

San Bernardino County Fair

Livestock General Rules & Guidelines

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Livestock Department Objective and Purpose

The San Bernardino County Fair is an exhibition and educational entity. The Exhibition provides education to the public about livestock and farm animals, as well as the overall agricultural industry.

Competition in the show ring provides a forum for the comparison of livestock animals, based on selected or desired characteristics and genetics. The results contribute to breeding and overall species improvement. These selected characteristics are reflected in the market, and usually follow consumer demand for a certain type of product (i.e. leaner meat). The Junior Livestock Auction provides the culmination of hard work on a livestock project.

YQCA:

The California Department of Food & Agriculture is requiring all youth exhibitors showing at Fairs throughout California in 2023, to have completed the applicable YQCA (Youth Quality Assurance) program training. This mandatory program is available online at the following link (insert link if you have it). To show at the 2023 SBC Fair, each exhibitor is required to have completed an approved YQCA training course and must be able to provide proof of completion upon request by any member of the SBC Fair staff, or any representative from the California Department of Food & Agriculture.

All “State Rules of California Fairs” as prescribed by the California Division of Fairs & Expositions apply to this fair. “State Rule Booklets” will be available at the entry office or the livestock office.

FFA is a national organization of students enrolled in high school vocational agriculture classes. The local unit is the chapter in each high school offering vocational agriculture under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the local chapter advisor. The state unit includes all chapters in the state, under the supervision of the State Department of Education as represented by the Department of Agricultural Education headquartered at the State Education Building, Sacramento, California.

Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as stimulation for better results and finer projects under the supervision of the qualified chapter advisor and with the cooperation of the fair management.

4-H Youth programs are nonformal voluntary educational programs under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of California and the United States Department of Agriculture. They are a part of extension teaching. The projects exhibited at fairs by members of these groups are the results of their efforts under the supervision of volunteer adults. Note: As of July 1, 1998, primary members must be 5 years old by January 1st of the program year or in kindergarten. Junior members must be 9 years old or in the 4th Grade by January 1st of the program year.

The Grange Youth Program is a sanctioned body of the California State Grange made up of young people from the ages of 6 through 19 years. At the San Bernardino County Fair, all Grange livestock specie classes and showmanship will show in the 4-H division.

Independent Junior: Exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of a 4-H, Grange, or FFA organization. Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1, 2023, to exhibit large animals and at least 5 years old or in kindergarten as of January 1, 2023, for the small animal. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Independent Junior exhibitors entering market animals **MUST** provide fair management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo, and/or hog ear notch information 120 days before the fair for beef and 60 days for sheep, goats, swine, and market calves.

All Junior Exhibitors must have on-grounds supervision by a responsible adult over 25 years old.

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All State and Local Rules Apply to all Sections and Divisions of this Livestock Show.

- 1. Location of Fairgrounds:** The San Bernardino County Fair is located at 14800 7th Street, in Victorville. Between Desert Knolls Drive and La Paz Street. Entrance to the livestock area is via La Paz from Seventh Street through Gate E
- 2. Entry Requirements and Procedures:** Market divisions are limited to 4-H clubs, FFA Chapters, Grange members & Independent Juniors (see Independent Junior Rules) from San Bernardino County only. Junior Breeding Show is open to all junior residents of California. **There will be no late market entries allowed.**
 - All entry fees MUST be paid at the time of entry.
 - Showmanship must be entered at the time of entry closing deadline.
 - Ethical Practices Code forms must be signed by the exhibitor, parent &/or guardian & adult project leader at the time the animal crosses the scale. Deficient forms will not be accepted, and the animal will not be weighed in.
 - All breeding livestock entries must be filled out in compliance with breeding animal exhibit requirements – 2023 State Rules Booklet,
Late breeding livestock entries will be accepted if space allows.
Entry Fees on all late entries will be double the original entry fee.
All breeding animals must have ID Tags, Tattoo numbers, and/or leg bands listed on the entry and attached to the animal including all non-registered animals.
 - Scrapie tag number must be listed on the market entry for all market lambs and all market goats. All market entries must include the breeder of each animal being exhibited.
 - All animals that arrive on the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds must be entered in the Junior or Open Livestock Show competition, excluding nursing animals. All nursing animals must be approved by the livestock superintendent. Depending on the number of livestock entries, the number of nurse animals allowed on the grounds may be very limited. Please check with the livestock superintendent.
- 3. Entry Limitations:** All market livestock exhibitors will be LIMITED TO TWO ENTRIES, PER SPECIES, PER DIVISION. Limit: 14 breeding animals per exhibitor, per breed. No Companion animals allowed.
- 4. Supervision:** All Junior Exhibitors must be under the direct supervision of an adult leader while exhibiting at this fair. **There shall be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.**
- 5. Ownership and Project Requirements:** Exhibitors must be the bonafide owner of animals for the following days before the opening day of the fair.

