

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY 4-H & FFA MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE
MARKET HOG, LAMB AND GOAT REGULATIONS

*****The General Rules and Regulations provided by the Rockingham County Fair Association apply to the Market Livestock Show and Sale. All exhibitors, parents and volunteers are expected to be familiar and follow the rules and regulations provided here and by the Association. The pricing and exhibit check-in dates and times are subject to change and will be finalized at a later time. General Rules and Regulations are available at the Extension Office or at the Fair Office.*****

Exhibitor and Animal Eligibility

1. All exhibitors must be bona fide Rockingham 4-H Club and/or FFA members meeting the following criteria:
 - a. Steers, lambs, hogs and goats may be exhibited by all bonafide 4-H & FFA members who are 9 years old by September 30th of 2015.
 - b. Final participation in the show and sale is the show immediately following graduation from High School.
 - c. 4-H & FFA exhibitors who participated in the 2014 fair must turn in a project book for species they exhibited in 2014 in order to be eligible to show and sell in 2015.
2. Only bona fide Rockingham 4-H and FFA members as qualifying in general regulation No. 1 may be selected to show or sell in place of another exhibitor. If there is a conflict with students attending college, notification must be presented in writing by August 1, 2015 to the Extension Office for exhibitors to be allowed to sell by proxy. Approval will be determined on a case by case basis.
3. Entries must be in the exhibitor's ownership and daily care and on feed by May 30, 2015 to be eligible to show and sell.
4. All Lambs, Hogs and Goats must be entered on a completed official entry blank and be in the Extension Office or postmarked by March 6, 2015. **Note: A seven calendar day grace period will be allowed for late entries however exhibitors registering during this grace period will be assessed a monetary penalty of \$50 per animal. Therefore, all lamb, hog and goat entries and fees must be received in the Extension Office (by 5:00 PM) or postmarked by March 13th. There will be no protests regarding late entries and NO entry forms will be accepted after this seven day grace period.**
5. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals for the entire duration of the project. While 4-H leaders and volunteers, FFA advisors, siblings, and other family members are encouraged to offer support and guidance, the majority of the care, maintenance, and fitting of project animals should be left to the exhibitor with the goal of providing a hands-on, educational experience.

Weigh-Ins

6. All hogs, lambs and goats must be weighed in at the Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In scheduled for May 30, 2015. Lambs, hogs and goats not weighing in on the 30th will not be eligible to show or sell.
7. Each exhibitor may weigh in a maximum of 4 lambs, 4 hogs and 4 goats at the initial weigh-in.
8. All Bred and Owned animals must be designated at the initial weigh-in. Rockingham Bred and Owned animals must meet the following description, "The immediate family must own the dam at time of service and conception and the exhibitor must have continuously cared for the market animal since birth".
9. All lambs and goats must bear an official USDA scrapie flock identification tag at the initial weigh-in. Lambs and goats not bearing an official tag will not be allowed to weigh in, show, or sell.
10. All lambs must be docked and all male lambs, hogs and goats castrated by initial weighin to be eligible to show and sell.
11. All hogs will be vaccinated for Erysipalis at initial weigh-in. The vaccine will be provided at the weigh-in.
12. Final weigh-in time is by appointment.

