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Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

Dear Livestock Exhibitors,

The 2026 N.C. State Fair theme, “Memories Worth Making, Stories Worth Telling” perfectly sums up what our livestock competitions have been doing since the start – creating lasting friendships and memories and sharing the story and impact of North Carolina’s animal agriculture industry with fairgoers.

We have seen kids grow up in the youth shows and go on to compete in the open competitions, and we know second and third generations of families are continuing to carry on those special traditions. I am proud agriculture continues to drive our economy and remains at the heart of our great State Fair.

This summer at the Got to Be NC Festival, we celebrated and announced 33 recipients of N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarships, a program that extends the legacy of youth education from the show ring to institutes of higher education.

Since this program started in 2015, it has awarded $677,500 in scholarship money to young people who have participated in youth livestock competitions. Because of this scholarship program, more of our livestock youth can benefit from their involvement in N.C. State Fair livestock shows. Sharing the story of agriculture and its connection to our food supply becomes more and more important every year as fewer people today have a direct connection to the farm. In addition, the Fair and our livestock shows provide a unique opportunity to share agriculture’s importance to our state with the many new people who move to North Carolina every day.

North Carolina agriculture’s significant contributions to the state’s economy, our well-being and our own food security is certainly a story worth telling every year.

As you prepare for this year’s competitions, you can find information about State Far livestock shows on our website at ncstatefair.org. Please look over the information carefully and pay close attention to competition dates, deadlines and other rules. We look forward to seeing you at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, Oct. 15-25.

Sincerely,



Steven Troxler, Commissioner
NCDA&CS

LIVESTOCK HALL OF FAME

The Livestock Advisory Board has approved the creation of the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame to recognize and honor outstanding supporters of the Fair. Individuals will be inducted each year, beginning with an inaugural ceremony during the 1980 Fair, based on their activities supporting the Fair and their length of service.

Candidates for induction can be producers of livestock that have exhibited and promoted livestock shows at the fair, or a person who has served as a fair employee, representative of business, extension workers and others from agricultural organizations. Their contributions have occurred in the past as well as the present, and deceased nominees will be considered. Inductees will be recognized in the Livestock Hall of Fame room.

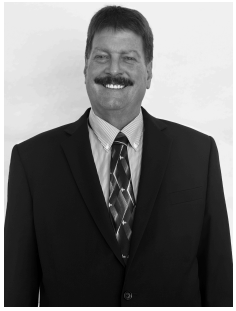
2025 NC STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Ellen Mabry



Kimberly Rhyne Eudy



Rusty Isley



William Johnson

BEEF CATTLE

H.J. White - Bladenboro, 1980
Sidney L. Thornton - Elizabethtown,1980
E. J. Whitmire - Franklin, 1980
W.P. Morris - Jackson, 1980
J. Lewis Patterson - Concord, 1980
Lewis Graham - Winston-Salem, 1980
A.V. Allen - Raleigh, 1980
Hobart W. Myrick - Graham, 1980
H.D. Quessenbury - Raleigh, 1980
Earl H. Hostetler - Raleigh, 1981
Wayne Proffit - Franklin, 1981
W.L. Teeter - Mooresville, 1981
Roy Dedmon - Shelby, 1982
Dick Hayes - Snow Hill, 1984
Dr. Elliot Barrick - Raleigh, 1985
Dr. Pete Patterson - Raleigh, 1986
Dr. Lemuel Goode - Raleigh, 1987
Bill Plyler - Advance, 1989
W. B. “Bill” Austin, Jr. - Kernersville, 1993
Clint Reese - Cary, 1995
Keith Blinson - Lenoir, 1996
Jimmy Smith - Cove City, 1998
Neil Stamey - Canton, 1999
Ira Gaston Gentry - King, 2000
Bobby Myrick - Biscoe, 2002
J. R. Fowler - Zebulon, 2004
Dr. John Phil Goodson - Raleigh, 2006
Perry Tetter - Glade Valley, 2008
John Hayes Gregory - Wilkesboro, 2010
Charles Myron McKoy - Cove City, 2012
Phil Rucker, Sr. - Shelby, 2014
William Kirkman, Jr. - Greensboro 2016
Thurman Ross Batten - Selma, 2018
Phil Fishel, Winston-Salem, 2021
Ralph Blalock, Lucama, 2023
Kimberly Rhyne Eudy, Harrisburg - 2025

DAIRY CATTLE

W.W. Fitzpatrick - Rougemont, 1980
J. Clyde Jones - Thomasville, 1980
William L. Morris, Jr. - Concord, 1980
W.R. Lutz, Sr. - Newton, 1980
A.B. Slagle - Franklin, 1980
C. Grier Beam - Cherryville, 1980
Robert McLaughlin - Winston-Salem, 1980
John A. Arey - Raleigh, 1980
James L. Moore - Raleigh, 1980
Kenneth R. Myatt, Sr. - Raleigh, 1981
Roy Williams - Pittsboro, 1982
Marvin Senger - Raleigh, 1982
Ira Porterfield - Statesville, 1982
Grady Braxton - Pittsboro, 1983
Charles Lutz - 1984
Easton Stokes - Lexington, 1985
Norman A. Jordan, Sr. - Siler City, 1986
Lewis R. Cheek - Chapel Hill, 1987
W.R. Lutz, Jr. - Newton, 1988
J.I. Smith - Butner, 1989
C.W. “Jack” Lutterloh - Pittsboro, 1990
Fred Knott - Raleigh, 1991
Kenneth R. Myatt, Jr. - Raleigh, 1992
Grover Russell Isley - Burlington, 1994
Dr. Donald P. Weson - Raleigh, 1995
Sam Woods - Schley, 1996
Charles A. Bridges, Jr. - Shelby, 1998
Jimmy Eustace - Catlett, VA, 2000
Jean Williams Holliday - Snow Camp, 2002
W. G. Caruthers, Jr. - Hillsborough,2004
John Wayne Stroud, Sr. - Pittsboro, 2006
Sheila Jordan - Raleigh, 2008
Everett Cheek - Chapel Hill, 2010
Major Bond - Hickory, 2012
Wayne Lutz- Mocksville, 2014
The Stokes Family- Linwood, 2016
Robert G. Hardin, III- Statesville, 2018
Greg Langley - Staley, 2021
The Jordan Family - 2023
Rusty Isley - Burlington, 2025

SWINE

Wilber F. Barber - Benson, 1980
Oland F. Peele - Pikesville, 1980
Henry A. Turlington, Sr. - Dunn, 1980
Norman C. Denning - Four Oaks, 1980
Carson Gregory - Angier, 1980
R.E. Byrd - Bunnlevel, 1980
Jack Kelly - Raleigh, 1980
Henry Cross - Selma, 1981
Joe Stott - Bailey, 1982
Mrs. Wilber F. Barber - Benson, 1983
L.B. Outlaw - Kinston, 1984
Dr. J.R. Jones - Raleigh, 1986
Joseph B.“Bill” Powell - Colerain, 1988
Robert E. Cox - Trenton, 1991
Jack West - Lillington, 1994
James W. Jackson - Spivey’s Corner, 1995
J.B. Stephenson - Angier, 1999
Russell & Elaine Wood - Willow Spring, 2001
Thad Sharpe - Sims, 2003
Anthony Locklear - Pembroke, 2005
Jack Liles - Bailey, 2007
Gregory Peele - Pikeville, 2009
Albert Batchelor - Nashville, 2013
Alan Sharp - Sims, 2015
Wesley Looper- Granite Falls, 2017
Frank Hollowell - Hurdle Mills, 2019
David Lee - Zebulon, 2019
Ron Hughes - Wendell, 2022
Mike Sauls - Goldsboro, 2024

SHEEP & GOATS

Carl E. Barnhardt - Lexington, 1980
J.S. Buchanan - Raleigh, 1980
Robert G. Shipley - Vilas, 1980
W.W. Hill - Cary, 1981
Ruth Weaver - Pittsboro, 1985
Fred & Barbara Pugh - Pittsboro, 2002
Carvel Cheves Jr. - Bunn, 2010
R. Cole Younger - Nashville, 2014
Henry Kuykendall - Franklinville, 2016
Clarence Jennings - Camden, 2018
Dora Owens - Pittsboro, 2021
Charles Young - Lansing ,2023
John McInnis - Ellerbe, 2023

SHEEP

Ellen Mabry - Albemarle, 2025

HORSES

W.T. Moss - Youngsville, 1980
George McConnell - Raleigh, 1980
John F. Long - Statesville, 1980
David T. “Pete” Lambeth - Lumberton,1980
J. Willie York - Raleigh, 1983
Zeda Bashford - Raleigh, 1984
L. Calvin Ross - Greensboro, 1985
Maxine Cartwright - Watha, 1987
Judy Brown - Kelford, 1987
J. Crawford Williams - Raleigh, 1988
Ben D. Harrington - Raleigh, 1990
Boyd W. Elliott - Fuquay-Varina, 1993
Glenn Petty - Wake Forest, 2001
Claude Shiflet - Asheboro, 2003
Fred Moretti - Mooresville, 2005
Shannon Clark - Pittsboro, 2007
Linda Champion - Raleigh, 2009
Joyce Wilson - Zebulon, 2011
Pat Laws - Cary, 2013
Jerry Stephen Mobley - Louisburg, 2015
Casey Armstrong - Enfield, 2017
Sammy Jenkins - Apex, 2019
Joan Petty - Raleigh, 2022
Libby Gorman Williams -Durham, 2024

GENERAL SUPPORTERS

Arthur K. Pitzer - Raleigh, 1983
J.R. “Bob” Williams - Raleigh, 1984
Tony Williams - Raleigh, 1984
James Dewey Faust- Greensboro, 1985
William A. Martin - Greensboro, 1993
Ray Harvey - Raleigh, 1997
Robert Jackson - Roseboro, 1997
Neal Stamey - Canton, 1999
James A. Graham - Raleigh, 2000
Buford Seal - Mt. Airy, 2001
Chuck Miller - Pittsboro, 2006
Leon Brickhouse - Elizabeth City, 2009
Kenneth E. Vaughn - Statesville, 2011
John C. Wilk - Raleigh, 2011
Brinton A. Hopkins - Raleigh, 2013
E.B. Harris - Warrenton, 2015
Carol Turner- Raleigh, 2017
Mike Smith- Madison, 2017
Freddie O’Neal - South Mills, 2019
Robert "Warren" Strowd - Pittsboro, 2022

COMMISSIONER’S MERITORIOUS

Howard Stamey - Statesville, 1987
J. Horton Doughton - Raleigh, 1988
Billy Watkins - Oxford, 1989
Benjamin B. White - Salisbury, 1991
Frank Harris - Raleigh, 1994
Jack Shore - Yadkinville, 1998
I.F. Plyler, Jr. - Monroe, 2000
Ben Jones - Pittsboro, 2000
Bill Covington, Mebane, 2001
W. A. “Bill” Wilder, Jr. - Knightdale, 2004
Robert Strayhorn - Chapel Hill, 2005
Glenn F. Boyd - Waynesville, 2006
Clyde Fulk - Raleigh, 2007
Bruce Shankle - Polkton, 2012
Johnny Wynne - Greenville, 2013
Howard Isley - Liberty, 2014
Jean Fish - Fuquay-Varina, 2017
Larry Wooten - Raleigh, 2019
Carm Parkhurst - Castalia, 2019
Steve Carroll - Raleigh, 2022
Bryan Blinson - Buies Creek, 2024
William Johnson - Cary, 2025

ANIMAL SCIENCE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

In an effort to honor the many years of dedicated leadership to Animal Science, the over 140 living and deceased members of the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame, in cooperation with the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. has hereby established the N.C. State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame Animal Science Scholarship Endowment.

Charter Members

John A. Arey
Dr. Pete Patterson
Elliott Barrick
Oland F. Peele
Keith Blinson
Glenn Petty
Charles Bridges, Jr.
I. F. Plyler
James K. Butler
Fred & Barbara Pugh
W. G. Caruthers, Jr.
Clint Reese
Bill Covington
Thad Sharp
Bobby Cox
Robert G. Shipley
Norman C. Denning
Jack Shore
Ira Gaston Gentry
Jimmy Smith
Dr. John P. Goodson
James I. “Jim” Smith
James A. Graham
Neal Stamey
Frank A. Harris
Eston Stokes
Dr. Ray Harvey
Joe Stott
Dr. J. R. Jones
Robert G. Strayhorn
Norman Jordan, Sr.
John Wayne Strowd, Sr.
Jack Kelly
Willis Lee Teeter
Dr. Fred Knott
Dr. Donald Wesen
Jack Liles
E. J. Whitmire
C. W. “Jack” Lutterloh
W. A. “Bill” Wilder, Jr.
Charles Lutz
Dr. Tony Williams
Charles (Chuck) I. Miller, Jr.
Roy J. Williams
Fred Moretti
Russell & Elaine Wood
Bobby Myrick
Sam Wood
J. Lewis Patterson

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Livestock Shows

Neil Bowman – Livestock Director Summer Senter – Livestock Office Manager

Dept. 001.....Open Dairy Cattle - Mackenzie Luther, Superintendent
Dept. 002.....Junior Dairy Cattle – Mackenzie Luther, Superintendent
Dept. 003.....Dairy Special Awards - Neil Bowman, Superintendent
Dept. 004.....Open Beef Cattle - Dan Wells, Superintendent
Dept. 005.....Feeder Calf – Walter Earle, Superintendent
Dept. 006.....Junior Market Steer – Walter Earle, Superintendent
Dept. 007.....Junior Beef Heifer – Anna English, Superintendent
Dept. 009.....Open Market Barrow - Ron Hughes, Superintendent
Dept. 011.....Open Breeding Gilt - Ron Hughes, Superintendnet
Dept. 012.....Junior Market Barrow - Ron Hughes, Superintendent
Dept. 013.....Junior Breeding Gilt – Ron Hughes, Superintendent
Dept. 016.....Junior Ewe Meat Breeds – Andy Burlingham, Superintendent
Dept. 017.....Junior Market Lambs – Bill Sparrow, Superintendent
Dept. 018.....Open Dairy Goats - Dr Jeff Broadaway, Superintendent
Dept. 019.....Youth Dairy Goats – Dr Jeff Broadaway, Superintendent
Dept. 021.....Open Ewe Wool Breeds - Lauren Bell, Superintendent
Dept. 022.....Junior Ewe Wool Breeds – Lauren Bell, Superintendent
Dept. 025.....Junior Market Wether Meat Goats – Brian Stallings, Superintendent
Dept. 026.....Open Wether Dam Meat Goats -Brian Stallings, Superintendent
Dept. 027.....Junior Commercial Doe Meat Goats – Brian Stallings, Superintendent
Dept. 028.....Junior Showmanship Champion Contest

ENTRY CLOSING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 15

INFORMATION AND GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS AND PATRONS

Please report any discourtesies by gatemen, concessionaires, showmen, or others connected with the Fair. If, for any reason, there is a misunderstanding about admission at gates or elsewhere, please pay the admission price asked, take a receipt for same, and come directly to the Manager's office. Please do not block traffic and delay others by prolonged arguments with ticket-sellers, gatemen and ticket-takers who are working on strict orders from the management and are not allowed to vary from them.

Drunkenness, quarreling, or the use of profane or obscene language will not be allowed on the grounds. No begging will be permitted.

No peddling, hawking, or selling of any kind will be allowed in the buildings or on the grounds except by special license obtained from the Manager.

The management of the State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the foregoing and following Rules and Regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. In the event of conflict between the General Rules and the special rules which appear as headnotes of the various divisions and departments of the Fair, the latter will take precedence.

Disregard of any rule, misrepresentation on the part of the exhibitor, concessionaire or patrons will forfeit all premiums won, privileges granted, fees paid, and rights to further participation in the Fair.

ENTRIES

Exhibitors must enter online at: **https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock.** All entries must be made online. No paper entries or fwaxes will be accepted.The right is reserved to reject any entry or entries. Entries received after all space is taken must be rejected.

You will find the closing dates for entries set out in the rules and regulations and the general headings of each of the various departments. These dates vary with the special requirements of the specific department. Check these closing dates carefully.

No article or animals will be entitled to exhibition space until proper entry has been made.

No entry will be accepted after the closing date listed for each department. Once an entry is made, it cannot be changed except where it is improperly classed or a mistake has been made in copying the original entry, in which event the changes can be made only with the permission of the department superintendent, or director in charge, and then only in the office of the "entry superintendent." If the records are altered and do not conform with the information on file in the entry department, payment of premiums will be withheld. No person except personnel of the entry department will be allowed to see the entries, or have access to the entry books, until after the awards are made. The same article or animal cannot be entered in more than one class number (except as otherwise stated in the special department rules and regulations). Collections and displays must be made up of specimens, other than those entered in single (individual) classes unless otherwise noted.

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

The dates on which your exhibits must be in place at the NC State Fair vary from one department to another. These dates are set out in the Department Headings and Rules and Regulations. Check these dates carefully so you can get your exhibits in place at the proper time to be judged.

Remember! All exhibits must be officially entered in the Fair online, before the closing date for entries in the department. No article or animal will be entitled to space or considered in the judging until proper entry has been made. Removal of exhibits before the date and time specified will be cause for forfeit of all premiums won, all fees paid, and the right to further participation in the Fair.

In all but livestock departments, entries and exhibits will remain in place through the entire fair. Release times are scheduled for the day following the fair due to the lack of parking available nearby for those to pick up entries or exhibits, and in an effort to keep vehicles off the grounds during crowded conditions. The regulation will also assure those attending the fair during the evening of the final day of seeing the same exhibits and entries as those attending earlier.

Division Directors and Department Superintendents will have full authority over allocation of space, and will have direct supervision of all exhibits which are considered on exhibition as a part of the Fair's attractions, subject to use as these Directors and Superintendents see fit to add to the educational values of the Fair. Livestock able to be led or driven, or which will follow, must participate in parades and group exhibitions as directed by the Department Superintendent.

