

Administration

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Service Information

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - The Manager will maintain an office in the E*Plex. Concessions Office and Exhibits Office are in the E*Plex lobby.

LIVESTOCK OFFICE - The Livestock Office is located in the E*Plex until July 8. After that time, the office is located on the east end of the Arena through Aug. 5. The office may be reached by calling the Fair switchboard at 417-833-2660.

FIRST AID STATION - A First Aid Station will be available during the Fair.

PUBLIC SAFETY - The City of Springfield Police maintains a station on the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.

TELEPHONE - The Ozark Empire Fair number is 417-833-2660, with switchboard connections to all departments. Fax: 417-833-3769.

EXPRESS AND FREIGHT - Grounds delivery address is Ozark Empire Fair, Norton at Grant, Gate 4, Springfield, Missouri 65803.

POSTAL SERVICE - The Ozark Empire Fair mailing address is 3001 N. Grant, Springfield, MO 65803. Prepaid parcels and mail addressed to exhibitors, concessionaires or Fair visitors in care of the Ozark Empire Fair may be available to them at the E*Plex General Office during the Fair. Note: "Express Mail" will not be delivered to the fairgrounds.

WEBSITE - www.ozarkempirefair.com. See website for e-mail addresses.

TRANSPORTATION - The Springfield/Branson National Airport is ten minutes west of the fairgrounds and is served by several carriers. Greyhound Bus Lines service Springfield, local bus, taxi service and ride share is available.

HOTELS/MOTELS - There are numerous facilities near the fairgrounds. Call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 417-881-5300 to receive a list. Please mention a planned visit to the Fair.

HIGHWAYS - U.S. Highways 60, 160, 65, 66 and 166; Interstate Highway 44; and Missouri Highways 13 and 123 all lead to Springfield and the Fair. The Fairgrounds is located just east of the junction of I-44 and Missouri 13.

General Rules and Regulations

- 1. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES** - The Ozark Empire Fair (OEF) reserves to its management the right to interpret the following rules and regulations and determine all matters pertaining hereto; also the right to amend or add such rules as its judgment might determine in the best interest of the show. Violation of any of these regulations may cause forfeiture of all privileges, deposits, prize money, contracts and rights to further participation by the violator and their immediate family. This shall apply to all departments of the Ozark Empire Fair.
- 2. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY** - All applicants for entry to exhibit any animal or article must be made on official forms and addressed to the Ozark Empire Fair, 3001 N. Grant, Springfield, MO 65803, and directed to the division in which entry is to be made. Forms are available on our website or at the Ozark Empire Fair Office. Forms may be photocopied. Entry may also be made online at www.ozarkempirefair.com. When entering online, retain a copy of your receipt as confirmation. When entering by paper, mail entries via certified mail return receipt requested and retain your receipt. Junior Division entries must be signed by a legal guardian. Any entries determined invalid by the designated personnel will be returned. No refund will be made. All entries must be in the name of the owner. Parents/guardians are responsible parties for minor exhibitors in all things pertaining to rules and legal issues. The Fair reserves the right to cancel at any time contracts made with exhibitors or concessionaires for the infraction of any rule or condition contained herein (in such cases no refund will be made). The Fair further reserves the right to cancel, without liability of any kind, all contracts of whatever kind by public notice should an act of Providence, such as war, national security concerns, riot, fire, flood, storm or pestilence, prevent or render impractical (in the sole discretion of the Ozark Empire Fair) the holding of the Fair. In all cases, management reserves the right to accept, reject or conditionally accept any entry as it is intended that only such animals as have merit shall be entered and shown and will be a credit to both the exhibitor and exposition. Entries which do not meet eligibility criteria will be disqualified.
- 3. ENTRY CLOSING DATE** - Entries in all divisions, except as noted in divi-

sion rules, must be received or postmarked no later than midnight **JUNE 17, 2019**. Location in barns and exhibit buildings will be assigned by show personnel.

