

General Rules and Regulations

1. The State Fair of West Virginia reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters in regard thereto and to add to or amend them as they may deem advisable.
2. Upon the discovery of aberrant act or unseemly behavior (including consumption of alcohol) on the part of any exhibitor in the barn and in the public view, the Board of Directors, reserves the right to withhold payment of any prizes awarded, to prohibit any such party or parties from exhibiting for one or more years, to publish the names of any such person or persons may be deemed expedient, and to award a prize or prizes so withheld as though such exhibitor or exhibitors had not exhibited.
3. Advertisements by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc. on buildings, trees, posts, or on other places on the grounds will not be permitted, nor will anyone be permitted to distribute any advertising except from inside of booth and not in the aisles in front of same.
4. All animals exhibited must comply with the sanitary regulations of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, please reference page **XX** for these.
5. Exhibits brought to the Fair without having previously being entered at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds will not be accepted.
6. Personal cooking equipment, i.e., refrigerators, hot plates, grills, etc. and generators will **NOT** be permitted in the barn area. Please confine these to the campgrounds.
7. All exhibitors who do not maintain clean tack/stall space/and adjacent walkways **WILL** be penalized. Stalls must be fully free of debris before departure. Failure to comply will result in withholding of ALL premiums.
8. All fees including entry fees and fees for grooming chutes and stands **MUST** be paid for through the Entry Department. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting ability to show.
9. The same animal cannot compete for the premium of two (2) or more classes, except when otherwise stated in the notes of the department.
10. The SFWV reserves the right to have any animal inspected by the Superintendent, a veterinarian of its choice, or Animal Health Staff to diagnose contagious disease and to reject any unhealthy animal at any time during the fair.
11. Fire Code and risk management policies do not allow cords or cables to be ran across aisle ways or travel lanes inside the barn.
12. Aisles must remain clean at all times. Grooming chutes, milking stands, etc. must be confined to designated areas only.
13. No smoking or vaping will be permitted in the barns.
14. Aerosol cans are not permitted in show ring or make-up area.
15. In accordance with West Virginia ABC Board regulations. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on SFWV property is limited to designated areas of licensed vendors. The barns are not licensed areas.
16. Any exhibitor who requests either a late arrival time or an early dismissal must submit these requests in writing or by email to the Agricultural Competitions Manager by the 1st of August. Emails must be addressed to entries@statefairfwv.com
17. **Dogs are NOT permitted.** All service dogs must be under the control of their handler via leash, harness, or tether at all times per ADA guidelines.
18. **All exhibitors must have reached their 7th birthday on or before the date of showing.**

DEADLINES

Online entries are due by Midnight Wednesday July 14th

Entries will be accepted beginning May 5th.

All Junior Show exhibitors must make their entries online, these will be accepted at www.statefairfowv.com until 12 Midnight on July 14th.

Tickets

Junior show exhibitors will be given a wristband that will act as their ticket for the duration of the junior show. This policy does not apply to purebred and dairy cattle exhibitors who will be given the number of tickets for the days they are scheduled to be on grounds. Parent tickets will be distributed in the same manner as the child. Only one set of parent tickets will be provided per household. ONE additional parental livestock ticket for the duration of the Jr. Show will be able to be purchased through the box office at a discounted rate that is TBA.

Judges and Judging

- 1. The decision of the judge is final.**
- Each livestock exhibitor is required to wear his/her entry identification number while in the judging ring.
- Any attempt to influence or intimidate a judge, or any attempt whatsoever to decide or obtain a premium by misrepresentation, shall be reported at once to the Agricultural Competitions Manager, who shall order that exhibitor to be excluded from competition at the exhibition and any premium that may have been awarded shall be forfeited. This rule includes unethically fitted livestock.
- No exhibitor shall act as judge in the department in which he or she exhibits.
- 5. If any disrespect is shown to judges by an exhibitor, or members of their family or their agent, they shall forfeit all awards received and the Superintendent shall make a report of same to the Agricultural Competitions Manager.**

Stalls and Stall Assignments

Tampering with and/or changing barn space assigned by the department Superintendent is strictly prohibited. Stall space will be adjusted according to the number of animals brought.