All livestock must be cared for by the exhibitor. All stalls and pens (except entries in Special Exhibits) will be well bedded one time by the Fair, free of charge. Thereafter, exhibitors will be required to furnish their own additional bedding and keep all stalls and pens clean.

The Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Fair. Also, the right is reserved to reject exhibits which are deemed objectionable or unsuitable for exhibition. All entries are accepted conditionally pending inspection of the article or animal to be exhibited. Any article or animal which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participation in the Fair will be denied.

Division Directors, Department Superintendents, and/ or Judges must report disqualification of entries to the Manager of the State Fair immediately after such action is taken. Under no circumstances will judging be considered official and premiums paid in a class where disqualification is recommended until approval of the disqualification(s) is obtained from the fair manager.

Promiscuous advertising is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute literature and free samples from their place of exhibit only, but may not sell any article or animal from their exhibit space without a permit from the manager. The distribution of advertising matter which conflicts in any manner with a concession sold by the Management is prohibited.

Commercial exhibitors and concessionaires are responsible for keeping the space in and around their exhibits, including unused space, aisles and roadways, clean and free of rubbish. An area of 10 feet around each exhibit booth and concession stand must be thoroughly cleaned by the exhibitor or concessionaire at the end of each fair day. Failure to do so will be cause for cancellation of contract. No exhibit space assigned may be shared or sublet without permission of the Fair manager.

Only vehicles operated by the Fair management will be allowed in the barn area. The Fair management will use diligence to ensure the safety of livestock entered for exhibition or display, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury, theft or damage by fire, lightning, wind, or any other agency, to such livestock on exhibition or display.

The Fair reserves the right to discriminate against both excessive obesity, which cannot be a profitable condition for breeding animals and excessive leanness, in which conditions are unfit for exhibition.

No barren animals will be eligible in breeding classes. An affidavit that an animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.

All cattle must be halter-broken.

A great educational feature of the Fair is the exhibitions and parades of approved livestock by breeds and ages. Exhibitors refusing for any cause not meeting with the approval of the management to lead out animals for parade will not only forfeit all premiums won, but will be barred from further participation in the Fair, and will be required to remove their stock from the Fairgrounds within six hours after such refusal, and will forfeit any fees paid.

Misrepresentation as to breeding and irregularity in showing will be exposed and any premium won by such exhibitor will be withheld. Certificates of registration must be shown on demand of the Livestock Superintendent. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals, including the use of steroids and other drugs, as well as lifting, dyeing or filling under the skin, will be considered fraud and deception.

The North Carolina State Fair Management reserves the right to test the grand and reserve champion of any show, and to conduct other random testing as deemed appropriate. The grand and reserve champions may be sampled at the fair. Exhibitors involved in any such treatment will be barred from exhibition at this Fair, and all Fairs holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Exposition will be notified. Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stalls or pens, and the alleyways in the exhibition halls, clear and clean. All litter must be deposited where directed by the Superintendent of Directors.

Animals must be transported to and from the Fairgrounds at the expense of the exhibitor. The Fair management will not pay any charges for express, freight, or drayage.

Exhibitors are responsible for ascertaining when their stock will be judged. Animals must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Exhibitors failing to comply with this rule may have their animals excluded from competition.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Any and all participants in any and all competitions covered by this online premium book listing hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily agreeing to participate in said event. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this online Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that the participant has no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in any and all events covered by this online premium book. By participating, participants agree to abide by and be subject to all rules and procedures applicable to the event entered as stated in this online premium book.

Judges will not award premiums to any article or animal because of its mere presence. It must be individually worthy. It is not the policy of the Fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind, or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. No premium will be awarded to any exhibit that does not possess high intrinsic merit.

Unless otherwise specified in the Department Rules and Regulations, no exhibitor may win more than two premiums in any one individual class, and not more than one premium in any group class. However, ribbons will be awarded exactly as the animals are placed by the judge. Example: an exhibitor makes three entries in a class, and his animals place “first”, “second” and “third”. He would receive only the first and second premium monies, but all three ribbons. Then, the owner of the animal placing “fourth” would receive the third-place premium money and the fourth-place ribbon; and so on down the line.

The rules of the international association of fairs and expositions govern appeals at the North Carolina State Fair.

“Participant” includes competitors, exhibitors, immediate family members, and any other members involved in the fitting and showing of an animal.

No participant may accompany judges during their deliberations except such attendants as are necessary to handle and show livestock and other such exhibits.

Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudication or who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges, will be excluded from further competition and any premiums previously won will be forfeited.

No participant may attempt to influence, interfere with or publicly express disapproval of the show superintendent. Such behavior will result in the participant being excluded from further competition, and any premiums previously won will be forfeited.

Premiums will be paid only on the basis of the records of the judging reports, which will be signed by the judge and by the Department Superintendent or Director. Ribbons or designation of placing will be securely attached to the articles upon which they were awarded if possible, but the ribbons have no value in the payment of premiums since they may become detached and find their way on to the wrong exhibit.

Where there is only one entry in a class, second premium will be awarded unless in the opinion of the judge the animal isn't sufficiently meritorious as to justify the full award as provided for.

PROTESTS

The protest procedures and remedies set out in this section of the online Premium Book listing are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any protest, discipline or complaint regarding any action of the Fair arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this online Premium Book listing.

Decision of the judges will be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of protest in writing submitted to the Livestock Director and the State Fair Manager, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the Fair.

Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this online Premium Book expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of going forward and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of grounds for any protest, discipline or complaint brought under the provisions of this online Premium Book listing.

Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this online Premium Book listing may file a protest, other than those involving the results of drug testing, any time prior to the show and up to 9 am the day after the show involving the class in question.

Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this online Premium Book listing shall have 10 days following the receipt of testing results to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this online Premium Book listing involving the results of drug testing.

The NC State Fair will not consider any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent.

Any and all livestock protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph must be filed in writing with the State Fair Manager by 9 am the day following the award, accompanied by a deposit of $250. Which will be retained by the fair if the protest is not sustained by an impartial protest committee appointed by the State Fair Manager.

Should fraud, deception or any violation of the rules covered by this online Premium Book listing be discovered prior to the sale, such animal shall not be permitted to sell. If the Grand Champion is disqualified at the discretion of the State Fair Manager, the Reserve Grand Champion will become the Grand Champion. If a third place animal was identified it may be moved up to Reserve Grand Champion at the discretion of the State Fair Manager. No other animals will be advanced.

Should a violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will be advanced.

Any attempt to misrepresent an animal in any way will be considered fraud and deception, and can result in disqualification and an indefinite ban from the NC State Fair. In addition, any participant whose animals are found suspect of using illegal drugs or barred for any other reason at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) will be barred indefinitely from showing at the North Carolina State Fair.

Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.

To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the NC State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and indefinitely ban the participant and the participant's assistants who fitted the animal involved. Show Superintendent reserves to right to request drug testing of animal at any time.

Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e. lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud or deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All participants whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the NC State Fair. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may be barred indefinitely from exhibiting or showing at the NC State Fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize monies and awards won in any division. Show Superintendent reserves to right to request drug testing of animal at any time.

Entries made in wrong classes may be reclassed by the Department Superintendent. Records must be changed when entries are reclassified. If the records are altered and the entry department files are not changed, premiums will be withheld. Judges, when requested, may give the reasons for their decisions embracing the value and desirable qualities of the exhibits to which they have awarded premiums.

Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any article or animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the State Fair Premium List.

Premium checks will be mailed to all exhibitors no later than 60 days after the fair. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until January 31, 2026 after which time the books of the 2026 Fair are closed.

Photographs of exhibits and winners will be taken by official photographers of the NC State Fair. Exhibitors hereby grant the NC State Fair permission to utilize photographs, images, or likenesses in whole or in part for use in official NC State Fair publications and promotions.

The following colors of ribbons will be used to designate awards:

Grand Champion ..... Royal Purple
Reserve Champion ..... Lavender
First Premium ..... Blue
Second Premium..... Red
Third Premium ..... White
Fourth Premium..... Pink
Fifth Premium ..... Yellow
Sixth Premium ..... Dark Green
Seventh Premium..... Light Green
Eighth Premium..... Tan
Ninth Premium..... Gray
Tenth Premium..... Light Blue

HEALTH REGULATIONS

ALL ANIMALS: The animal health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being inspected and approved by the regulatory veterinarian during their designated check-in times.

All animals not meeting the entry requirements, that have an unthrifty nature or are in an unsuitable condition, and/or are exhibiting any signs of disease or illness (including obvious abscesses that are opened or closed, ringworm, soremouth or any other signs of contagious disease) may be refused entry and will not be allowed in the barn/display, may be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the regulatory veterinarian, show committee, and/or the State Veterinarian.

During the duration of the Fair, all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm/premise of origin as determined by the regulatory veterinarian.

The Fair staff works diligently to prevent diseased animals from entering the fairground, though owners should consider that animals may be exposed to infectious agents while at the Fair. It is a best management practice to keep exhibit animals returning from the Fair separate from your animals at home for 2-3 weeks. By isolating exhibited animals for this time, any animals exposed to disease while at the Fair should show signs of infection during this period. Once this period has past, they can then be commingled with the animals that remained home.

Exhibitors are discouraged from bringing their dogs with them to the fair. If dogs must be brought, they are to remain in areas that are inaccessible to the public and must not be available for contact with the general public. Proof of rabies vaccination needs to be on hand.

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit livestock (beef and dairy cattle, horse, breeding swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits) and poultry at the North Carolina State Fair. Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Registering a premises involves obtaining an alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed or processed. If an exhibitor wants more information or wishes to register for a National or State Premises ID, the exhibitor can:

1. For more information contact (919) 707-3250 or visit http://www.ncfarmid.com, or
2. Register for a National or State Premises ID by:
   a. Printing, completing, and submitting the form at http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfarmid/registrationform.htm, or
   b. By completing the request form for National Premises ID found behind the livestock entry form.

LIVESTOCK: All livestock are required to have an entrance health examination at time of check-in as a prerequisite for entry onto the fairgrounds and will not be allowed to be unloaded on the fairground or enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. Veterinary inspections will take place at times designated in each section.

All livestock must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch, or microchip -readers must be supplied by owner) to enter the fairgrounds. All sheep and goats must comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Sheep and goats without a scrapie tag, or a registration paper with corresponding tattoo or microchip information at the time of check-in will not be allowed. Scrapie Flock ID numbers must be presented at the time of check-in. The Scrapie Flock ID number is not the same as the National or State Premises ID number. To obtain a Scrapie Flock ID number, please see the Goat and Sheep entry requirements section.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Drug and Chemical Compounds Policy for All NCDA&CS Sponsored Fairs, Exhibitions, and Events. The use of any drug and/or chemical compound in any manner that is not approved by the FDA, including but not limited to indications and directions on species, age, dosage amounts and/or withdrawal times, is illegal and prohibited.

The owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or responsible person must notify the show management prior to

admittance into the livestock/poultry barns of any animal that is being administered drugs or chemical compounds in accordance with approved FDA guidelines for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal. Acceptance of the animal for exhibition will be at the discretion of the animal superintendent and the show veterinarian and will depend on such factors as the nature of the drug or chemical compound and justification by an accredited veterinarian with a valid client-patient relationship. Regardless, livestock and poultry will not be allowed to exhibit if use of any drugs or chemical compounds will affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and/or responsible persons will be held accountable for the presence of any violative drug residue from their animal and subject to the disposition as specified below:

1) Findings of proof in intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited by the Policy on use of Drugs and Chemical Compounds will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events.

2) If proof of intentional use of any drug or chemical compound in an illegal and prohibited manner cannot be found on an animal that has been demonstrated by the above detailed laboratory methods to have the presence of such a substance, a first time offense for a positive test will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a one-year prohibition on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of the positive animal. A second-time offense by that exhibitor for any drug or chemical compound in a manner described as illegal and prohibited will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and prizes, market value of the animal (in the case of market animals), and a life-time ban on exhibiting in NCDA&CS sponsored events by the exhibitor of that positive animal.
Drug testing at the Fair may include, and is not limited to, the following drugs: Acepromazine, Albuterol, Altrenogest, Azaperone, Balbuterol, Boldenone, Bumetanide, Chlorpromazine and all other tranquilizers, Clenbuterol, Dexamethasone, Flumethasone, Flunixin, Furosemide, Isoetharine, Isoflupredone, Flumethasone, Methylprednisolone, Nandrolone, Paylean (labeled for swine only), Phenylbutazone, Optiflex (labeled for feedlot cattle only), and Terbutaline. Paylean and Optiflex are illegal for use in sheep and goats.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY SPECIES

Any of the species listed below entering the fairgrounds regardless of their purpose of entry must meet the requirements listed for that species.

CATTLE – BEEF and DAIRY

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.

Cattle from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Information relating to Brucellosis.
   a. Those cattle which are native to North Carolina need not be tested. (Native meaning those cattle which were born in North Carolina or which have met North Carolina import requirements.)
   b. Cattle originating from any certified Brucellosis free herd, regardless of the state of origin, may enter North Carolina, provided the following information is recorded on the official certificate:
      i. The individual identification of each animal;
      ii. The herd certification number;
      iii. The date of the last herd test; and
      iv. A permit when otherwise required in the rule.
   c. Cattle imported from a Class Free State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and need not be tested.
   d. Cattle imported from a Class A State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and pass a negative official blood test within 60 days prior to entry into North Carolina.
   e. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Rule, a Brucellosis test is not required for steers or spayed females, and no test prior to entry in the state is required of:
      i. Cattle under eight (8) months of age;
      ii. Dairy heifers under 20 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis

iii. Heifers of the beef breed less than 24 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis;

5. Information relating to tuberculosis: A test for tuberculosis is not required for cattle which are native to North Carolina. Any cattle over 6 months of age not originating from a Tuberculosis Free state shall be required to have an official tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry, unless from an accredited herd.

SWINE

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.

Swine from out-of-state exhibitors (including market hogs) must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including age, sex, breed, and any registrations, ear tag, or ear notch numbers.
3. Statement by the veterinarian attesting that the swine listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Statement by the veterinarian that all breeding swine in the consignment originate from a Pseudorabies virus (PRV) Stage IV or V state or a Validated Brucellosis-Free and Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd. The herd validation qualification numbers must be listed. This requirement does not apply to market hogs.

GOATS & SHEEP

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.

Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece). Animals which are not shorn will not be allowed to stall or enter the check-in line.

Goats and sheep from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and any registration, tattoo, microchip or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the goats listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. The health certificate shall contain a statement that the flock of origin has not had Scrapie diagnosed within the past 42 months. All goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. If you have any questions about the program or would like to request a flock identification number and tags, North Carolina residents may call (919) 707-3250 or complete and submit the North Carolina Scrapie Ear tag Order Form located behind the livestock entry form, and out-of-state participants may call 1-866-USDA Tag (873-2824).
4. Any animal showing evidence of suspicious fungal lesions must have a signed veterinarian's statement on the health certificate with the date and type of treatment.
5. Dairy sheep and goats over six (6) months of age and sexually intact imported from out of state must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to import. All imports over six (6) months of age must have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to import unless they originate from a certified and accredited herd or are consigned for immediate slaughter.
   a. The brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements shall not apply to goats entering the state only for exhibition purposes from states that are USDA Tuberculosis Accredited-Free and Brucellosis Certified free, when accompanied by an official health certificate. Such animals shall remain in the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days from the date of issuance of the health certificate.

HORSES, MULES, PONIES, & OTHER EQUINE

Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened) or any other signs of contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.

NCDA&CS requires that all equine six (6) months old and older must be in possession of a current negative Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) test certificate (Coggins Certificate). The negative EIA test must be current and issued within twelve (12) months. A copy of a current (12 months) negative Coggins test certificate must be presented at check-in and unloading.

Equine from out-of-state exhibitors must also be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian or a valid equine event permit (also known as an equine passport or extended equine certificate of veterinary inspection). The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or microchip number as applicable.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the equine listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. Veterinarians should contact the department at (919) 707-3250 during outbreaks of vesicular stomatitis in the U.S. for additional statement requirements.

EXOTIC MAMMALS

Exotic mammals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, or any other signs of contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.

Exotic mammals as defined by NCDA&CS from out- of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, animal identification tag, tattoo, or microchip number as applicable.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the exotic mammals listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.

Exotic mammals include and are not limited to bison, buffalo and all other bovidae (other than domestic cattle), Old World camelids, etc. For applicable species, animals from out-of-state must have negative test results for brucellosis within 30 days and tuberculosis within 60 days for all animals six months old and older and must have the certification statement, “The herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months” included on the certificate.

POULTRY AND OTHER AVIAN SPECIES

Birds will not be accepted which are infected with or showing any clinical signs of an infectious or communicable disease or are infested with lice and/or mites.

All chickens, turkeys and guineas must be identified with numbered tamper-proof bands. Bands placed on birds tested by state testers will satisfy this requirement. Poultry entered at the fair are subject to examination (including blood test and swabs by a representative of the NCDA&CS).

No poultry shall have received a live virus vaccine within 30 days prior to entering the fair.

All avian species from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by either:

i. a current VS 9-3 NPIP form that states the birds are from a flock certified as NPIP US H5/H7 Avian Influenza (AI) clean from the state of origin or
ii. an official health certificate issued within 30 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or approved state or federally employed veterinarian (5 days if they are pigeons, doves, birds of prey, psittacines, or song birds; contact NCDA&CS Veterinary Division/Poultry if there are questions regarding issuing time to entry). If an official health certificate is used, the health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each bird including breed, age, sex, other animal identification, etc.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the birds listed are not infected with, nor have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Poultry and ratites must
   a. originate from Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks or have tested negative for Pullorum-Typhoid within 30 days of entry
   b. originate from an NPIP H5/H7 AI Clean or US AI Clean flock or have tested negative for Avian Influenza within 21 days of entry

All in state chickens and turkeys for exhibition must originate from NPIP certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of entry. The test requirements may be satisfied by a negative test conducted by an official state tester at the time the birds are brought to the fair. In state birds may be randomly selected for Avian Influenza testing at the time the birds are brought to the fair.

Out-of-State birds will not be admitted for NC poultry competitions.

