

Georgia National Junior Commercial Dairy Heifer Show

Judge:.....Tyler Reynolds of NY

Superintendent:.....Dr. Jillian Fain Bohlen

Co-Superintendents: Stan Mitchell, Josh Allen

Arrival Time

Fri., Oct. 9, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sat., Oct. 10, 9:00am - 10:00 am

Check-in & Weigh-in:

Sat., Oct. 10, 10 am - 1 pm

Release Time

Sun., Oct. 11 following show

Show Time

Showmanship: Sun., Oct. 11, 9:00 am

Show: Sun., Oct. 11, following SS


Arena

Beef/Dairy Arena

Beef/Dairy Arena

Commercial Dairy Heifers must weigh 100-1,250 lbs.

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Commercial Dairy Heifer Show Scholarships

\$375 - Highest placing High School Sr. in Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship
\$375 - Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer Exhibitor

1. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by all General Rules and Regulations printed in the beginning of this book.
2. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in this Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors are eligible from the State of Georgia only. Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th grade through 12th grade in school (and at least nine years old by entry deadline). No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** will be required for premium checks
5. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be **ONLINE ONLY**. Entry deadline remains September 1st. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card. There is a processing fee of \$1.50 per exhibitor. The Livestock show information can be found at www.georgianationalfair.com - Animals - Livestock Competitions.
Please Note: Livestock Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, the office is closed on Saturday & Sunday. If the entry deadline of September 1 falls on the weekend or a Holiday, there will be no one in the office to assist you. The deadline will not be extended.
6. **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.
7. **SIGNATURES:** The online entry process has a place that you have to agree to the rules, by marking the check box will serve as required signature. There is an Advisors form that all 4H/FFA advisors are required to send in for their counties/clubs.
8. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** No more than three (3) commercial dairy heifers can be entered by any one exhibitor.
9. **OWNERSHIP:** The exhibitor must maintain continuous possession and provide daily care for the heifer(s) from September 1, 2020 to show time.
10. **IDENTIFICATION:** All commercial dairy heifers must be photographed and have a **STATE** ear tag at the time of entry. Tattoos are required on solid colored calves only; however, they are highly recommended on all calves. Tattoo number need not correspond to ear tag number. Tattoo/Ear Tag numbers and photograph must be included with entries.
11. Heifers should meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- a. Heifers must be born between March 1, 2019 and August 1, 2020.
- b. Commercial dairy heifers are dairy cattle offspring of mixed dairy or purebred dairy cattle parents.
- c. Heifers weighing less than 100 pounds and more than 1,250 pounds will be disqualified.
- d. All heifers must be dehorned. Heifers not dehorned will be disqualified. Any regrowth must be rasped and made presentable and should NOT exceed one (1) inch in length.

12. Heifers showing in the Comm. Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to be shown in the Purebred Show of the Georgia National Fair during the same year.

13. **CLASSES:** Heifers will be classed and shown by weight.

14. **WEIGH-IN:** Heifers must be weighed in on Sat., Oct. 10, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. **NO REWEIGHS** after Comm. Dairy Heifers leave the scales.

15. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showman will be allowed when exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. The substitute showman must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by the show superintendent.

If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to a disability, a substitute showman will be allowed to show for that exhibitor. The exhibitor with the disability must be present at the show-ring when the substitute showman and animal enter the ring. The substitute in all cases must be a 4-H or FFA member and the substitute must be approved by the show superintendent at the time of animal check-in. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring.

No substitute showman will be allowed to show in showmanship

16. **SHOWMANSHIP:** Each participant in showmanship must own the calf they show and the calf must be entered and qualified to show in weight class. Showmanship classes may be split and heats run at the discretion of show management. Awards and prize monies available for classes 1-6 only.

17. **COUNTY GROUP OF FIVE** must have at least three county groups exhibiting to pay premiums. Each county group must have at least three different owners represented. Entries are limited to two groups per county, made up of 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

18. **CONTROL:** All heifers must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.

19. **FILLING OF COMMERCIAL DAIRY HEIFERS** with any substance is prohibited. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for grooming.

20. **BEDDING:** A wood chip bedding will be provided for the first bedding. *No straw, sand, or other material will be allowed in the Beef Barn.*

21. **TACK AREAS** will be assigned on a space available basis depending on the number of animals entering the show.