OWNERSHIP SPECIFICALLY IMPLIES THAT THE ANIMAL WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECT CARE AND SUPERVISION OF THE EXHIBITOR WITHIN THE APPLICABLE PERIOD AS SPECIFIED BY SPECIES.

Market Steers, and Horses.....120 Days, January 27, 2023
Dairy Replacement Heifers.....90 Days, February 26, 2023
Market Lambs, Hogs, Goats & Calves.....60 Days, March 26, 2023
Rabbits, Poultry, Breeding & Feeder Livestock.....30 Days, April 27, 2023

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Each animal or exhibit must be a part of a project under the supervision of a recognized organization. Management may demand proof of ownership, such as a bill of sale, as it deems necessary. The exhibitor's 4-H leader, Grange Youth Advisor, or Ag Instructor shall determine any qualifications and have made the "final determination" as to the eligibility of a project under this rule. All juniors exhibiting in the various divisions must be in good and regular standing in their local Club or Chapter and may make entries only in the unit, in which they are currently enrolled, as verified by the Club Leader and/or Chapter Advisor.

6. **General Liability Insurance Information:** County, District, and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the exhibitors. Junior exhibitors should consider taking out a liability policy covering *themselves and their exhibits*. **All independent livestock exhibitors must show proof of insurance at the time of entry.** All independent members can purchase an independent exhibitor's policy through the San Bernardino County Fair in the main office of the fairgrounds. Large animal liability insurance is \$35.00 per exhibitor and small animal liability insurance is \$18.00 per exhibitor. For this insurance, small animals are defined as rabbits, cavy, poultry, and dogs only; all other livestock is considered large livestock. This independent liability insurance is good for the duration of the **2023 San Bernardino County Fair dates of May 27th, through June 5, 2023, only.**
7. **Pass Credentials:** Please read carefully. **Each livestock exhibitor will receive one free exhibitor credential.** All parent, leader, and advisor admission and parking passes must be purchased. **All credential purchases for leaders, advisors, parents & siblings must be purchased online.**
 - A. Horse, rabbit, cavy, and dog show exhibitors will be admitted free (with animals) until 8 a.m. on the day they show. Parents and siblings of these shows will have to purchase passes to enter the fairgrounds.
 - B. Wristbands must be worn at all times for admittance to grounds, and will not be replaced if they are lost. Should this occur, regular admission will be imposed daily.
8. **Registration Papers:** The exhibitor's name on entry for all registered livestock must be identical to that name on the registration papers. Only original registration papers will be accepted. All original registration papers must be checked in the livestock office 24 hours before the animal is to be shown. Bills of Sale are not acceptable. **Do not mail the registration papers.**
9. **Judging Systems:** Danish System is used to determine auction eligibility for all market livestock exhibits. The American System is used for placing all market and breeding classes. Premiums for all entries are paid on a monetary system. Premiums are paid only from the results of the Official Judging Sheets utilized in the show rings.
10. **Maintenance of Exhibits and Animals:** All pens, stalls, and exhibits must be cleaned before 9 a.m. each day. Deliveries of feed and bedding will be made before 9 a.m. each day. All pen and stall assignments in the barns should display Club/Chapter signs. No cleaning during fair hours. Exhibitors are expected to maintain their pens, stalls, and animals in clean and presentable condition throughout the fair. **All animals must be properly hydrated.** Pens and stalls will be "Red Tagged" for non-compliance of these rules. The first Red Tag issued will be a warning to clean the area. A second Red Tag will cause a forfeiture of any premium money earned. If "Red Tagged" before sale day, the animal will be excluded from the sale. If it is necessary to issue a third Red Tag the exhibitor will be stripped of any special awards earned and asked to remove their animals from the grounds. If they have sold an animal in the auction, the sale will be voided.
11. **Animal Care:** Exhibitors must groom and fit their own animals. They may only have assistance from their in-county carded leader, advisor, parent, or another youth exhibitor. The goal is education and if the exhibitor is not learning

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anything it is not considered assistance. Exhibitors must be always present. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor from showmanship with the possibility of being pulled from the show.