Animals categorized as exotic in North Carolina must be accompanied by a health certificate issued within 30 days by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. Exotic animals include and are not limited to bison, buffalo and all other bovidae (other than domestic cattle), and camelids
(camel and vicunas). The certificate must show individual identification. For applicable species, animals from out-of-state must have negative test results for brucellosis within 30 days and tuberculosis within 60 days for all animals six months old and older (vicunas are exempt from tuberculosis and brucellosis testing) and must have the certification statement, "The herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months" included on the certificate. Make your entries early!! The right is reserved and will be used to reject entries received after all available space is taken, even if this occurs before specified time for closing entries.

(See exceptions to this rule for group classes and/ or Junior entries in some departments.)

Each breed of livestock must be exhibited by more than one farm at this years fair if the breed is to be considered for continuance in next year's N.C. State Fair Premium List.

FEES

Entry fees are required for all entries in the Junior and Open classes of the Livestock Division and can be found in the individual department sections.

CAMPING ON FAIRGROUNDS

https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/campground

IAFE CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

International Association Of Fairs And Expositions

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)
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.

HERDSMEN'S CONTESTS

Special prizes will be awarded in contests for herdsmen, shepherd and caretakers of animals in some livestock departments. All herdsmen will automatically be considered entrants and no special entry is required. Judges will be assigned by the Livestock Director. The contests will start at a time designated by each Department.

The following score card will serve as the basis for the judges in the Herdsmen's contest making their decisions.

Condition and cleanliness of herd or flock	20
Cleanliness of stalls/pens and alleyways	20
Signs indicating where the animals are from and who is showing them	20
Educational material or other displays that will interest the general public	20
Courtesy of exhibitors in both the show ring and the barn	20
	100

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

A Junior Showmanship Contest will be held for each species. The selection committee will select exhibitors on the following criteria:

Showmanship and Animal Handling	60%
Showman's Appearance and Neatness	15%
Fitting of Animal	25%
	100%

Exhibitors need to enter the appropriate Showmanship class online. Exhibitors are not automatically entered.

2024 EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITS

Department	Exhibitors	Exhibits
Open Dairy Cattle	50	224
Junior Dairy Cattle	81	288
Dairy Cattle Special Awards	20	20
Open Beef Cattle	99	286
Junior Feeder Calf	35	41
Junior Market Steer	21	32
Junior Beef Heifer	120	228
Open Market Barrow	6	6
Open Breeding Gilt	15	15
Junior Market Barrow	61	90
Junior Breeding Gilt	36	46
Junior Ewe Meat Breeds	131	227
Junior Market Lamb	94	138
Open Dairy Goats	43	217
Youth Dairy Goats	29	154
Open Wool Breed Sheep	20	113
Junior Ewe Wool Breed Sheep	25	114
Junior Market Meat Goats	99	128
Open Wether Dam Goats	28	33
Junior Commercial Meat Goat	102	158
Junior Showmanship	456	608
TOTAL		**2,966**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE BY DATE

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 15

Open Beef Cattle	9:00 am	Jim Graham Building
Junior Goat Showmanship	4:00 pm	Jim Graham Building

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 16

Junior Commercial Does	9:00 am	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Open Beef Cattle Breeds	9:00 am	Jim Graham Building
Open Wether Dams	after Jr Comm Does	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Junior Market Wether Meat Goat	after Wether Dams	AgriSupply Exposition Center

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 17

Junior Swine Showmanship	4:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18

Open Breeding Gilts	9.00 am	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Junior Beef Showmanship	9:00 am	Jim Graham Building
Junior Breeding Gilts	12:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Junior Feeder Calf	1:00 pm	Jim Graham Building
Junior Beef Heifers	1:00 pm	Jim Graham Building
Open Market Barrow Show	2:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Junior Market Barrow	after Open Market Barrow	AgriSupply Exposition Center

MONDAY – OCTOBER 19

Junior Market Steers	9:00 am	Jim Graham Building
Junior Beef Heifer Show	10:00 am	Jim Graham Building

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 20

Junior Sheep Showmanship	1:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Registered Junior Ewe Show	5:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 21

Non Registered Junior Ewe Show	9:00 am	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Junior Market Lamb	1:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 22

Open Dairy Cattle	2:00 pm	Jim Graham Building

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 23

Junior Wool Sheep Showmanship	9:00 am	AgriSupply Exposition
Junior Wool Sheep	2:00 pm	Center AgriSupply Exposition
Open Dairy Cattle	10:00 am	Center Jim Graham Building
Open Wool Sheep	11:30 am	AgriSupply Exposition Center
Junior Dairy Cattle Fitting & Showmanship; Costume Class	5:00 pm	Jim Graham Building
Youth Dairy Goat Showmanship	5:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 24

Youth Dairy Goat	9:00 am	AgriSupply Expostition Center
Junior Dairy Cattle	9:00 am	Jim Graham Building
Special Awards Show	2:00 pm	Jim Graham Building
Open Dairy Goat	2:00 pm	AgriSupply Exposition Center

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 25

Open Dairy Goat	9:00 am	AgriSupply Exposition Center
SALE OF CHAMPIONS	**2:00 pm**	Jim Graham Building





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2:00 pm
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Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

001 - Open Dairy Cattle

SUPERINTENDENT: Mackenzie Luther - Lexington, NC 336-596-1010
Asst Superintendent: Ahmerah Thompson - Raleigh, NC 804-313-5812

JUDGE: Greg Evans -

CHECK IN: Open Show-Wednesday, October 21 from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Stalls will NOT be available until Wednesday, October 21 after 7:00 am Refer to Jr. Show Rules and Regulations. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials.

SHOW DATE: Thursday, October 22rd at 2:00 pm: All Heifer Classes starting with and rotating through Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey followed by Holstein and Jersey heifer classes rotating.
Friday, October 23th at 10:00 am: All Cow Classes starting with and rotating through Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey followed by Holstein and Jersey Cow classes rotating.

COMPETITION:
Open to the world

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $30 PER HEAD

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

RELEASE TIME: Saturday, October 24 - following the Junior show. NOT BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF ALL DAIRY SHOW RELATED ACTIVITIES. SUPERINTENDENT WILL ANNOUNCE WHEN EXHIBITORS ARE RELEASED. PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED IF ANIMALS ARE REMOVED FROM STALL SPACE BEFORE THE RELEASE TIME.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Except in cases of conflict, in which event the following Rules and Regulations will prevail, the General Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division and the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. **BE SURE TO READ BOTH BEFORE ENTERING OR COMPETING IN THIS DEPARTMENT.** Some - but not all - are repeated herewith for emphasis, and others of the following Rules and Regulations apply only to this Department.

ANY ATTEMPT TO MISREPRESENT AN ANIMAL IN ANY WAY will be considered fraud and deception, and can result in disqualification and an indefinite ban from the N.C. State Fair. In addition, any participant whose animals are found suspect of using illegal drugs or barred for any other reason at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) will be barred indefinitely from showing at the North Carolina State Fair. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the N.C. State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and indefinitely ban the participant and the participant's assistants who fitted the animal involved. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e. lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud or deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All participants whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the N.C. State Fair. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may be barred indefinitely from exhibiting or showing at the N.C. State Fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize monies and awards won in any division .

1. **All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.**

2. **MAKE YOUR ENTRIES EARLY!!** The right is reserved to reject entries received after all available space is taken and after the closing date. Entry deadline is September 15, 2026.

3. **Entries in the Open Show must be made in the name of the exhibitor shown on the registration certificate as the owner and must conform to the breed percentages recommended by the respective breed association.**

4. **The exhibitor and breeder of an animal are defined as follows: "Where the animals are registered in the name(s of different members of a family, residing on one farm and when the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor."**

5. **Animals owned in partnership or by a syndicate may be shown in the name of the partnership or syndicate only; except that at the time of entry a determination shall be made that such animals will be shown in the name of one partner or syndicate member and shown in the same way in group classes.**

6. Exhibitors are not allowed to make substitutions between breeds. Four substitutions per exhibitor may be made within a breed.

7. Junior entries wishing to show in the open show will be required to pay entry fee in accordance with open show registration. Entries in the group and herd classes must have previously been exhibited in the individual classes.

8. Enter the class number, as indicated in the premium list, for which each entry is made. Enter each animal separately.

9. Enter the name and registry number of each animal entered, its date of birth, and its sex. Bring your registration certificates to the Fair; they must be shown at any time if requested by the Superintendent. Registration papers will be required at the time of show of all group classes.

10. All animals must be registered with their respective breed associations in the name of the bona fide owner and breed percentages must conform to breed association standards. No animal will be allowed to show if registration of animal is pending.

11. In breeding classes, to be eligible to show, all cows 36 months of age or older must have produced a calf carried to maturity within the last 12 months prior to the opening date of the Fair. In case the exhibitor, upon demand of the superintendent, cannot verify by affidavit or registration certificate the facts of the above requirements, the animal will be excluded from competition.

12. In making awards in the breeding classes, the judge will lay much stress on the evidence of superior breeding qualities. When animals show evidence of being “overdone” (overloaded with flesh) they will be discriminated against accordingly.

FEES

$30 Entry fee PER HEAD are required for all entries in the senior and open classes of the livestock Division.

All applicants for entries must be noted at the time of entry, **AND REMITTANCES FOR SAME MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY.** Reservations will not be made unless accompanied by the required fee and **REMEMBER: THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ENTRIES AFTER ALL AVAILABLE SPACE IS TAKEN. ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED.**

Animals duly entered in the show which will be exhibited competitively in the show ring will have priority on stall space; thereafter, should additional space be available, display animals will be assigned stall space.

COLLEGIATE SHOWMANSHIP - Section 106

In this class no animals can be shared, there should be one student per animal. The student must be enrolled in a college or university. The animal must also be shown in the Open Show.

HERDSMEN'S CONTEST-Section 107

All herdsmen in charge of dairy animals entered in the Senior "Open" Show will automatically be considered entrants in this contest, designed to promote neatness, courtesy, attention to show requirements, and all around efficiency on the part of personnel in charge of animals on exhibit. The contest will start Thursday, October 22 at noon and will continue until noon Saturday, October 24 at which time the winners will be announced. The score card which will serve as the basis for the judges making their decision will be found under the General Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division. A display is not required and has been removed from criteria of dairy herdsmen contest.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. **BE SURE TO READ THESE UNDER "RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LIVESTOCK DIVISION"** before entering or competing in this department.

Any and all animals not meeting the entry requirements, unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. During the duration of the Fair, any and all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin.

Every precaution should be taken on the part of the exhibitors to use individual utensils in feeding and watering cattle. Common water troughs are forbidden. All trucks used for transportation of cattle to the Fair should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before use. Vehicles regularly used for the transportation of animals are considered "exposed" premises under the health regulations of the Veterinary Division.

MILKING FACILITIES

Facilities for milking will be available for exhibitors with lactating cows. Exhibitors are encouraged to use these facilities and avoid milking cattle in open pails in the barn. The facility will open Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 a.m. and will close Saturday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m.

BEDDING

Initial Bedding will be provided. If additional bedding is desired, exhibitor will need to provide or arrange to purchase.

SHOW HARNESS

All exhibitors will be required to wear show harnesses while exhibiting their animals.

AGE AND GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

SUMMER HEIFER CALF - Born June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026
SPRING HEIFER CALF - Born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
WINTER HEIFER CALF - Born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
FALL HEIFER CALF - Born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025
SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER - Born June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025
SPRING YEARLING HEIFER - Born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025
WINTER YEARLING HEIFER - Born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
FALL YEARLING HEIFER - Born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES - Coming from classes eligible for Junior Champion. All bred and owned by exhibitor. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.
BEST UDDER - The judges will select a first and second place animal based on udder alone from each of the eight milking classes. The animals will be recognized and appropriate ribbons presented. All cows in the class will be considered and no entry is needed. If, in the opinion of the judge, the quality of the udders being considered are not worthy of the awards, then no award will be made.

FALL YEARLING HEIFER IN MILK - Born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
JUNIOR TWO-YEAR-OLD COW - Born March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024
SENIOR TWO-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024
JUNIOR THREE-YEAR-OLD COW - Born March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
SENIOR THREE-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
FOUR-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
FIVE-YEAR-OLD COW - Born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
AGED COW - Born before September 1, 2020
DRY COW - Any cow that has completed a lactation regardless of age. To be designated at time of entry and dry at time of show. Not eligible for other individual classes unless calved before time of show.
GROUP CLASSES - Animal exhibit number must be worn by individuals exhibiting animals in group classes.
EXHIBITOR'S HERD OF FIVE FEMALES - Group of 5 females any age and must be owned, and three must be bred by the exhibitor with a maximum of 3 animals that have freshened. Each exhibitor limited to one entry.
PREMIER EXHIBITORS AWARD - The Exhibitor winning the most points on not to exceed six animals and exhibited by himself in the open single classes shall be designated the Premier Exhibitor. The scale of points will be the same as that for determining Premium Breeder.

PREMIER BREEDERS AWARD - The Breeder winning the most points on not to exceed six animals in the open single classes, exhibited by himself and/or other exhibitors shall be designated the Premier Breeder. **In case of a tie on the points system for either the Premier Exhibitor or Premier Breeder Awards, the exhibitor or breeder winning the most money on the same animals will receive the award.** The point system for determining Premier Breeder is as follows:

PLACINGS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Points - Senior Females	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
Points - Junior Females	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
PLACINGS	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
Points- Senior Females	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Points- Junior Females	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

CHAMPIONS - "Junior" designates cattle under 2 years of age excluding Fall Yearling in milk; "Senior" including Fall Yearling in milk, two years old and older. First and second place animals in the respective female classes will compete for champion and reserve champion in the junior and senior age divisions. The Grand Champion Female and Reserve Grand Champion Female will be chosen from the champion and reserve champions of the junior and senior divisions.

PRODUCTION RECOGNITION - The premium will be increased by 50% on any cow which has a 305 day, 2X ME record of milk 10% above the DHI average for the breed as computed at the SRDRPC in Raleigh. Officially projected first lactation records may also qualify. Either the DHI individual cow page or a monthly report must be presented to the superintendent for verification at the time entries are checked. Minimum requirements by breed are:
Ayrshire - 18,796; Brown Swiss - 22,528; Guernsey - 17,183; Holstein - 26,641; Jersey - 18,119.

PDCA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

An appropriate trophy will be awarded to the Grand Champion Female of each breed by the NC Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.

Division 101 AYRSHIRE - Open Dairy Cattle
Division 102 BROWN SWISS - Open Dairy Cattle
Division 103 GUERNSEY - Open Dairy Cattle
Division 104 HOLSTEIN - Open Dairy Cattle
Division 105 JERSEY-OpenDairyCattle

Class

01 Summer Heifer Calf, born June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026
02 Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
03 Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
04 Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025
05 Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025
06 Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025
07 Winter Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
08 Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
Junior Champion Female
Reserve Junior Champion Female
11 Junior Best Three Females
12 Fall Yearling In Milk, born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
13 Junior Two-Year-Old Cow, born March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024
14 Senior Two-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024
15 Junior Three-Year-Old Cow, born March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
16 Senior Three-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
17 Four-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
18 Five-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
19 Aged Cow, born before September 1, 2020
20 Dry Cow
Senior Champion Female
Reserve Senior Champion Female
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
25 Exhibitors Herd of Five - Females
Premier Breeder
Premier Exhibitor

Division 106 Collegiate Showmanship

Class

01 Collegiate Showmanship

OPEN DAIRY SHOW PREMIUMS

1st Place - $70 2nd Place - $60 3rd Place - $50 4th Place - $40 5th Place - $30

Junior Best Three Females

1st Place - $50 2nd Place - $40 3rd Place - $30

Exhibitor's Herd of Five Females

1st Place - $100 2nd Place - $75 3rd Place - $50

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JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE

Dept 002

SUPERINTENDENT: Mackenzie Luther - Lexington, NC - 336-596-1010
Asst Superintendent: Ahmerah Thompson - Raleigh, NC - 804-313-5812

JUDGES: Trent Kilgus -
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CHECK IN: Thursday, October 22 between 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. Registration papers or DHIA calf pages must be presented to the junior show superintendents. ***This rule will be enforced.***

All Junior exhibitors will be required to upload registration papers of all Junior exhibited animals at the time of registration. All Junior Cattle being shown must be in the care/possession of exhibitor by August 1st, 2026.

Any and all animals not meeting the entry requirements, unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. During the duration of the Fair, any and all animals of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin.

COMPETITION:
Open to exhibitors 6-18 years of age as of January 1, 2026, a resident of North Carolina, and must be able to show the animal on their own.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $20 PER HEAD

Exhibitors are required to fill out the Declaration of Ownership form which may be found at www.ncstatefair.org.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

SHOW DATE:
Junior Dairy Fitting and Showing – Friday, October 23, 5:00 pm
Costume Class - Friday, October 23, following Fitting and Showing
Junior Dairy Show – Saturday, October 24, at 9:00 am

Two rings will operate with Brown Swiss, and Jerseys showing consecutively in one ring; and Ayrshires, Holsteins and Guernseys showing consecutively in the other ring.

RELEASE TIME: Saturday, October 24 (release after show) NOT BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF ALL DAIRY SHOW RELATED ACTIVITIES. SUPERINTENDENT WILL ANNOUNCE WHEN EXHIBITORS ARE RELEASED. PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED IF ANIMALS ARE REMOVED FROM STALL SPACE BEFORE THE RELEASE TIME.

Any attempt to misrepresent an animal in any way will be considered fraud and deception, and can result in disqualification and an indefinite ban from the N.C. State Fair. In addition, any participant whose animals are found suspect of using illegal drugs or barred for any other reason at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) will be barred indefinitely from showing at the North Carolina State Fair. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the NC State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and indefinitely ban the participant and the participant's assistants who fitted the animal involved. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e. lifting or filling under the skin will be considered fraud or deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV will be allowed. All participants whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the NC State Fair. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may be barred indefinitely from exhibiting or showing at the NC State Fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize monies and awards won in any division.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. Except as noted, all of the rules and regulations of the Dairy Department, the Livestock Division, and the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair, will prevail in this show.

