

CURRENT PLAN FOR MARKET GRADING & EVALUATION & JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

This plan is subject to revisions if needed. We appreciate the patience of our exhibitors, parents, leaders and advisors as we work through the details to make the show a successful in person event.

General Information

- The fairgrounds will be closed to the public.
- Attendees at the grading will be limited to staff, minimal volunteers, leaders, exhibitors and two (2) adult family members per family (not per exhibitor). No spectators will be allowed. The grading will be live streamed. If leaders are also a parent, they will not be receiving additional leader passes.
- COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Face masks or shields will be required for all participants and leaders/advisors. All individuals must sign a COVID-19 waiver prior to being granted access to the fairgrounds.
- Appropriate signage will be placed at entry points to inform participants they shall avoid entering if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum 6-foot distance from non-household members; and not shake hands or make unnecessary physical contact.
- Handwashing & sanitizing stations will be strategically located, and handwashing & sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the event.
- Showring Areas, bleachers & public areas will be sanitized after each grading.
- Eartags will be assigned & given out to leaders in early May. Animals will come in ear tagged.
- Clubs/Chapters will be allowed a minimum number of members/leaders to clean pens & feed animals.
- Exhibitors will be required to send in a photo with their market animal approx. 2 weeks prior to the grading event. There will be specific instructions for photos. Exhibitor must be in their club/chapter/Independent uniform, animal must be "show ready", photo must be 4x6, color and landscape orientation. The photos will be used for the Buyer Poster & the Online Auction Catalog. We will be sending out detailed info next Month.
- Individuals found out of compliance with COVID-19 protocol will be asked to modify their behavior. If behavior is not modified, the individual will be asked to leave. Exhibitors may be disqualified for not following rules and protocol.
- **Our plan at this time is to allow RV camping. The applications will be accepted beginning April 5, with lottery on April 12 if needed.** The application will be on the website in the next few days.
- **No Social Media Posts until after the Auction.**

Sunday, May 23

- Advisors/Leaders will be allowed to come in to set up pens by appointment times. Club/Chapter signage & stall cards are required. No pen decorations will be allowed.
- Barn Charts will be posted on our website by 9 am Sunday, May 23. It is not necessary to come in prior to that time if leaders choose not to.
- If we can allow RV camping, we will try to coordinate your setup time with RV check-in times.
- Be prepared for no tack pens. Elimination of tack pens will help with social distancing requirements for pens and make it possible to enlarge the show ring bleacher area. Trailers will be allowed in a specified area for tack, feed & bedding. This follows guidelines that prohibit tools and equipment being used by multiple individuals. We encourage clubs/chapters to sanitize equipment after each pen cleaning for safety of others in club/chapter.
- Pens will be assigned by family first, then club/chapter

WEIGH-IN – TUESDAY, MAY 25

Vehicles should enter Livestock/Maintenance Gate, exit through Pit Gate

All species will weigh in on Tuesday, except Rabbit Meat Pens

WEIGH-IN SCHEDULE:

Tuesday -

7:00 am – 12:00 noon: MARKET HOGS

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm: MARKET LAMBS & GOATS

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: MARKET STEERS

Wednesday –

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: RABBIT MEAT PENS

- Clubs/Chapters will have assigned times to bring animals for weigh-in. Animals will be weighed off the trailer. If there are Independents with siblings in a club/chapter, please plan to bring that animal with the club animals to reduce vehicles checking in.
- Exhibitor and one adult may enter weigh-in area as their animal is weighed. Exhibitor does not need to be present. Leader/Parent may weigh in animal.
- After an animal has met weight requirements, the exhibitor/leader may put them in assigned pen. Exhibitor will get wristband which allows entry to the fairgrounds.
- Wash racks will be open if animals need to be washed after weigh-in if necessary, for animal husbandry & exhibitor concerns.
- Animals must be weighed in by the closing of their species scales.

EVALUATION & GRADING:

GRADING SCHEDULE

Wed. May 26:

9:00 am – Market hogs – FFA shows first

11:00 am – Market steers – 4H shows first

5:00 – Rabbit Meat Pens – FFA shows first

Thurs. May 27:

8:30 am – Market Lambs – FFA shows first

11:00 am – Market Goats – 4H shows first

- The Grading classes will be closed to the public. No one without a wristband will be allowed. Bleacher seating be provided with social distancing and sanitizing allowances.
- We plan on having the shows live streamed.
- Animals will be sorted into weight classes after weigh-in. Classes will be limited to not more than 10 exhibitors/animals per weight class (or as close as possible)

- **Market grading will be “Blow & Show”. Do your clipping & fitting at home. You will be able to wash your animals, but no fitting.**
- Showmanship will be evaluated during market classes. A separate judge will be evaluating showmanship during the market grading classes. Outstanding Showmanship Exhibitors will receive a rosette. They will not be ranked.
- Champion drive will be done in a traditional way, with the top 2 in each weight class coming back for champion drive. Classes may be broken for social distancing.
- Champion photos will be taken after champion drive.
- No hand shaking or hugging will be allowed with judges, exhibitors, or staff.
- Once an exhibitor is done having the animal evaluated, the exhibitor should return their animal to the pen, feed & water if practical, then leave the facility. Loitering in the barns will be prohibited. This includes parents & guardians as well.

AUCTION: SATURDAY, MAY 29 – 10:00 am - tentative

- Only registered buyers will be allowed to attend the auction.
- The auction will be live with exhibitor selling their animal with buyers present if they choose. The auction will be online as well for those that choose to not attend in person.
- Buyer gifts should not be given to buyers at the auction. Please deliver a personal thank you note & optional gift to the buyer at a date following the auction. Please remember to practice COVID protocol on those visits.
- Clubs need to leave signage up through the auction. You can break down on Sunday until 4:00 pm.
- Checks will not be handed out the day of the Sale. This year we will be accepting add-ons and these will take longer to process. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors within one week.
- Once an exhibitor sells their animal, the exhibitor should then leave the facility. Loitering in the barns will be prohibited. This includes parents & guardians as well.

Breeding Evaluation Saturday, June 5.

Times for check-in & grading classes will be provided at a later date.

Grading for the following species will be included:

- Beef & Dairy Cattle
- Sheep
- Meat and Dairy Goats

The Livestock Breeding Exhibitor Handbook will be on the website by this weekend. We are not taking entries online. Please submit a paper entry form by 5 pm April 15. Payment will not be receipted until we feel confident the evaluation can take place.