Premiums

- Premiums will not be awarded simply because the item is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge retains the right to refuse to award a premium of any kind.
- If there is a class with no competition, the judge must sign a statement that the article is worthy of first place money: otherwise, a blue ribbon will be awarded but second money will be awarded.
- No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than two (2) premium monies in any one class
- Premiums will be paid according to the records turned in to the Fair office by superintendents, not by ribbons presented.**
- Failure to notify the Agricultural Competitions Manager within 30 days of receiving an incorrect check will void your right to a correction**

Parking

All livestock parking will enter through Gate 5, Livestock Gate on 219 North. Due to limited parking, there will be a \$10.00 daily fee. Spots are first come first serve. All exhibitors will be issued a livestock exhibitor identification tag to drop animals off only. Exhibitor must be present to purchase one (1) parking pass per vehicle. No overnight parking will be permitted. Stock trailers must be parked in designated areas, outside of the Main Fairgrounds.

IAFE CODE OF ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts, relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been

administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of the code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE

National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

INSERT HEALTH GUIDELINES FROM HERE FORWARD

WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2023

This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.

- All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals, and shows shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession (5) five days prior to the arrival of livestock.
- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI) is good for 30 days. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event.

- Note: Cattle and goats from other states with disease outbreaks may be required to secure a special permit from the Director of Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, phone number (304) 558-2214, before being admitted into West Virginia.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST MEET THE STATE OF DESTINATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS TO MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS. SOME VARIATION IS FOUND IN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES.

Official ID is a requirement for interstate movement for cattle, swine, sheep and goats.

FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE

All out-of-state cattle must be accompanied by an Official CVI with Official Identification listed. Health certificates are good for 30 days. Nursing Animals – move with Dam. No CVI is required but must be listed on dam's CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia: No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis.

From Other States:

1. From Brucellosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required.
2. From other than a Brucellosis Free State:
 - a. Official Brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions – No test required, or
 - b. Originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd – No test required, or
 - c. Complete herd test within one year before the show – No test required, or
 - d. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days. Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

LEPTOSPIROSIS - CATTLE

- Recommended: Vaccinations for *L. canicola*, *L. icterhaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona* and *L. grippotyphosa*, are to be seriously considered.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

All out-of-state and breeding sheep/goats must be accompanied by an Official CVI good for 30 days. In state breeding sheep/goats must have an Official CVI or a West Virginia Honor Flock/Herd Certificate. USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI. All sheep/goats will be inspected by West Virginia Animal Health Officials.

TB & BRUCELLOSIS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

No test required.

In State	Out Of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Scrapie ID• Honor Herd Certificate or CVI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Scrapie ID• Health Certificate (CVI)• No Test Required

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

All out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official CVI good for 30 days and official ID.

From West Virginia:

Any swine born in West Virginia, and have never left the state, will no longer require pseudorabies testing prior to being shown at any fair or festival in West Virginia.

From Other States:

All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for entry into West Virginia and official ID.

In State	Out Of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pseudorabies not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official ID• Health Certificate (CVI)

Junior Show General Rules and Regulations

1. The General Rules and Regulations for the State Fair of WV apply to the Department F - Junior Show Rules and Regulations. All exhibitors must comply with both the General Rules and Regulations and Dept. F - Jr. Show Rules and Regulations.
2. All animals exhibited must comply with sanitary regulations of the Department of Agriculture of the State of West Virginia (refer to Health Regulations)
3. The International Code of Show Ring Ethics listed in the General Rules and Regulations of the State Fair of West Virginia will govern all Junior Shows.
4. Only animals entered in Department F - Jr. Show may be shown - no substitutes will be allowed.
5. Exhibitors must own, feed, care for, and house their animal at a designated and approved location when the animal is not kept at the primary residence of the exhibitor. Written approval must be obtained from the County Extension Agent or Agriculture Education Teacher prior to ownership deadlines. The following ownership deadlines apply to all exhibitors:

