock Office does not constitute entry into the Gold Buckle Extravaganza Broiler Show. Entry procedures must be followed.

-Broilers losing their wing bands, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to enter the show. Birds with wing bands that show evidence of tampering will be sifted, & the decision of the superintendent is final.
-The superintendent will instruct the judge to disregard wing bruising and damage caused by a wing band.

COUNTRY CURED HAMS

Check-in: By 9 a.m. | Thursday, July 24 | FFA Building

1. Hams must be cured country style, with NO weight limit.
2. Competition is open to **exhibitors who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 22 years of age as of January 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties:** Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted.
3. Each member may show no more than 2 hams.
4. Hams will be judged July 24 and those not making the Gold Buckle Gala will be released.
5. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected in each the Jr. (ages 8 -12) and Sr. (ages 13 & up) Youth Divisions. All four hams will be sold in the Gold Buckle Gala Auction on Saturday, July 22. **An exhibitor may only sell one ham in the auction. Should an exhibitor win Grand Champion, their other entry will not be eligible for Reserve Champion.**
6. The top four hams (Junior & Senior Grand and Reserve Grand Champions) will sell for a minimum of \$100 each. The exhibitor will receive 75% of the total selling price in cash. The remaining 25% will go to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.
7. Bring the entry form below to check in on Thursday, July 24th in the FFA Building.

Entry Form

2026 GOLD BUCKLE EXTRAVAGANZA COUNTRY CURED HAMS

Only One Exhibitor per Entry Form

Exhibitor Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Birthdate _____

E-mail address _____

Exhibitor Signature _____

Guardian's Signature _____

DIVISION (check one): JR SR

Hams will not be eligible for judging without submitting this entry form at check-in.

JR MARKET GOAT SHOW | OZARK EMPIRE FAIR

Show: 11:30 a.m. | Friday, July 24

ARRIVAL: Must be in place by 11 a.m., Thursday, July 23. No arrival prior to 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 22.

RELEASE: Following the 2 p.m. Awards Program on Saturday, July 25.

This is a **TERMINAL SHOW** for the **Top 3 Market Meat Goats**. The **Top 3 Market Meat Goats** will be sold in the **Gold Buckle Gala Auction on Saturday, July 25**. The **Ozark Empire Fair** will assume custody of the **Top 3 Goats** following the **Gold Buckle Gala Auction**. The goats will be loaded onto trailers immediately following the Gala auction to be processed.

Ozark Empire Fair Rules, Livestock Entry Rules, Junior Show Rules and all portions of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct apply.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries will only be accepted from exhibitors who are **8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties:** Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, LaClede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted.

NOMINATION & ENTRY: Exhibitors may nominate wether meat goats for the show by submitting a DNA sample(s) to the Ozark Empire Fair Livestock Office by May 15. A processing fee of \$10 per wether must accompany the DNA sample and is nonrefundable. **Full ownership of the animal must be established by May 15.** An exhibitor may nominate five (5) goats, but may only show two (2) goats. Only one (1) Market meat goat per exhibitor will be allowed in the sale.

NOMINATION DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ENTRY.

All goats must also be entered into the Ozark Empire Fair on an official entry form with all fees paid as designated on the entry.

Entry Fee is \$20. ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 15.

LATE ENTRY FEE IS \$20 + A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$20 FOR A TOTAL OF \$40 PER ENTRY., ENTERED BY JULY 1.

The exhibitor's legal guardian **must** sign the official Fair entry form. Any entries determined invalid will be returned. No refund will be made.

HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE: Each exhibitor will be required to maintain a Health Quality Assurance record on each entry up until the time of exhibition at the Ozark Empire Fair. This form will include all past history on the wether as can best be determined from the time the exhibitor took ownership of the animal, as well as any veterinary treatments administered the lamb up until exhibition. This form must be completed and submitted upon check-in at the Fairgrounds. **All exhibitors must hold a quality assurance certificate for at least one of the four species (beef, swine, lamb, goat) represented at the Gold Buckle Extravaganza.** Certification does not have to be for the same species exhibited. All state recognized programs will be accepted, including Show Me Quality Assurance. **Quality Assurance Certificate must be submitted to the livestock office with a postmark date no later than June 15.**

EARTAGS: Goats must be identified with an OEF numbered tag provided in the nomination packet. Animals must be individually identified with the tag provided in your DNA packet. The identification on the DNA card must exactly match the identification on the animal(s) entered. Any discrepancies at weigh-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by show officials and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 payable immediately by cash or credit card only.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival on the Fairgrounds, wethers will be weighed to determine classes. **All wethers competing must not be over one year of age and have milk teeth in place.** The Ozark Empire Fair reserves the right to take DNA, urine, blood and tissue samples on any and all animals. Stalls will be assigned by superintendents.

