

2026 ST. CHARLES COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Spring Weigh-in and Proof of Ownership Schedule

Feb 28, 2026	9-11 am	Market steer & heifers weigh in.
Mar 3, 2026	7 pm	Market rabbit and meat pen proof of ownership.
Apr 1, 2026		All poultry (except market chickens) must be owned by exhibitor.
Apr 14, 2026		Market chicken purchase through poultry superintendent.
Apr 25, 2026	8:30-10:30 am	Swine weigh in
Apr 26, 2026	9-10:30 am	Market lamb weigh in
May 9, 2026	9-10:30 am	Market goat weigh in

Registration & Entry

- All 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H Online by December 15th to participate in the St. Charles County Fair as a St. Charles County 4-H member. All first year 4-H members have until January 31st to enroll to participate in the St. Charles County Fair.
- All livestock entries must be submitted online through www.stcharlescofair.org website.
- Entry Fee pays for the insurance. Any animals shown at the fair must be registered and an entry fee paid. This includes a “back-up” animal in case something happens to the animals originally intended to be shown. The “back-up” animal must have attended spring weigh-in.

Exhibitor Season Pass: \$25 (all livestock exhibitors must purchase)

Beef: \$4 per head (\$1 of fee will go towards the beef checkoff)

Goats/Swine/Sheep: \$2 per head

Rabbits/Poultry/Waterfowl: \$1 per head (except for entries that are pens of 3)

May 25, 2026	Entry Fee/Exhibitor Pass Purchases OPEN
Jun 15, 2026	Entry Fee/Exhibitor Pass Purchases CLOSED at 9:00 pm.
Jun 15, 2026	LATE Entry Fee/Exhibitor Purchases begin at 9:01 pm. \$40 late fee.
Jun 22, 2026	NO MORE ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 9:00 pm.

Market Weight Requirements

Beef	900 lbs.
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Swine	230 lbs.
Lambs	75 lbs.

Goats	40 lbs.
Rabbits	3.5 - 5.5 lbs.

Livestock Timeline

Saturday 7/25

8:00 am	Fair Set up day! All exhibitors are REQUIRED to help set up.
12:00 pm	Season passes and t-shirts passed out after setting up is complete.

Monday 7/27

6:00 – 8:00 pm	Market Swine & Carcass weigh in.
8:00 PM	All hogs must be in line.

Tuesday 7/28

6:00 - 9:00 am	Market Beef weigh in.
8:00 - 10:00 am	Beef Breeding check in.
8:00 - 10:00 am	Goat Check-in & Market Goat weigh-in
9:00 am	Market Beef must be in place.
4:00 pm	Goat Show
6:00 pm	Fair Opening Ceremony in Livestock Barn
7:00 pm	Market Swine & Carcass Show
11:00 pm	Breeding Goats Released

Wednesday 7/29

Early Morning	Carcass Hogs Shipped
7:00 - 9:00 am	Poultry/Waterfowl Check-in & Bloodwork
8:00 - 10:00 am	Market Lamb Weigh-in Sheep Breeding Check-in Market Rabbit & Meat Rabbit Check-in
10:00 am	Market Lamb must be in place. Market Rabbit & Meat Rabbit must be in place. Poultry must be in place.
10:30 am	Poultry Meeting & Group Photo
11:00 am	Poultry Show

Wednesday 7/29

5:30 pm	Market Lamb Show
6:00 pm	Market Rabbit Show
7:30 pm	Market Beef Show

Thursday 7/30

7:00 pm	Livestock Auction
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Friday 7/31

8:00 am– 12:00 pm	Beef Breeding Check-in
9:00 am	Beef Carcass Show
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Breeding Rabbits Check-in
12:00 pm	Beef Breeding must be in place.
3:00 pm	Breeding Rabbits Show

Saturday 8/1

8:00 – 9:30 am	Sheep Breeding Check-in
9:30 am	Beef Breeding Show. Beef Breeding released immediately following the show until 3:00 PM.
10:00 am	Sheep Breeding must be in place.
11:00 am	Sheep Breeding Show Breeding Sheep released immediately following the breeding show until 3:00 pm
10:00 pm	Rabbits Released Poultry Released
MIDNIGHT	Market Beef Released Market Lambs Released Market Goats Released Market Swine Released Beef Breeding Released Sheep Breeding Released

Sunday 8/2

8:00 am	All exhibitors are required to help clean up.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Premium checks are issued once clean-up is complete.

If an exhibitor does not pick up their check on clean-up day, it will be mailed. However, if that check is lost in the mail and the exhibitor does not receive it, \$25.00 will be deducted from a new check to cover the Bank Stop Payment charges.