12. **Exhibition:** Animals must be shown by the exhibitor that entered it at the county fair. The only exception is if an exhibitor has 2 animals in the same class.
13. **Brand Inspection / Bill of Sale:** Market beef, replacement heifers, and Market Calves: A brand inspection or bill of sale must be made out to the exhibitor showing 120 days (60 days for calves) of ownership or a signed statement that the animal was dropped from the exhibitor's cow and was raised by the exhibitor.
14. **Weigh-In:** See Master Schedule - All animals must have the fair assigned ear tag attached to the animal before crossing the scales. Re-weighs must be made immediately before the animal leaves the scale area. No wet animal will be allowed on the scales, and no animals overly fatigued or stressed will be weighed.

Please Note: All market animals entered in the Evaluation Contest will be Ultra-Sound tested as they leave the scales.

Animals with too much hair or wool in the loin test area may be asked to clip down further.

15. **Show Ring Personnel:** No one will be permitted in the judging ring at the time of judging except those authorized by the Livestock Superintendent or judges.
16. **Animal Movement:** Fair management reserves the right to move animals if necessary for the convenience of the fair and the right to dismiss from the fair, livestock which becomes dangerous to other exhibits, exhibitors, or the public. No animals will be allowed to leave without written approval from the Livestock Superintendent.
17. **Release:** Exhibitors must clean stalls and pens before releases are issued.
18. **Note:** No pens or stalls will be cleaned before the loading of auction animals. After auction animals are loaded, the Livestock Superintendent will announce barn-cleaning procedures. Any club &/or chapter members in violation of this rule will cause all fair proceeds checks (including auction checks) withheld for thirty (30) days for all members of the Club or Chapter involved.
19. No muzzles are allowed on animals while on fairgrounds.
20. **Animal Health:** Management, staff, exhibitors, advisors, leaders, and parents will abide by the Animal Health Rules as stated in the 2018 California Fairs State Rules Booklet. The management of the San Bernardino Co. Fair and California Division of Fairs & Expositions will deal with any violations of said rules.
 - A. A veterinarian will be on call for the livestock exhibits. The exhibitor must assume the expense of the veterinarian's service.
 - B. **Sheep and Goat Health:** This fair will accommodate all aspects of the Scrapie Certification Program as approved by California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs & Expositions. This includes all animal identification recommendations and, if practical, all housing recommendations. If an animal dies while on exhibit at the fair, the fair veterinarian may order an immediate autopsy to determine the cause of death. (See health rules, State Rules booklet). Management reserves the right to designate responsibility for all costs incurred as a result of a such autopsy.

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21. Dress Code:

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All persons in the barn areas must wear closed-toe shoes at all times. Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending the fair, including adults. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. All clothing shall be neat, clean, and in good repair and appearance. All attire shall be within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for youth events. Articles of clothing, which display profanity, products, or slogans, which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex, or that are in any other way distracting, are prohibited. Excessively baggy or tight clothing and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited. Items of clothing that expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts, which expose a bareback, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited. The participants in the Junior Livestock Department will be required to dress in the uniform of the organization they represent while in the show ring. The leaders, parents, and advisors of each organization will enforce the organization's uniform policy.

Closed-Toe Shoes must be worn at all times.

FFA Uniform

White or dark blue denim jeans. No faded, frayed, or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirts (short or long-sleeved, no T-shirts), official FFA necktie, scarf, and FFA jackets. If a jacket is not worn, the FFA emblem must be attached to the left front pocket of the shirt. No hats or headgear of any kind will be allowed while in the show ring.

4-H Uniform

White, green, or dark blue denim jeans. No faded, frayed, or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirts (short or long-sleeved, no T-shirts), 4-H hat, and tie or collar. Girls may wear a shirt and tie instead of a blouse and collar.

Independents Uniform

White or dark blue denim jeans. No faded, frayed, or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirts (short or long-sleeved, no T-shirts).

Grange Uniform

White or dark blue denim jeans. No faded, frayed, or baggy trousers allowed. White dress shirts (short or long-sleeved, no T-shirts). Red Grange vest.

Exhibitor's Code of Behavior

This code applies to all livestock exhibitors.