Market Steers, Market Heifers - March 1, 2023

Jr. Beef Heifers, Feeder Steers - June 10, 2023

Dairy - June 10, 2023

Market Hogs, Purebred Swine - June 10, 2023

Market Lambs, Purebred Sheep and Market Goats - June 10, 2023

6. Registration papers must indicate date of sale prior to ownership deadlines.
7. All Market Animals must be tagged with official RFID tag and a visual tag. If at the time of a specific species check-in a concern regarding identification arises, the situation will be handled by the species superintendent and the Department F - Jr. Show general superintendents.
8. Grand & Reserve Grand Champions: The 2022 Junior Show for market animals selected as Grand or Reserve Grand Champions will be a terminal show. This means that all Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be harvested. There are two (2) options.
 - a. The youth may elect to consign their animal to the Greenbrier/ Monroe Youth Livestock Association, Inc. Sale. After the animal is sold, the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association will assume responsibility for the animal and deliver it to a Designated 55 State of Federally inspected slaughter facility.
 - b. The youth must consign their Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal to the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association, Inc., Sale. After the animal is sold, exhibitor of the Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal must maintain proper care and husbandry of the animal and its pen. If unable to do so, the exhibitor must provide in writing an explanation to the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association Board of Directors. It is mandatory that all Market animals selected as Grand or Reserve Grand will be sold in the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Sale.
9. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will have a blood sample drawn immediately upon completion of the class. The sample will be sent to an independent lab for drug screening.
10. Exhibitors of Dairy, Purebred Sheep, Purebred Swine and Beef Heifers will be limited to two (2) animals per class in each breed. Exhibitors of all purebred animals must have registration papers in order and available at check-in for their respective sections. Photocopies are acceptable.
11. Exhibitors of Feeder Calves are limited to three (3) animals.
12. Exhibitors of Market Hogs will be limited to TWO (2) animals in the show. Market Hogs must comply with all health requirements set forth for breeding hogs. Market Hogs must weigh between 225 and 295 pounds. Hogs shown in market classes cannot be shown in purebred classes.

13. All Market Lambs will be classified by weight groups without regard to breed. All lambs must weigh 100 pounds to be eligible for the show. Each exhibitor is encouraged to tag a minimum of two (2) and can only tag a maximum of three (3) lambs. Each exhibitor may show up to three (3) single lambs. Lambs shown in market classes cannot be shown in purebred classes.
14. All Market Steers and Market Heifers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds to be eligible for the show. Exhibitors of Market Steers and Market Heifers will be limited to three (3) animals in the show, one must be of opposite sex. Steers and Heifers, to be eligible to show, must have a complete set of baby teeth with no sign of permanent teeth, and the must have official identification.
15. All Market Goats must weigh between 60 and 110 pounds to be eligible for the show. Exhibitors of market goats will be limited to two (2) animals to show.
16. Please see separate Livestock Schedule on the Fair's website at www.statefairfowv.com for Market Hog, Junior Beef, Market Lamb, and Market Goat check-ins.
17. Junior Purebred Sheep and Junior Purebred Swine must be delivered to the fairgrounds between 8 a.m. and 12 Noon on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. All animals must be accompanied by the exhibitor or an attendant.
18. Dairy animals that have been shown at the State Dairy Show have until 6 pm, on Wednesday, Aug. 17, to arrive. To see Dairy Lease Program for 2021, please contact your local Extension Office.
19. To ensure the opportunity for Junior Show Exhibitors to finish fitting their project animals on their own, an adult "hands off policy" on show days is strongly encouraged. Adults assisting are encouraged to involve the exhibitor in the animal preparation thus providing a "learn-by-doing" experience. Adults should serve as mentors and share equally the preparation.
20. No use of twine or other artificial materials on show animals are permitted. See rule #5 of the International Code of Show Ethics.
21. All exhibitors will place their animals in assigned stalls/pens and leave them there for the entire allotted time, unless authorized to move by any of the species superintendents of the Junior Show. Any exhibitor not delivering all animals entered will forfeit said space to be reassigned by the superintendent. Species superintendents and assistant superintendents are responsible for stall/pen assignments. Exhibitors must stay in the stall/pens assigned.
22. Purebred beef, sheep, swine and dairy, may be shown if the registration papers are prepared in the name of the 4-H and FFA member, 4-H club or FFA chapter or family farm name. Grade dairy animals are not eligible. See Dairy Lease Program.
23. All junior beef heifers must check in with superintendent in the Large Livestock Arena . Please see separate Livestock Schedule on the Fair's website at www.statefairfowv.com. All exhibitors of registered beef heifers must have registration papers for their animal ready to present with the animals at check-in. Photocopies are acceptable. Commercial heifers will also be checked-in at this time. All animals must be properly tattooed.
24. All fans and electrical equipment used in the barns must be in safe operating condition. No refrigerators, generators, or no butt fans will be permitted in the barns. No portable scales are permitted on the State Fairgrounds.
25. Grooming chutes and/or grooming stands will not be allowed in aisles. ONLY ONE (1) CHUTE and/or STAND PER EXHIBITOR. (Exhibitors must bring his/her own chute/stand.)
26. All animals entered in the show must be shown by the owner. If emergency circumstances prevent owner from exhibiting their animal, the superintendent must be notified in writing at the time of check-in. Superintendents may designate another junior exhibitor to show the animal. No attendants are allowed in the show ring, except the yearling breeding sheep classes. Attendants must be another junior exhibitor. The designee will be selected from other exhibitors in the same species.
27. An exhibitor number (provided by the fair) must be displayed in the ring when showing any junior livestock.