3. Open to exhibitors 6-18 years of age as of January 1, 2026, a resident of North Carolina, and must be able to show the animal on their own.

4. No exhibitor in the Junior Dairy Show may show more than four animals.

5. Exhibitors must have personally fitted and cared for the animals 60 or more days prior to the show.

6. All animals must be shown without assistance. Adults, other than the officials, will not be allowed in the ring during the show unless requested by a show official. (Exception: Junior County Herd.)

7. Grade animals must have a DHIA calf page in order to be shown. These animals must have some type of identification that management can use to verify birth dates.

8. All animals in each class will be judged.

9. Entry deadline is September 15, 2026. Each youth should complete their own individual entries.

10. The following information will not be required of junior show entries: name of sire and name of dam. All other information is required.

11. **Two such qualified substitutions will be allowed per exhibitor.** NOTE: The management of the Junior Dairy Show reserves the right to reject the animals which in their opinion would bring discredit to the show. This includes animals which cannot be controlled, seriously emaciated, and those with serious injuries or gross physical defects.

SPECIAL BREED AWARDS

The North Carolina Association for the Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey breeders will provide awards in fitting and showmanship classes. In addition, the following awards are provided:

GUERNSEY: (1) Sunrise Farm Trophy - Trophy to Grand Champion Guernsey in Junior Show.

(2) Eston Stokes Award - Trophy to Junior Champion Guernsey in Junior Show (Sponsored by Sunrise Farm).

HOLSTEIN: Engraved trophies to exhibitors of Junior Champion, and Grand Champion in Junior Show.

JERSEY: (1) Deerview Jersey Farm - Trophy to Grand Champion in Junior Show.



JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW DIVISIONS and CLASSES

Division 101 – AYRSHIRE
Division 102 - BROWN SWISS
Division 103 – JERSEY
Division 104 – HOLSTEIN
Division 105 – GUERNSEY

CLASS:

01 - Summer Heifer Calf, born June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026
02 – Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026
03 – Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026
04 – Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025
05 – Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025
06 – Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1, 2025- May 31, 2025
07– Winter Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2024 - February 29, 2025
08 – Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
Junior Champion
10 – Fall Yearling In Milk, born September 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024
11 – Junior Two Year Old Cow, born March 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024
12 – Senior Two Year Old Cow, born September 1, 2023 - February 28, 2024
13 – Junior Three Year Old Cow, born March 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
14 – Senior Three Year Old Cow, born September 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
15 – Four Year Old Cow, born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022
16 – Five Year Old Cow, born September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021
17 – Aged Cow, born before September 1, 2020
18 – Dry Cow
Senior Champion
GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
Junior County Herd

Jr Dairy Cattle Premiums

1st Place - $100	2nd Place - $95	3rd Place - $90	4th Place - $85	5th Place - $80
6th Place - $75	7th Place - $70	8th Place - $65	9th Place - $60	10th Place - $55
11th Place - $50	12th Place - $50	13th Place - $50	14th Place - $50	15th Place - $50



JUNIOR COUNTY HERD **– Junior Dairy Cattle**

County Herd will consist of five (5) females of one breed from one county. County herds will be based on the location of the animals, not the youth. Entries for this event will be made during check in for the Junior Dairy Show.

Division 106 – COSTUME CLASS **– Junior Dairy Cattle**

Class 01 – Any exhibitor in the Junior show may participate. The exhibitor may have the assistance of one other junior age person while in the ring. Exhibitors may use any ideas they wish on how to "dress" or "decorate" their dairy animal to represent any personality, place or thing, with emphasis on milk, milk products or dairy production. Costumes may consist of any material as long as it is not considered harmful to the animal or potentially harmful to other exhibitors in the ring.

Entries need to be made online before September 15, 2026. This class will be held following the completion of the Showmanship on Friday, October 23.

Judging will be based on creativity, attractiveness and milk and/or dairy promotion theme.

Division 107 – JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Friday, October 23, 5:00 pm

1st - $50 2nd - $40 3rd - 30 4th - $30 5th - $25

6th - $25 7th - $25 8th - $25 9th - $25 10th - $25

You must enter showmanship online before September 15, 2026. The classes will be determined by age as of January 1, 2026. All breeds will be shown together based on the age of the exhibitor. This will determine heats if needed in a class. The classes for showmanship will be posted by noon on Saturday. **Exhibitors must show one of the animals entered in their name in this competition.**

The classes are as follows:

Peewee - 6-8 years old
Junior - 9-11 years old
Intermediate - 12-14 years old
Senior - 15-18 years old

J. I. SMITH (JIM) AND NANCY S. SMITH ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

In an effort to encourage and show appreciation for the youth of North Carolina who compete in the beef and dairy cattle "fitting and showmanship" competition at various levels, James I. (Jim) and Nancy S. Smith established an endowed scholarship in the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of providing scholarships for students at North Carolina State University. For questions call 919 528-2403.
https://ncsu.academicworks.com/donors/mr-and-mrs-james-i-smith

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DAIRY SPECIAL AWARDS

Dept 003

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Stephanie Ward - NCSU

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Lauren Bell - 704-438-3329

The N.C. State Fair is pleased to announce the continuation of this show, started in 2010.
This competition is sponsored by Agri Supply and an endowment by Jim and Nancy Smith of Stem, NC. It is only natural that our State Fair should recognize the talents and desires of these entrants in the field of agriculture. The North Carolina State Fair and Livestock Division are grateful for the support and efforts provided by everyone involved to enable this competition to grow and expand.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Online entries only. Online entries begin August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock and are due September 15th.** If you have any questions contact Lauren Bell at ncstatefairspecialshow@gmail.com. Emailed or paper entries will not be accepted. If you have issues contact Lauren Bell.
2. ***Exhibitors will only enter the Dairy Special Awards Show this year.*** The show will be Saturday, October 25th. Exhibitors will show a dairy calf.
3. Each exhibitor must be identified as intellectually challenged, developmentally disabled or special needs. Parent, guardian, teacher, supervisor or physician verification of disability must accompany entry form. Disability may be questioned before premiums are paid.
4. **Exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina. Exhibitors are limited to the first 30 entries received by September 15th, 2026.**
5. Health regulations of the veterinary division of the N.C. Department of agriculture will be strictly enforced. **Be sure to read these under "general rules and regulations of the livestock division"** before entering or competing in this department. Animals and a helper will be provided for the exhibitor.
6. Some rules from other shows will apply.
7. Premium money in the amount of $50 per exhibit will be awarded along with a trophy.

Section 101 - DAIRY SPECIAL AWARDS CLASSES

Judging will be Saturday, October 24th, 2025.

Class: 00002 – Dairy Calf - judging **TBD**

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004 - OPEN BEEF CATTLE

SUPERINTENDENT: Dan Wells – NC Cooperative Extension Agent - Smithfield, NC

JUDGES:

CHECK IN: Cattle will be allowed in the Graham Building after 8:00 am Wednesday, October 15. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. Health inspection is typically between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm, but posted updates may supersede this statement. NC State Fair reserves the right to inspect tattoos, EID and/or brands at any time. The readability of the tattoo and/or brand is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. Tie spaces will be posted near the show rings. Registration papers must be presented to the show superintendent between noon and 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 14.

COMPETITION:
Open to the world

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fee $30 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

Show Times:

Date/Time	Ring 1	Ring 2
Thu Oct 15, 9:00 am	Shorthorn & Shorthorn Plus	Piedmontese/Limousin
Thu Oct 15, 12:00 pm	Red Angus/Simmental	Hereford/Miniature Hereford
Thu Oct 15, 3:00 pm	Angus	Santa Gertrudis/Star 5
Fri Oct 16, 9:00 am	Charolais	Gelbvieh
Fri Oct 16, 11:00 am	All Other Breeds	Percentage Simmental

Selection of Supreme & Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair will begin in Ring 1 thirty minutes following the conclusion of the 11:00 am shows. Supreme Bull Drive will follow in Ring 2, then Supreme Heifer Drive in Ring 1.

RELEASE TIME: All release at conclusion of showing. Be mindful that Champions will need to stay for Championship drive.

Premiums

1st Place - $70 2nd Place - $60 3rd Place - $50 4th Place - $40 5th Place - $30



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Make your entries early!! The right is reserved and will be used to reject entries or part of entries received after all available space is taken.

Enter online at www.ncstatefair.org. Be sure to enter information completely, accurately, and legibly. Give your rural route number, post office number or city street address, zip code, Social Security Number or Federal ID Number and telephone number including area code. Federal ID Numbers cannot be used for individuals. Federal ID Numbers can only be used for a business or farm. Social Security Numbers can only be used for an individual and must match the exhibitor name.

All nurse cows have been ruled out and will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.

Entries in the group classes must have previously been exhibited in the individual classes.

Also enter the name, registry number of each animal entered, its date of birth, its sex, the names and registry numbers of its sire and dam, and the name of the breeder. Bring your registration certificates to the Fair. Animals without original registration certificates will not be eligible to show. No photo copies will be accepted. Registration information from the respective official breed website is acceptable, but may be affected by system unavailability. Unavailable registration information will disqualify the animal.

Registration must be finalized with respective Breed Association by the time of check in.

All animals must be registered with their respective breed association in the name of the bona fide owner, who must have owned the animal for at least 30 days prior to the date of the show.

Bulls over 12 months of age are required to have nose ring or nose bud clip.

No exhibitor may win more than two premium monies in any one class.

Failure to properly display exhibitor/entry number during show will constitute forfeiture of premiums.

Health regulations of the veterinary division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering or competing in this department.

Every precaution should be taken on the part of exhibitors to use individual utensils in feeding and watering cattle. Common water troughs are forbidden. All cars and trucks used for transportation of animals are considered “exposed premises” under the health regulations of the veterinarian division.

First place winners in individual classes are eligible to compete for championship awards. Other first place winners in individual classes, plus the second place winner in the individual class which produced the champion, will be eligible to compete for reserve championship awards.

Official Breed representatives are encouraged to attend the show and check animals to be shown. However, they must complete their duties and inform the Livestock Office 20 hours prior to show time or no later than 4 pm the day preceding their respective show whichever is greater.



Section 116 – HERDSMEN'S CONTEST – Open Beef Cattle

All herdsmen in charge of beef cattle will automatically be considered entrants in this contest, designed to promote neatness, courtesy, attention to show requirements, and all-round efficiency on the part of personnel in charge of animals on exhibit. The contest will start Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 5:00 pm, and will continue through release time, at which time the winners will be announced. The score card which will serve as the basis for the judges making their decision will be found under the General Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division.

Section 101 – ANGUS SHOW – Open Beef Cattle

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT: The North Carolina State Fair Open Angus Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the American Angus Association.

Class:

01 – Junior heifer calves calved March 1, 2026 and after

02 – Junior heifer calves calved February, 2026

03 – Junior heifer calves, calved January, 2026

Junior Heifer Calf Champion

Reserve Junior Heifer Calf Champion

06 – Late senior heifer calves calved November and December, 2025

07 – Early senior heifer calves calved between September and October, 2025

Senior Heifer Calf Champion

Reserve Senior Heifer Calf Champion

10 – Late summer yearling heifers calved July and August, 2025

11 – Early summer yearling heifers calved May and June, 2025

Intermediate Heifer Champion

Reserve Intermediate Heifer Champion

14 – April junior yearling heifers calved April, 2025

15 – March junior yearling heifers, calved March, 2025

16 – Early junior yearling heifers calved February, 2025

17 – Early junior yearling heifers calved January, 2025

Junior Champion Female

Reserve Junior Champion Female



20 – Late senior yearling heifers calved November and December, 2024

21 – Early senior yearling heifers calved September and October, 2024

Senior Champion Female
Reserve Senior Champion Female
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
(champions and reserve champions competing)
Any female that qualifies for female classes in the Association's standard classifications are not eligible to show in the cow/calf classes. However, the calf at the side of the female is eligible to show in its respective class.

26 – Cow/Calf Class, cows three (3) years of age and younger, cows must be born January 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 15, 2026 or after.

27 – Cow/Calf Class, cows four (4) years of age and older, cows must be born December 31, 2019 or earlier.

Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 15, 2026 or after.
Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair
Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair
Grand and Reserve Grand Champion cow/calf pairs do not show for grand champion female and are ineligible to compete in the get-of-sire, junior get-of-sire and breeders six head classes.

30 – Junior bull calves calved March 1, 2026 and after

31 – Junior bull calves calved January and February, 2026

Junior Bull Calf Champion
Reserve Junior Bull Calf Champion

34 – Late senior bull calves calved November and December, 2025

35 – Early senior bull calves, calved September and October, 2025

Senior Bull Calf Champion
Reserve Senior Bull Calf Champion

38 – Late summer yearling bulls calved July and August, 2025



39 – Early summer yearling bulls calved May and June, 2025

Intermediate Champion Bull

Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull

42 – April junior yearling bulls calved April, 2025

43 – March junior yearling bulls calved March, 2025

44 – Early junior yearling bulls calved January and February, 2025

Junior Champion Bull

Reserve Junior Champion Bull

47 – Senior yearling bulls calved September through December, 2024

48 – Summer senior yearling bulls calved May through August, 2024

49 – Two year old bulls calved January through April, 2024

Senior Champion Bull

Reserve Senior Champion Bull

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

(Champions and Reserve Champions competing)

54 – Produce of Dam: Two animals, either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor.

55 – Get of Sire: Four animals by one sire shown in the above classes, both sexes represented

56 – Junior Get of Sire: Three animals by one sire, both sexes represented shown in classes 01, 02, 03, 06, 07, 10, 11 and 30, 31, 34, 35, 38, 39.

57 – Breeders Six Head: The exhibitor of the breeders six head must be breeder and first owner, identified by the same member code for the animals exhibited. Cattle owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeders six head is the breeder and first owner of the included animal(s). Animals must be exhibited in individual classes. Cattle bred and owned by a junior member(s) may be included if the exhibitor of the breeders six head is an individual or married couple and is the parent or legal guardian of the junior member(s).



Section 102 – CHAROLAIS – Open Beef Cattle R.O.E.

The North Carolina State Fair Open Charolais Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the American-International Charolais Association.

Class:

01 – Spring Heifer Calves calved after March 1, 2026

02 – Junior Heifer Calves calved January and February, 2026

Junior Calf Champion Female

Reserve Junior Calf Champion Female

05 – Heifers, Winter Calves calved November and December,2025

06 – Heifers, Senior Calves calved September and October, 2025

Senior Calf Champion Female

Reserve Senior Calf Champion Female

09 – Late Summer Yearlings, Females calved July and August, 2025

10 – Summer Yearlings, Females calved May and June, 2025

Intermediate Champion Female

Reserve Intermediate Champion Female

13 – Late Spring Yearling, Females calved April, 2025

14 – Early Spring Yearling, Females calved March, 2025

Junior Champion Female

Reserve Junior Champion Female

17 – Junior Yearlings, Females calved January and February, 2025

18 – Senior Yearlings, Females calved September through December, 2024

Senior Champion Female

Reserve Senior Champion Female

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

23 – Cow-Calf, Calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf to be no more than 250 days of age by day of show. Calf must be purebred and registered with AICA. No age restriction on cow. Calf not eligible to compete in individual calf classes if shown with dam. The calf must have the opportunity to nurse. The judge may make his final placing based on this criteria. Cow and/or calf may be included in group class entries as individuals, not as a pair comprising a single animal unit.

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

26 – Spring Bull Calves calved after March 1, 2026

27 – Bulls, Junior Calves calved January and February, 2026

Junior Calf Champion Bull

Reserve Junior Calf Champion Bull

30 – Bulls, Winter Calves calved November and December, 2025

31 – Bulls, Senior Calves calved September and October, 2025

Senior Calf Champion Bull

Reserve Senior Calf Champion Bull

34 – Bulls, Late Summer Yearlings calved July and August, 2025

35 – Bulls, Summer Yearlings calved May and June, 2025
Intermediate Champion Bull
Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull

38 – Bulls, Spring Yearling calved March and April, 2025

39 – Bulls, Junior Yearlings calved January and February, 2025
Junior Champion Bull
Reserve Junior Champion Bull

42 – Bulls, Senior Yearlings calved September through December, 2024

43 – Bulls, Summer Senior Yearlings calved May through August, 2024

44 – Two-Year Old Bulls calved January through April, 2024
Senior Champion Bull
Reserve Senior Champion Bull
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

49 – Produce of Dam - two animals, either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor.

50 – Junior Get-of-Sire: Three animals all by one sire, both sexes to be represented. May be owned by more than one exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. Females from Classes 01, 02,05, and 06. Bulls from Classes 26, 27, 30, and 31.

51 – Get-of-Sire: Three animals all by one sire, both sexes to be represented. May be owned by more than one exhibitor. This Get must have a minimum of two animals born before Sept 1, 2025 for the group to be eligible for the Get-of-Sire competition. All animals must be shown in their classes to be eligible.

52 – Breeders Herd: Four animals, either sex, bred and owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in their individual classes to be eligible.

53 – Group of five Head. Five animals of either sex owned by exhibitor from either the Calf Classes, Junior Classes, the Senior Classes or a combination of these.

Note: Individual animals shown in all above group classes must have been entered and shown in one of the classes for single animals.