- 4. ERRONEOUS ENTRY** - Exhibits that have been erroneously entered and do not meet the specifications of the class can be transferred to a proper class or disqualified by the superintendent prior to judging. If proper class has been judged, it shall not be rejudged. Any misrepresentation of the exhibit shall be cause for disqualification.
- 5. LIMITATIONS OF COMPETITION** - Competition in all open divisions is open to the world unless otherwise specified. See Junior Livestock Show Rules. Any division without adequate numbers of entries at deadline time to make a viable show, management may cancel the division and return entries and fees.
- 6. RELEASES** - Exhibits will be released according to each division's regulations. Any exhibitor violating rules will forfeit prize money.
- 7. JUDGING OF EXHIBITS** - Judges have been carefully selected by the management and each is recognized for the capacity to make expert decisions in the respective division for which chosen. All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases. If an exhibitor attempts to interfere with in any manner, publicly expresses disapproval of decisions or disrespects the judge, he/she may be excluded from further competition and/or banned from future competition and any prize money previously won will be forfeited. Any attempt by an exhibitor, either personally or through an agent, to corrupt the judge or exert undue influence may subject the offender to expulsion from the fairgrounds and he/she will thereafter be prohibited from exhibiting or other privileges. Fair management may name a substitute judge should a regular judge fail to appear.
- 8. PROTESTS** - No protest based on the statement that the judge or judges were incompetent will be considered. Protest upon any other grounds must be presented in written form within 24 hours of the protested action and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 to be made with the manager of the Fair or designated representative. Deposit will be forfeited in case protest is not sustained. All questions of dispute with interpretation of rules shall be referred to the Fair Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.
- 9. PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS** - Prize money and awards will only be presented to exhibits listed in classifications contained in the Exhibitor Handbooks. The judge may recommend no award, third, second, or first according to the merit of the exhibit. Ribbons will not be used as basis for payment of prize money. Payments will be made only from the judging book after it has been officially marked by the superintendent and judge. All special and sponsored awards, such as trophies, medals, and other articles offered by individuals must be delivered to the fairgrounds prior to the first day of the Fair, otherwise they will not be awarded. An exhibitor may win no more than two monies per class unless otherwise specified. The Fair reserves the right to withhold payment of any award upon discovery of fraud, misrepresentation of description or dishonest practice in preparation or ownership of any exhibit or entry. OEF is not responsible for special premiums or awards offered by other organizations.
- 10. PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY** - Any prize money not paid out by cash during the Fair will be mailed on or after Aug. 31, 2019 to the address shown on the entry form. No claim that prize money has not been paid, or that there was a discrepancy in payment of prize money won, will be considered if made later than 10 days after receipt of payment. **Checks not cashed in 90 days are void.**
- 11. DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL** - Each division of the Fair will be under the supervision of an experienced superintendent who, along with assistants, will be charged with the responsibility of enforcing all rules and regulations pertaining to that division. The superintendent shall see that all requested information on each article is recorded in the judging book before the class may be judged. The superintendent must instruct the ring clerk to make accurate recording of the judge's placing of each exhibit and to note entries made and not shown, as well as the number shown and judged in each class. After judging is completed, the superintendent will see that the books are signed by the judge and by himself/herself to certify the records to be correct. The superintendent shall then have the books returned to the livestock office since they constitute the official record by which all prize money is paid. **Superintendents and assistant superintendents may not exhibit in the division under their supervision.**
- 12. LIABILITY** - The Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc. dba the Ozark Empire Fair, the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation, and the City of Springfield, Missouri expressly refuses to assume any liability for injuries to any person or damage to any property coming upon the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and no claims for injury to any person, damage to property or loss shall be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the said Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc., the

Ozark Empire Fair Foundation, and the City of Springfield, Missouri and their officers, agents, or employees for said cause by any person having privilege to exhibit or license to operate on the fairgrounds or occupying any space thereon, and it is a part of the consideration for each license or privilege granted by the Ozark Empire Fair that such claims for injury or damage are specifically waived. If any damage or injury or loss to persons or property shall be caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives or employees, having license or permit to exhibit or operate a business or occupy space at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, the Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc., shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in no case will be subjected to any expense or liability. All persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the said Greene County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Inc. dba the Ozark Empire Fair, the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation, and the City of Springfield, Missouri.