All exhibitors, leaders, advisors, and parents are always expected to show respect, courtesy, and cooperation with their peers, adults, and fairgoers alike.

No fighting or foul language will be tolerated. No water fights will be tolerated. All squirt guns, water balloons, etc. will not be permitted in the livestock area.

If any infraction of the above rules occurs, it will be handled in 3 simple steps. 1st: given a warning, 2nd: Leader advised, 3rd: Dismissal from fairgrounds.

Livestock Leaders Note

San Bernardino County Fair 4-H Club Exhibitors or Independent Exhibitors under the age of nine years cannot exhibit large market livestock animals. They may exhibit in the Small Animal Breeding Departments of rabbits, cavies, and dogs. Record Books must be available and some may be called for during the run of the fair.

Tack in the sheep/goat/swine barn!!

Due to the lack of space and public perception, there will be no tack spaces in this barn. Tack space will be available in the horse stalls and in the area between the swine barn and horse barn. You may bring e-z-ups to cover your tack and for your comfort when you are socializing.

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Junior Livestock Auction

Please Note: Only Market livestock that qualify for the Junior Livestock Auction will be sold on the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds - one time only during the Junior Livestock Auction. **No barn sales of market animals will be allowed.** Anyone violating this rule will not be eligible to show at the 2024 San Bernardino County Fair. Violators of this rule may cause the 2023 auction checks for that entire Junior Organization to be withheld until a time determined by the Fair Management.

Open to 4-H, FFA, Independent, & Grange Exhibitors of San Bernardino County

The San Bernardino County Fair Board of Directors acknowledges the cooperation of the 4-H Club Leaders, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, Service Clubs, Auction Committee, Buyers, Auctioneers, and all who contribute to the success of this event. A special note of appreciation is also extended to the exhibitors who provide the high-quality animals offered for sale.

- 1. Eligibility:** No Junior Exhibitor may exhibit a market animal that has been sold through a fair livestock auction whether or not there is an actual change of ownership. All Auction Sellers must be 5 years of age and older. All Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and division champions, and reserve division champion market animals, rabbit meat pens, poultry meat pens, and market turkeys must sell at the auction.
- 2. Time of Sale:** The Junior Livestock Auction will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10:00 AM in RAM Truck Arena.
- 3. Administration** will determine if the auction lots will be sold by the pound or by the head.
- 4. Sale of Animals:** All animals offered for sale shall be a part of an FFA Chapter, independent, Grange, or 4-H Club project and shall have been on exhibit for the time specified in this entry book. Market animals do not receive premium money.
- 5. Limitations:** All Division Champions, Reserve Champions, Supreme Champions, and Reserve Supreme Champions **MUST** sell. Exhibitors are limited to selling only one (1) market animal or one (1) market pen of animals that meet sale requirements. Exceptions to this limitation rule are exhibitors selling a division or overall champion or reserve champion, dairy replacement heifers, and the exhibitor selling the Jamie Pettey Scholarship animal may sell one additional market entry. Due to the longevity of the dairy heifer project, members selling these heifers will be allowed to sell one market animal, also.

Sale Pay - Weight limits for market animals:

Market Lambs:	To Be sold by the Head
Market Swine:	To Be sold by the Head
Market Beef:	To Be sold by the Head
Market Calf:	To Be sold by the Head
Market Goats:	To Be sold by the Head

- 6. Sale Grades:** Only market animals grading "Market Ready" will sell.
- 7. Intent to Sell:** Every exhibitor who has an animal or animals qualified to sell in the Jr. Livestock auction **MUST** sign the "Intent to Sell" book, no later than noon, Tues, May 30th. **Otherwise, those who have not signed will be pulled from the sale and not be able to sell.**
- 8. Exhibitor's Responsibility:** Each exhibitor must sell their own animal, unless prior arrangements are made in writing to the fair management before the opening day of the fair (May 27th). Each exhibitor must be in attendance at their pens when called into the lot order of sale any exhibitor not present to move their own animal to the Sale Ring will either forfeit the sale of the animal or sell at a time designated by the Sale Committee.
- 9.** Exhibitors are responsible for their animal until said animal is loaded onto a transport truck. The fair and/or buyer is not responsible for any financial loss due to the loss of an animal on the fairgrounds at any time.