Section 103 – GELBVIEH – Open Beef Cattle

Class:

01 – Spring Heifer Calves calved March 1 and June 30, 2026

02 – Winter Heifer Calves calved January and February, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

05 – Senior Heifer Calves calved November and December, 2025

06 – Fall Heifer Calves calved September and October, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf

09 – Late Summer Yearling Heifer calved July and August, 2025

10 – Early Summer Yearling Heifer calved May and June, 2025

Champion Intermediate Female

Reserve Champion Intermediate Female

13 – Junior Yearling Heifer calved March and April, 2025

14 – Junior Yearling Heifer calved January and February, 2025

Champion Junior Female

Reserve Champion Junior Female

17 – Senior Yearling Heifer calved November and December, 2024

18 – Senior Yearling heifer calved September and October, 2024

Champion Senior Female

Reserve Champion Senior Female

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

23 – Cow/Calf, no age limits on cows *Cow-calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant, maximum age of calf is 240 days, calf may be shown in calf division January 1 and after), cow/calf is eligible for grand champion female

Grand Champion Cow/calf

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/calf

26 – Spring Bull Calf calved March through June, 2026

27 – Winter Bull Calf calved January and February, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf

30 – Senior Bull Calf calved November and December, 2025

31 – Fall Bull Calf calved September and October, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf

34 - Intermediate Bull Calved July and August, 2025

35 - Intermediate Bull Calf Calved May and June, 2024

Champion Intermediate Bull

Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull

38 – Junior Bull calved March and April, 2025

39 – Junior Bull Calf calved January and February, 2025

Champion Junior Bull

Reserve Champion Junior Bull

42 – Senior Bull calved September through December, 2024

43 – Senior Bull calved May through August, 2024

44 – Senior Bull calved January through April, 2024

Champion Senior Bull

Reserve Champion Senior Bull

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

49 – Get-of-Sire (4-head)

50 – Best of 4 head





AMERICAN HEREFORD ASSOCIATION HORNED AND POLLED REGIONAL SHOW

Section 104 – HEREFORD – Open Beef Cattle

Exhibitors in Hereford classes are subject to the Association's special rule on class qualification. Entries must be duly recorded with the American Hereford Association. Any animal without a legible tattoo will not be eligible for show competition. All animals at all AHA sponsored shows must be officially recorded at show time to be eligible to show. An official AHA registry number at entry time will be required.

Class:

01 – Spring heifer calves calved on or after March 1, 2026

02 – Junior heifer calves calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

Champion Junior Heifer Calf (from the first prize calves in classes 01 and 02)

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf (from remaining first prize females plus second prize females from 01 and 02)

05 – Senior heifer calves calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

06 – Senior heifer calves calved August 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Heifer Calf (from first prize females in 05 and 06)
Reserve Champion Senior Heifer Calf (from remaining first prize females plus second prize female from 05 and 06)

09 – Late summer yearling females calved June 16 to July 31, 2025

10 – Early summer yearling females calved May 1 to June 15, 2025

11 – Spring yearling females calved March 1 to April 30, 2024

Champion Intermediate Female (from first prize females 09, 10, 11)

Reserve Champion Intermediate Female (from remaining first prize females plus second prize female in the Intermediate Champion class)

14 – Junior yearling females calved January 1 to February, 2025

15 – Senior yearling females calved August 1 to December 31, 2024

Champion Yearling Female (from first prize females in 14 and 15)

Reserve Champion Yearling Female (from the remaining first prize females plus the second prize female in the Yearling Champion Class)

18 – Cow/Calf: Any female older than above ages with a calf at side. Calf older than 270 days of age on the show date is not eligible to show in cow-calf class. Calf is eligible for individual classes, but must be entered in appropriate class

Grand Champion Cow/Calf

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

23 – Spring Bull Calves calved on or after March 1, 2026

24 – Junior Bull Calves calved January 1 to February, 2026

Champion Junior Bull Calf (from the first prize bulls in 23 and 24)

Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf (from remaining first prize bulls plus the second prize bull in the Junior Calf Champion class

27 – Senior bull calves calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

28 – Senior bull calves calved August 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Senior Bull Calf (from the first prize bulls in 27 and 28)

Reserve Champion Senior Bull Calf (from remaining first prize bulls plus the second prize bull in the calf champion class

31 – Late summer yearling bulls calved June 16 to July 31, 2025

32 – Early summer yearling bulls calved May 1 to June 15, 2025

33 – Spring yearling bulls calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

34 – Junior yearling bulls calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

Champion Yearling Bull (from the first prize bulls in 31, 32, 33, 34)

Reserve Champion Yearling Bull (from the remaining first prize bulls plus the second prize bull in the yearling champion class)

37 – Senior yearling bulls calved August 1 to December 31, 2024

38 – Two year old bulls calved January 1 to July 31, 2024

Champion Senior Bull (from the first prize bulls in 37 and 38)

Reserve Champion Senior Bull (from the remaining first prize bull plus the second prize bull in the senior champion class)

GRAND CHAMPION BULL(selected from the Calf, Yearling and Senior Champions)

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL(from the remaining Calf, Yearling or Senior Champions plus the bull that stood Reserve to the Grand Champion)

43 – Get-of-Sire: Four animals shown in above single entry classes with both sexes represented and all to be progeny of one sire. All cattle exhibited in the Get-of-Sire must be owned by the exhibitor or a member of their immediate family. It is permissible to use either the cow or calf from a cow/calf pair for the get of sire.

44 – Best Six Head: Owned by Exhibitor. (All animals must have been shown in their respective single entry classes and they must be owned by the exhibitor or by a member of his immediate family. A cow/calf will be considered as two head in the best six head class.)

45 – Premier Exhibitor

46 – Premier Breeder

Awarded with the following point system: 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, 3rd place-3 points, 4th place = 2 points and 5th place = 1 point. No points will be given for champions. Points will be awarded for the Get of Sire and Best Six Head for Premier Exhibitor and Get of Sire for Premier Breeder. The same scoring system as above will be used for awarding points for the group classes.





Section 105 – MINIATURE HEREFORD – Open Beef Cattle

The North Carolina State Fair Open Miniature Hereford Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association.

Class:

01 – Heifers calved March 1, 2026 or after
02 – Heifers calved January and February, 2026
03 – Heifers calved November and December, 2025
04 – Heifers calved September and October, 2025
Champion Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

07 – Heifers calved July and August, 2025
08 – Heifers calved May and June, 2025
09 – Heifers calved March and April, 2025
Champion Junior Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf
12 – Heifers calved January and February, 2025
13 – Heifers calved September through December, 2024
Champion Senior Yearling Heifer
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
18 – Cow/calf, first calf heifers 30 months old or less, natural calf no more than 250 days old
19 – Cow/calf, must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 1, 2026 or after
Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair
Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair
22 – Bulls calved March 1, 2026 or after
23 – Bulls calved January, and February, 2026
24 – Bulls calved November and December, 2025
25 - Bulls calved September and October, 2025
Champion Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Bull Calf
28 – Bulls calved July and August, 2025
29 – Bulls calved May and June, 2025
30 – Bulls calved March and April, 2025
Champion Junior Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf
33 – Bulls calved January and February, 2025
34 – Bulls calved September through December, 2024
35 – Bulls calved May through August, 2024
36– Bulls calved January through April, 2024
Champion Senior Bull
Reserve Champion Senior Bull
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL



41– Get of Sire: three animals from one sire, with both sexes represented.
42 – Breeders Best Four Head: four animals owned or co-owned by one exhibitor.

Section 106 – LIMOUSIN – Open Beef Cattle
North American Limousin Foundation – Level III

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The North Carolina State Fair Open Limousin Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the North American Limousin Foundation.

Class:

01 – Late Junior Heifer Calf calved March 1, 2026 or after

02 – Early Junior Heifer Calf calved January and February, 2026

03 – Winter Heifer Calf calved November and December, 2025

04 – Senior Heifer Calf calved September and October, 2025

Champion Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

07 – Late Summer Yearling Female calved July and August, 2025

08 – Early Summer Yearling Female calved May and June, 2025

09 – Late Spring Yearling Female calved March and April, 2025

10 – Junior Yearling Female calved January and February, 2025

Champion Intermediate Heifer

Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer

13 – Winter Yearling Female calved November and December, 2024

14 – Senior Yearling Female calved September and October, 2024

Champion Senior Female

Reserve Champion Senior Female

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

19 – Cow/Calf Pair: Cows with natural calf at side. Cow must be born on or before August 31, 2024 and be 75% Limousin or greater. Calf must be 87% Limousin or greater and not more than 250 days old on date of show

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair



22 – Late Junior Bull Calf calved March 1, 2026 or after
23 – Early Junior Bull Calf calved January and February, 2026
24 – Winter Bull Calf calved November and December, 2025
25 – Senior Bull Calf calved September and October, 2025
Champion Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Bull Calf
28 – Late Summer Yearling Bull calved July and August, 2025
29 – Early Summer Yearling Bull,calved May and June, 2025
30 –Late Spring Yearling Bull calved March and April, 2025
31 – Early Junior Yearling Bull calved January and February, 2025
Champion Intermediate Bull
Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull
34 – Winter Yearling Bull calved November and December, 2024
35 – Senior Yearling Bull calved September and October, 2024
36 – Two-Year-Old Bull calved July and August, 2024
Champion Senior Bull
Reserve Champion Senior Bull
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL
41 – Junior Get-of-Sire: 3 head shown in individual classes calved on or after September 1, 2024 (both sexes represented).
42 – Senior Get-of-Sire: 4 head shown in individual classes any age. Both sexes represented.
43 – Breeders Best 5 Head: 5 head shown in individual classes. Must be bred by and owned or co-owned by exhibitor. Either or both sexes represented.



Section 107 – RED ANGUS – Open Beef Cattle
The Red Angus Show will be a "NO FIT" Show

The North Carolina State Fair Open Red Angus Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the Red Angus Association of America.

FEMALE CLASSES:

01 – May Calves, calved May 1, 2026 and after
02 – April Calves, calved April 1-30, 2026
03 – March Calves, calved March 1 -31, 2026
04 – February Calves, calved Feb. 1 - 28, 2026
05 – January Calves, calved January 1- 31, 2026

Calf Champion Female (Class winners from 01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
Reserve Calf Champion Female (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winner from Calf Champion Class)

08 – Winter Calves, calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
09 – Senior Calves, calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
10 – Summer Yearlings, calved May 1 to August 31, 2025

Intermediate Champion Female (Class winners from 08, 09, and 10)
Reserve Intermediate Champion Female (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winners from Intermediate Champion class)

13 – April Spring Yearlings, calved April 1-30, 2025
14 – March Yearlings, calved March 1 -31, 2025
15 – February Yearlings, calved February. 1 - 28, 2025
16 – January Junior Yearlings, calved between January 1 - 31, 2025

Junior Champion Female (Class winners from 13, 14, 15, 16)
Reserve Junior Champion Female (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winner from Junior Champion Class)

19 – Senior Yearlings, calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

Senior Champion Female(Class winners from 19)
Reserve Senior Champion Female (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winner from Senior Champion Class)
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE (Calf, Intermediate, Junior & Senior Champions)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE (Remaining age Champions and Reserve Age Champion to the Grand Champion)
GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC FEMALE

25 – Two-Year Female with Calf-Cow must be born after January 2025. Calf must be under 250 days of age and still nursing
26 – Mature Cow & Calf-cow must be born before January 2025. Calf must be under 250 days of age and still nursing.

Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair
Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair

BULL CLASSES:

29 – May Calves, calved May 1, 2026 and after

30 – April Calves, calved April 1-30, 2026

31 – March Calves, calved March 1-31, 2026

32 – February Calves, calved February. 1-29, 2026

33 – January Calves, calved January 1-31, 2026

Calf Champion Bull (Class winners from 29, 30, 31, 32, 33)

Reserve Calf Champion Bull (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winner from Calf Champion Class)

36 – Winter Calves, calved November. 1 to December 31, 2025

37 – Senior Calves, calved September.1 to October 31, 2025

38 – Summer Yearlings, calved May 1 to August 31, 2025

Intermediate Champion Bull (Class winners from 36, 37, 38)

Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winners from Intermediate Champion class)

41 – April Spring Yearlings, calved April 1 to April 30, 2025

42– March Yearlings, calved March 1 to March 31, 2025

43 – February Yearlings, calved February. 1 to February. 28, 2025

44 – January Junior Yearlings, calved January 1 to January 31, 2025

Junior Champion Bull (Class winners from 41, 42, 43, 44)

Reserve Junior Champion Bull (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winner from Junior Champion Class)

47 – Senior Yearlings, calved September.1 to December. 31, 2024

48 – Summer Senior Yearling, calved May 1 to August 31, 2024



49 – Two-Year Old, calved between January 1 and April 30, 2024

Senior Champion Bull (Class winners from 47, 48, 49)

Reserve Senior Champion Bull (Remaining First Prize winners and Second Prize winner from Senior Champion Class)

GRAND CHAMPION BULL (Calf, Intermediate, Junior & Senior Champions)

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RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL (Remaining age Champions and Reserve Age Champion to the Grand Champion)

54– Senior Get-of-Sire-Four animals by the same sire, both sexes represented, need not be owned by the exhibitor. All animals must have been shown in their respective classes.

55 – Junior Get-of-Sire-Three animals by the same sire, both sexes represented, need not be owned by the exhibitor. Entries must have been calved on or after September 1, 2025. All animals must have been shown in their respective classes.

56 – Produce-of-Dam-Two animals, either or both sexes, both shown in their respective classes. Animals shown in this class need not be owned by the exhibitor.

57 – Premier Breeders Class-Four animals, bred and owned by the exhibitor or member of immediate family, either or both sexes represented. Each animal must have been shown in their respective classes

58– Premier Exhibitor Class – Will be computed from exhibitor's placement in individual classes only as follows: 3 points for each First; 2 points for each Second; 1 point for each Third. Maximum number of placements used to determine winner shall be limited to 5. (In case of tie, group class placements will be used to determine the winner).

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GROUND RULE

In our Standard Show Classification only the Premier Breeders Class specifies "owned by the exhibitor." The other group classes need not be owned by exhibitor, and therefore cannot be used to break ties.

To correct the possibility of a tie for Premier Exhibitor Class, where a tie exists through 5 place-ments, and neither exhibitor has an entry in the Premier Breeder Class, additional placements (beyond the stated 5 limitation) in the individual classes will be used, but only to the point where the tie is broken.



Section 108 – SANTA GERTRUDIS – Open Beef Cattle

The North Carolina State Fair Open Santa Gertrudis Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International.

Class:

01 – Early Summer Heifer Calf, calved May 1, 2026 or later
02 – Late Junior Heifer Calf, calved March 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026
03 – Early Junior Heifer Calf, calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
04 – Late Senior Heifer Calf, calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
05 – Early Senior Heifer Calf, calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
Champion Heifer Calf (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
08 – Late Summer Yearling Heifer calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
09 – Early Summer Yearling Heifer calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
10 – Late Junior Yearling Heifer calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
11 – Early Junior Yearling Heifer calved January 1 to February 28, 2025
Champion Yearling Heifer (08, 09, 10, 11) Reserve
Champion Yearling Heifer
14 – Late Senior Yearling Heifer calved October 1 to December 31, 2024
15 – Early Senior Yearling Heifer calved July 1 to September 30, 2024
16 – Late Two-Year Old Heifer calved April 1 to June 30, 2024
17 – Early Two-Year Old Heifer calved January 1 to March 31, 2024
Champion Senior Female (14, 15, 16, 17)
Reserve Champion Senior Female
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
Best of Polled Female, must be a smooth polled with no horny tissue



23 – Early Summer Bull Calf calved May 1, 2026 or after
24 – Late Junior Bull Calf calved March 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026
25 – Early Junior Bull Calf calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
26 – Late Senior Bull Calf calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
27 – Early Senior Bull Calf calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
Champion Bull Calf (23, 24, 25, 26, 27)
Reserve Champion Bull Calf
30 – Late Summer Yearling Bull calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
31 – Early Summer Yearling Bull calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
32 – Late Junior Yearling Bull calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
33 – Early Junior Yearling Bull calved January 1 to February 28, 2025
Champion Yearling Bull (30,31, 32, 33)
Reserve Champion Yearling Bull
36 – Late Senior Yearling Bull calved October 1 to December 31, 2024
37 – Early Senior Yearling Bull calved July 1 to September 30, 2024
38 – Late Two-Year-Old Bull calved April 1 to June 30, 2024
39 – Early Two-Year-Old Bull calved January 1 to March 31, 2024
40 – Aged Bull calved July 1 to December 31, 2023
Champion Senior Bull (36, 37, 38, 39,40)
Reserve Champion Senior Bull
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL
Best of Polled Male, must be smooth polled with no horny tissue
46 – Produce-of-Dam: Two exhibited offspring, the produce of one cow, within the age limits of individual classes.
47 – Get-of-Sire: Three animals all by one sire and from at least two dams, both sexes represented, within age limits of individual classes, and must have been exhibited in their respective classes.
* = Must have produced a calf or be safe in calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian.



Section 109 – STAR 5 – Open Beef Cattle

Class:

01 – Early Summer Heifer Calf, calved May 1, 2026 or later
02 – Late Junior Heifer Calf, calved March 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026
03 – Early Junior Heifer Calf, calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
04 –Late Senior Heifer Calf, calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
05 –Early Senior Heifer Calf, calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Heifer Calf (01, 02, 03, 04, 05)
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

08 – Late Summer Yearling Heifer calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
09 – Early Summer Yearling Heifer calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
10 – Late Junior Yearling Heifer calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
11 – Early Junior Yearling Heifer calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

Champion Yearling Heifer (08, 09, 10, 11)
Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

14 – Late Senior Yearling Heifer calved October 1 to December 31, 2024
15 – Early Senior Yearling Heifer calved July 1 to September 30, 2024
16 – Late Two-Year Old Heifer calved April 1 to June 30, 2024
17 – Early Two-Year Old Heifer calved January 1 to March 31, 2024

Champion Senior Female (14, 15, 16, 17)
Reserve Champion Senior Female
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

22 - Bull Class

Champion Bull
Reserve Champion Bull



Section 110 – SIMMENTAL – Open Beef Cattle

Class:

01 – HEIFERS, Spring Calves, calved March 1, 2026 or after

02 – HEIFERS, Junior Calves calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

03 - HEIFERS, Winter Calves calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

04 - HEIFERS, Senior Calves calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, 1st & 2nd prize winners of 01, 02, 03, 04 compete

07 – HEIFER, Late Summer Yearlings calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

08 – HEIFER, Early Summer Yearlings calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

09 – HEIFER, Late Junior Yearlings, calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Junior Champion Heifer

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer, 1st & 2nd prize winners of 07, 08, 09 compete

12 – HEIFERS, Early Junior Yearlings calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

13 – HEIFERS, Senior Yearlings calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

Senior Champion Heifer

Reserve Senior Champion Heifer, 1st & 2nd prize winners of 12, 13 compete

GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER, Calf, Junior & Senior Champions and Reserve Champions compete

18 – Cow-Calf: The calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf must be no more than 250 days of age by day of show. No age restriction on cow. The calf must have the opportunity to nurse.