- 13. **FORCE MAJEURE** - The Ozark Empire Fair is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Ozark Empire Fair that delays or prevents performance of its duties.
- 14. **HOMELAND SECURITY SYSTEMS WARNING STATEMENT** - During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the Ozark Empire Fair and/or officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate the OEF facilities under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to: bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security Systems, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperating with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors will turn over livestock or equine to the Ozark Empire Fair. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors will be allowed to re-enter the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and claim livestock and/or equine. By making entry into the Ozark Empire Fair, exhibitors authorize the Ozark Empire Fair and its officials to detain livestock and/or equine on their premises. Furthermore, exhibitors agree to hold harmless and without liability the Ozark Empire Fair, its officials, directors, staff and/or volunteers for those animals under the reasonable care of the show.
- 15. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES/ITEMS** - No weapons (including firearms, ammunition, bows, arrows, TASERS, stun guns, swords, axes, etc.) allowed. No bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller skates and/or any other type of non-motorized activities allowed. No personal golf carts, scooters, co-carts, utility vehicles, segways or other type of motorized activity allowed. The only exception being official fair transportation and handicap person with their vehicles. No Laser pointers or drones allowed (unless specified by fair officials). These items are prohibited in the interest of safety for all who attend the fair. Violators may have equipment confiscated. Items released by legal authorities may be picked up after the fair.
- 16. **PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER** - When you enter an Ozark Empire Fair event, program or show, you enter an area where photography, audio and video recording may occur. Read full disclaimer on the OEF website.
- 17. **ADMISSION AND PARKING CHARGES:**

Gate Admission and Parking Fees:

Single Admission at gate, 13 years and over	\$10.00
Single Admission at gate, 6-12 years.....	\$5.00
Single Admission at gate, age 5 and under	FREE
Advance Sale, 13 years and over.....	\$6.00
Advance Sale, 6-12 years.....	\$3.00
Parking 1-Day.....	\$5.00

Livestock Exhibitor Admission and Parking Fees (Presale Only):

Single Admission presale, Adult, 13 years and over	\$5.00
Single Admission presale, Child, 6-12 years	\$3.00
6-Day Parking Pass	\$20.00
Season Parking Pass.....	\$30.00

****Orders made at time of entry will be mailed before the fair.****

****On site sales will close at noon on Friday, July 26.****

Admission tickets are non-refundable. Gate 10 is open 24 hours for Livestock Exhibitors and those wishing to watch livestock events. Other entrance gates will open to the public at 11 a.m. Gates will close at 11 p.m.

- 14. **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS** - Any person obstructing any fire lane, drive or street with any vehicle will be requested to remove same immediately. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the fairgrounds and/or arrest. **Parking in front of buildings, exhibits and midway concessions will not be tolerated.** Anyone bringing exhibits, displays, equipment or materials into the fairgrounds must unload same as soon as possible and move vehicles to designated parking areas immediately after unloading.

LIVESTOCK ENTRY RULES

A. IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 1. Read the preceding General Rules and Regulations before making entry in the Livestock Department.

B. ENTRIES

- 1. Entry must be made on official forms furnished by the Fair. Forms are available online or at the Ozark Empire Fair office. Forms may be photocopied. Entry may also be made online at www.ozarkempirefair.com.
- 2. Entries and fees must be mailed to the Livestock Department postmarked on or before **JUNE 17**. Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on entry closing date. Poultry & Rabbit entry deadline is July 1.
- 3. Exhibitor will be defined as an individual or farm as identified by Social Security or Federal Tax I.D. number. **No more than one exhibitor per entry form.** When entering more than one breed of beef cattle or in more than one division of livestock, use a separate entry form for each.
- 4. In case entries exceed stall or pen facilities, entries will be accepted according to date received. The management reserves the right to limit tack stalls.
- 5. Late entries **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON POULTRY OR RABBITS**. Late entries for others may be accepted through July 1. Entries postmarked after midnight June 17 and through midnight July 1 **MUST** be accompanied by the following fees:

Steers.....	\$50.00 per head
Market Lambs, Barrows, Wether Meat Goats	\$12.00 per head
Beef.....	\$40.00 per head
Dairy	\$25.00 per head
Equine.....	\$25.00 per head
Swine	\$12.00 per head
Goats, Sheep & Wether Dams	\$10.00 per head

These penalty fees are in addition to regular entry fees.

C. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Livestock exhibitors must furnish **all information** requested on entry form and remit all stall and exhibitor ticket fees when entry is filed; otherwise, entry will not be accepted. **THERE WILL BE A \$50 CHARGE ON ALL CHECKS RETURNED FROM THE BANK or DECLINED CARDS.**
- 2. Exhibitors shall be responsible for their own errors in making entries.
- 3. All animals entered and shown must be registered in their respective breed association as purebred or percentage as defined by breed standards for their division and class. All exhibitors must provide original registration papers upon check-in for each animal entered and be named as owner of the animal. No fax or photocopies will be accepted. In exceptional cases, electronic copies may be used at check-in provided the breed association makes them available online. This is at the discretion of the show officials. If a breed association must be contacted for any reason, a \$10 charge may be assessed to the exhibitor. Papers may be rechecked at any time. Animals that are properly registered in more than one breed association may compete in only one breed show.
- 4. Animals owned in partnership may be entered and shown only as the ownership is recorded in the office of the respective breed association.
- 5. **FITTING SERVICES:** Owner's name and address must be listed on entry.
- 6. The Ozark Empire Fair does not require a premise identification number to exhibit livestock.

D. STALL AND ENTRY FEES

- 1. See entry blanks and appropriate division rules for stall and entry fees.
- 2. **Junior entries are not automatically entered into their respective open division class at time of entry. Exhibitors must indicate on the entry form both the open show class as well as the junior class if they wish to compete in both shows.**
- 3. Entries will not be accepted, or stalls and pens reserved, unless proper fees accompany entry when filed. Payment of fees may be made by cash, check, money order, Visa, Discover or MasterCard.
- 4. **STALLING REQUESTS:** Requests for exhibitors to be stalled together, or next to, will be considered, but not guaranteed. Stall requests must be on entry forms to be considered. Livestock will have priority over tack stalls. The assignment of stalls for livestock and tack will be made by show officials and/or superintendents.
- 5. Tack space in addition to stall, pen, cage or tie space reserved for animals is not guaranteed. Management reserves the right to return entries when stall, pen, cage or tie space is full.

E. CANCELLATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1. No refunds will be considered after entry has been made.
- 2. Substitutions may be made only in the name of the original exhibitor as listed on the entry form within or out of class at any time, but not out of division. Substitutions must be made by time of check-in closing.

F. ADMISSION FEES

- 1. Each livestock exhibitor will be given at no charge, an admission ticket

for every day you are exhibiting animals on the grounds. **Tickets do not provide for parking.** Tickets will only be given to the exhibitor on the entry form, one exhibitor per entry form. **All admission tickets and parking passes ordered with entry will be mailed prior to the fair.** Entries made in farm names will receive one set of admission tickets.

2. If an exhibitor needs additional tickets for family/workers, a discount gate admission ticket, purchased in advance, may be used to gain admission or regular gate admission will be charged.
3. Admission and parking permit fees located on page 2 of general rules.
4. Any exhibitor found to be reselling exhibitor tickets will forfeit all prize money won and may be barred from future competition.

G. ARRIVAL AND RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK

1. Arrival and release times for each division of livestock are listed in the respective division rules. **No livestock will be permitted on the Fairgrounds prior to 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 24.**
2. Arrival and release times will be strictly enforced except for emergency. **ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY ARRIVALS WILL BE PERMITTED.** Early release for transport to another fair or livestock show may be granted only upon approval and requests must be accompanied by credentials supporting entry in another show.
3. All animals must be off the grounds by 8 a.m., Sunday, August 4.