22. Exhibitors must keep the part of the building occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. Ribbons won at this and other shows may be used to decorate the area. Paint or any other substance that will mar or deface the stalls WILL NOT be tolerated.

23. **PASSES:** Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the East Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

24. State 4-H & FFA rules do not allow junior exhibitors and/or their advisors/teachers to spend the night inside the barns. GNF rules allow spending the night in the barns only to tend to lactating animals and Commercial Dairy Heifers do not fall into this category.

Jr Commercial Dairy Heifer Showmanship

1st Place, each class - Belt Buckle

Class 1 - 4 - 5th grade

Class 2 - 6th grade

Class 3 - 7th grade

Class 4 - 8th grade

Class 5 - 9th grade

Class 6 - 10th grade

Class 7 - 11th grade

Class 8 - 12th grade

Attention Exhibitors: Due to COVID-19 and the space limitations in New South Arena and Foster Rhodes Beef and Dairy Arena, mask or face covering are required to enter the building. Exhibitors will not have to wear face coverings while showing their project. All attendees are encouraged to wearing face coverings during their visit to the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.

Health Requirements

Georgia Department of Agriculture
Agriculture Building Capitol Square
Atlanta Georgia 30334-2001 USA
(404) 656-3667 FAX (404) 656-9380

General Requirements

- No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.
- A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.
- An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.
- ***No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.***
- ***Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. If suspected animals are not removed from or return to the show facility, all of the exhibitor's entries will be disqualified.***

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exceptions will be the following:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the certificate of veterinary inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (unless specified otherwise by show management).
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued by a veterinarian and must be updated and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate: "to the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. Georgia equine participating in Georgia Equine Shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete Equine Requirements)

**** Certificate of veterinary inspection is required on all market hogs at the Georgia National Fair as there will be breeding hogs on the premises. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and test required.**

A veterinarian or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official certificate of veterinary inspection must show proof of the following requirements for the appropriate species.

Revised March 5, 2005 - For complete & current regulations, call (404) 656-3667.

Farm Animal Livestock Requirements

I. CATTLE

A. Brucellosis

1. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirements.
2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for Brucellosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin - call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations).

B. Tuberculosis

1. DAIRY CATTLE - All dairy cattle six (6) months of age and older must have a negative TB test within sixty (60) days of shipment - REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN (This does not apply to Georgia Cattle).
2. BEEF CATTLE - Beef cattle originating from a TB free state do not require a TB test. Beef cattle from the following states will require a negative TB test if six (6) months of age or older within sixty (60) days of shipment: California, Michigan, New Mexico, and Minnesota.

II. SWINE

A. Georgia swine:

1. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative Brucellosis and a negative Pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:
 - a. Swine originating from a validated Brucellosis free herd and a qualified Pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
2. Market swine:
 - a. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 - b. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
 - c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions" section described above.

B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as "Georgia swine" requirements above.

NOTE: Swine purchased and/or removed from the farm of a validated/qualified herd loses validated/qualified status at the time of transfer and will require the appropriate tests prior to exhibition.

C. Any exhibition of out-of-state swine must have an entry permit number from the Dept. of Agriculture. (Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).

III. SHEEP

A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those sheep born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

C. *Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infections and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.*

IV. GOATS

A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those goats born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

C. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

V. EXOTIC ANIMALS

A. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.

B. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.

New Look for the “new” logo throughout this book. It is used to indicate changes or additions to rules, schedules, etc.

General Rules and Regulations

NOTICE: All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as they will be enforced strictly.

The Georgia National Fair (GNF) will be held on the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, October 8-18, 2020, unless postponed, or extended by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority (GAEA), all of which they hereby claim and reserve the right to do from any cause whatsoever which they may deem necessary for the general good of all concerned.

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The GNF reserves to the GAEA the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the GAEA may order.

Statement of Liability

1. All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the GAEA, but the GAEA will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the GAEA against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

2. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or fowl that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore, and if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

Testing and Responsibility

3. **DRUGS & DIURETICS:** Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules, the term "drug" shall mean: the sale, possession or use of any substance which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal.

The use of any *diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs* for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood, tissue, milk and/or urine samples for analysis. Any animal entered is subject to testing.

The administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally for the treatment of a disease or injury must be done in accordance with regulations established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

4. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:** The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of an animal exhibited at the Georgia National Fair Livestock competitions, regardless of the acts of a third party. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the Georgia National Fairgrounds property.

Any animal exhibited in any 4H/FFA Junior show being treated with a prescription or over-the-counter medication (the use of any diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited) that has not completed its recommended withdrawal time must be accompanied by an original, complete veterinary prescription. This prescription must be provided to management upon request at any time during the show and will be required at the time of residue testing if that animal is selected. The prescribed medication(s) must be approved for the use on the treated animal.

Should testing and inspection procedures used by the GNF evidence the presence of a foreign substance or any drug not medically necessary or not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor,

a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or any other person shown to have had care, custody or attendance of the animal in any way, at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in these rules.

5. **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;

- a. Forfeiture of prize money;
- b. Forfeiture of sale money;
- c. *Forfeiture of titles, trophies, and awards;*
- d. *Banned from future livestock competition at the Georgia National Fair and the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show.*

i. The exhibitor will be banned from competing at future livestock competitions for all species at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) from rule infraction. After the twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) suspension has been completed, the exhibitor will then be placed on probation for twenty-four (24) months or two show years (whichever is greater).

During this probation period, management reserves the right to residue test any/all entries of the individual on probation that are entered at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and/or the Georgia National Fair. The exhibitor is responsible for full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples. Residue tests will be sent to a laboratory of show management's choice.

*ii. If, at any time following the first ban, any **Junior 4H/FFA animal** shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any unapproved drugs, prohibited drugs, or drugs that are not under the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor will be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.*

- e. Subject to investigation by federal, state and local authorities for criminal prosecution.
- f. *Violation of these rules may result in disqualification from other 4-H and/or FFA activities.*

Refusal to submit animals for testing or to cooperate in completion of minimum testing requirements will result in disqualification and subject the exhibitor to the same penalties provided for exhibitors whose animals test positive for drugs.

Eligibility for Entry

6. Competition is open to the world unless otherwise stated in the special rules governing a particular department.

7. **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:** All animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge.

8. **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors entering an animal in any name other than the name of the bona fide owner or owners, or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible, may, at the discretion of the management, be barred from further showing, and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited. Entries that have been erroneously entered will be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in proper classes in one owner's name, but must appear under this ownership in all classes entered.

9. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List are required on all animals. Diseased animals are barred entry (at all times) into the Fairgrounds area. Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to animals showing any signs or characteristics of disease. Inspectors will check health papers upon arrival.

10. **BREEDER AFFIDAVIT:** Barren animals will not be eligible for breeding classes; an affidavit that the animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.

11. If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a major show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair. In cooperation with the member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and the Rule Infraction Database, the Georgia National Fair reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor.

12. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their livestock must meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department or departments (in subsequent pages of this premium list).

Entries

13. **ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be **ONLINE ONLY**. Entry deadline remains **September 1st**. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card. There is a processing fee of **\$1.50 per exhibitor**. The Livestock show information can be found at www.georgianationalfair.com - Livestock/Horseshow tab - Livestock Competitions. *Please Note: Livestock Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, the office is closed on Saturday & Sunday. If the entry deadline of September 1 falls on the weekend or a Holiday, there will be no one in the office to assist you. The deadline will not be extended.*

14. **ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, the management reserves the right to reject, accept or accept conditionally, an application for entry, and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings.

15. **SIGNATURES:** By completing the online entry the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.

16. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED:** Social Security number required for premiums checks.

17. **ENTRY FEES:**

Beef & Dairy Cattle..... \$20.00

Sheep, Swine & Goats... \$15.00

Entry fee includes the original bedding which will be in the stalls upon arrival of livestock.

18. **CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES** must be made no later than **September 10**.

19. **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.

20. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showman will be allowed when exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. The substitute showman must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by the show superintendent.

If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to a disability, a substitute showman will be allowed to show for that exhibitor. The exhibitor with the disability must be present at the show-ring when the substitute showman and animal enter the ring. The substitute in all cases must be a 4-H or FFA member and the substitute must be approved by the show superintendent at the time of animal check-in. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring.