Livestock Superintendents

Superintendent	Name	Phone	Email
Livestock Chairman	Tim Snyders	314-827-1600	tsnyders@ofallonmo.gov
Registration & ShoWorks	Lindsey Bizelli	636-614-5294	livestock@stcharlescofair.org
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Market Beef	Abbey Westerfeld	636-577-7303	abbeylynn.w@gmail.com
Market Beef	Lucy Boschert	636-515-2763	Lmboschert2001@gmail.com
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Goat	Sara Smith	314-570-1531	saralynsmith85@gmail.com
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Rabbit	Laura Higgins	314-629-5893	higginshillrabbity@gmail.com
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Swine	Art Boschert	314-220-1647	artboschert@yahoo.com
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Swine	Mattie Trudo	314-707-2245	mattigan03@icloud.com

Superintendent Expectations

- The department superintendent will assign all stalls/pens.
- Please refer to each specific animal department for entry times and release times! All exceptions must be approved by superintendents.
- Superintendents and/or their assistants are to be on duty when exhibits arrive in their departments and remain in charge of the department until all exhibits have been claimed or moved by owners.
- Each superintendent, or one or more of their assistants, shall supervise the daily morning clean-up.
- Each livestock superintendent is charged with caring for and returning the computer class list of their department to the Livestock Office located above the stage in Show Barn. Department superintendents must check on the exhibits in each class and mark the computer class list showing which animals were exhibited in each class and which were awarded premiums.
- After all entries are made the superintendent will be in charge of the computer class list. The judge or judges must not have access to the computer list until after the awards are made in each class.
- As soon as possible after judging is completed in a department, the department superintendent shall turn the computer class list into the Livestock Office located above the stage in the Show Barn.

Livestock Exhibitor Responsibility

1. All livestock exhibitors are required to attend at least one meeting for each livestock department in which they are exhibiting animals. Livestock superintendents are responsible for organizing these meetings and reporting attendance to the Extension office. Failure to attend a required meeting may result in disqualification from participating in livestock exhibitions.
2. Exhibitors are personally responsible for the general custody, care and feeding of their animals.
3. All livestock exhibitors must have a current Missouri Youth Show-Me Quality Assurance Certification. All 1st year, 2nd year, and 4-H age 14 youth must complete the SMQA.
4. Keep stalls/pens in a clean and neat condition.
5. No excessive hay/straw/feed in aisle ways.
6. Any exhibitor not keeping proper care of animal(s) and stalls/pens and helping with clean up after release of livestock will forfeit premium.
7. Furnish their own water buckets and feed troughs.
8. Bring their own supply of feed.
9. Animals must be groomed by the owner. The owner can be assisted by a St. Charles County 4-H or FFA member or an immediate family member.
10. No use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs by youth exhibitors will be tolerated.
11. Exhibitors and parents agree to abide by all St. Charles County Fair Rules & Regulations. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations is available at the St. Charles County Extension Center or Fair website).
12. Liability Insurance for all livestock exhibits is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. Livestock entries will be limited to 4-H and FFA members that are enrolled in the projects in which they exhibit.
14. Exhibitors must be eligible in their 4-H club or FFA chapter to exhibit livestock. If an exhibitor has been banned from participation in any other fair in the state of Missouri for the current or previous year, they are also banned from participation in the St. Charles County Fair, Inc.
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16. Animals must be shown by the exhibitor listed in the online registration form or by a sibling of the exhibitor with permission from the superintendent. No other exhibitors will be allowed to show this animal. The transfer of registration to a sibling will only occur in the case of: Animal death or All animals registered to the exhibitor are underweight.

Dress Code for Livestock Shows and Livestock Auction

- Long pants/jeans. NO shorts or baggy pants.
- Undergarments must remain covered and not visible.
- Shirts must be one of the following:
 - St. Charles County Fair exhibitor t-shirt.
 - 4-H or FFA shirt
 - Collared shirt or polo shirt.
- NO crop tops, strapless tops or “spaghetti” strap shirts will be allowed. No cleavage may be showing.
- No commercial logos, other than 4-H, FFA or St. Charles County Fair.
- No offensive slogans (drug, alcohol, tobacco, or sexually explicit) on hats or shirts will be permitted.
- Shirts or hats with family farm names are acceptable.
- Exhibitors must wear closed toe, hard soled shoes, preferably boots or leather shoes. Tennis shoes and ‘hey dude’ shoes are discouraged for all livestock members. NO sandals or flip flops will be allowed.

Any person who violates any of the foregoing or special rules will be asked to leave with their animals and forfeit their premium money. As well as being subjected to such a penalty as the management may order.

General Rules

- All livestock must be in compliance with all US Department of Agriculture and Missouri Department of Agriculture identification tag and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) requirements.
- 2 CSR 30-4.040(4)(A) 1 and 2 and 2 CSR 30-4.040(5)(A) 1 and 2
- §§ 54.1, 79.1, and 79.5
- When there is only one exhibitor competing for a premium, the premium will be awarded according to the merits of the exhibit(s) and the opinion of the judge. In addition, a champion trophy will be awarded according to the judge's discretion.
- Any attempt by any exhibitor, either personally or through an agent, to corrupt the judge or exert undue influence will subject the offender to expulsion from the grounds, and they will thereafter be prohibited from exhibiting or other privileges until the same are restored by written order of the Fair Board.
- Unnatural practices of any kind will not be tolerated. If any animal is found to have been tampered with it shall be disqualified from competition. This does not apply to polishing and training of horns and hoofs.
- A minimum 28-day withdrawal period for all medicines will be observed by all animals. (If an animal has been treated with a medication that has a longer withdrawal period, then the prescribed withdrawal time must be observed.)
- If an animal dies prior to the fair, substitutions of eligible animals may be permitted at the discretion of the department superintendent(s).
- If the exhibitor substitutes an animal without the knowledge of the superintendent, all premiums and sale proceeds will be forfeited to the St. Charles County Fair, Inc. as liquidated damages and the exhibitor, and their immediate family may be banned from participation in future years at the discretion of the Fair Board.
- If an animal dies during the fair, the insured animals will not be replaced. They will be given the insurance premium of the market price of the animal. If the animal is not a covered animal under the insurance policy, animals can be replaced with the same species of like characteristics under the direction of the species superintendent.
- An official veterinarian will be on the grounds to inspect animals upon arrival.
- Any animal disqualified for age or health reasons must leave the fairgrounds and cannot be replaced by another animal.
- Sale signs allowed for breeding stock only. Exhibitors must check with the department's superintendent before displaying signs.
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Livestock Auction

The sale order is generated by the livestock software program.