H. EXHIBITION AND JUDGING

1. Classes will be judged according to the judging schedule as listed in each division. Animals must be brought into the show ring without delay when the class is called. All animals shall be exhibited at the discretion of the division superintendent. Failure to comply will cause forfeiture of prize money won and further competition by the exhibitor.
2. The management reserves the right to combine or divide show classes as warranted by entries, which may cause premiums to be divided.
3. **CHECK-IN:** All exhibitors must have animals checked in with superintendent or Livestock office by designated time. Animals not checked-in will be scratched from competition.
4. Judging time will be as near as possible to the tentative schedule. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time animals entered will be judged.
5. Exhibitors are responsible to have entries ready to enter the show ring when show officials call for the class. Classes may not re-run for any animal missing a class. If an animal misses a class, it can not be put in another class. Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical device, the public address system is to be considered a courtesy.
6. **DISQUALIFICATION:** If an entry that has been awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing animal will not move into the higher position. Exceptions to this rule is at the discretion of show management on a case-by-case basis.

I. PRIZE MONEY, PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. No exhibitor shall win more than two prize money awards in an individual class or more than one prize money in a group class.
2. Where there is no competition or only one exhibitor in a class, animals may be awarded first, second, third or no place according to merit.
3. Prize money not awarded as cash during the Fair will be mailed on or after Aug. 31, 2019 to the address submitted on entry form.
4. Social security numbers are required for entry. Any winnings \$600 and over will be reported to the IRS on Form 1099.

J. COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Classes in beef divisions will be offered to breeds exhibiting at least 25 head of animals. Dairy, equine, goat, sheep and swine divisions must have at least 25 head of animals exhibited to maintain each division.
2. Failure to meet the required number for three consecutive years may cause that breed or division to be dropped from the Exhibitor's Handbook unless evidence is presented to management that a sufficient number of animals will be shown to present a credible show. All appeals should be made to the Livestock Director by Oct. 1.

K. LIVESTOCK BARN

1. All barns and premises will be sprayed nightly for flies.
2. Livestock barns must be kept clean. All aisles, stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8 a.m. daily. Livestock can be tied **ONLY** in their designated stalls, tie-outs or wash rack. Not to any fence or other public areas.
3. All feed, bedding, tack, grooming chutes and other items **MUST** be inside exhibitor's stalls. Items left outside assigned stalls may be disposed of.
4. All straw, manure and other refuse must be properly disposed of in **DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.** Any exhibitor who puts refuse in any unauthorized place is subject to forfeiture of prize money won, removal from fairgrounds or barring from future competition at the Fair.
5. **All livestock must be washed in DESIGNATED WASH RACKS ONLY. Any exhibitor washing animals outside of wash racks is subject to the same penalties as in rule 4.**
6. Blankets must be removed and stock kept in condition for inspection by the public from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

7. Herdsmanship awards are presented to encourage neatness, courtesy and attention to show requirements.
8. All fans and other electrical equipment used in the livestock barns must meet requirements of the City of Springfield electrical safety code and stand inspection by city agents.
9. Gasoline or other types of generators designed to produce electricity to power fans or equipment will be permitted in the livestock areas on show days only or by permission of the Livestock Office.
10. **NO fans or other equipment may be placed in aisles. NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED.**
11. The management of the Fair reserves the right to limit the number and type of fans and appliances used by an individual exhibitor.
12. Smoking and use of alcoholic beverages in barns will not be tolerated. Smoking is prohibited by City Ordinance in all buildings. **The Ozark Empire Fair Board has adopted a policy of restricting smoking to designated areas. These areas will be identified as such, with facilities to accommodate the users.** Alcohol is prohibited ANYWHERE on the fairgrounds by City Ordinance during the Ozark Empire Fair. Alcohol may be served by OEF staff to adults in licensed venues on the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and must be consumed on those premises. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the behavior of their helpers.
13. Dogs must be on leash at all times and will not be permitted in the barns.