FITTING AND GROOMING: See Section L (Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct) under Livestock Rules found in Administration and General Rules.

SHOW PROCEDURE: Ozark Empire Fair dress code (t-shirts) required. Once class winners are selected, any exhibitor that does not want to sell his/her animal and relinquish all ownership rights, may drop out of the competition. Exhibitors must declare their intent to participate in the selection of the top 3 wethers once their class is over. Once exhibitors enter the ring for the champion drive they will no longer be able to pull out of the show and must sell their animal if selected in the top 3. All animals in the supreme drive must stay in the ring until the alternate is chosen (4th place for small animals and 9th place for Steers).

DNA SAMPLES: DNA samples will be collected on the Top 3 wethers and any other wethers as requested by show officials. These samples, along with those submitted in May, will be analyzed. Should DNA samples taken in May, not match those taken during the Fair, exhibitors, parents and guardians may be banned from competing at future Gold Buckle Extravaganzas, Gold Buckle Galas and the Ozark Empire Fair. Additionally, a violation of any published rule may disqualify entries, and premium, sale monies and salvage value will NOT be paid.

DRUG TESTING: Any animal exhibited in a market class must meet withdrawal times and be eligible for processing for human consumption at the time of show. Urine, blood, saliva and/or tissue samples may also be taken from any goat(s) to conduct testing for anabolic steroids, diuretics, caffeine, feed additives or drug residues. A positive test may result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums, sale monies and salvage value and may ban the exhibitor, along with immediate family members, from participating in the Ozark Empire Fair for three years. The exhibitor is responsible for the full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples including, but not limited to, the lab fee of \$250.

SHOWMANSHIP: A jackpot goat showmanship contest will be held following the goat show. Entry in this showmanship requires pre entry with an entry fee of \$10.00

* 80% of each entry fee will be jackpotted with three (3) payouts per age division; 45% to First, 35% to second, 20% to Third.

Two winners will be selected from each of the following age divisions: Junior - 12 years and under; Intermediate - 13 to 16 years, and Senior 17 years and over. Winners will qualify for participation in the Round-Robin Showmanship Contest on Saturday, July 25.

GOLD BUCKLE GALA: Junior exhibitors with animals qualifying and selling in the Gold Buckle Gala must take their own animal through the sale ring. Animals must remain under the exhibitor's care and expense until sold. All participants in the auction warrant that (1) the carcass of their animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption; (2) the carcass of their animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal; (3) the carcass of their animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice as defined by the Ozark Empire Fair and (4) there exists no unusual circumstance that would materially diminish the value of such carcass (5) their animal meets the definition and characteristics of the species and sex in the division in which they are exhibited. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the sale animal's carcass without regard to the exhibitor's actual responsibility or fault.

VIOLATION OF PUBLISHED RULES: Exhibitors, immediate family members, parents and guardians may be banned from competing at future Gold Buckle Extravaganzas, Gold Buckle Galas and the Ozark Empire Fair for a violation of the published 2026 Ozark Empire Fair and Gold Buckle Extravaganza rules. Additionally, a violation of any published rule may disqualify entries, and premiums, sale monies and salvage values will NOT be paid. The Ozark Empire Fair may hold any animal under quarantine for an extended period of time for any tests deemed necessary. Please be sure to review the following prior to entry: General Rules & Regulations, Livestock Entry Rules, Junior Show Rules, Livestock Health Requirements and Division Entry Rules.

JR MARKET LAMB SHOW | OZARK EMPIRE FAIR

2:30 p.m. | Friday, July 24

ARRIVAL: Must be in place by 11 am., Thursday, July 23. No arrival prior to 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 22.

RELEASE: Following the 2 pm Awards Program on Saturday, July 25.

This is a **TERMINAL SHOW** for the Top 3 Market Lambs. The Top 3 Market Lambs will be sold in the Gold Buckle Gala Auction on Saturday, July 25. The Ozark Empire Fair will assume custody of the Top 3 Lambs following the Gold Buckle Gala Auction. The lambs will be loaded onto trailers immediately following the Gala auction to be processed.