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR



21 – BULLS, Spring Calves calved March 1, 2026 or after

22 – BULLS, Junior Calves calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

23 – BULLS, Winter Calves calved November 1 to December 31,2022

24 – BULLS, Senior Calves calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Bull Calf, 1st & 2nd prize winners of 21,22, 23 & 24 compete

27 – BULLS, Late Summer Yearlings calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

28 – BULLS, Early Summer Yearlings calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

29 – BULLS, Late Junior Yearlings calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

30 – BULLS, Early Junior Yearlings calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

Junior Champion Bull

Reserve Junior Champion Bull, 1st & 2nd prize winners of 27, 28, 29, & 30 compete.

33 – BULLS, Senior Yearlings calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

34 – BULLS, Late Two-Year Olds calved May 1 to August 31, 2024

35 – BULLS, Early Two-Year Olds calved January 1 to April 30, 2024

Senior Champion Bull

Reserve Senior Champion Bull, 1st & 2nd prize winners of 33, 34, & 35 compete GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL, Calf, Junior and Senior Champions and Reserve Champions compete

40 – Produce of Dam: Two animals, either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one individual.

41 – Get-of-Sire: Four animals, both sexes represented, sired by one bull, all animals owned by exhibitors. All animals to be shown in individual classes to be eligible.

42 – Junior Get-of-Sire: Three calves (Senior, Winter, Junior) by one sire; both sexes to be represented. All animals to be owned by exhibitor. Eligible for Get-of-Sire class. All animals to be shown in individual classes to be eligible.

43 – Best Five Head: Owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible.

Premier Exhibitor: Computed from winnings: 3 points for the first prize; 2 points for second prize, and 1 point for the third prize. No points given for sale animal classes

Premier Breeder



Section 111 – PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL – Open Beef Cattle

Cattle must be registered with the American Simmental Association with 1/2 Simmental up to 7/8 Simmental genetics along with any other breed composition.

Class:

01 – Heifers, Spring Calves calved March 1, 2026 or after
02 – Heifers, Junior Calves calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
03 – Heifers, Winter Calves calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
04 – Heifers, Senior Calves calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
Champion Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
07 – Heifers, Late Summer yearlings calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
08 – Heifers, Early Summer Yearlings calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
09 – Heifers, Late Junior Yearlings calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
Junior Champion Heifer
Reserve Junior Champion Heifer
12 – Heifers, Early Junior Yearlings calved January 1 to February 28, 2025
13 – Heifers, Senior Yearlings calved September 1 to December 31, 2024
Senior Champion Heifer
Reserve Senior Champion Heifer
GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
18 – Cow-Calf: The calf must be cow's natural calf, not embryo transplant. Calf must be no more than 250 days of age by the day of the show. The calf must have the opportunity to nurse.
GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR



21 – Bulls, Spring Calves calved March 1, 2026 or after
22 – Bulls, Junior Calves calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
23 – Bulls, Winter Calves calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
24 – Bulls, Senior Calves calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
Champion Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Bull Calf
27 – Bulls, Late Summer Yearlings calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
28 – Bulls, Early Summer Yearlings calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
29 – Bulls, Late Junior Yearlings calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
30 – Bulls, Early Junior Yearlings calved January 1 to February 28, 2025
Junior Champion Bull
Reserve Junior Champion Bull
33 – Bulls, Senior Yearlings calved September 1 to December 31, 2024
34 – Bulls, Late Two-Year Olds calved May 1 to August 31, 2024
35 – Bulls, Early Two-Year Olds calved January 1 to April 30, 2024
Senior Champion Bull
Reserve Senior Champion Bull
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL
40 – Produce of Dam: Two animals, either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individuals classes to be eligible.
May be owned by more than one individual.
41 – Get-of-Sire: Four animals, both sexes represented, sired by one bull, all animals owned by exhibitors.
All animals to be shown in individual classes to be eligible.
42 – Junior Get-of-Sire: Three calves (Senior, Winter, Junior) by one sire; both sexes to be represented.
All animals to be owned by exhibitor. Eligible for Get-of-Sire Class. All animals to be shown in individual
43 – Best Five Head: Owned by exhibitor. All animals must be shown in individual classes to be eligible.



Section 112 – ALL OTHER BREEDS – Open Beef Cattle

All entries must be registered in a recognized breed association. Original certificate of registry must be available on request. All entries must have a legible tattoo or brand corresponding with registration certificate for that individual animal.

Class:

01 – HEIFERS calved March 1, 2026 or after

02 - HEIFERS calved January 1 to Feburary 29,2025

03 – HEIFERS calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

04 – HEIFERS calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

07 – HEIFER calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

08 – HEIFER calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

09 – HEIFER calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer

Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer

12 – HEIFERS calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

13 – HEIFERS calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE .

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

18 – Cow/calf, first calf heifers 30 months old or less, natural calf no more than 250 days old

19 – Cow/calf, must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 1, 2025 or after

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR



22 – BULLS calved March 1, 2026 or after

23 – BULLS calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

24 – BULLS calved November 1 to December 31,2025

25 – BULLS calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Bull Calf

28 – BULLS calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

29 – BULLS calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

30 – BULLS calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Bull

Reserve Champion Junior Bull

33 – BULLS calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

34 - BULLS calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

36 - BULLS calved January 1 to April 30, 2024

Champion Senior Bull

Reserve Champion Senior Bull

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

41 – Get of Sire: three animals from one sire (both sexes represented)

42 – Breeders Best Four Head: four animals owned or co-owned by one exhibitor (both sexes represented)

43 – Produce of Dam: Two animals either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor.



Section 113 – SHORTHORN and SHORTHORN PLUS – Open Beef Cattle

All fullblood Shorthorns and Shorthorn Plus cattle will show together. Shorthorn Plus must be 50% or greater Shorthorn blood. Cattle of less than 50% Shorthorn breeding will show in the AOB Division. The North Carolina State Fair Open Shorthorn Show abides by the regulations and classifications provided by the American Shorthorn Association.

Class:

01 – Heifers calved March 1, 2026 or after

02 – Heifers calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

03 – Heifers calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

04 – Heifers calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

07 – Heifers calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

08 – Heifers calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

09 – Heifers calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer Calf

12 – Heifers calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

13 – Heifers calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

18 – Cow/calf, first calf heifers 30 months old or less, natural calf no more than 250 days old

19 – Cow/calf, must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 1, 2026

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

22 – Bulls calved March 1, 2026 or after

23 – Bulls calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

24– Bulls calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

25– Bulls calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Bull Calf



28 – Bulls calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

29 – Bulls calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

30 – Bulls calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf

33 – Bulls calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

34 - Bulls calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

35 - Bulls calved May 1 to August 31, 2024

36 – Bulls calved January 1 to April 30, 2024

Champion Senior Bull

Reserve Champion Senior Bull

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

41 – Get of Sire: three animals from one sire (both sexes represented)

42 – Breeders Best Four Head: four animals owned or co-owned by one exhibitor.

(both sexes represented)

Section 114 –Piedmontese – Open Beef Cattle

All entries must be registered in a recognized breed association. Original certificate of registry must be available on request. All entries must have a legible tattoo or brand corresponding with registration certificate for that individual animal.

Class:

01 – HEIFERS calved March 1, 2026 or after
02 – HEIFERS calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
03 – HEIFERS calved November 1 to December 31, 2025
04 – HEIFERS calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
Champion Heifer Calf
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf



07 – HEIFER calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
08 – HEIFER calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
09 – HEIFER calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
Champion Junior Yearling Heifer
Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer
12 – HEIFERS calved January 1 to February 28, 2025
13 – HEIFERS calved September 1 to December 31, 2024
Champion Senior Yearling Heifer
Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
18 – Cow/calf, first calf heifers 30 months old or less, natural calf no more than 250 days old
19 – Cow/calf, must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 1, 2025 or after
GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR
22 – BULLS calved March 1, 2026 or after
23 – BULLS calved January 1 to February 29, 2026
24 – BULLS calved November 1 to December 31,2024
25 – BULLS calved September 1 to October 31, 2025
Champion Bull Calf
Reserve Champion Bull Calf
28 – BULLS calved July 1 to August 31, 2025
29 – BULLS calved May 1 to June 30, 2025
30 – BULLS calved March 1 to April 30, 2025
Champion Junior Bull
Reserve Champion Junior Bull
33 – BULLS calved January 1 to February 28, 2025
34 - BULLS calved September 1 to December 31, 2024
35 - BULLS calved May 1 to August 31, 2024
36 – BULLS calved January 1 to April 30, 2024
Champion Senior Bull
Reserve Champion Senior Bull
GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

41 – Get of Sire: three animals from one sire (both sexes represented)

42 – Breeders Best Four Head: four animals owned or co-owned by one exhibitor (both sexes represented)

43 – Produce of Dam: Two animals either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individual classes to be eligible. May be owned by more than one exhibitor.

44 – Tenderlean HEIFERS calved March 1, 2026 or after

45 – Tenderlean HEIFERS calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

46 - Tenderlean HEIFERS calved November 1 to December 31, 2025

47 - Tenderlean HEIFERS calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Heifer Calf

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

50 – Tenderlean HEIFER calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

51 – Tenderlean HEIFER calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

52 – Tenderlean HEIFER calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Yearling Heifer

Reserve Champion Junior Yearling Heifer

55 – Tenderlean HEIFERS calved January 1 to February 28, 2025

56- Tenderlean HEIFERS calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE .

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

61 – Tenderlean Cow/calf, first calf heifers 30 months old or less, natural calf no more than 250 days old

62 – Tenderlean Cow/calf, must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be born January 1, 2025 or after

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

65 – Tenderlean BULLS calved March 1, 2026 or after

66 – Tenderlean BULLS calved January 1 to February 29, 2026

67 – Tenderlean BULLS calved November 1 to December 31,2025

68 – Tenderlean BULLS calved September 1 to October 31, 2025

Champion Bull Calf

Reserve Champion Bull Calf

71 – TenderleanBULLS calved July 1 to August 31, 2025

72 – Tenderlean BULLS calved May 1 to June 30, 2025

73 – Tenderlean BULLS calved March 1 to April 30, 2025

Champion Junior Bull

Reserve Champion Junior Bull

76 – Tenderlean BULLS calved January 1 to February 28, 2024

77 - Tenderlean BULLS calved September 1 to December 31, 2024

78 - Tenderlean BULLS calved May 1 to August 31, 2024

79 – Tenderlean BULLS calved January 1 to April 30, 2024

Champion Senior Bull

Reserve Champion Senior Bull

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

84 – Tenderlean Get of Sire: three animals from one sire (both sexes represented)

85 – Tenderlean Breeders Best Four Head: four animals owned or co-owned by one exhibitor (both sexes represented)

86 – Tenderlean Produce of Dam: Two animals either sex from one dam. Must be shown in individual classes to be eligible.

Section 117 – SUPREME CHAMPION – Open Beef Cattle

SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE

RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE

SUPREME CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

SUPREME CHAMPION BULL

RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION BULL



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005 JUNIOR FEEDER CALF

SUPERINTENDENT: Walter Earle – Retired Agricultural Extension Agent

JUDGE: Brent Murphy - Houstonia ,Mo

CHECK IN: Calves will be checked in at 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Saturday, October 17. Weigh cards due by 5:00 pm. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials.

SHOW DATE: The individual calf show will begin at 1:00 pm, Sunday, October 18.

WEIGHT/WEIGH BACK GUIDELINES: Official weight cards will be available at check in. Any Market Beef animal not making minimum weight will be allowed to show in feeder calf show. A weigh card must be filled out for each Feeder Calf, signed by parent or legal guardian and turned in to the designated area by 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 17th.
The weight indicated on the card will be the declared weight of the animal. Animals will be shown in class based on the declared weight. Weight cards cannot be changed after they have been turned in to Livestock office. Animals placing first or second in each class will be re-weighed, they must be within 5% plus or minus of the declared weight indicated on the weight card. In an instance where an animal weighs out, the third place will be required to reweigh. Animals that weigh out will be disqualified.

RELEASE TIME: All released at conclusion of show.

NEW FOR 2026: Heifer, British Breed and Crossbred classes will be offered. **British Breed MUST BE GOT TO BE NC.** Exhibitors are allowed to show 4 feeder calves maximum regardless of weight, provided no more than 2 are in the same classification. (ie. Heifer, British, or Crossbred)

COMPETITION:
Open to North Carolina residents 21 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2026. Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any assistance.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Entry fee is $20.00 per head
Online entries begin
August 15
https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. Open to North Carolina residents 21 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2026 Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any assistance.
3. Only calves without horns are eligible to show. Calves must be completely healed from dehorning and castration.
4. British must be registered with respected breed association and papers presented when requested to show management.
5. Calves must be born in the fall of 2025 through spring of 2026 Calves must weigh between 300 pounds and 1099 pounds to be eligible to show.
6. Classes within each division will be sorted by weight.
7. Closing date for entries will be September 15, 2026
8. **Heifers shown in feeder calf show cannot show in Jr Beef Heifer show.**

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $100 2nd Place - $95 3rd Place - $90 4th Place - $85 5th Place - $80
6th Place - $75 7th Place - $70 8th Place - $65 9th Place - $60 10th Place - $55
11th Place - $50 12th Place - $50 13th Place - $50 14th Place - $50 15th Place - $50

GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR FEEDER CALF

GOT TO BE NC AWARD
In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the "Got to Be NC" slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the "Got to Be NC" program. Livestock must be identified with an official "Got to Be NC" tag purchased by the producer before they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records on their "Got to Be NC" tags placed in each animal. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by July 15th.
Link for program details - https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

Division 101 – INDIVIDUAL FEEDER CALF

Class:
01 – Heifer Feeder Calf
02 - British Breed Feeder Calf
03 - Crossbred Feeder Calf

Division 102 – PROSPECT FEEDER CALF (300-699)

Class: (no more than 10 animals per class)
01 – Heifer Prospect
- Champion Heifer Prospect
- Reserve Champion Heifer Prospect
- Champion GTBNC Heifer Prospect

02 - British Breed Prospect
- Champion British Breed Prospect
- Reserve Champion British Breed Prospect
- Champion GTBNC British Breed Prospect

03 - Crossbred Prospect
- Champion Crossbred Prospect
- Reserve Champion Crossbred Prospect
- Champion GTBNC Crossbred Prospect
- GRAND CHAMPION PROSPECT FEEDER CALF
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PROSPECT FEEDER CALF
- GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC PROSPECT FEEDER CALF

Division 103 – PROGRESS FEEDER CALF (700-1099)

Class: (no more than 10 animals per class)
01 – Heifer Progress
- Champion Heifer Progress
- Reserve Champion Heifer Progress
- Champion GTBNC Heifer Progress

02 - British Breed Progress
- Champion British Breed Progress
- Reserve Champion British Breed Progress
- Champion GTBNC British Breed Progress

03 - Crossbred Progress
- Champion Crossbred Progress
- Reserve Champion Crossbred Progress
- Champion GTBNC Crossbred Progress
- GRAND CHAMPION PROGRESS FEEDER CALF
- RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PROGRESS FEEDER CALF
- GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC PROGRESS FEEDER CALF



JUNIOR FEEDER CALF/ MARKET BEEF/ HEIFER SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION CONTEST All youth entered in either the Junior Feeder Calf Show, Junior Market Beef Show or the Junior Beef Heifer Show are eligible to compete. Junior Feeder Calf/Junior Market Beef/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 am.The Junior Market Beef/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Division 101, and must be entered separately.

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006 - JUNIOR MARKET BEEF

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 18 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fee: $15 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

SUPERINTENDENT: Walter Earle – Retired Agricultural Extension Agent

JUDGE: Brent Murphy - Houstonia, Mo

CHECK-IN: Junior Market Beef will be checked in 12:00 pm - 4:00pm Saturday, October 17, 2026 Animals may also be ear-tagged, re-tattooed, bled and urine sampled during check-in. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barn until inspected and passed by health officials.

WEIGHT / WEIGH BACK GUIDELINES: Official weight cards will be available at check in. All declared weights must be 1,100 lbs. or heavier. Any Market Beef animal not making minimum weight will be allowed to show in feeder calf show. A weight card must be filled out for each Market Beef animal, signed by parent or legal guardian and turned in to the designated area by 5:00 pm on Sunday October 18th. The weight indicated on the card will be the declared weight of the animal. Animals will be shown in class based on the declared weight. Weight cards cannot be changed after they have been turned in to Livestock office. Animals placing first or second in each class will be re-weighed, they must be within 5% plus or minus of the declared weight indicated on the weight card. In an instance where an animal weighs out, the third place will be required to reweigh. Animals that weigh out will be disqualified from market competition.

SHOW DATE: Monday, October 19, 2026 - 9:00 am - Ring 1

RELEASE TIME: All released at conclusion of the show.

Performance Market Steer

Overall ranking is determined using live animal evaluation score, carcass ranking, online record book ranking, as well as an adjustment factor for the Average Daily gain performance. Each of these areas are scored independently of one another, therefore each area weighs in on overall final score. Steers that enter the Performance contest MUST complete ALL of the criteria.