- The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion per livestock group will be sold first at the beginning of each livestock group.
- The exhibitor will indicate to the superintendent if they wish to sell an animal at the auction.
- Each exhibitor may sell at most one animal in the livestock auction. If an animal is awarded Grand or Reserve Champion, that animal must be sold. Otherwise, the exhibitor is allowed to choose whether to sell an animal. In cases where an exhibitor is showing more than one animal:
 - If no animals are awarded Grand or Reserve Champion: the exhibitor may choose only one animal to sell but is not required to sell any animal. You must notify the superintendent by Wednesday of the fair week at 10 pm.
 - If only one animal is awarded Grand or Reserve Champion: this animal must be sold
 - If more than one animal is awarded Grand or Reserve Champion: the exhibitor must choose one (and only one) of the Grand or Reserve Champion animals to sell
- Any changes in destinations must be submitted to Tim Snyders by 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening following the auction.
- The St. Charles County Fair, Inc. shall retain 2% of the sale price for future upgrades and additions to the show barn and other livestock barns, equipment, and livestock auction expenses. Each livestock exhibitor will receive a photograph taken with the buyer.
- Exhibitors are welcome and encouraged to send letters to potential buyers inviting them to attend the livestock auction at 7:00 p.m. ONLY previous buyers (from the past 2 years) will receive an invitation letter to the livestock auction from the livestock auction committee that will also include 2 passes to enter the fairgrounds and 2 dinner and drink tickets.

Any person who violates any of the foregoing or special rules will be asked to leave with their animals and forfeit their premium money. As well as being subjected to such a penalty as the management may order.

Out of County Exhibitors

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Only members of a St. Charles County 4-H club or FFA program may exhibit with the following exceptions:

- 4-H or FFA members in Warren, Franklin, and Lincoln counties may exhibit
 - Beef Breeding Stock
 - Sheep Breeding Stock.
- 4-H or FFA members from Warren and Franklin counties may exhibit
 - Breeding Rabbits.

Out of county exhibitors will have to pay a registration fee along with your pass to get into the fair via online thru www.stcharlescofair.org website

Friday July 31	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Beef Breeding Check In
Friday July 31	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Breeding Rabbits Check In
Saturday August 1	8:00 am – 9:30 am	Sheep Breeding Check in

State Fair

- All livestock entered in the livestock auction must be sold – no exception. If a 4-H member decides to enter the animal (that was sold) in the Missouri State Fair, they must have the consent of the buyer and complete a Missouri State Fair Advance Sale Agreement which must be signed by all parties.
- If you plan to enter your market beef, market lamb, market swine, or market goat to take it to the Missouri State Fair, the market beef, market lamb, market swine, and market goat must have their hair sample taken at the St. Charles County pre-fair weigh-ins. Also, you must indicate your intentions on your St. Charles Co. Fair livestock online entry form which will be due by June 15, 2026.

State Fair Livestock entry forms are due in the Missouri State Fair office by July 1st of the current year. Registration must be completed through the Missouri 4-H website.

Livestock Departments

Beef Breeding

Superintendent	Dale Ryan	636-299-2855	Dale.e.ryan@gmail.com
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Tuesday July 28	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Breeding Stock Check In
Friday July 31	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Breeding Stock Check In
Friday July 31	10:00 am	Beef Breeding must be in place.
Saturday August 1	9:30 am	Beef Breeding Show
Saturday August 1	End of Breeding Show – 3 pm	Beef Breeding Released

If breeding stock is not out by 3:00 p.m., they must stay until midnight.

Beef Breeding

BEEF BREEDING RULES

- No breeding stock will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds except at the above-designated times.
- Breeding stock exhibitors will not be allowed to unload their animal(s) until approved by the species superintendent and/or assistant.
- For safety reasons, no cattle are to be removed from their stalls from 6:00 - 9:00 pm each night during the fair.
- No animals will be allowed in the show arena unless they are being shown.
- All bulls must be shown with a bull ring or bull snap.
- Animals will be shown by breed.
- Any animal showing in a breed class must provide registration papers to show in a breed class.
- Any breed animals that are not listed in breed classes can show in the All Other Breeds Class (AOB). You must have proper registration papers.
- All registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name or the family farm name. Without proper papers the animal will be put in the crossbred class.
- All breeds of animals will be shown together by birth date. Classes will be broken down by breed. Any animal that presents to be in a class with less than two (2) entries will be moved to an all-other breed's class category.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged in a showmanship class.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year.