Ozark Empire Fair Rules, Livestock Entry Rules, Junior Show Rules and all portions of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct apply.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries will only be accepted from exhibitors who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted.

NOMINATION & ENTRY: Exhibitors may nominate wether lambs for the show by submitting a DNA sample(s) to the Ozark Empire Fair Livestock Office by May 15. A processing fee of \$10 per lamb must accompany the DNA sample and is nonrefundable. **Full ownership of the animal must be established by May 15.** An exhibitor may nominate five (5) lambs, but may only show two (2) lambs. Only one (1) lamb per exhibitor will be allowed in the sale. Ewe lambs shown in market classes are not eligible to show in breeding classes.

NOMINATION DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ENTRY.

All lambs must also be entered into the Ozark Empire Fair on an official entry form with all fees paid as designated on the entry.

Entry Fee is \$20. ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 15.

LATE ENTRY FEE IS \$20 + A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$20 FOR A TOTAL OF \$40 PER ENTRY, ENTERED BY JULY 1.

The exhibitor's legal guardian **must** sign the official Fair entry form. Any entries determined invalid will be returned. No refund will be made.

HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE: Each exhibitor will be required to maintain a Health Quality Assurance record on each entry up until the time of exhibition at the Ozark Empire Fair. This form will include all past history on the lamb as can best be determined from the time the exhibitor took ownership of the animal, as well as any veterinary treatments administered the lamb up until exhibition. This form must be completed and submitted upon check-in at the Fairgrounds. **All exhibitors must hold a quality assurance certificate for at least one of the four species (beef, swine, lamb, goat) represented at the Gold Buckle Extravaganza.** Certification does not have to be for the same species exhibited. All state recognized programs will be accepted, including Show Me Quality Assurance. **Quality Assurance Certificate must be submitted to the livestock office with a postmark date no later than June 15.**

EARTAGS: Lambs must be identified with an OEF numbered tag provided in the nomination packet. Animals must be individually identified with the tag provided in your DNA packet. The identification on the DNA card must exactly match the identification on the animal(s) entered. Any discrepancies at weigh-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by show officials and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 payable immediately by cash or credit card only.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival on the Fairgrounds, lambs will be weighed to determine classes. **Lambs must weigh at least 100 lbs. to be eligible.** Absolutely **NO** leniency will be made on weight. Lambs will be weighed only once. Underweight lambs will show in separate classes before judging of eligible lambs. Lambs will also be mouthed. All lamb teeth must be in place. Lambs must be slick sheared from behind ears to hocks within three days prior to check-in. Stalls will be assigned by superintendents. The Ozark Empire Fair reserves the right to take DNA, urine, blood and tissue samples on any and all animals.

FITTING & GROOMING: See Section L (Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct) under Livestock Rules found in Administration and General Rules.

SHOW PROCEDURE: Ozark Empire Fair dress code (t-shirts) required. Once class winners are selected, any exhibitor that does not want to sell his/her animal and relinquish all ownership rights, may drop out of the competition. Exhibitors must declare their intent to participate in the selection of the top three lambs once their class is over. Once exhibitors enter the ring for the champion drive they will no longer be able to pull out of the show and must sell their animal if selected in the top three. All animals in the supreme drive must stay in the ring until the alternate is chosen (4th place for small animals and 9th place for Steers).

DNA SAMPLES: DNA samples will be collected on the Top 3 Lambs and any other lamb or lambs as requested by show officials. These samples, along with those submitted in May, will be analyzed. Should DNA samples taken in May, not match those taken during the Fair, exhibitors, parents and guardians may be banned from competing at future Gold Buckle Extravaganzas, Gold Buckle Galas and the Ozark Empire Fair. Additionally, a violation of any published rule may disqualify entries, and premium, sale monies and salvage value will NOT be paid.

DRUG TESTING: Any animal exhibited in a market class must meet withdrawal times and be eligible for processing for human consumption at the time of show. Urine, blood, saliva and/or tissue samples may also be taken from any lamb(s) to conduct testing for anabolic steroids, diuretics, caffeine, feed additives or drug residues. A positive test may result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums, sale monies and salvage value and may ban the exhibitor, along with immediate family members, from participating in the Ozark Empire Fair for three years. The exhibitor is responsible for the full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples including, but not limited to, the lab fee of \$250.