L. OEF SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

1. False representation, interference or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by show management according to the circumstances of the case.
2. All animals entered and accepted for exhibition must be presented in the show ring in their natural conformation and physical condition, with no other preparation except natural feeding, fitting and training permitted. Unnatural practices in fitting will cause that animal to be disqualified.
3. The management of the Ozark Empire Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been altered in conformation and structure through the use of prohibited substances or unethical fitting. This shall include, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. The injection, use or administration of any drug that is prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law.
 - b. The injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear. The use of performance enhancing drugs is prohibited (including, but not limited to; steroids, caffeine, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers.
 - c. The administration of any substance for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, surgical removal or attachment, or any other action to otherwise change, conceal, enhance or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal.
 - d. Attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception.
 - e. Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal, marketability of carcasses or for deception.
 - f. No drenching will be allowed. The act of artificially filling animals internally which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles or any other method by mouth or esophagus is prohibited.
 - g. No coloring substances may be used that will change the natural color of an animal. In addition to disqualification of the animal, exhibitor may be banned from future competition at the Ozark Empire Fair.
4. The Ozark Empire Fair abides by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics in defining violations in dairy shows. Major violations of that code are violations of the Ozark Empire Fair's Show Ring Code of Ethics. Other violations of the PDCA code will be handled according to established PDCA guidelines.
5. Each exhibitor, by making application for entry into the Ozark Empire Fair, agrees to abide by the Ozark Empire Fair Code of Ethics and agrees to submit any animal entered to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by management, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian. Ozark Empire Fair officials may hold any market animal under quarantine for an extended period of time for any tests deemed necessary. Further, the exhibitor agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or altered shall be final, without recourse against the Ozark Empire Fair, its officers or employees.
6. Good animal health, feeding and handling practices must be followed by

all exhibitors. Any failure to follow these practices could mean being banned from future competition at the Ozark Empire Fair if, in the opinion of the superintendent, any animal has been neglected or abused.

M. FEED AND BEDDING

1. The Fair management reserves the right to regulate the type of bedding materials that may be brought onto the grounds by exhibitors.
2. The only bedding materials approved for use: straw, wood chips, wood shavings and mulch. Materials NOT ACCEPTABLE: paper, bark or sand.
3. Feed and bedding will be available at the feed barn on the grounds at prevailing prices.
4. Feed and bedding may not be brought in for the purpose of resale other than by the official supplier having contract with the Ozark Empire Fair.
5. All feed purchased on grounds must be properly settled for before a release will be issued.
6. Absolutely NO BIG BALES will be allowed on the grounds for use by exhibitors. Big round bales of straw may be used to bed tie outs or stalls, but must be used in their entirety. No leftover bales will be permitted.

N. ENTRANCE AND PARKING

1. Vehicles bringing livestock should enter the grounds off Smith Street, at **Gate 10**. Livestock will not be permitted to enter at any other gate.
2. After unloading, all vehicles that remain on the grounds must be moved to designated parking areas. **ALL LIVESTOCK TRAILERS WILL BE PARKED** at the Central Bible College Complex just northeast of the grounds. Noncompliance may result in forfeiture of prize money.
3. Vehicles will be allowed in barn areas between the hours of 6-10 a.m.; 4-6 p.m., and 10 p.m.-midnight daily. Vehicles blocking barn entrances, manure pits or other vehicles will be removed at owner's expense.

O. CAMPING FACILITIES

1. Space must be paid for in advance and accompanied by livestock entry.
2. Livestock camping is limited and restricted to certain areas. Livestock Office will assign camping space on first-come basis. Rental is \$40 per day and includes admission, water and electricity. Parking is not included. If you wish to camp next to a particular exhibitor, requests must be made at time of entry.

P. IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING 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 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 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 this 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 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 Expos and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of 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 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.

TOP EXHIBITOR HERDSMAN

Open Division: Top Exhibitor Herdsman banners will be presented to 3 exhibitors in Dairy, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, and Swine and 1 exhibitor in each Beef Division.

