

JUNIOR MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS, PARENTS, AND ADVISORS

Oklahoma's agricultural youth programs are committed to encouraging positive youth development through honest and fair practices in regard to junior livestock events. The Tulsa State Fair also continues its commitment to maintain a show of integrity. In that effort, the Tulsa State Fair will continue testing and screening for a wide-spectrum of chemical/drug residues at the 2023 Tulsa State Fair. Strict drug screening and testing will protect the food chain and help maintain the integrity and high standard of ethics that the Tulsa State Fair and Oklahoma's agricultural youth programs expect from all participants.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO DRUG TEST JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS?

- To protect the safety of the food supply.
- To foster fair competition and preserve the integrity and success of the Night of Champions.
- Teach youth their role as producers in the food supply chain and their responsibility to produce safe food products while caring for their animals in an ethical manner.

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS AN EXHIBITOR, PARENTS, OR ADVISOR?

KNOW THE RULES before you enter any livestock show and **FOLLOW THE RULES**. These can be found in the Exhibitor Handbook, located on the Tulsa State Fair website. When you sign the Legal Release Form, (required for entry), you are agreeing you have read and will abide by all rules in the handbook and that you will be strictly liable for any violations.

WHAT ARE THE TULSA STATE FAIR RESIDUE AVOIDANCE RULES?

The Tulsa State Fair maintains a zero tolerance policy.

- Zero tolerance is based on the elimination period, rather than the withdrawal period. There is a difference. The withdrawal period is the amount of time that must pass for consumed products to be safe. The elimination period is the amount of time it takes for all residue to be eliminated from an animal's system. For most drugs, the elimination period is longer than the withdrawal period. Exhibitor is solely responsible for their animal and testing drug-free.
- Unapproved drugs are prohibited. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the US Department of Agriculture for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption or for that use in that animal, or drug residue that exceeds FDA/USDA tolerances, or illegal use of approved drugs or chemicals. NOTE: Products labeled "all natural" that are not FDA approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test and disqualification of the exhibitor.

WHAT TYPES OF DRUGS DOES THE TULSA STATE FAIR TEST FOR?

Below is a list of some of the drugs the Tulsa State Fair tests for, including, but not limited to:

- **Antibiotics/Antibacterials:**
- **Anti-Inflammatories**
- **Performance enhancing drugs/medications/chemicals/treatments**
- **Bronchodilators**
- **Corticosteroids**
- **Diuretics**
- **Narcotic Analgesics**
- **Opiates**
- **Tranquilizers**
- **Beta-agonists---including as examples the following:**

Livestock projects provide positive learning experiences that teach many valuable life skills. It is our responsibility and commitment to foster this atmosphere at youth livestock shows in the state of Oklahoma.