SHOWMANSHIP: A jackpot sheep showmanship contest will be held following the sheep show. Entry in this showmanship requires pre entry with an entry fee of \$10.00

* 80% of each entry fee will be jackpotted with three (3) payouts per age division; 45% to First, 35% to second, 20% to Third.

Two winners will be selected from each of the following age divisions: Junior - 12 years and under; Intermediate - 13 to 16 years, and Senior 17 years and over. Winners will qualify for participation in the Round-Robin Showmanship Contest on Saturday, July 25.

GOLD BUCKLE GALA: Junior exhibitors with animals qualifying and selling in the Gold Buckle Gala must take their own animal through the sale ring. Animals must remain under the exhibitor's care and expense until sold. All participants in the auction warrant that (1) the carcass of their animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption; (2) the carcass of their animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal; (3) the carcass of their animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice as defined by the Ozark Empire Fair and (4) there exists no unusual circumstance that would materially diminish the value of such carcass (5) their animal meets the definition and characteristics of the species and sex in the division in which they are exhibited. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the sale animal's carcass without regard to the exhibitor's actual responsibility or fault.

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JR MARKET STEER SHOW | OZARK EMPIRE FAIR

Show: 8 a.m. | Friday, July 24

ARRIVAL: Must be in place by 11 a.m., Thursday, July 23. No arrival prior to 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 22.

RELEASE: Following the 2 p.m. Awards Program on Saturday, July 25.

This is a **TERMINAL SHOW** for the Top 8 Market Beef, with Top 8 Market Beef being sold in the Gold Buckle Gala Auction on Saturday, July 25. The Ozark Empire Fair will assume custody of the Top 8 Beef following the Gold Buckle Gala Auction and the eight steers will be loaded onto trailers immediately following the Gala Auction to be processed.

Ozark Empire Fair Rules, Livestock Entry Rules, Junior Show Rules and all portions of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Conduct apply.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries will only be accepted from exhibitors who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted.

NOMINATION & ENTRY: Exhibitors may nominate Market Beef for the show by submitting a DNA sample(s) to the Ozark Empire Fair Livestock Office postmarked by May 15. A processing fee of \$10 per steer must accompany the DNA sample and is nonrefundable. **Full ownership of the animal must be established by May 15.** An exhibitor may nominate five (5) Market Beef, but may only enter/show two (2) animals. **Only one (1) Market Beef per exhibitor will be allowed in the Gala Auction.**

NOMINATION DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ENTRY.

All Market Beef must also be entered into the Ozark Empire Fair on an official entry form with all fees paid as designated on the entry.

Entry Fee is \$50. ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 15.

LATE ENTRY FEE IS \$50 + AN ENTRY FEE OF \$50 FOR A TOTAL OF \$100 PER ENTRY, ENTERED BY JULY 1

The exhibitor's legal guardian **must** sign the official Fair entry form. Any entries determined invalid will be returned. No refund will be made.

HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE: Each exhibitor will be required to maintain a Health Quality Assurance record on each entry up until the time of exhibition at the Ozark Empire Fair. This form will include all past history on the steer as can best be determined from the time the exhibitor took ownership of the animal, as well as any veterinary treatments administered to the steer up until exhibition. This form must be completed and submitted upon check-in at the Fairgrounds. **All exhibitors must hold a quality assurance certificate for at least one of the four species (beef, swine, lamb, goat) represented at the Gold Buckle Extravaganza.** Certification does not have to be for the same species exhibited. All state recognized programs will be accepted, including Show Me Quality Assurance. **Quality Assurance Certificate must be submitted to the livestock office with a postmark date no later than June 15.**

EAR TAGS: Calves must be identified with an OEF numbered tag provided in the nomination packet. Animals must be individually identified with the tag provided in your DNA packet. The identification on the DNA card must exactly match the identification on the animal entered. Any discrepancies at weigh-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by show officials and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 payable immediately by cash or credit card only.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival on the Fairgrounds, market beef will be weighed to determine classes. Beef animals will be weighed only once. **No minimum or maximum weight required.** Steers must have been calved since January 1, 2025. The Ozark Empire Fair reserves the right to take DNA, urine, blood and tissue samples on any and all animals entered.

CLASSES: Classes will be broken based on weight, with class size to be no larger than 10 head.

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SHOWMANSHIP: A jackpot beef showmanship contest will be held following the beef show. Entry in this showmanship requires pre entry with an entry fee of \$10.00

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