Junior Division: Top Junior Exhibitor Herdsman banners will be presented to 3 junior exhibitors in Dairy, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats and Swine. A banner will be presented to a junior exhibitor in each Beef Division.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

Open Division: A banner will be awarded to the Premier Exhibitor in each open beef breed, as determined by the following point scale: 1st prize = 3 points; 2nd prize = 2 points; 3rd prize = 1 point. Fitting services are not eligible for Premier Exhibitor. Group classes do not count. Ties will be broken by champions.

Junior Show Rules

RULES FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: In addition to the General Rules and Regulations and Livestock Entry Rules printed in this Handbook, the following requirements will be in effect for junior exhibitors.

A. ENTRIES

- 1. Entry deadline is June 17.** Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on this day. **LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UPON PAYMENT OF PENALTY FEES.**
- 2. A parent or legal guardian must sign the official Fair entry form to certify that the exhibitor has owned and cared for animals since June 1 or as required by specific division rules. Any entries determined invalid will be returned. No refund will be made.**
3. Junior shows are open to all youth who are 8 years of age as of July 1, but not over 22 years of age as of July 1. Entries from in-state and out-of-state exhibitors will be accepted in the junior shows of all OEF divisions with the exception of the Gold Buckle Extravaganza and the Supreme Beef Heifer Show. To be eligible for the Gold Buckle Extravaganza and the Supreme Beef Heifer Show, the exhibitor's primary residence must be in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Breeding beef entries outside of the counties listed above will be accepted for the junior show and are eligible to compete for grand and reserve grand champion, but they will not be eligible to compete in the Supreme Heifer Drive. Should entries from outside of the counties listed above be selected as grand champion and/or reserve grand champion in a breed, a grand and/or reserve grand champion will be selected from the southwest region that represents the counties listed as eligible to represent such breed in the Supreme Heifer Drive. **There is no cap on the number of breeding beef divisions a junior exhibitor may show in or how many entries they can qualify to compete in the Supreme Drive. However, an exhibitor will only be eligible for one premium in the Supreme Drive. Heifers will be picked until five different exhibitors have been selected to pay premiums. For example, an exhibitor could win Supreme, Third and Fifth but will only be paid for Supreme and additional six, seven, eight or more heifers may have to be selected to find the five exhibitors to pay.**
- 4. In order for a beef division to be eligible for the Supreme Drive and Bred & Owned Awards, a \$500 contribution will be required of each breed. This payment is due in the OEF Livestock office on or prior to June 17. The \$500 will be distributed as follows: \$250 will be awarded to the breed grand champion and \$250 will be awarded to the breed's bred and owned grand champion. Breed grand champions must be shown in the Supreme Drive in order to receive the \$250 award. Otherwise the award will be presented to the reserve breed champion. Should a breed's grand champion be selected as a top five female, \$250 will NOT be awarded on top of the supreme winnings. Any exhibitor who resides in the state of Missouri will be eligible for the bred and owned award in each breed, but will not be eligible for the Supreme Drive unless primary residence is in one of the counties listed in #3 above. A breed may elect to contribute \$250 to the bred & owned grand champion and not the \$250 for the breed grand champion and vice versa. However, breeds who elect not to contribute funds to the breed grand champion will not be permitted to compete in the Supreme Drive. In addition, the \$250 bred & owned award will not be presented unless sponsored. Checks should be made payable to the Ozark Empire Fair Foundation.**
5. *Gold Buckle Extravaganza entries will only be accepted from exhibitors who are 8 years of age as of July 1, but not over 22 years of age as of July 1, and whose primary residence is in one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright. Entries from exhibitors outside of these counties will not be accepted. All information as requested on the entry form must be supplied or entry will not be accepted. Management reserves the right to split any class (based on entries) by age or weight of animals.*

B. OWNERSHIP

1. All entries must be the property of the exhibitor. Breeding Beef and Dairy animals must be registered in exhibitor's name as of June 1, 2019. Breeding Swine, Sheep and Goats must be registered in exhibitor's name as of July 1, 2019. Market animals must be owned by the required deadline. See Division Rules. Poultry and Rabbits must be owned by July 1.