No substitute showman will be allowed to show in showmanship

21. **SHOW NUMBER:** Each entry in the Fair will be assigned a show number. This number will identify animals in the show and will correspond with the Official Livestock Catalog number and must be displayed properly when the entries are being judged.

Passes and Parking

22. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**

Complimentary Livestock Admission Bracelets are provided for exhibitors along with bracelets for parents/guardians of each exhibiting family. (Example: If family has one child exhibiting, they receive three bracelets. If family has two children exhibiting, they receive four bracelets, etc.). Additional passes must be purchased.

4-H and FFA chapters with junior entries will receive complimentary Livestock Admission Bracelets and complimentary vehicle passes for Agents or Advisors.

All Livestock Admission Bracelets must be put on when picked up and kept on until your stay with us is final, if for any reason these bracelets get lost or have to be cut off, the exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a replacement.

All complimentary bracelets must be picked up at Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock entrance to the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Additional bracelets/passes (quantities limited) may be purchased at the Livestock Credentials office.

Livestock trailers may be dropped in designated areas without a vehicle pass. All vehicles must be out of the barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.

23. No parking is permitted on the asphalt next to the barns.

24. **NONCOMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the Show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately

25. **ADVISORS (4H & FFA) must confirm their junior exhibitor's entries in order to receive their pass packets.**

26. If you are an exhibitor and you are reading these rules please email "***I have read the rules***" to livestock@gnfa.com by entry deadline to receive a GNFA hat. Please include your name, what you are showing and the date. Do not share this rule with anyone.

27. **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:** On heavy attendance days the Georgia State Patrol will designate all gates on the Fairgrounds as exits only from approximately 9 pm until 11 pm. It is strongly suggested that you plan your entrance and exit times wisely with this information in mind.

Judges and Judging Procedure

28. Policies of selecting judges and of determining judging systems rest solely with the management.

29. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Georgia National Fair.

30. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Georgia National Fair management or such referee as may be appointed may make a decision regarding final placement. Such cases may be appealed in writing to the Livestock Committee from whose decision there will be no appeal.

31. If any exhibitor or his/her representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the Show, the management may withhold from such exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable.

32. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

33. No one will be allowed to act as judge in the ring or class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.

34. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intent of the Ag Expo Authority that no premium or distinction of any kind be given any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his/her award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. Only first prize winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.

Protests

35. Protest against an award and/or eligibility must be made in writing to the Agricultural/Youth Director of the Georgia National Fairgrounds and accompanied by an affidavit and a deposit of \$50.00 within twenty (24) hours following the designation of such award. Any animal being protested must have been entered in the appropriate show and qualified to show before the protest will be accepted. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit will be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair. The Livestock Superintendent will notify the exhibitor of the protested animal or article, of such protest, and both parties shall then have ten (10) days in which to bring testimony in the case to be submitted to the Livestock Committee. The protested award will be held in abeyance until final action of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority.

36. No other protest will be considered by the Livestock Committee.

Care of Animals, Stalls and Pens

37. **ANIMAL WELL-BEING:** Management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal.

38. **CONTROL:** All animals exhibited at the Georgia National Fair must be halter broke.

39. **BEDDING:** The official bedding of the Georgia National Fair is wood shavings. All beef entries in the Junior and Open shows will be required to use wood shavings in the barn. The first bedding is provided and additional chips can be purchased on site. Absolutely NO exceptions to this rule. Violators will forfeit all premiums won. Junior and Open Dairy and Llama exhibitors will be allowed to use straw on top of the existing wood shavings. Wood shavings must not be removed from stalls.

40. **BEDDING SALES:** Shavings and straw will be available on the Fairgrounds at reasonable prices. Straw will be allowed in the outside tie-outs only, except where otherwise specified. Hours and location for purchase of bedding will be posted.

41. **TIE-OUTS:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a "first come, first served" basis. Cattle only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set along the chain link fence. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.

42. All vehicles must be out of barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.

43. **SIGNS:** Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign or banner over their exhibit advertising their own herd or farm. This sign or banner shall be of a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitor's signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs

not to exceed 22 X 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals within an individual exhibit. The management reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed.