1. At the time of nomination, verified beginning weight MUST be submitted by a copy of official show program listing show weight from any of the kit pick up location shows before May 14th to summer.senter@ncagr.gov
2. If not showing at one those shows, can submit a weight by having local county extension agent, show superintendent—Walter Earle or NCDA representative assist in weighing the calf and whoever assists MUST then email the verified weight to summer.senter@ncagr.gov before May 14th

It is the expectation that all junior exhibitors be involved in the care of their livestock project(s) during the ownership time frame specified for each species. Project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. Open to North Carolina residents 18 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2026 and able to show the animal on their own. Exhibitors are allowed to nominate 12 Market Beef animals-an exhibitor may show a maximum of 4 of these animals at the NC State Fair **with a maximum of 2 per division**. No additional entries will be allowed. Each animal must be listed individually and designated if the animal is eligible to be shown in the Got to Be NC competition. All market animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. *Nomination/ Entry process for Market Beef includes:*
   Step 1: Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by April 14th
   Step 2: Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system by May 14th.
   Step 3: Animals must be entered by the exhibitor online at **https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock** by September 15, 2026. ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY **(ALL 3 STEPS MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE ENTERED IN THE FAIR)**
3. British steer entries must be designated during nomination. Steers must be registered and DNA verified with their Breed Association and Got to Be NC. A copy of the registration papers must be uploaded with entry by Sept 15.
4. Market Heifer will have the same eligibility requirements as steers so they must be nominated at the same time as market steers, Market Heifers can not be pregnant.
5. Heifers shown as Market Heifers cannot be shown in Jr Beef Heifer Show.
6. Animals must be in ownership of exhibitor by May 14th. Animals may be shown in county or district shows within the State of North Carolina prior to being shown at the NC State Fair. As well as out of state shows such as Jr Breed Association Regional and Jr Nationals, so long as the animal is exhibited in the name nominated under.
7. If a junior has more than one animal in a class, the other animal must be shown by another 2026 Junior Market Beef exhibitor (approved by the show superintendent).
8. Classes will be broken by weight so that a relatively equal number of animals are in each class. Any animals not passing the proper tests (urine sample, DNA, etc.) will be disqualified.
9. Animals must be halter broken and dehorned. Unruly animals which may endanger the safety of exhibitors may be asked to leave the ring. Only one exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring. The entered exhibitor must be able to handle the animal or will be asked to leave the show ring.
10. Animal exhibitors will be allowed to use all fitting products.
11. There will be no packer sale.
12. The Junior Market Beef Superintendent or other NCSF Livestock Show Official reserves the right to inspect the cattle premises at any time between last official check-in date and October 20, 2026.
13. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials such as ring stewards and line up attendants shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Any exhibitor or their representative who interferes with or displays disrespect to the before mentioned could forfeit any premiums or monies earned and/or are subject to other penalties assessed by the North Carolina State Fair.

Any exceptions are at the discretion of the Show Superintendent.
Except as noted, all General Rules of the Fair, IFAE Code of Ethics, and of the Livestock Division will apply and govern this department.

GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR MARKET BEEF

In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the “Got to Be NC” slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the “Got to Be NC” program. Livestock must be identified with an official “Got to Be NC” tag purchased by the producer before they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records on their “Got to Be NC” tags placed in each animal. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by July 15th.
The highest placing qualified Got to Be NC market beef animal will be recognized in each class at the Jr Market Beef Show. These animals will have the opportunity to show for the Got to Be NC Champion following the selection of Grand and Reserve Jr Market Beef. However, if the Grand or Reserve Jr. Market Beef is a qualified Got to Be NC, that animal will automatically become Got to Be NC Champion. The producer of the Champion Got to Be NC Market Beef will receive a plaque at the 2025 N.C. Cattlemen’s Conference. Further, the producer recognized as the owner of the bred female at the time of calving, should be a current member of the N.C. Cattlemen’s Association at the time of the 2025 State Fair. Exhibitors and/or producers found misrepresenting the qualifications of an animal in this competition shall be barred from future competition. Link for program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

JUNIOR MARKET BEEF SHOW (To Be Shown At Halter)
The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Grand Champion Got to Be NC Jr. Market Beef will eligible for the Sale of Champions

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $100	**2nd Place - $95**	**3rd Place - $90**	**4th Place - $85**	**5th Place - $80**
6th Place - $75	**7th Place - $70**	**8th Place - $65**	**9th Place - $60**	**10th Place - $55**
11th Place - $50	**12th Place - $50**	**13th Place - $50**	**14th Place - $50**	**15th Place - $50**





JR MARKET BEEF - Divisions and Classes

Division 101 – MARKET HEIFER– Junior Market Beef Show

Class:

01 - Market Heifer

Class breakdowns will be determined once beef weigh-in has concluded and will be done so at the discretion of the Market Beef Superintendent and/or show committee. Any issues regarding this show will be handled by the Market Beef Superintendent and/or show committee. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion British Division and Market Heifer Division will compete for the overall Grand Champion Market Beef along with the Crossbred Division winners.

Grand Champion Market Heifer
Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifer
Grand Champion Got to Be NC Market Heifer

Division 102 – BRITISH BREED – Junior Market Beef Show

This Division will be open to all registered purebred steers within the Angus, Hereford, Red Angus, and Shorthorn breed associations. Steers must qualify under the general market beef rules. British Steers must be Got to Be NC. British Steers will need to be registered, and DNA verified with their respected breed association, a copy of the registration papers showing DNA verification will need to be uploaded to ShoWorks by Sept. 15th. Animals without original registration papers will be allowed to show in the crossbred class. DNA may also be used for verification purposes.

Class:

01 - British Breed Steers

Class breakdowns will be determined once beef weigh-in has concluded, and will be done so at the discretion of the Market Beef Superintendent and/or show committee. Any issues regarding this show will be handled by the Market Beef Superintendent and/or show committee. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion British Division and Market Heifer Division will compete for the overall Grand Champion Market Beef along with the Crossbred Division winners.

Grand Champion British Breed Jr. Market Steer
Reserve Grand Champion British Breed Jr. Market Steer

Division 103 – CROSSBRED MARKET Beef– Junior Market Beef Show

Class:

01 - Crossbred Market Steers

Class breakdowns will be determined once beef weigh-in has concluded and will be done so at the discretion of the Market Beef Superintendent and/or show committee. Any issues regarding this show will be handled by the Market Beef Superintendent and/or show committee. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion British Division and Market Heifer Division will compete for the overall Grand Champion Market Beef along with the Crossbred class winners.

GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET BEEF
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET BEEF
THIRD OVERALL CHAMPION JR. MARKET BEEF
CHAMPION GOT TO BE N.C. JR. MARKET BEEF

Section 104 – PERFORMANCE MARKET STEER **– Junior Market Steer Show PREMIUMS TO BE DETERMINED**

Overall score will be determined using phenotype evaluation, carcass merit will be determined by ultrasound, and weight performance from collected data.

01 – **PERFORMANCE MARKET STEER**
GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

This year all steers will be weighed when validated for the State Fair. The Performance Market Steer and Carcass Steer shows will be combined, and it will be an optional show. The weight at validation will be the start weight for the Performance Steer Contest. There will be an online Performance Steer Record that each exhibitor wishing to participate must fill out and submit online prior to the State Fair Market steer check-in. Final weight will be added to the record after check-in. Only those steers participating in the Performance Steer Contest will be carcass ultra-sounded during check-in. The Performance Steer Record may be accessed at: **https://bit.ly/34ZCeLD**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion Performance Market Steer - Hattie Jo Powell

Reserve Grand Champion Performance Market Steer - Erica Shutsky

JUNIOR FEEDER CALF/ MARKET BEEF/ HEIFER SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION CONTEST

All youth entered in either the Junior Feeder Calf Show, Junior Market Beef Show or the Junior Beef Heifer Show are eligible to compete. Junior Feeder Calf/Junior Market Beef/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 am.

The Junior Market Steer/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Division 101, and must be entered separately.

Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

007 - JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER

SUPERINTENDENT: Anna English

JUDGES: **Randy Mullinix - Toulon, IL**
Brent Murphy - Houstonia, Mo

CHECK IN: All heifers must be checked in Saturday, October 17, 2026 between 12:00 pm and 4pm. Registration papers must be uploaded to ShoWorks at time of entry, NO Pending registrations will be accepted. NC State Fair reserves the right to inspect tattoos, EID and/or brands at any time. The readability of the tattoo and/or brand is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. All heifers entered are subject to being mouthed. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barn until inspected and passed by health officials.

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 21 years of age as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $20 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

SHOW DATE: Sunday, October 18 - 1:00 pm - showing in Ring 2 (order to be determined)
Charolais, Santa Gertrudis, Gelbvieh, Red Angus, Limousin, Shorthorn

Monday, October 19 - 10:00 am - showing in two rings (order to be determined)
Simmental, Commercial, Angus, Hereford, AOB, Percentage Simmental

RELEASE TIME: All released at the conclusion of showing.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. Exhibitors must have been involved with the care and training of heifers exhibited in the 2026 NC State Fair Junior Beef Heifer Show.

3. Open to North Carolina Residents, 21 years of age and younger as of January 1st, 2026. Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animals on their own without any assistance.

4. Heifers born prior to January 1, should be in the exhibitor's care and possession by July 15, and until conclusion of the fair, Heifers born after January 1, should be in the exhibitor's care and possession as soon as possible after weaning. After July 15th, heifers may be shown in county, district, state and national shows as long as the heifer is exhibited in the exhibitor's name. Any exhibitor/ animal found in violation of this rule will be ineligible to compete at the 2026 NC State Fair and may be subject to probationary period. The Junior Beef Heifer Superintendent or other NCSF Livestock show officials reserve the right to inspect the cattle premises at any time between August 1st and NC Junior Heifer State Fair check-in date.

5. Junior Exhibitors will be allowed to show 3 heifers within their respective breed, provided at least one of the three is a Bred and Owned. If one is not Bred and Owned, the 2 per breed limit will remain in effect.

6. There is a bred and owned division for each breed, with the exception of the commercial, and eligibility will follow the guidelines of the National Junior Breed Association for each breed. If you are entering the AOB Show, exhibitors will need to list the breed association the animal is registered with, along with the registration number.

7. All other breeds or AOB allows for registered heifers, to be shown that DO NOT have their own breed division, they must have registration papers with a recognized breed association, which must be presented at check-in. Any animal that does not have registration papers will be placed in the appropriate commercial class.

8. All registered heifers must have completed registration with respected breed association by time of entry, NO PENDING registrations will be accepted. A copy of the registration papers will need to be uploaded to ShoWorks at time of entry.

9. ALL animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family/farm name. North Carolina Youth, or 4-H Club/ FFA Chapter special interest programs, that have been established prior to nomination deadline, may lease an animal from a NC producer. ALL leased animals MUST be Bred & Owned by the producer and can remain in the name of the leaser's individual or farm name provided the appropriate Lease Affidavit is completed and emailed to summer.senter@ncagr.gov by Sept 15th. The Lease Affidavit can be found and printed from the North Carolina State Fair website. A photocopy of the animal's registration paper and a copy of the Lease Affidavit must be presented at time of Check-in at the fair..

10. Entry deadline is September 15th. Entry fee for the Junior Heifer show is $20.00 per head, no refunds will be given.

11. Heifers must be halter broken. Unruly animals that may endanger the safety of exhibitors will be asked to leave the ring.

12. If a junior has more than one heifer in a class, the other heifer must be shown by a junior, entered in the NC State Fair junior heifer or junior steer show, and approved by the Junior Heifer Show Superintendent.

13. You must provide your own bedding for tie-outs.

14. Any protests shall follow procedures outlined in the general rules section.

15. Any question not covered by these rules, general rules, or IFAE Code of Ethics and interpretations of the show rules will be at the discretion of the Junior Beef Heifer Superintendent.

16. Showmanship must be entered separately. Showmanship can be found in Department 28, section 101.



GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR BEEF HEIFER

Got to Be NC heifers must have been bred, born and raised in North Carolina. Got to Be NC heifer designation must be done before heifer check-in and tagging. Got to Be NC tags can be obtained through the Department and must be in animal at the time of check-in. Verification may include owner/ breeder records, AI service dates, embryo verification, herd record books, DNA samples of sire or dam, and any other verification documents. The livestock director of the NC State Fair will make the final determination of Got to Be NC. The highest placing qualified Got to Be NC heifer will be recognized in each class at the Jr. Beef Heifer Show. These heifers will have the opportunity to show for the Got to Be NC Champion following the selections of Grand and Reserve Jr. Beef Heifer. However, if the Grand or Reserve Jr. Beef Heifer is a qualified Got to Be NC, that heifer will automatically become Got to Be NC Champion. Further, the producer of the heifer recognized as the owner of the bred female at the time of calving, should be a current member of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association at the time of the 2025 State Fair. Exhibitors and/or producers found misrepresenting the qualifications of a heifer in this competition shall be barred from future competition.
Link for program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

Premiums

1st Place - $100	**2nd Place - $95**	**3rd Place - $90**	**4th Place - $85**	**5th Place - $80**
6th Place - $75	**7th Place - $70**	**8th Place - $65**	**9th Place - $60**	**10th Place - $55**
11th Place - $50	**12th Place - $50**	**13th Place - $50**	**14th Place - $50**	**15th Place - $50**

Show day schedules will be determined based on best use of rings and will be posted prior to show day.
North Carolina State Fair management reserves the right to make any and all changes necessary.

*All Other Breeds or AOB allows for registered heifers that DO NOT have their own breed division. For cattle to be eligible for this division, they must have registration papers with a recognized breed association, which must be presented at check-in. Any animal that does not have registration papers will be placed in the appropriate commercial class.

The Bred and Owned Division will be added for each breed (not offered in Commercial Class) and eligibility will follow the guidelines of the National Junior Breed Association for each breed. If you are entering the AOB show, exhibitors will need to list which Breed Association the animal is registered with.

Jr Beef Heifer - Divisions and Classes

Division 101 – RED ANGUS
Division 102 - ALL OTHER BREEDS
Division 103 – SANTA GERTRUDIS/Star 5
Division 104 – CHAROLAIS
Division 105 – COMMERCIAL
Division 106 – ANGUS
Division 107 – SIMMENTAL
Division 108 – LIMOUSIN
Division 109 – GELBVIEH – Balancer or 75% Hybrid Pedigree
Division 110 – HEREFORD
Division 111 – SHORTHORN/SHORTHORN PLUS
Division 112 – PERCENTAGE SIMMENTAL

Class:
01 – March 2026 or later
02 – January and February, 2026
03 – November and December, 2025
04 – September and October, 2025
05 – July and August, 2025
06 – May and June, 2025
07 – March and April, 2025
08 – January and February, 2025
09 – November and December, 2024
10 – September and October, 2024
CHAMPION
RESERVE CHAMPION
CHAMPION Got to be NC
CHAMPION Bred and Owned

SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION
Third Overall SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION
Fourth Overall SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION
Fifth Overall SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION
SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION Got to Be NC
SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION Bred and Owned

SENATOR JAMES D. SPEED ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Senator James D. Speed Achievement Scholarship is presented to a deserving Junior Beef Exhibitor, age 14-18 years old, in the Jr. Market Steer and/or Jr. Beef Heifer competition. The scholarship continues the legacy that Senator Speed created as a 32-year member of the North Carolina State Legislature and through his commitment and dedication to agricultural interests. To honor his memory, the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association is honoring him by establishing and presenting an academic scholarship to an outstanding achiever in the Junior Beef Program. The scholarship is funded through an endowment in the NC Cooperative Extension Service Foundation.

The Senator James D. Speed Achievement Scholarship is valued at $500. The Achievement Scholar will demonstrate strong leadership skills, integrity, good sportsmanship, achievement of goals, and be an advocate of today's agricultural industry. The scholar will be selected by the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship Committee and will be announced at the NC State Fair. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants should download the scholarship application at www.franklin.ces.nscu.edu or call (919)496-3344. Applications are due by September 15th to be considered for the scholarship. The Senator James D. Speed Achievement Scholarship will be awarded during the scholar's freshman year and will be made payable to the scholar's selected institution of higher education on behalf of the named scholar.

J. I. SMITH (JIM) & NANCY S. SMITH ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

In an effort to encourage and show appreciation for the youth of North Carolina who compete in the beef and dairy cattle "fitting and showmanship" competition at various levels, James I. (Jim) and Nancy S. Smith established an endowed scholarship in the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of providing scholarships for students at North Carolina State University. For questions call (919)528-2403.

JUNIOR FEEDER CALF/ MARKET BEEF/ HEIFER SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION CONTEST

All youth entered in either the Junior Feeder Calf Show, Junior Market Beef Show or the Junior Beef Heifer Show are eligible to compete. Junior Feeder Calf/Junior Market Beef/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 am.
The Junior Market Steer/Junior Beef Heifer Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Division 101, and must be entered separately.

Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

009 - Open
MARKET BARROW

SUPERINTENDENT: RON HUGHES-Retired NC Cooperative Extension Agent

JUDGE: David Korb - Oxford, OH

CHECK IN: Pigs will be checked in Saturday, October 17 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Kelley Building.

Weigh cards will be turned in no later 3:00 PM.

SHOW DATE: Sunday October 18 at 2 PM

RELEASE TIME: Pigs will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

PARTICIPANTS:
Open to the world

Entry Fee:
$15.00 Per head

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026 Online entries and payments will be accepted beginning August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

Animals shown in the Jr Show, will NOT be allowed to show in the Open Show.

The NC State Fair requires that each exhibitor (individual, firm, or herd) possess a valid current PQA or have completed YQCA prior to entry and follow PQA guidelines. Put your PQA number on the back of the entry form or in the comment section online. If you have completed YQCA, put " completed YQCA" on the back of the entry form or in the comment section online. Exhibitors under age 8 will show under parents PQA number.

Health: The health regulation of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

Entries: An exhibitor (individual, firm, or herd) may exhibit a total of 6 animals and show a maximum of 2 animals per class

WEIGH BACK GUIDELINES

- Livestock will be allowed a 15 pound variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. The show is open to purebred or crossbred barrows weighing between 230-290 pounds. To show in the purebred class, registration papers must be presented, with matching ear notches, at check in.
3. Classes will be lightweight to heavyweight, approximately 15 animals each, followed by a championship drive.
4. Be sure to read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the general rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this Show.