28. All exhibitors should wear hard leather shoes or boots. Exhibitors are strongly discouraged from wearing sneakers, tennis shoes, etc. No sandals are permitted in the show ring.
29. No advertising clothing is permitted in the show ring except for "4-H" or "FFA" apparel.
30. All class winners in the Junior Show must be shown for championship.
31. Persons causing disturbances or other problems in the Junior Show Barns will be asked to leave the grounds. (See rule #32 of the International Code of Show Ethics).
32. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited in the barns.
33. Every exhibitor must be present or have a representative present. Roll will be taken. Any exhibitor not present or not represented will not be eligible for any premium monies.
34. Exhibitor's wishing to make stall requests must do so by email to entries@statefairfwv.com.
35. For ALL Purebred Animals, please upload a copy of registration papers with entry.
36. No cable halters will be permitted in barn or show ring.
37. Loud music will not be tolerated.

Showmanship Rules

1. All junior exhibitors are required to show in the showmanship contest for each animal species they are exhibiting. Those who do not show in showmanship will NOT be allowed to show in other classes or participate in Youth Livestock Sale. In this rule, animal species refers to Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Steers, Market Goats, Market Heifers, Beef Heifers, Feeder Steers, Purebred Sheep, Purebred Swine and Dairy.
2. All exhibitors MUST show their own animal.
3. It is required that all showmanship contestants wear clean dress shirts/blouses and dark trousers (jeans are acceptable). Exhibitors may wear 4-H or FFA shirts/ jackets. All white is acceptable for Dairy and Goat Showmanship. Participants may be penalized by the judge for wearing dirty clothing or inappropriate clothing.
4. The exhibitors in showmanship classes will be divided by age groups as follows:
 - a. Novice – 9 years old or in the third grade during the current 4-H year (October 2022 to September 30, 2023) and may not have reached their 12th birthday on or before January 1, 2023. All previous Novice winners must show in the Junior Division. An individual who turns 9 at some time during the 4-H year may enroll if they are in the third grade. If the child is not 9 on October the first, they must be in the third grade on October the first, as the 4-H club year begins
 - b. Junior – 12 years old on or before January 1, 2023, and may not have reached their 14th birthday on or before January 1, 2023. Previous Junior Division winners must show in the Intermediate Division.
 - c. Intermediate – 14 years of age on or before January 1, 2023, and may not have reached their 17th birthday on or before January 1, 2023. Previous Intermediate Division winners must show in the Senior Division.
 - d. Senior – 17 years of age on or before January 1, 2023, and may not have reached their 21st birthday on or before January 1, 2023; FFA members may retain membership until Nov. 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduating from high school. All previous Senior Division winners exhibiting at the 2023 Fair must show in the Master Division.
 - e. Master – All previous Senior and Master Division winners, including the 2022 winners.