13. *Each exhibitor will be allowed to present at the final weigh-in – hogs and goats on August 16th and lambs on August 17th, 2015 at Shenandoah Valley Livestock Sales a maximum of **two lambs, two hogs or two goats** which are selected from those that were officially weighed at the 4-H and FFA Hog, Lamb and Goat weigh-in. **With no more than three animals being presented to weigh-in unless they are a 2015 graduating senior. Graduating seniors may bring four total market animals to final weigh-in (maximum of two per specie).***
14. The 2 lambs, 2 hogs or 2 goats brought by an exhibitor to the final weigh-in in August are their official selections. Substitutions with other exhibitor hogs, lambs and goats will not be allowed. Any eligible animal not shown will be sold at the Floor Price.
15. Final Weigh-In Requirements
 - a. All lambs must weigh between 90 and 150 pounds to show. Lambs must grade Blue-O, Red-O, Heavy Blue-O or Heavy Red-O.
 - b. Hogs must have clean backs at final weigh-in in order to weigh in. Hogs must weigh between 220 and 285 pounds and must grade 1 or 2.
 - c. *Goats must be washed and clean. Goats must weigh between 60 and 130 pounds at final weigh in and grade Select or better.*
16. Hogs, lambs and goats not meeting the weight or the grade requirements will be ineligible for show and sale and sent home.
17. All exhibitors must indicate their intent to participate in Showmanship Classes at the final weigh-in. These classes are judged strictly on showmanship. Fitting is not considered in the judging of showmanship classes.
18. No re-weigh will be allowed.
19. Lambs and goats will not be permitted to wear coverings at final weigh-in.
20. All lambs must be washed and skin clipped within 10 days of final weigh-in.
21. Goats and lambs must have milk teeth, and show no eruption of permanent teeth at final weigh in, permanent teeth or rupture will be cause for disqualification.
22. Hog Hair Clipping: For show eligibility, hair length on the pig body (hams, top, sides and shoulders) must be at least one-half inch. Pigs with body hair length less than one-half inch are not eligible to show and sell.
23. All goats must have horns tipped to a blunt end, no horn removal is allowed on fairgrounds or at final weigh-in. Tipped horns mean removing the “tip” or “point” of the horn. If excessive removal occurs severe bleeding can occur. The Livestock Committee holds right of rejection at lack of compliance.
24. Animal Accident Protocol at Weigh-In
 - a. Initial Weigh-In Animal Injury/Death
 - i. Physical Injury/Death occurring at the weigh-in site must be reported to the Extension Office (540-564-3080) on the weigh-in date and include vet confirmation.
 - ii. Vaccine death needs to be reported to Extension Office (540-564-3080) or the appropriate specie chair within 24 hours of initial weigh-in and include vet confirmation.
 - iii. A replacement animal needs to be nominated to Extension Office (540-564-3080) within 7 days from vet confirmation.
 - iv. Replacement animal needs to be verified by an Extension Office (540-564-3080) and/or specie chairman
 - v. Replacement animal is not eligible for Rate of Gain awards.
 - b. Final Weigh-In Animal Injury/Death
 - i. Physical Injury/Death occurring at the weigh-in site must be reported to the Extension Office (540-564-3080) on the weigh-in date and include vet confirmation.

- ii. If physical injury/death occurs at final weigh-in site, exhibitor can substitute a spare animal if it was previously nominated in individual's name.

Show and Sale

- 25. **Each exhibitor can show and sell no more than three market animals total and not more than two animals of each species. Graduating seniors may show and sell four market animals total and not more than two animals of each species.**
- 26. Each contestant must show and sell his or her own animal(s) unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class or is unable to attend the show and sale because of sickness or death in the immediate family. Other cases will be evaluated by the Executive Committee on a case by case basis. For these reasons only will an exhibitor be exempt. Exhibitors that cannot show or sell due to an injury or illness, must be present at the show and sale if physically possible. Exhibitors must submit a written request to the Specie Chairperson at least 24 hours before the show if they will not be showing their own animal. Non-compliance with this ruling will disqualify the animal from the show and sale. If you show you must sell or you will forfeit participation in the next year's show.
- 27. Hog, lamb and goat classes will be divided on the day of the show based on weight. The Grand Champion will be selected from the class champions.
- 28. All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress in both the show ring and sale ring. Inappropriate dress and appearance are:
 - a. Clothing with negative, indecent language or symbols.
 - b. Excessively tight or short garments.
 - c. Exposed undergarments.
 - d. Clothing with holes, tears, or slashes.
 - e. Halter tops/tube tops.
 - f. Tank tops with straps of less than 2 inches in width and/or cut low enough to show bosom.
 - g. Skirts or dresses that do not reach mid-thigh (below fingertips) or do not cover appropriate body parts.
 - h. Belly shirts that expose excessive midriff.
 - i. See through blouses, skirts, or pants.
 - j. Any adornment that can be perceived as or used as a weapon.
 - k. Headgear of any type should not be worn.
- 29. All species must be washed and clean to participate in the show.
- 30. All lambs, hogs and goats eligible for the show must sell.
- 31. **The sale order for the 2015 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale will be STEERS, HOGS, LAMBS and GOATS.**
- 32. All livestock will be sold by the pound.
- 33. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have his or her livestock lined up in the proper specie sale order when time to sell. If not in proper sale order then livestock will be sold at the end of the specie sale order. If an exhibitor does not show up to sell their livestock then the livestock will be sold at floor.
- 34. A Sale Commission & Advertising Fee/animal + check off (if applicable) will be collected on each head of livestock sold at the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale as follows:

	<u>Commission & Advertising</u>	<u>Check-Off</u>
Steers	1%	\$1 per head = (\$.50 <u>State</u> , \$.50 <u>National</u>)
Lambs	1%	(\$.50 <u>State</u> + \$.005 * Lamb Weight <u>National</u>)
Goat	1%	No Check-Off
Hogs	1%	(.004 * total dollars realized per head)

- 35. Bye bidding is discouraged (this means if parents or siblings bid on livestock of their child or sibling then, they should purchase it!).

Fair Week

36. Exhibitors assume the responsibility for feeding, loss, injury, or damage of animals in transit to weigh-in and through the end of the sale. All lambs, hogs, and goats must be provided water thru Saturday morning 10:00AM. If exhibitor does not care for animal, after fair warning, livestock committee will take action.
37. Tie spaces, pen spaces, and tack spaces will be assigned by designated species chair persons. Any alterations or changes of designated spaces must be cleared with the designated persons making the assignments by July 15th, 2015.
 - a. Tack space, if available will be assigned by each department chair. Violations will result in removal of tack and/or animals from fairgrounds.
 - b. ALL pen space must be paid for by July 15th or livestock will not be exhibited at the fair. A \$5 per head fee will be charged for every animal signed up at the July 15th deadline in department. No refunds will be given for animals not exhibited.
38. If an animal medical emergency occurs an FFA advisor, Extension Office (540-564-3080), or species chair should be notified immediately.
39. *Mistreatment or abuse of livestock project animals will not be tolerated. No animal is to be beaten, underfed, under watered or misused in any fashion. No icing will be tolerated. No forced drenching of livestock will be permitted during fair week unless administered by a licensed veterinarian or with permission and in the presence of species chair.*
40. No "sheep muzzle" will be allowed on market lambs and goats at the Fair.
41. All exhibitors must abide by prescribed withdrawal periods on antibiotics and drugs. Animals may be subject to testing by licensed vet or appointed official.
42. All animals are subject to a veterinary inspection at the final weigh-in and during fair week and if found to have an active case of an infectious or contagious disease or condition, they will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
43. Fair Week Protest Procedure
 - (a) Protest must be in writing, plainly stating the complaint and with accompanying substantial evidence of the infraction.
 - (b) A \$50.00 fee is to accompany the protest.
 - (c) Both the protest and fee must be delivered to the 4-H and FFA Livestock Committee Chairperson within twelve hours after the cause of the protest.
 - (d) The Livestock Committee Chairperson will call a meeting of the Livestock Committee within twenty-four hours of receiving the protest and present it, and all substantial evidence, to the Livestock Committee members that are present.
 - (e) The Livestock Committee members present at the meeting will review the protest and accompanying evidence and shall make a decision as to sustain or reject the protest.
 - (f) If the protest is not sustained, the \$50.00 fee shall be forfeited to the 4-H and FFA Livestock Show Treasury.
 - (g) The Livestock Committee Chairperson shall inform those involved in the protest of its decision.