BEEF BREEDING DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Division #	Division Name
100	Beef Breeding Male
Class#	Class Name
1	Winter Bull Calf - calved Nov. 1, 2025 - March 1, 2026
2	Senior Bull Calf - calved Sept. 1 - Oct. 31, 2025
3	Summer Yearling Bull - calved May 1 - Aug. 31, 2025
4	Junior Yearling Bull - calved Jan. 1 - April 30, 2025
5	Senior Yearling Bull - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024

Division #	Division Name
110	Beef Breeding Female
Class#	Class Name
1	Junior Heifer Calf - calved Jan 1 - April 30, 2026
2	Senior Heifer Calf - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025
3	Summer Yearling Heifer - calved May 1 - Aug. 31, 2025
4	Junior Yearling Heifer - calved Jan. 1 - April 30, 2026
5	Senior Yearling Heifer - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2024
6	Two-year Heifer - calved May 1 - August 31, 2024
7	Cow- Born at any age
8	Cow calf - calf born after Jan. 1, 2026 - before fair
120	Bucket Calf (any sex/breed) - born Jan 1 - June 1, 2026

Market Beef

Superintendent	Denny Meyer	636-262-1460	Dmeyer1980@live.com
Asst. Superintendent	Abbey Westerfeld	636-577-7303	Abbeylynn.w@gmail.com
Asst. Superintendent	Lucy Boschert	636-515-2763	Lmboschert2001@gmail.com

Market Beef

Saturday: February 28	9:00 – 11:00 am	Market Steer & Heifers weigh in and ear tag
Tuesday: July 28	6:00 - 9:00 am	Market Beef must be in place
Wednesday July 29	7:30 pm	Market Beef Show
Thursday July 30	7:00 pm	Livestock Auction
Saturday August 1	Midnight	Market Beef Released

**Animals must be shown by the owner or another St. Charles County 4-H or FFA member.
Animals must be groomed by the owner or another St. Charles County 4-H or FFA member.**

MARKET BEEF RULES:

- Entries in the beef steer and market heifer classes must have been born on or after January 1, 2025, and owned by the exhibitor on or before March 1, 2026.
- Exhibitors are personally responsible for the general custody, care and feeding of their animals.
- Market Steers and Heifers MUST
 - Have been calved after January 1, 2025.
 - Not have been allowed to suckle a nurse cow after March 1, 2026.
 - Weigh in and be ear tagged at the beef weigh in held on February 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If showing at the state fair, market steer/heifer must be nose printed at weigh in.
 - Have been owned by the exhibitor prior to the spring weigh-in of the current year.
 - Have the original tag in the ear at the fair weigh in.
 - Dehorned
 - Halter Broken
- Exhibitors may weigh in and tag one of the following:
 - 2 Steers
 - 2 Heifers
 - 1 Steer & 1 Heifer
- Exhibitors can show-
 - 1 Steer
 - 1 Heifer
 - 1 Steer & 1 Heifer
- Exhibitors can NOT show
 - 2 Steers OR 2 Heifers
- All Market Steers and Heifers: no water until after weigh-in.
- A veterinarian will mouth all market steers/heifers.
- Any with a permanent tooth showing or deemed unhealthy by the veterinarian will be disqualified and will leave the fairgrounds.
- Any market steer/ heifer deemed unmanageable by the superintendent will be disqualified and will be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Only one bale hay may be kept behind the market steer or heifer.
- For safety reasons, no cattle are to be removed from their stalls from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., with the exception of going to and from the barn during the show and sale.
- Market heifer can be shown as a market heifer and/or breeding stock. Must still be weighed in at the February weigh-in to be shown as a market heifer.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged during the Market Beef Show.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year.

Market Beef

ORDER OF SHOW

- All Market Heifers will be shown by weight not by breed with no more than 25 heifers in each class. The range in weight for each class will be established when all heifers are weighed with approximately an even number of heifers in each class, if there are enough heifers for multiple classes. Otherwise, all heifers will be shown in the same class.
- Next all Market steers will be shown by weight not by breed with no more than 25 steers in each class. The range in weight for each class will be established when all steers are weighed with approximately an even number of steers in each class.
- Champion Market Beef over all weights will be shown again and selected from each class champion. The Champion Market Heifer will show in the Champion drive with the steers.
- Reserve Champion Market Beef over all weights will be selected with bringing in the reserve champion steer/heifer from the class in which the champion was selected.
- St. Charles County Pen of Three

ST. CHARLES COUNTY PEN OF THREE

Sponsored by: St. Charles County Cattlemen's Association

- Open to all St. Charles Co. 4-H clubs.
- Market Beef to be shown in pen of three must be selected from those shown in the Market Beef show.
- Each club shall select their own pen of three and give this information to one of the Market Beef superintendents before the Market Beef show begins.
- Each club is limited to two (2) entries in the pen of three contest.
- Market Beef cannot be switched between pens once entered.
- Pen of three judging to follow Champion Beef Drive judging.

BEEF CARCASS SHOW

Sponsored by: The St. Charles County Cattlemen's Association

- All Market Beef are eligible for the Carcass Show; however, market beef do not have to be entered in the Carcass Show.
- All Market Beef will be evaluated using ultrasound. This will be done on Friday, July 31, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Results will be available Saturday, August 1, 2026.
- Cash prizes will be awarded.

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

- All animals must be weighed at the county tagging / weigh-in and at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All animals must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All animals must participate in the market show during the fair.
- Rate of Gain will be calculated as follows: weight at final weigh-in minus weight as of spring weigh-in divided by number of days between spring and final weigh-in. Those with the highest average daily gain will rank first - Champion and Reserve Champion Overall.