44. Posting of signs is not allowed outside the barns or in any area inside the barns other than in the exhibitor's assigned spaces.

45. All owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The Georgia National Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Dress Code

In an effort to encourage professionalism among our Jr. exhibitors and to promote the youth organizations that are involved in the Jr. Livestock project. Suggested Dress Code: Show Ring Dress Code: All junior exhibitors are encouraged to wear one of the following: exempt Jr Commercial Dairy Heifer exhibitors.

A. 4-H Member: An official 4-H vest, jacket, or pullover wind jacket. Exhibitor must be of the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the vest or jacket. Exhibitor must wear a collared shirt under the vest or jacket that is the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.

B. 4-H Member: A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. Exhibitor must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front, left side of the shirt.

C. FFA Member: An official FFA corduroy jacket, pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest. A pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest must be of the appropriate colors of solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the jacket options or vest. Exhibitor must wear a collared shirt under any of the jacket options or vest that is of the appropriate colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.

D. FFA Member: A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate FFA colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. You must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front and left side of the shirt.

E. First, Second, or Third grade students (not yet enrolled in 4-H): A solid white, buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve; and jeans. No 4-H emblem can be worn by exhibitors not enrolled in 4-H.

Composite Rules and Regulations

46. **NO DOGS** are allowed on the Georgia National Fairgrounds during the Fair except service dogs and dogs participating in demonstrations and/or competitions.

47. All articles and animals for exhibition must be in their places, with all rubbish and waste cleared away by 9:00 am each morning.

48. **ARRIVAL TIME:** All animals must be in the barn by the time and date specified in this book under individual shows.

49. **DEPARTURE TIME:** All animals must be out of the barn by 9:00 pm on the date of their release as specified in this book under individual shows. They may spend that night in the tie-outs, but must be off the grounds by noon the following day.

50. **EARLY DEPARTURE:** Any animal on exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without a special order given by the Livestock Department. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by exhibitor.

51. **ANY EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN TO BE USED IN YOUR STALL OR SPACE MUST COMPLY WITH AND BE USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.**

52. **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED:** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.

53. No demonstrators, trophies, decorations, portals, fountains, signs, banners (except as allowed in rule # 41), advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character will be allowed in the aisles or public passageways or attached to the Show buildings' walls, posts, or doors.

54. **TRIMMING CHUTES:** NO chutes allowed in center aisle of cattle barn. Chutes & equipment outside of barn must be kept orderly.

55. **BREED SHOWS:** Where breed shows are offered, breeds that do not meet the minimum requirements for that show for two consecutive years will no longer be offered a breed show. See individual show rules.

Photographs

56. Exhibitors of Champion and Grand Champion winners must make themselves and their animals available for the taking of official photographs and must remain at the Show until animals are released; those photographs are to become the property of the Georgia National Fair with copies made available on site for purchase by the exhibitors.

Failure to comply may result in premium monies being withheld.

Only the photographers displaying the badge of “Official Photographer” are authorized to take photos for resale on the Fairgrounds.

Premiums & Awards

57. Premium checks will be mailed by the Georgia National Fair (except where otherwise stated) as soon after the Show as possible.

New 58. **All premium checks issued by the Georgia National Fair are good for up to 90 days from the issue date on the check. Checks not cashed by that time will not be reissued. In the event that a premium check is lost in the mail, request must be made before this 90 day period has lapsed to have the premium check reissued.**

Notice to Exhibitors

59. Exhibitors may spend the night inside the barns only to tend to lactating animals and must do so within their assigned stalling area or purchase additional stalling space, if available. No other camping is allowed in or around the barn areas.

60. In order to create a good public image and add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc., should be stored out of sight by 8 a.m. each morning.

60. No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes. *Coolers are allowed.*

61. No Unauthorized ATVs, Golf Carts, Motorcycles or Bicycles allowed on grounds.

The following are prohibited on the property known as the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter:

Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Skates, Hover Boards, Roller Blades, and other similar mechanical equipment.

Attention Exhibitors: Due to COVID-19 and the space limitations in New South Arena and Foster Rhodes Beef and Dairy Arena, mask or face covering are required to enter the building. Exhibitors will not have to wear face coverings while showing their project. All attendees are encouraged to wearing face coverings during their visit to the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.