2. **Partnership Livestock Junior Exhibitors:** Junior exhibitors may own livestock in partnership with other junior exhibitors who are immediate (brother/sister) family members and in the case of breeding livestock may have them registered jointly with the exception of Junior Dairy Cattle exhibitors. See Junior Dairy Cattle rules for explanation. Each member may show the same number of head, as if they were individually owned; however, fair entries should identify which animals are to be shown by each exhibitor. The exhibitor's name must be on the registration papers.
3. **Bred & Owned:** Exhibitor must be listed as breeder and only owner on original registration certificate to qualify for Bred & Owned division.

C. COMPETITION

1. Junior exhibitors are advised to refer to the "Show Ring Code of Ethics" section under Livestock Entry Rules regarding unethical fitting and handling practices.
2. Junior exhibitors will show together except as designated.
3. Exhibitors may not show more than two animals in an individual class.
4. Junior exhibitors must show their own animals. If a member has more than one entry in a class, it must be shown by another junior exhibitor.
5. **Exhibitors in junior livestock shows will be required to wear a special t-shirt. The t-shirt must be worn into the show ring. Non-compliance will result in disqualification from the show. T-shirts may be obtained after arrival on grounds. Please state t-shirt size on entry form. Extra t-shirts may be purchased on the entry form.**
6. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits, but the Fair will be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
7. Animals must be fed, cared for and exhibited at the Fair by the exhibitor under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian. Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of livestock projects. Hence, management does not approve substitute showmen except in extreme cases. In approved emergency cases, another junior member may assume these duties. In this instance, the Livestock Office should be notified prior to the show.
8. Rowdy conduct while on the Fairgrounds will not be tolerated. Junior exhibitors shall not loiter in the barns away from the area of their own exhibit between 10 p.m. and daylight. Superintendents shall release said exhibitors and request their immediate removal from the grounds for rowdy conduct such as removing, stealing, destroying or damaging any property not belonging to them. They shall forfeit all prize money and will be barred from any future shows.

D. STALL AND ENTRY FEES

Beef stall fee per head (Cow/calf entries must purchase two(2) stalls)	\$40.00
Dairy stall fee per head	\$25.00
Sheep, Dairy Goats and Boer Goats, stall fee per head.....	\$10.00
Breeding Swine stall fee per head	\$12.00
Junior Steers entry fee per head (includes tack space)	\$50.00
Junior Market Barrows, entry fee per head.....	\$12.00
Junior Market Hogs and Open Barrows	\$12.00
Junior Wether Meat Goats.....	\$12.00
Junior Market Lambs.....	\$12.00
Junior Broiler, per pen.....	\$ 5.00
Junior Poultry.....	\$ 1.50
Junior Rabbits.....	\$ 1.50

Junior breeding stock entries will NOT automatically be entered into their respective open division class at time of entry. Exhibitors must enter both junior and respective open class. No Refunds will be issued for withdrawing from the Open Show.

- E. **ADMISSION.** Each livestock exhibitor will be given, **at no charge**, an admission ticket for everyday you are exhibiting animals on the grounds. **The tickets do not provide for parking.** Tickets will only be given to the exhibitor named on entry form, one exhibitor per entry form. **Admission tickets and parking passes ordered with entries will be mailed prior to the Fair.** See Livestock Entry Rule (F).

- F. **JUNIOR PREMIUMS.** Prize money not awarded as cash or check during the Fair will be mailed on or after Aug. 31, 2019 to the address submitted on entry form. All judging will be one on the Straight Placing System and numerically ranking the animals.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th & up
Beef and Dairy Cattle	\$ 15.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 5.00
Sheep, Swine and Goats	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Poultry and Rabbits	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00	\$.50	--	--	--

Southwest District 4-H/FFA Shows — A grand champion will be selected in each division. Exhibitors must be a 4-H/FFA member in good standing and from one of the following counties: Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Webster and Wright.