MARKET BEEF DIVISIONS

Division#	Division Name
130	Market Steer
140	Market Heifer

Swine

Superintendent	Brett Ostmann	314-486-6957	Teostmann@gmail.com
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Asst. Superintendent	Bob Feise	314-280-1174	Bfeise@centurytel.net
Asst. Superintendent	Mattie Trudo	314-707-2245	Mattigan03@icloud.com

Swine

Saturday April 25	8:30 – 10:30 am	Spring Weigh In
Monday July 27	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Market & Carcass Weigh In
Monday July 27	8:00 pm	All hogs must be in line
Tuesday July 28	7:00 pm	Market & Carcass Show
Wednesday July 29	Early AM – TIME TBD	Carcass hogs shipped
Thursday July 30	7:00 p.m.	Livestock Auction
Saturday August 1	Midnight	Market hogs released

MARKET AND CARCASS SWINE RULES

- All market and carcass hogs must be farrowed on or after December 1, 2025.
- Hogs must have been weighed in at the mandatory county weigh-in the spring. If your hogs were not at the spring weigh-in, you will not be eligible to show.
- Exhibitors may weigh in and tag 3 hogs at the tagging/weigh-in but will only be eligible to show one (1) market hog and (1) carcass hog at the fair.
- All hogs will be registered in one division during online registration, and the exhibitor will be able to choose from their registered hogs which hog is market, and which is carcass at the time of the fair weigh-in.
- Only hogs with a registered ear tag will be allowed to show.
- Hogs must have the original tag in the ear at the fair weigh-in Monday, July 27, 2026. If a tag is lost, notify the swine superintendent immediately. No hog will be accepted without an official tag.
- Market and Carcass hogs must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of the spring tagging / weigh-in of the current year.
- All hogs penned prior to weigh-in will be weighed at a time determined by the superintendents.
- An attempt must be made to clean all animals before the weigh-in. Tag ID Numbers need to be legible.
- At weigh-in, the exhibitor will be asked to fill out a check-in card. The exhibitor will mark if they wish to sell this animal at the auction. Changes can be made until the auction sale bill is created on Wednesday evening.
- Hogs will be weighed one time only.
- All market and carcass hogs, regardless of breed, will be shown in weight classes as determined by the livestock officials. Classes to be determined after weigh-in.
- Each exhibitor may enter only 1 hog from the carcass class in the carcass (on rail) class. Exhibitors must find their own buyer for the hog carcass. Exhibitors must give the superintendent the buyer's name and phone number at the swine weigh in on Monday.
- ALL carcass class hogs will be shipped or released to the owner and must be removed from fairground by Wednesday morning. Carcass Hogs do not sell at the livestock auction.
- Hogs may be fed on the concrete pads of the pens or with a feed pan. No self-feeders allowed.
- Only market hogs may sell at the livestock auction.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged throughout the swine show.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year.

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

- Open to all entries in the market and carcass classes.
- All animals must be weighed at the county tagging / weigh-in and at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All animals must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All animals must participate in their respective market/carcass show during the fair.
- Rate of Gain will be calculated as follows: weight at final weigh-in minus weight as of spring weigh-in divided by number of days between spring and final weigh-in. Those with the highest average daily gain will rank first - Champion and Reserve Champion Overall.

Swine

SWINE DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Division#	Division Name
200	Market Hog
210	Carcass Hog

The Alex Boschert Memorial Market Steer Award & Market Hog Award

Alex Boschert memorial steer and hog award is given in memory of Alex Boschert who passed away in 2017. Alex grew up in a 4-H family, showing steers and hogs at the fair. Alex truly loved the fair. Even after graduating from 4-H Alex volunteered his time to help out at the fair. He had joined the fair board just months before his death. Alex never had the best of everything, but he made the best of what he had & was proud of the animals that he showed. Alex knew the value of hard work, agriculture and volunteering for his community- all things he learned while in 4-H. Alex's patient, strong and willing spirit are missed at the fair each year, but his memory will live on through this award.

One beef exhibitor and one swine exhibitor will be chosen. The \$75 cash award and plaque recipients will be announced at the fair. The one beef exhibitor and one swine exhibitor who meet these qualifications and stands out in the requirements will be chosen for the Alex Boschert Memorial Award:

- Exhibitor must have participated in all pre fair set up
- Exhibitor must be a 4-H member eligible to show in the St. Charles County Fair
- Exhibitor must take pride in their exhibit
- Exhibitor must be willing to share their learned skills with other members
- Exhibitor must be present throughout the fair and willing to lend a hand wherever needed

Market Lambs

Superintendent	Jessica Neal	636-368-8220	cysid2000@yahoo.com
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Asst. Superintendent	Sarah Norton	636-262-9113	babynorton2@gmail.com

Sunday April 26	9:00 10:30 am	Spring Weigh In
Wednesday July 29	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Market lamb weigh-in
Wednesday July 29	10:00 am	Market lambs must be in place
Wednesday July 29	5:30 pm	Market lamb show
Saturday August 1	Midnight	Market lambs released

MARKET LAMB RULES

- Scrapie Tag Rules:
 - All market lambs must be scrapie tagged prior to the mandatory county weigh-in.
 - Market lambs that are sold at the livestock auction must have scrapie tag in ear.
 - All sheep exhibited must have a scrapie ID tag in ear.
- Exhibitors may weigh in and tag up to 4 market lambs.
- Only 2 lambs, wether or ewe born after December 1, 2025, may be entered in the market lamb class per exhibitor. Exhibitors will be subject to spot-checking.
- The lamb shown at the fair MUST be registered online and an entry fee paid.
- If both of an exhibitor's lambs are placed in the same class, the owner can show one lamb and another St. Charles County 4-H or FFA member will be allowed to show the second lamb. The second lamb will still be listed as the exhibit of the owner.

