

Tri-County Fair Market Animal Rules and Regulations

Department A – Goats

1. **Present year WVDA Health Requirement for Goats must be complied with.**
Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event. All goats are required to have federal Scrapie ID.
2. Each junior exhibitor may exhibit only one market goat. 4-H or FFA exhibitor must have ownership of goats by the second Saturday in June of the present year and attend weigh-in and tagging prior to fair.
3. Market goats must be weighed when they are unloaded. Goats will not be taken to the barn, fed or watered prior to weighing. Goats must weigh 60 – 110 pounds to be eligible for the show and sale; however, a “no sale class” will be available for those animals not making weight. Goats in the “no sale class” will not be allowed to show against other class winners for champions and will not sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale. All goats in the “no sale” class must be removed from the fairgrounds by midnight Thursday.
5. Goats must carry all kid teeth and will be mouthed at weigh-in. Wether goats will be examined at the time of weigh-in for the presence of testicular tissue. No animals with testicular tissue will be permitted to show.
6. Goats must have horns tipped. No sharp points will be allowed.
7. The **first** goat to meet all requirements entry day will be the exhibitor’s market goat.

Department B – Beef

1. **Present year WVDA Health Requirement for Cattle must be complied with.**
Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event.
2. All breeding cattle, except calves born on or after January 1 of present year, must arrive between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday beginning of fair week. Breeding cattle will be released on Monday night at 10 p.m. and must be off the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Calves in the breeding show which are born on or after January 1 of present year, must be on the grounds by 9:30 a.m. on Monday and may be released after the show. Calves in the feeder calf show must arrive by 9:30 a.m. on Monday and must be weighed before being fed and watered. Feeder calves may be released after the show. All bulls one year old or older must be exhibited with a nose lead or ring.
3. Exhibitors of purebred cattle born before January 1 of present year must present registration papers at the time of check-in. Calves born after this date must have the date of birth and registration numbers of the sire and dam presented.
4. All cattle must be halter broke, and show ready. Wild animals will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. Beef Committees may dismiss any animal which is not properly broken.
5. Market steers exhibitor’s must attend weigh-in and tagging prior to fair.
6. Market steers must be weighed when they are unloaded. Steers will not be taken to the barn, fed or watered prior to weighing and must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds and must be properly castrated. No stags will be permitted to show or sell.
7. An exhibitor can enter no more than two market steers.
8. All feeder calves born on or after January 1 of present year must be properly dehorned & steers must be properly castrated.

Department C – Sheep

1. **Present year WVDA Health Requirement for Sheep must be complied with.**
2. Breeding sheep must be accompanied by official health certificate from a veterinarian, or have a current Honor Flock Certificate from the USDA.
3. Market class of lambs will be inspected at the Fair by WVDA Animal Health Officials. All Sheep are required to have federal Scrappie ID.
4. Each junior exhibitor may exhibit only one market lamb. 4-H or FFA exhibitor must have ownership of lambs by the second Saturday in June of the present year and attend weigh-in and tagging prior to fair.
5. Lambs must carry all kid teeth and will be mouthed at weigh-in. Wether lambs will be examined at the time of weigh-in for the presence of testicular tissue. No animals with testicular tissue will be permitted to show.
6. All sheep must arrive between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Breeding sheep will be released at conclusion of show on Tuesday, except animals used for showmanship.
7. Exhibitor of breeding are limited to two entries in each class, except for group classes which are limited to one entry.
8. Market lambs must be weighed when they are unloaded. Lambs will not be taken to the barn, fed or watered prior to weighing. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds to be eligible for the show and sale; however, a “no sale class” will be available for those animals not making weight. Lambs in the “no sale class” will not be allowed to show against other class winners for champions and will not Sell in the Junior Marker Livestock Sale. All lambs in the “no sale” class must be removed from the fairgrounds by midnight Thursday.
9. The **first** lamb to meet all requirements entry day will be the exhibitor’s market lamb.

Department D – Swine

1. **Present year WVDA Health Requirement for Swine must be complied with.**
2. The swine show will consist of market hogs only.
3. All hogs must weigh a minimum of 225 pound and a maximum of 300 pounds, however, a “no sale class” will be available for those animals not making weight. Swine in the “no sale class” will not be allowed to show against other class winners for champions and will not Sell in the Junior Marker Livestock Sale. All swine in the “no sale” class must be removed from the fairgrounds by midnight Thursday. Exhibitor can show two hogs.
4. The show will be a mixed sex show. However, only barrows and gilts will qualify. All hogs must be castrated.
5. All hogs must be in 4-H or FFA member’s possession by the first Saturday of May of present year.
6. Market hogs **must not** be skin clipped.