Junior Show Entry Requirements

1. Junior show entries **MUST BE MADE ONLINE** by Wednesday, July 6 at 11:59 pm. **NO PAPER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!** A \$50 fee will be applied to late entries received by July 13th at noon.
2. **A \$15 entry fee is required for exhibits entered in the Junior Show.** Junior exhibitors showing in open breeding classes must comply with registration requirements including entry fees for the open show. Open show entry fees must be paid at the time of entry. Only animals entered in Department F - Jr. Show may be shown - no substitutes will be allowed.
3. **Exhibitors will pick up all gate tickets and exhibitor number upon arrival at the fair.**

Sheep

SUPERINTENDENTS

Brad Smith, Superintendent - Purebred Sheep, Petersburg, WV

Brian Sparks, Superintendent - Market Lambs, Summersville, WV

Don Dransfield, Assistant Superintendent, Union, WV

Brian Wickline, Assistant Superintendent, Union, WV

Amy Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Summersville, WV

Luci Mosesso, Assistant Superintendent, Summersville, WV

SHOW DATES

Friday, August 11th – 8 am Market Lamb Showmanship

Saturday, August 12th – 8 am Market Lamb Show

Tuesday, August 15th – 8 am – Noon Purebred Sheep Check-In

4 pm Jr. Purebred Sheep Showmanship

6 pm Southdown Show, followed by all other breeds
(Meat, then wool)

Wednesday, August 16th – 8 am Suffolk, Dorset, Hampshire, Border Cheviots, and North
Country Cheviots Shows. Rolling Schedule. Please Reference Livestock Schedule.

Thursday, August 17th – 12 noon All Purebred Sheep Released

Division 10 – Special Sheep Program Awards

Class 1: Pride In Your Sheep Project

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to exhibit your sheep project at the 2022 State Fair of West Virginia. This award will be given to the youth exhibitor who displays himself/herself, his/her exhibit and his/her stall area with pride during the entire week of the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to take pride in their projects and themselves and to display a positive image of the sheep industry in the state of West Virginia. The winner will receive a financial award; the winner will be announced after the Market Lamb Show.

Premiums

1st - \$75.00 2nd - \$50.00 3rd - \$30.00

Division 11 - Sheep Showmanship Classes

11A – Market Lamb 11B – Purebred Sheep

Showmanship Rules:

1. You must show in Sheep Showmanship in order to receive premium monies in the Sheep Show. If you are exhibiting both purebred sheep and market lambs, you must show in both showmanship contests to receive premium monies and be eligible for Premier Exhibitor.
2. Junior exhibitors may show their sheep with or without a halter.
3. Classes and order of show will be determined by the superintendents and posted. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal.
4. **It is required that all showmanship contestants wear clean dress shirts/blouses and dark trousers** (jeans are acceptable). Exhibitors may wear 4-H or FFA shirts/jackets. Participants may be penalized by the judge for wearing dirty clothing or inappropriate clothing.

Showmanship Classes:

1. Senior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Junior Showmanship
4. Novice Showmanship
5. Master Showmanship

2022 Market Lamb Showmanship Winners

Master:

Senior: Braden McCoy

Intermediate: Bailee Hylton

Junior: Paige Knott

Novice: Paxton Miller

2022 Purebred Sheep Showmanship Winners

Master: Mason Kincaid

Senior: Carli Shaffer

Intermediate: Sophia Bishop

Junior: Avery McCoy

Novice: Natalee Simms

Division 12 – Market Lambs

Rules:

1. Exhibitors of market lambs must have ownership by June 10, 2023.
2. All market lambs must be weighed. Please see separate Livestock Schedule on the Fair's website at www.statefairfwpv.com. Exhibitor or their representatives must be present at time of weighing.
3. Grand & Reserve Grand Champions: The 2023 Junior Show for market animals selected as Grand or Reserve Grand Champions will be a terminal show. This means that all Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be harvested. There are two (2) options. A. The youth may elect to consign their animal to the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association, Inc., Sale. After the animal is sold, the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association will assume responsibility for the animal and deliver it to a Designated State of Federally inspected slaughter facility. B. The youth must cosign their Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal to the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association, Inc., Sale. After the animal is sold, exhibitor of the Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal must maintain proper care and husbandry of the animal and its pen. If unable to do so, the exhibitor must provide in writing and explanation to the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Association Board of Directors. It is mandatory that all Market animals selected as Grand or Reserve Grand will be sold in the Greenbrier/Monroe Youth Livestock Sale.
4. All market lambs will be classified by weight groups without regard to breed. All lambs must weigh 100 pounds to be eligible for the show. If there is any question concerning the actual weight, the lamb must be re-weighed immediately before it is taken back to the barn.
5. All market lambs must be skin clipped prior to check-in with vet. officials.
6. Each exhibitor is encouraged to tag a minimum of two (2) and can only tag a maximum of three (3) lambs. Each exhibitor must weigh-in at least one (1) lamb at the fair. Each exhibitor may show up to three (3) single lambs. Lambs shown in market classes cannot be shown in purebred classes.
7. Lambs' tails are docked for cleanliness and to minimize fly strike, but cosmetic, excessively short tail docking can lead to an increased incidence of rectal prolapses and is unacceptable for the welfare of the lamb. We recommend that lambs' tails be docked at the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold.
8. Lambs shown in purebred classes may be not be shown in the market lamb show.
9. Lambs may be ewes or wethers.
10. Lambs must carry all lamb teeth and will be mouthed at the time of weigh-in. Wether lambs will also be examined at the time of weigh-in for the presence of testicular tissue. No animal with testicular tissue will be permitted to show. Species superintendents reserve the right to remove prolapsed lambs at any time during the exhibition.
11. In order to properly inspect market lambs, they must be skinned clipped prior to check-in with vet. officials . A West Virginia Department of Agriculture inspector will be stationed at the unloading dock to inspect them as they come off the trucks between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Any animal showing signs of an infectious or contagious disease will not be able to stay within the fairgrounds. Any shipment containing an infectious animal commingled with other animals will result in the entire shipment being rejected. Lambs showing evidence of club lamb fungus will be WVDA inspected and may be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
12. No muzzles are permitted. 13. All sheep pens must be bedded with an absorbent bedding. 14. If at the market lamb check-in time a concern regarding identification arises, the situation will be handled by the species superintendents and the Dept. F - Jr. Show General Superintendents.

Market Lamb Classes:

Class 1A - Light Weight Market Lambs

Class 1B - Champion Light Weight Market Lamb - Rosette

Class 1C - Reserve Champion Light Weight Market Lamb - Rosette

Class 2A - Medium Weight Market Lambs

Class 2B - Champion Medium Weight Market Lamb - Rosette

Class 2C - Reserve Champion Medium Weight Market Lamb - Rosette

Class 3A - Heavy Weight Market Lambs

Class 3B - Champion Heavy Weight Market Lamb - Rosette

Class 3C Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Market Lamb - Rosette

Class 4 (A & B)- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs

Grand Champion Market Lamb - Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb – Rosette

Division 13 – Purebred Sheep

Rules:

1. All purebred sheep will be accepted for exhibition only if: Lambs' tails are docked for cleanliness and to minimize fly strike, but cosmetic, excessively short tail docking can lead to an increased incidence of rectal prolapses and is unacceptable for the welfare of the lamb. We recommend the lambs' tails be docked at the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold.
2. Exhibitors of purebred sheep must have ownership by June 10, 2023.
3. Lambs shown in the Market Lamb classes may not be shown in the Purebred Sheep Show.
4. Exhibitors will be limited to two (2) entries per class in each breed.
5. Purebred sheep must be owned and have registration papers prepared in the name of the individual exhibitor or family flock name. The superintendents will check the papers against entry sheets at check-in time.
6. Please mail or email a copy of registration papers with entries.
7. The teeth of all purebred sheep will be inspected to verify age.
8. Any questions of actual age will be verified by the State Fair Veterinarian. The Veterinarian's decision will be final and any sheep not meeting age requirements will be disqualified. No changes will be made in the show ring. If an animal appears in the show arena with ear tags or tattoo different from those verified at check-in, it will not be permitted to show. Ear tags and tattoo will be checked upon entry into the ring and must be present for animal to show.
9. Species superintendents reserve the right to remove prolapsed animals at anytime during the exhibition.
10. All animals entered in the Purebred Sheep Classes must be registered in the recognized American herd books of their respective breeds.