Market Lambs

- Exhibitor must provide regular daily care and participate in fitting/training.
- Animal may be housed at another farm – but the exhibitor must do the majority of the work.
- Professional fitters or hired handlers are not allowed in the barn on show days 3 hours prior to the show.
- Market Lambs must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of the spring weigh-in of the current year.
- Market Lambs must be slick sheared for weigh-in on Wednesday morning and mark if they wish to sell this animal at the auction.
- All Sheep must be accompanied with health certificates as required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition. Official health papers signed by a licensed veterinarian must be presented at time of weigh-in for market lambs.
- All sheep that are to be exhibited must be free of clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease. (Ex.: Soremouth, Footrot, & Lamb Fungus).
- Sheep must be halter broken. Any animal deemed unmanageable by the superintendent may be asked to be removed from fairgrounds.
- All market lambs will be entered in the County Rate of Gain Contest that were weighed-in at the spring weigh-in.
- Pumping or drenching of any species unless under a veterinary supervision will not be allowed.

Any person who violates any of the foregoing or special rules will be asked to leave with their animals and forfeit their premium money. As well as being subjected to such a penalty as the management may order.

DIVISIONS

- Circuit Division Classes: Lamb/Exhibitor show at 3 or more shows during the current year.
- County Project Division Classes: Lamb/Exhibitor show at 2 or less shows during the current year. (excluding Missouri State Fair)

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

- Open to all entries in the market classes.
- All animals must be weighed at the county tagging / weigh-in and at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All animals must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All animals must participate in the market show during the fair.
- Rate of Gain will be calculated as follows: weight at final weigh-in minus weight as of spring weigh-in divided by number of days between spring and final weigh-in. Those with the highest average daily gain will rank first - Champion and Reserve Champion Overall.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged throughout the lamb show.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year

MARKET LAMB DIVISIONS

Division#	Division Name
700	Market Lamb

Sheep Breeding

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Asst. Superintendent	Michelle Ferranto	636-688-9283	md1peeper@yahoo.com
Asst. Superintendent	Sarah Norton	636-262-9113	babynorton2@gmail.com

Saturday August 1	9:00 am	Sheep Breeding must be in place
Saturday August 1	11:00 am	Sheep Breeding Show
Saturday August 1	After Breeding Show UNTIL 3:00 pm	Sheep Breeding Released
Saturday August 1	Midnight	Sheep Breeding Released

Sheep Breeding

SHEEP BREEDING RULES

- Breeding stock exhibitors will not be allowed to unload their animal(s) until approved by the species superintendent and/or assistant.
- No animals will be allowed in the show arena unless they are being shown.
- All registered animals must be accompanied by registration papers, registered in the exhibitor's family name.
- Any animal disqualified for age or health reasons must leave the fairgrounds and cannot be replaced by another animal.
- Touch ups will be allowed the day of the show. It is your responsibility to have your area presentable and have the aisles cleared.
- All sheep must be properly restrained when not in pens and must be trained to lead. Any animal deemed unmanageable by the superintendent may be ordered to be removed from the fairgrounds.
- All sheep exhibited must have a scrapie ID tag in an ear (Federal Law as of Nov 2001)
- All Sheep that are to be exhibited must be free of clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease. (Ex.: Soremouth, Footrot, & Lamb Fungus).
- All breeds of animals will be shown together by birth date. Classes will be broken down by breed. Any animal that presents to be in a class with less than three (3) entries will be moved to an all-other breed's class category.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged throughout the lamb show.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year

SHEEP BREEDING DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Division#	Division Name
710	Sheep Breeding Ewe
Class#	Class Name
1	Yearling Ewe (1 year & under 2 years) - September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025
2	Fall Ewe Lamb - September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025
3	Spring Ewe Lamb - December 1, 2025 - show date
Division#	Division Name
720	Sheep Breeding Ram
Class #	Class Name
1	Yearling Ram (1 year & under 2 years) - September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025
2	Fall Ram Lamb - September 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025
3	Spring Ram Lamb - December 1, 2025 - show date

Goats

Co-Superintendent	Tammy Gerard	314-703-4947	tammygerard1@gmail.com
Co-Superintendent	Sara Smith	314-570-1531	Saralynsmith85@gmail.com

May 9	9:00 - 10:30 am	Spring Weigh-in
Tuesday July 28	10:00 am	All goats must be in place
Tuesday July 28	8:00 am -10:00 am	Market goats weigh in
Tuesday July 28	4:00 pm	Goat Show
Tuesday July 30	11:00 pm – 12:00 am	Breeding Goats Released or stay through Saturday.
Saturday August 1	Midnight	Market Goats Released

If breeding stock is not out by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, they must stay until Saturday, August 1, 2026, at midnight.