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10. Fair Management, 4-H Club Leaders, and/or FFA Chapter Advisors assume no responsibility for the validity of any sale made.
11. All animals offered must be sound and clean.
12. Any animal deemed unhealthy, by the fair veterinarian before sale time, will not be allowed to sell.
13. There will be no buybacks from RESALES.
14. **Thank You Letters:** Each Jr. Livestock Auction seller must turn in an open, stamped, thank you letter written to their buyer. These must be turned in to a Sale Representative designated by the Livestock Superintendent. The Representative must read and approve this "Thank You" letter. If the letter is not approved, the seller must re-write the letter for the approval of the representative. If this is not completed, the seller's auction check may be held until the requirement is met. Make sure your name is checked off the list to receive your check in a timely fashion. Due by Sunday, June 4, 2023, after 2:00 pm
16. **Sale Catalog:** The Association, for the benefit of prospective buyers, will provide a sale catalog. The catalog will list the order of the sale, the ear tag number, the sale weight, owner and organization of each animal to be sold.
17. **Payment Terms:** All sales shall be for cash, check, or credit card (Master Card or Visa) at the time of sale. Make payments at the office located adjacent to the sale ring. Credit arrangements for purchases by major companies or corporations must be made in advance of the sale with fair management.
18. **California Beef Council and Brand Inspection Fee:** All sales of market beef, calves, beef, and dairy replacement heifers will be charged a per-head fee for brand inspection and promotion. The fee will be withheld from gross receipts of the sale of each animal.
19. **National Pork Check-Off Fee:** All sales of market hogs will be charged a promotional fee as required by the National Pork Council. The fee will be withheld from gross receipts of the sale of each animal.
20. **Contingency:** A contingency fee of 5% is deducted from the gross sale price of each animal (market beef, beef replacement heifers, dairy, market hogs, rabbit meat pens, poultry meat pens, market turkeys, market calves, market goats & market lambs) sold at auction. This contingency fee is held in reserve for the promotion of the sale, expenses associated with the sale, and the death of any animal after the sale. The fee is for all species.

All Exhibitors planning to sell in the 2023 Junior Livestock Auction

Currently, the 2023 San Bernardino County Fair Junior Livestock Auction policy, regarding mailing commission checks to exhibitors, will be as follows:

An exhibitor of the 2018 San Bernardino County Fair's Junior Livestock Auction will be mailed a commission check less fees and contingencies, fifteen (15) days following the 28th DAA's receipt of payment in full from the buyer for the auction animal.

Examples: The Auction takes place on June 3rd, 2023. John Smith sells a lamb and the buyer paid in full on the day of the auction. John will be mailed a commission check on June 18, 2023.

Lucy Jones sells a lamb and the buyer paid in full on June 8, 2023. Lucy Jones will be mailed a commission check on June 23, 2023.

Tim Johnson sells a swine and a goat to two different buyers. The buyer for the swine paid in full on the day of the auction. The buyer for the goat paid in full on June 8, 2023, and the commission check for both the swine and goat will be mailed on June 23, 2023.

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“Jaimie Pettey” Memorial Scholarship

Jaimie’s Memorial Scholarship began in 1992, at the time of her death, with donations from numerous people and from the sale of her last two market animals – a pig that sold at the National Orange Show and a steer that sold at San Bernardino County Fair. Since that time, with continued support and generous donations from so many people, the Scholarship Fund has continued to grow. This growth has allowed us to increase the amount, as well as the number of scholarships given each year. The scholarships are received by graduating seniors within the San Bernardino County 4-H program, the FFA of San Bernardino County, and the California State FFA. The applicants submit their applications for review. The scholarships are awarded based on grade point average, participation in their respective programs, future plans, and the applicant’s need. The scholarship money received is always appreciated, and in many cases, has made a real difference in how the student can pursue their educational goals. It always amazes us to see how often the recipients of this Memorial Scholarship identify with Jaimie and feel that they really become to know her.

Jaimie showed at the San Bernardino County Fair each year and it was a particular favorite of hers. It has now become a tradition that each year an animal is donated; an exhibitor then shows and sells the animal; and the money is donated to the Scholarship Fund. We are so grateful that the fair has continued to make this an important part of the Junior Livestock Auction. It is a truly memorable experience to see the many kids, some very young and some past scholarship recipients as they all crowd onto the stage to help sell the animal. Jaimie lives on in all of these young people – those who help to make the scholarship possible and those who continue their education with the help of the scholarship. She touched many people in her short life and she continues to touch many more still.

2022 Scholarship Contributors

Thank you for your continued support!

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