Divisions:

13 - A—Hampshire	13 - F—Southdown	Class 2 - Reserve Supreme Champion Ram
13 - B—Suffolk	13 - G—All other purebreds (Meat Breeds)	13 - J—Class 1 - Supreme Champion Ewe
13 - C—Border Cheviot	13 - H—All other purebreds (Wool Breeds)	Class 2 - Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe
13 - D—North Country Cheviots	13 - I—Class 1 - Supreme Champion Ram	
13 - E—Dorset		

Classifications:

Exhibitors will be limited to one (1) entry in classes 5, 9, 13 and 16, and will be limited to two (2) entries per class in each of the other classes. If less than 3 head are shown in a breed, they will be shown in AOP.

1. Yearling Ram, one (1) year and under two (2)
2. Senior Ram Lamb, under one (1) year old
3. Early Junior Ram Lamb, born between January 1 and February 15
4. Late Junior Ram, born February 16 and after
5. Pair of Ram Lambs
6. CHAMPION RAM – Rosette
7. RESERVE CHAMPION RAM – Rosette
8. Yearling Ewe, one (1) year old and under two (2)
9. Pair of Yearling Ewes
10. Senior Ewe Lamb, under one (1) year old
11. Early Junior Ewe Lamb, born between January 1 and February 15
12. Late Junior Ewe Lamb, born February 16 and after
13. Pair of Ewe Lambs
14. CHAMPION EWE –Rosette
15. RESERVE CHAMPION EWE – Rosette
16. Bred and Owned Pair of Lambs (one ewe lamb and one ram lamb bred and owned by the exhibitor.

Division 22 – Premier Exhibitor Program

The State Fair of West Virginia and WVU Extension is pleased to recognize the 2023 Junior and Senior Premier Exhibitors in Market Beef, Purebred Beef, Dairy, Market Hogs, Purebred Swine, Market Goats, Market Lambs and Purebred Sheep. Premier Exhibitor awards are based on results from the skillathon, showmanship classes and exhibit animals in the respective category.

As in previous years, 2023 State Fair exhibitors in Dept F – Jr Show will have the opportunity to participate in a Livestock Skillathon. NEW this year, to streamline our competition and give WV exhibitors an experience similar to what they might encounter at a national skillathon, exhibitors will complete the skillathon only once, and its content will be multi-species. The livestock skillathon will be conducted virtually. Participants in the skillathon will receive a username and password prior to the beginning of the State Fair. After logging in, participants will answer a series of questions that will test their knowledge regarding sheep, goats, beef, dairy and swine. The tested topics will be ones applicable to all the species exhibited. The first recorded score will be used for all species exhibited by a participant.

Rules:

1. Age Group Requirements:
 - a. Junior - 9 years old or in the third grade during the current 4-H year (Oct. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023) and may not have reached their 14th birthday on or before Jan. 1, 2023.
 - b. Senior - at least 14 years old on or before Jan. 1, 2023, and may not have reached their 21st birthday on or before Jan. 1, 2023.
2. The 2022 Junior winners in the skillathon competition will participate in the Senior Contest. The 2022 Senior winners will sit out for one (1) year and will not be eligible for the competition in 2023.

Scoring:

Premier Exhibitor scores will be determined on the following scale:

Skillathon - 40%

Showmanship - 40%

Animal Placing - 20%

Topics:

The following topics may or may not be covered in the 2023 Multi-species Skillathon:

Breed Identification (for all the species represented)

Feedstuffs

Equipment

Identification

Quality Assurance

Plant Identification

Soil Test Reproduction