Goats

GOAT RULES

- All goats (market animals and breeding stock) must be owned and managed by the exhibitor by Market Goat Weigh-in.
- All market goats must be under 1 year of age.
- Registered animals may use a tattoo or USDA microchip matching their registration paperwork for permanent ID. Tattoos must be healed and legible. If using a microchip, you must bring a USDA reader.
- All market goats must be scrapie tagged prior to the mandatory county weigh-in.
- All goats must be accompanied with health certificates as required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition. Official health papers signed by a licensed veterinarian must be presented at time of check-in.
- **All goats, including wethers, must have a Scrapie ID tag in an ear (Federal Law as of Nov, 2001).**
- Changes can be made until the auction sale bill is created. The sale bill will be created at the conclusion of the final market show on Wednesday.
- Exhibitors are limited to two market goats per class.
- All Market Goats can ONLY be shown in Market Class, not in both Market and Breeding Class.
- All Meat & Dairy Goat Breeds will be shown together by age classes.
- Bucks must be housed separately.
- All goats must be properly restrained (collar and leash or halter) when not in pens.
- All market goats will be sold by the head at the livestock auction.
- To show in the Home-Grown Show, the goat must:
 - Be bred by the exhibitor (must own the doe at the time of breeding)
 - Born on the exhibitor's farm
 - Owned by the exhibitor
 - Showed by the exhibitor

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

- Open to all entries in the market classes.
- All market goats must be weighed at the county tagging / weigh-in and at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All market goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds at the final weigh-in at the fair.
- All market goats must participate in the market show during the fair.
- Rate of Gain will be calculated as follows: weight at final weigh-in minus weight as of spring weigh-in divided by number of days between spring and final weigh-in. Those with the highest average daily gain will rank first - Champion and Reserve Champion Overall.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged throughout the goat show.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year.

GOAT DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Division#	Division Name
800	Market Goat
810	Meat Goat
Class#	Class Name
1	Doe - Under 1 year
2	Doe - 1 year & under 2 years
3	Doe - 2 years & under 3 years
4	Doe – 3+ years
3	Buck - Under 2 years

Division#	Division Name
820	Dairy Goat
Class#	Class Name
1	Doe - Under 1 year
2	Doe - 1 year & under 2 years
3	Doe – Senior – 2+ years
5	Buck - Under 2 years

Home Grown

Under 1 year

Rabbits

Superintendent	Roger Huber	636-497-6565	Rhuber22473@aol.com
Asst. Superintendent	Laura Higgins	314-629-5893	Higginshillrabbity@gmail.com

Wednesday July 29	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Market Rabbits & Meat Pens must be in place.
Wednesday July 29	6:00 pm	Market Rabbit and Meat Pen Show
Thursday July 30	7:00 pm	Livestock Auction
Friday July 31	11:00 am- 1:00 pm	Breeding Rabbits Check In
Friday July 31	3:00 pm	Breeding Rabbits Show
Saturday August 1	10:00 p.m.	Rabbits Released

Rabbits may be removed from between 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 1 and 5:00 A.M. on Sunday, August 2, 2026.

Out of county rabbits released -- after breeding show

RABBIT RULES

- All rabbit exhibitors are expected to have at least five (5) attendances throughout the program year. A member will be allowed to count participation at 1 ARBA show towards this requirement. However, proof of participation will be required. The members are expected to present a show flyer or a report form with the Shows secretary/judges' signature or stamp. The SCC 4-H rabbit show will count as one (1) attendance. Each member must physically attend a minimum of 3 rabbit project meetings.
- All market rabbits must be tattooed by the fair superintendent on July 16, 2025, at Fairgrounds between 6 and 8 p.m. to be eligible to show and/or sell at the livestock auction. If the market rabbit has been tattooed previously, it must be presented to the superintendent on July 16, 2026 for verification.
- Exhibitors must provide proof of ownership to rabbit Superintendent upon request on March 3, 2026. If your rabbits were not registered (for ANY reason) at the county rabbit registration on March 3, 2026, you will NOT be eligible to show a Market Rabbit or Meat Pen.
- **Any substitutions in entries must be turned into Roger Huber/Laura Higgins by Friday, July 24, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.**

NO EXCEPTIONS

- Rabbits must be free of infectious and/or contagious disease and will be subject to daily inspection while on exhibition. Any rabbit not in good health as determined by the superintendent will be removed from fairgrounds.
- Cages and feeders will be provided for rabbits.
- All rabbits must always have water. Exhibitors must provide adequate bowls.
- Each exhibitor may enter six 6 rabbits (in any combination) in the breeding classes. (Example: 2 Sr. Bucks, 1- 6-8 months Buck, 2- Sr. Does, and 1- Jr. Doe.)
- Exhibitor may enter only 1 entry in Fur Class
- Exhibitor may enter 2 meat pens
- Exhibitor may tattoo up to 6 market rabbits and enter 2 market rabbits
- Only blue-ribbon rabbits may compete for Best of Breed or Best Opposite Sex.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship will be judged at the tattooing on July 22, 2026, and award during the fair.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year.

