



**INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR  
PROGRAM  
&  
RECORD BOOK  
REQUIREMENTS**

**Stanislaus County Fair**  
900 N. Broadway Turlock, CA 95380  
Livestock Office Phone #: (209) 632-2557  
[www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com)

Dear Independent Exhibitors,

Read all the information carefully. Enclosed are the official forms of the Junior Independent Exhibitors record book. All records should be maintained on your project animal and submitted to the fair when requested.

Exhibitors must reside in the 38<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District, composed of Stanislaus County and that portion of Merced County north of the Merced River served by the Turlock Irrigation District.

**Livestock or Small Animal Exhibitors:**

**\*\*REMEMBER: Turning in the *Exhibitor Information* form does not enter the exhibitor into the fair. Each Independent Exhibitor MUST enter online and purchase passes by the entry deadline May 28, 2026.**

**NOTE: No refunds will be issued for parent/exhibitor/parking passes.** More information regarding fair passes & credentials can be found in the 2026 Exhibitor Handbook.

Must follow dress code regulations in Exhibitor Handbook: Exhibitor shall wear a white short or long sleeve shirt (rabbit exhibitors must wear a long sleeve shirt). White or off-white trousers or skirt. A belt must be worn if trousers have belt loops. Boots may be worn, but trousers must be outside the boots.

**Independent Exhibitor Checklist:**

Independent exhibitors must provide fair management with the following **no later than 5:00 pm on February 17<sup>th</sup> for Replacement Heifers and 5:00 pm on May 28, 2026, for all other species.**

\_\_\_ Three pictures of their animal (a close-up, side profile with exhibitor and front view of animal)

\_\_\_ Completed Exhibitor Information application (pg. 4)

\_\_\_ Appropriate proof of ownership

\_\_\_ Permanent tag and/or tattoo information by ownership

\_\_\_ Completed Adult Supervisor/Independent Exhibitor Leader form (pg. 5)

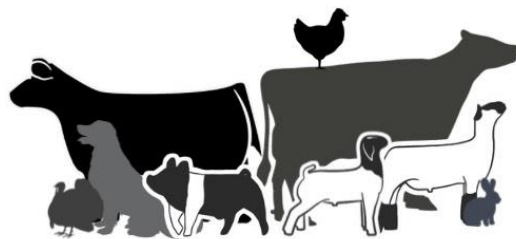
\_\_\_ Must provide insurance coverage (supply fair with a copy of your homeowner's insurance policy) or purchase from the fair for \$35.00 as required by the fair for **large animals only**. Due at the time of the entry deadline.

\_\_\_ Additional project record book pages for Livestock and Small Animal Exhibitors must be turned into the Livestock office no later than **July 1, 2026, by 5pm.**

## **State Rules regarding Independent Junior Exhibitors**

- Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by January 1, 2026 to compete in animal competitions at California Fairs.
- Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they turn 19 years old.
- Youth may be ineligible to participate as Independent if documented disciplinary action involving their project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. Length of ineligibility to be determined by fair management.
- Exhibitors, leaders, and advisors must be in good standing with the local and state organization(s) (4-H, Grange, FFA) to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA, or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors or enter project(s) under a different organization.
- All junior exhibitors must have and submit complete project management records and proof of supervision as to the length of the project.
- 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 prior to the fair for beef, 60 days for sheep, swine, and goats.
- All junior exhibitors must have “on ground” supervision by a responsible adult.

**\*\*Failure to comply with all rules and regulations will result in the disqualification of all entries and the forfeiture of all entry fees.\*\***



**For more information, please read all rules in Exhibitor Handbook and State Rules available online at [www.stancofair.com](http://www.stancofair.com) or at the Livestock Office. If you have questions, please call the Livestock Office at (209) 632-2557.**

# EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Name: _____		
Age: _____	Date of Birth: _____	Grade in School: _____
Address: _____		
City/State/Zip: _____		
Phone: _____	Email: _____	
Date this project started: _____		
Year in this Specie: _____		

**Type of Species** (circle all that apply):

<b>Beef Cattle</b>	<b>Cavy</b>	<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	<b>Dairy Goat</b>	<b>Dog</b>
<b>Meat Goat</b>	<b>Poultry</b>	<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Swine</b>

<b>Emergency Contact Information:</b>	
Name: _____	
Phone: _____	Relationship to Exhibitor: _____

**Independent Exhibitors must attend meetings and other events required as junior exhibitors, complete this record book, and show written proof of animal ownership along with pictures of their market animal(s). *Exhibitor Information, photographs of animal(s), proof of ownership, and online entry* are due no later than:**

**Replacement Heifer: February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**

**Livestock and Small Animals: May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**

**Please refer to the Livestock section of the Exhibitor Handbook to read all rules and requirements.**

Exhibitor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent and/or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**STANISLAUS COUNTY FAIR**  
**Adult Supervisor/Independent**  
**Exhibitor Leader**  
**INFORMATION FORM**

As the responsible adult supervising this project, I certify that the animal(s) stated on the *Independent Exhibitor Information* form, shown in the photos, is currently owned by the names Independent Exhibitor and is in his/her care, being fed, watered, housed, and trained primarily by the Independent Exhibitor.

I further certify that I or my alternate will remain on the fairgrounds as supervisors of the exhibitor throughout the days of the fair.

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternate Designated Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Alternate Designated Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR LIVESTOCK PROJECT MANAGEMENT RECORD**

The following tables were created to keep accurate records of your project. We realize this will be an ongoing process, and your final figures will be calculated after the fair. Your profit or loss will be shown in next year's Independent Record Book. Independent families that wish to create their own spreadsheet in an active format may do so as long as their spreadsheets follow our format.

## **COST OF PROJECT ANIMALS**

Date Purchased	Breed	Sex	Identification	Weight	Cost
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$</b>



## **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE**

Date	Expense Item	Cost
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$</b>



## INCOME

Date	Item	Amount Sold or Used	Price per Unit	Cash Income	Show Premiums	Value of Products Used
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

## BREEDING ANIMAL and EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Beginning			Closing		
Date of Purchased or age	Item	Current Value	Date	Item	Current Value
<b>Total Value \$</b>			<b>Total Value \$</b>		

## DEATH LOSS RECORD

Date	Identification	Cause	Approx. Weight	Market Value

## WEIGHT RECORD

Date	Animal ID	Weight	# days since last weight	Gain	Gain per day

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Receipts		Expenses	
1. Cash Income:	\$	1. Cost of animal(s):	\$
2. Closing inventory value:	\$	2. Beginning inventory value:	\$
3. Value of products used:	\$	3. Cost of feed:	\$
4. Show premiums:	\$	4. Misc. expense:	\$
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Profit or loss from project:</b>	<b>\$</b>

