

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY 4-H & FFA MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE**  
**2017-2018 MARKET HOG, LAMB AND GOAT REGULATIONS**

(Revised 5/11/18)

**\*\*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, Fair Office or on the Fair's website (rockinghamcountyfair.com).\*\***

**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 30<sup>th</sup> of 2018.
  - b. Final participation in the show and sale is the show immediately following completion from High School or the year they turn age 19 whichever comes first.
  - c. 4-H & FFA exhibitors who weighed in at initial weigh-in for the 2018 fair must turn in a project book for species they weighed in in 2018 in order to be eligible to show and sell in 2019.
    - i. *Project books are due on the following dates for the corresponding organization*
      1. *4-H: At your September club meeting unless otherwise specified by your club leader.*
      2. *FFA: To your advisor by the last Monday in September.*
    - ii. *Only one project book per species exhibited is required.*
    - iii. *Members may use:*
      1. *Rockingham County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show and Sale Market Animal Record Book (4-H & FFA)*
      2. *Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET) Record Book (FFA Only)*
  - d. If a youth is a member of 4-H and/or FFA in one or more of the following counties (Rockingham, Augusta, Page and Shenandoah), then the 4-H/FFA members must choose to participate in only one county's 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Show and Sale for that project year.
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, 2018 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 June 2, 2018 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 April 13, 2018. 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 April 20th. 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.
6. All market species are subject to visitations by specie chairmen.
7. *Any violation of any rule may result in a warning, fine, probation, and/or banning from future livestock show and sales.*

**Weigh-Ins**

8. All hogs, lambs and goats must be weighed in at the Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh-In scheduled for June 2, 2018. Lambs, hogs and goats not weighing in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> will not be eligible to show or sell.
9. Each exhibitor may weigh in a maximum of 4 lambs, 4 hogs and 4 goats at the initial weigh-in.

10. 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".
11. All lambs must be docked and all male lambs, hogs and goats must be castrated by the initial weigh-in to be eligible to show and sell. *If banding method is used, banding must have occurred at least two weeks prior to the weigh-in and have evidence of scrotal atrophy at the initial weigh-in to be eligible to show and sale.* There shall be no visible or palpable evidence of testicles. No short sacking or crimping permitted for goats or lambs.
12. All hogs will be vaccinated for Erysipalis at initial weigh-in. The vaccine will be provided at the weigh-in.
13. 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.
14. Final weigh-in time is by appointment. ***Tentative dates for final weigh-in: hogs and goats will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> and for lambs on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Location is tentatively set for Rockingham County Fairgrounds (location may change).***
15. Each exhibitor will be allowed to present at the final weigh-in 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 total animals being presented to weigh-in unless they are a graduating senior. Graduating seniors may bring four total market animals to final weigh-in (maximum of two per specie).
16. 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.
17. Final Weigh-In Requirements
  - a. All lambs must weigh between 90 and 160 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 1, 2 or 3.
18. Hogs, lambs and goats not meeting the weight and grade requirements will be ineligible for show and sale and will be marked and must return home the day of weigh-in. Ineligible animals are not to be unloaded or housed at the fairgrounds.
19. 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.
20. **Re-weigh for equipment check will be at the discretion of Chairman (Re-weigh is defined as animal is taken off the scale, scales are zeroed, and the animal is put immediately back on.)**
21. **Lamb and goat coverings will be taken off immediately after unloading. Can be put back on following animals being weighed and graded.**
22. **All lambs must be washed and wool length must not exceed ¼ of an inch over the body at final weigh in. Measuring will be done before animals are put on the scale. If wool exceeds this limit lambs will not go through the scale and will not be allowed to go to show/sale. No EXCEPTIONS.**
23. 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.
24. 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. *All clipping must be done prior to fair weigh-in. Absolutely no clipping is to be done after final weigh-in inspection.*
25. 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

26. 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.
27. Each exhibitor 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.
28. 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 division champions.
29. 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. Religious head coverings are allowed.
30. All species must be washed and clean to participate in the show and sale. *Please reference the International Association of Show Ring Ethics adopted by Rockingham County Fair.*
31. All eligible lambs, hogs and goats must show and sell. Any animal unable to participate in a market class due to health reasons but has participated in the showmanship class, will place last in their respective market class and sale accordingly.
32. The sale order for the 2018 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale will be STEERS, HOGS, LAMBS and GOATS.
33. All livestock will be sold by the pound.
34. 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.
35. Bye bidding is discourage. This means if parents or siblings bid on livestock of their child or sibling then, they must purchase it. Buyers should bid with the intention to purchase.

36. 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 &amp; Advertising</u>	<u>Check-Off</u>
Steers	1.5%	\$1 per head = (\$.50 <u>State</u> , \$.50 <u>National</u> )
Lambs	1.5%	(\$.50 <u>State</u> + \$.005 * Lamb Weight <u>National</u> )
Goat	1.5%	No Check-Off
Hogs	1.5%	(.004 * total dollars realized per head)

### Fair Week

37. 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 *feed and* water until the end of the sale. If exhibitor does not care for animal, after fair warning, livestock committee will take action.
38. *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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*
- Tack space, if available will be assigned by each department chair. Any adjustments of pen space must be approved by the Species Chair. Violations will result in a warning with 24 hours to remove tack. If not done at that time animals will be disqualified from show/sale.*
  - ALL pen space must be paid/postmarked by July 13<sup>th</sup> to the Rockingham County Fair Office. A \$5 per head fee will be charged for every animal registered by the July 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. 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 \$50.00 per head. After the seven day grace period entries will not be accepted and animals will be ineligible.*
39. If an animal medical emergency occurs an FFA advisor, Extension Office (540-564-3080), or species chair should be notified immediately.
40. 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. **There will be no wet towels permitted on lambs and goats at all.** 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.
41. No “sheep muzzle” will be allowed on market lambs and goats at the Fair.
42. All exhibitors must abide by prescribed withdrawal periods on antibiotics and drugs. Animals may be subject to testing by licensed vet or appointed official.
43. 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 any other deem able condition*, they will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
44. If an animal’s condition is deemed unfit for exhibition during fair week by designated species chairperson, the animal may be sent home at any time.
45. Fair Week Protest Procedure
- Protest must be in writing, plainly stating the complaint and with accompanying substantial evidence of the infraction.
  - A \$50.00 fee is to accompany the protest.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - If the protest is not sustained, the \$50.00 fee shall be forfeited to the 4-H and FFA Livestock Show Treasury.
  - The Livestock Committee Chairperson shall inform those involved in the protest of its decision.