Rabbits

RABBIT DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Division# Division Name

- 500 Market Rabbit - *any breed/sex; may come from meat pen*
- 510 Meat Pen - *three rabbits; any breed/sex*
- 520 Senior Breeding Rabbit - *Per ARBA Standards; Breeds: New Zealand, Californian, Mini-Lop, Mini-Rex, Dutch, Holland Lop, Satins, Polish, Havana, Florida White, All Other Breeds*

Class # Class Name

- 1 Senior Buck
- 2 Senior Doe

Class # Class Name

- 3 Intermediate Buck
- 4 Intermediate Doe

Class # Class Name

- 5 Junior Buck
- 6 Junior Doe
- 560 Fur Division - no entry fee

Poultry

Co-Superintendent	Cheri Buescher	636-236-0169	cheribauer3@gmail.com
Co-Superintendent	Stacy Singer	314-591-2234	stacysinger3@yahoo.com

April 1		All poultry (except market chickens) must be owned by exhibitor
April 14		Market chickens purchased through superintendent.
Wednesday July 29	7:00 - 9:00 am	All Poultry Check-in & Bloodwork
Wednesday July 29	10:30 am	Poultry Meeting & Group Picture
Wednesday July 29	11:00 am	Poultry Show
Thursday July 30	7:00 pm	Livestock Auction
Saturday August 1	10:00 pm	Poultry Released

POULTRY RULES

- Market Chicken shown must be purchased through the county superintendent by April 14th.
- Any non-waterfowl found with live bugs will be disqualified and removed from the grounds.
- Exhibitors must provide cages for waterfowl and turkeys. All other cages will be provided.
- Each class entry must be caged separately.
- All Poultry members (except first year poultry members), who wish to enter a market chicken at the fair, must have at least one (1) other poultry entry (other than eggs).
- All Market Chicken 4-H and FFA exhibitors must complete a 4-H Project Market Chicken Record Form or FFA equivalent form and is required at check-in.
- Each exhibitor will be limited to one (1) entry in each of the classes.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for one (1) shift of cleaning as per the posted cleaning schedule.

Poultry

POULTRY RULES

- All poultry (except Market Chickens) must have been owned by the exhibitor prior to April 1st of the year shown.
- A pen of 3 will be housed in the same cage and consist of:
 - 1 male and 2 females of the same age.
- Eggs cannot be removed from the fairgrounds.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is judged throughout the poultry show.

Junior Division – 8-12 by January 1 of current year

Senior Division – 13-21 by January 1 of the current year.

MARY FERGUSON MEMORIAL POULTRY AWARD

The Mary Ferguson Memorial Poultry Award is given in memory of Mary Ferguson who passed away in 2001. Mary and her husband Daryl, were faithful supporters of the Poultry Project. Mary was always there to help her grandchildren, as well as other youth and adults. Mary truly loved all kinds of poultry from the fluffy baby chicks to the not so neat market chickens. Mary's quiet, gentle nature will be missed, but her memory will live on through this award. The \$25.00 award recipient will be announced at the fair.

- 1) Exhibitor must show a real interest in his or her poultry.
- 2) Exhibitor must be a 1st or 2nd year poultry member.
- 3) Exhibitor must have participated in all pre-fair set up.
- 4) Exhibitor must be a 4-H or FFA member eligible to show in the St. Charles County Fair
- 5) Exhibitor must have worked well with others, both youth and adults.

POULTRY DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Division#	Division Name	Division#	Division Name
400	Market Chicken	430	Other Breeding Poultry
410	Breeding Chickens	Class#	Class Name
Class#	Class Name	1	Pheasants - Breeding Male (1)
1	Bantams - <i>Breeding Male (1)</i>	2	Pheasants - Breeding Female (1)
2	Bantams - <i>Breeding Female (1)</i>	3	Guineas - Breeding Male (1)
3	Large Fowl Rooster - <i>Breeding Male (1)</i>	4	Guineas - Breeding Female (1)
4	Laying Stock - <i>Two (2) Production Hens (Layers)</i>	5	Guineas - Pen of Three (3) - 1 male & 2 females
5	Large Fowl Show Hen - <i>Breeding Female (1)</i>	6	Turkeys - Breeding Male (1)
		7	Turkeys - Breeding Female (1)
420	Breeding Waterfowl	8	Turkeys - Pen of Three (3) - 1 male & 2 females
Class #	Class Name	9	Homing Pigeons - One (1) Male & One (1) Female
1	Ducks - <i>Breeding Male (1)</i>	10	Show Pigeons - One (1) Male & One (1) Female
2	Ducks - <i>Breeding Female (1)</i>	11	Quail - Breeding Male (1)
3	Ducks - <i>Pen of three (3) - 1 male & 2 females</i>	12	Quail - Breeding Female (1)
4	Geese - <i>Breeding Male (1)</i>	13	Quail - Pen of Three (3) - 1 Male & 2 Female
5	Geese - <i>Breeding Female (1)</i>		
6	Geese - <i>Pen of Three (3) - 1 male & 2 females</i>	440	Eggs
		Class#	Class Name
		1	Eggs - One (1) Dozen Brown
		2	Eggs - One (1) Dozen Other than Brown

No Entry Fee on eggs.

Disclaimer:

All livestock rules and regulations are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Livestock Overall Head Superintendent and 4-H Staff. Adjustments may be made as needed to ensure the safety of participants and animals, maintain fair competition, or address unforeseen circumstances. Participants are responsible for staying informed of any updates or revisions to the rules.