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $50 2nd Place - $40 3rd Place - $30 4th Place - $25 5th Place - $20

MARKET BARROW (230-290)

101 - Purebred Open Market Barrow

01 - Purebred

CHAMPION PUREBRED

RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED

102 - Crossbred Open Market Barrow

01 - Crossbred

CHAMPION CROSSBRED

RESERVE CHAMPION CROSSBRED

GRAND CHAMPION OPEN MARKET BARROW

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OPEN MARKET BARROW

Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

011 - Open BREEDING GILT

SUPERINTENDENT: RON HUGHES – Retired NC Cooperative Extension Agent
DR. MARK KNAUER – Extension Swine Specialist, NCSU

JUDGE : David Korb - Oxford, OH

CHECK IN: Pigs will be checked in Saturday, October 17 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Kelley building.

Weigh cards will be turned in no later than 3:00 PM.

SHOW DATE: Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 am.

RELEASE TIME: Gilts will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

PARTICIPANTS:
Open to the world

Entry Fee:
$15.00 Per head

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026 Online entries and payments will be accepted beginning August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

Animals shown in the Jr Show, will NOT be allowed to show in the Open Show.

The NC State Fair requires that each exhibitor (individual, firm, or herd) possess a valid current PQA or have completed YQCA prior to entry and follow PQA guidelines. Put your PQA number in the comment section online. If you have completed YQCA, put "completed YQCA" in the comment section online. Exhibitors under age 8 will show under parents PQA number.

Health: The health regulation of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulation of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/ or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

Entries: An exhibitor (individual, firm, or herd) may exhibit a total of 6 animals and show a maximum of 2 animals per class (receive premiums on 2 placings per class only).

Weigh Back Guidlines

- Livestock will be allowed a 15 pound variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. The show is open to purebred gilts born after February 1, 2026 and crossbred gilts weighing up to 375 lbs. To show in the purebred class, registration papers must be presented, with matching ear notches, at check in.

3. ***Crossbred classes will be broken based on weight and purebred classes based on age, followed by a championship drive.***

4. ***Be sure and read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the General Rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this Show.***

Premiums

1st Place - $50 2nd Place - $40 3rd Place - $30 4th Place - $25 5th Place - $20

OPEN BREEDING GILT SHOW CLASSES

Classes will be determined by age (purebred) and weight (crossbred), with approximately 15 gilts per class.

Division: 101 Open Breeding Gilt

01 – Purebred
CHAMPION PUREBRED
RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED

Division: 101 Open Breeding Gilt

04 – Crossbred
CHAMPION CROSSBRED
RESERVE CHAMPION CROSSBRED

GRAND CHAMPION OPEN BREEDING GILT
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OPEN BREEDING GILT

Section 102 – SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING GILT

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will compete for the Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt against the Junior Breeding Gilt Show champions on Sunday, October 18.

SUPREME CHAMPION
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION

Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

012 JUNIOR MARKET BARROW

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 18 years or younger as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026 Online entries and payment will be accepted beginning August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fee: $5 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS: See page 13

SUPERINTENDENT: RON HUGHES – Retired NC Cooperative Extension Agent

JUDGE: David Korb - Oxford, OH

CHECK IN: Pigs will be checked in Saturday, October 17 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Kelley Building. Weigh cards will be turned in no later than 3:00 PM.

SHOW DATE: Showmanship - Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 PM **(**Information in Junior Showmanship, Division 102 and must be entered separately) The Junior Market Barrow/Junior Breeding Gilt Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Department 28, Section 102. You must enter showmanship before the entry deadline of September 15, 2026.

Junior Market Barrows - Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM after the Open Market Barrows.

RELEASE TIME: Pigs will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crew, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: Sunday, October 25, 2:00 PM. Graham Building

PARTICIPANTS: Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026 and residents of the state of North Carolina. **Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any help.**

Animals shown in the Jr Show, will NOT be allowed to show in the Open Show.

The NC State Fair requires that each exhibitor (individual, firm, or herd) possess a valid current PQA or have completed YQCA prior to entry and follow PQA guidelines. Put your PQA number in the comment section online. If you have completed YQCA, put "completed YQCA" in the comment section online. Exhibitors under age 8 will show under parents PQA number.

HEALTH: The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, sore mouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four barrows. No more than 2 in the purebred and 2 in the crossbred division. Jr Market Barrows must be in the possession and cared for by the exhibitor and nominated by July 15th.

Weigh Back Guidelines

- Livestock will be allowed a 15 pound variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. The show is open to purebred barrows and crossbred barrows weighting 230 to 290 lbs. To show in the purebred class, registration papers must be presented, with matching ear notches at check in.

3. ALL purebred hogs must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family/farm name. North Carolina Youth, or 4-H Club/ FFA Chapter special interest programs, that have been established prior to nomination deadline, may lease an animal from a NC producer. ALL leased animals MUST be Bred & Owned by the producer and can remain in the name of the leaser's individual or farm name provided the appropriate Lease Affidavit is completed and emailed to summer.senter@ncagr.gov by Sept 15th. The Lease Affidavit can be found and printed from the North Carolina State Fair website. A photocopy of the animal's registration paper and a copy of the Lease Affidavit must be presented at time of Check-in at the fair.

4. Junior Market Animal Exhibitors will need to comply with the following regarding where their project animals are housed: project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows. FFA chapter programs and 4-H clubs housing animals at one location can submit one form with names of all participants at that location listed.

5. All Junior animal exhibitors need to complete the State Fair Animal Nomination process at https://ncsf.fairwire.com.

6. The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Got to Be NC Grand Champion Jr. Market Barrows will be on display in an area designated by the Livestock Department. Premiums will be forfeited if animals are not kept in the designated display area.

7. Be sure to read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the general rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this Show.

8. Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated and DNA submissions by July 15th

Nomination Program

*Animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. Nomination process includes: Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows

1. Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by June 14th
2. Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system and turn in DNA to local extension agent by July 15th.

****All steps must be complete for the animal to be eligible to officially enter the NC State Fair Livestock Shows.**

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

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Link to program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $75 2nd Place - $70 3rd Place - $65 4th Place - $60 5th Place - $55
6th Place - $50 7th Place - $45 8th Place - $40 9th Place - $35 10th Place - $30
11th Place - $30 12th Place - $30 13th Place - $30 14th Place - $30 15th Place - $30

Top two Got to Be NC tagged animals per class - $5

SHOW ORDER:

Purebred Classes
Light weight division / Got to be NC
(230-250 lbs - approx. 15/class)
Medium weight division / Got to be NC
(251-270 lbs - approx. 15/class)
Heavy weight division / Got to be NC
(271-290 lbs - approx. 15/class)

Crossbred Classes
Light weight division / Got to be NC
(230-250 lbs - approx. 15/class)
Medium weight division / Got to be NC
(251-270 lbs - approx. 15/class)
Heavy weight division / Got to be NC
(271-290 lbs - approx. 15/class)

Champion Purebred
Reserve Champion Purebred
Champion Got to be NC Purebred
Reserve Champion Got to be NC Purebred
Possible 3rd Overall consideration

Champion Crossbred
Reserve Champion Crossbred
Champion Got to be NC Crossbred
Reserve Champion Got to be NC Crossbred
Possible 3rd Overall consideration

Grand Champion Jr Market Barrow
Reserve Grand Champion Jr Market Barrow Grand Champion Got to be NC
Reserve Grand Champion Got to be NC Jr Market Barrow
3rd Overall

Division 101 – PUREBRED – Junior Market Barrow

Classes and divisions will be determined by weight with approximately 15 barrows per class.

Class:

01 – (230-290) Purebred on foot

Division Champions:

Light Weight (230-250)
Medium Weight (251-270)
Heavy Weight (271-290)
Got to Be NC Division Champions

Reserve Division Champions:

Light Weight (230-250)
Medium Weight (251-270)
Heavy Weight (271-290)
Got to Be NC Division Reserve Champions

CHAMPION PUREBRED
RESERVE PUREBRED
CHAMPION GOT to BE NC PUREBRED
RESERVE CHAMPION GOT to BE NC PUREBRED

Division 102 – CROSSBRED – Junior Market Barrow

Classes and divisions will be determined by weight with approximately 15 barrows per class.

Class:

01 – (230-290) Crossbred on foot

Division Champions:

Light Weight (230-250)
Medium Weight (251-270)
Heavy Weight (271-290)
Got to Be NC Division Champions

Reserve Division Champions

Light Weight (230-250)
Medium Weight (251-270)
Heavy Weight (271-290)
Got to Be NC Division Reserve Champions

CHAMPION CROSSBRED
RESERVE CHAMPION CROSSBRED
CHAMPION GOT to BE NC CROSSBRED
RESERVE CHAMPION GOT to BE NC CROSSBRED

GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
3RD OVERALL
GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC

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013 JUNIOR BREEDING GILT

SUPERINTENDENT: Ron Hughes – Retired Reitred Cooperative Extension Agent

JUDGE: David Korb - Oxford, OH

CHECK IN: Pigs will be checked-in Saturday, October 17 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Kelley building. Weigh cards will be turned in no later than 3:00 PM.

SHOW DATE: Showmanship - Saturday, October 18 at 4:00 PM in the Exposition Bldg. (Information in Junior Showmanship, Division 102 and must be entered separately.)

Junior Breeding Gilts - Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 AM

RELEASE TIME: Pigs will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS: Sunday, October 25 - 2:00pm Graham Building

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026.

ENTRY FEE:
$5 PER HEAD

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ONLINE.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

PARTICIPANTS: Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026, and residents of the state of North Carolina. **Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any help.**

ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four gilts. No more than 2 in the purebred and 2 in the crossbred division. Jr. Breeding Gilts must be in possession and cared for by the exhibitor and nominated by July 15th.

Animals shown in the Jr Show, will NOT be allowed to show in the Open Show.

The NC State Fair requires that each exhibitor (individual, firm, or herd) possess a valid current PQA or have completed YQCA prior to entry and follow PQA guide-lines. Put your PQA number in the comment section online. If you have completed YQCA, put " completed YQCA" in the comment section online. Exhibitors under age 8 will show under parents PQA number.

HEALTH: The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm. sore mouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

Weigh Back Guidelines

- Livestock will be allowed a 15 pound variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. The show is open to purebred gilts born after February 1, 2026 and crossbred gilts weighing up to 375 lbs. To show in the purebred class, registration papers must be presented, with matching ear notches, at check in.
3. Junior Breeder Animal Exhibitors will need to comply with the following regarding where their project animals are housed: project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows.
4. All Junior animal exhibitors need to complete the State Fair Animal Nomination process at https://ncsf.fairwire.com
5. ALL purebred hogs must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family/farm name. North Carolina Youth, or 4-H Club/ FFA Chapter special interest programs, that have been established prior to nomination deadline, may lease an animal from a NC producer. ALL leased animals MUST be Bred & Owned by the producer and can remain in the name of the leaser's individual or farm name provided the appropriate Lease Affidavit is completed and emailed to summer.senter@ncagr.gov by Sept 15th. The Lease Affidavit can be found and printed from the North Carolina State Fair website. A photocopy of the animal's registration paper and a copy of the Lease Affidavit must be presented at time of Check-in at the fair.
6. Crossbred Classes will be broken based on weight and purebred classes based on age, followed by a championship drive. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will compete for the Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt against the Open Breeding Gilt Show Champions.
7. Be sure to read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the general rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this Show.
8. **Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated and DNA submissions by July 15th.**

Nomination Program

Animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. Nomination process includes: Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows

1. Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by June 14th
2. Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system and turn in DNA to local extension agent by July 15th.

****All steps must be complete for the animal to be eligible to officially enter the NC State Fair Livestock Shows.**

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

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Link to program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

~Top two Got to Be NC tagged animals per class - $5

SHOW ORDER:

Purebred Classes

Crossbred Classes

Champion Purebred
Reserve Champion Purebred
Third Overall Champion Purebred
Champion Got to be NC Purebred
Reserve Champion Got to be NC Purebred

Champion Crossbred
Reserve Champion Crossbred
Third Overall Champion Purebred
Champion Got to be NC Crossbred
Reserve Champion Got to be NC Crossbred

Grand Champion Junior Breeding Gilt
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Breeding Gilt
Third Overall Grand Champion Junior Breeding Gilt
Fourth Overall Grand Champion Junior Breeding Gilt
Fifth Overall Grand Champion Junior Breeding Gilt
Grand Champion Got to be NC Breeding Gilt
Reserve Grand Champion Got to be NC Breeding Gilt

Division 101 – PUREBRED **– Junior Breeding Gilt**

Classes will be determined by age with no more than 15 gilts per class.

Class:

01 – Purebred

CHAMPION PUREBRED

RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED
THIRD OVERALL CHAMPION PUREBRED

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC GILT PUREBRED

RESERVE CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC GILT PUREBRED

Division 102 – CROSSBRED **– Junior Breeding Gilt**

Classes will be determined by weight with no more than 15 gilts per class.

Class:

01 – Crossbred

CHAMPION CROSSBRED

RESERVE CHAMPION CROSSBRED
THIRD OVERALL CHAMPION CROSSBRED

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC GILT CROSSBRED

RESERVE CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC GILT CROSSBRED

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR BREEDING GILT
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR BREEDING GILT
THIRD OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR BREEDING GILT
FORTH OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR BREEDING GILT
FIFTH OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR BREEDING GILT

GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR BREEDING GILT

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR BREEDING GILT

Division 103 - SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING GILT

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will compete for the Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt against the Open Breeding Gilt Show Champions on Sunday, October 18.

SUPREME CHAMPION
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION

Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

JUNIOR EWE MEAT BREEDS

Dept 016

SUPERINTENDENT: Andy Burlingham

JUDGE:

CHECK IN: Monday, October 19th 5pm to 7pm and Tuesday, October 20th 8am to 10am. Weigh Cards will be used for Divisions 1,2,3 & 4. Registration papers will be reviewed at check in. Weigh Card will be due by 11am.

NOTE: Exhibitors will need to check-in with personnel located at a designated area prior to unloading their sheep to receive pen assignment.

There will be no reserving pens, and any sheep penned without prior approval may be ejected from the fairgrounds and not allowed to show. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials.

SHOW DATE: T**uesday:** Sheep Showmanship at 1pm
Registered Jr Ewe Show at 5pm
Wednesday: Non Registered Jr Ewe Show at 9am

RELEASE TIME: Ewes will be released after the show.

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents
21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
Online Entries Only

Entry Fee: $5 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

Weigh Back Guidelines

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately reenter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. Exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina 21 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2026. Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any assistance.
3. No substituting of animals will be allowed, and exhibitors cannot switch animals at check-in.
4. Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated by July 15th.
5. ALL animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family/farm name. North Carolina Youth, or 4-H Club/ FFA Chapter special interest programs, that have been established prior to nomination deadline, may lease an animal from a NC producer. ALL leased animals MUST be Bred & Owned by the producer and can remain in the name of the leaser's individual or farm name provided the appropriate Lease Affidavit is completed and emailed to summer.senter@ncagr.gov by Sept 15th. The Lease Affidavit can be found and printed from the North Carolina State Fair website. A photocopy of the animal's registration paper and a copy of the Lease Affidavit must be presented at time of Check-in at the fair.
6. Major fitting should be done prior to arrival at the fair. Sheep must have been recently shorn including the head prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece)
7. The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or un opened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn.
   All sheep must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guide lines. Call 1-866-USDATAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information.
8. **Each exhibitor my show up to a total of three ewes but no more than 2 ewes per division.** The divisions are as follows: Southdown Purebred, Dorset Purebred, Hampshire Purebred, All other Breeds Purebred, All other Hair Breeds Purebred, Division 1 All other Breeds, Division 2 All other Hair Breeds, Division 3 Natural color, and division 4 Blackface cross.
9. Sheep in Divisions 1,2,3 & 4 must have their classification approved by the official classification committee and their weight card stamped with approval. No ewes can be shown in Divisions 1-3 without conformation stamp on their weigh card. Unregistered ewes that do not classify in Divisions 1-3 will be shown as a blackface cross ewe in Division 4.
10. Ewes must be shown as individuals. If a junior exhibitor has more than one ewe per class, the second ewe will be shown by a junior exhibitor approved by the superintendent prior to the show. Substitute exhibitors must wear a special exhibitor number card issued by the superintendent. If someone other than the exhibitor listed in the program (or an approved substitute exhibitor) brings a sheep to the ring, they will nor be allowed to show (the lamb will be deleted from the class). Once the ewe is set-up, the feet shall remain upon the ground.
11. Registered sheep will be classed by age. Commercial sheep will be divided by weight.
12. All non-registered sheep will be mouthed for age at check in. Ewe lambs must have all baby teeth present. Yearling ewes may have a pair of permanent incisors present but a third permanent tooth must not have broken the gum line.
13. Ewes may be shown either with or without a halter. Exhibitors with Purebred Southdowns, Purebred Dorset, Purebred All Other Meat Breeds, Purebred Hampshires may choose to show their ewes with an assistant setting the hind feet. The exhibitor of the ewe in class must be controlling the head of the ewe and the assistant must be a youth with an entry in the Jr. Ewe Meat Breeds Show.
14. The Junior Wool Breed Show is a different department.
15. The Junior Ewe Meat Breeds/Junior Market Lamb Showmanship Champion contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Division 103. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by September 15, 2026

Any questions not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the Junior Ewe Meat Breeds Superintendent.

Except as noted, all general rules of the fair and the livestock division will apply and govern this department.

Nomination Program

* Animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. Nomination process includes: Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows.

1. Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by June 14th
2. Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system and turn in DNA to local extension agent by July 15th.

**All steps must be complete for the animal to be eligible to officially enter the NC State Fair Livestock Shows.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

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Link to program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $75	**2nd Place - $70**	**3rd Place - $65**	**4th Place - $60**	**5th Place - $55**
6th Place - $50	**7th Place - $45**	**8th Place - $40**	**9th Place - $35**	**10th Place - $30**
11th Place - $30	**12th Place - $30**	**13th Place - $30**	**14th Place - $30**	**15th Place - $30**

JUNIOR EWE SHOW CLASSES

Purebred ewes with registration papers will be shown by age. Ewes in divisions 1-4 will be shown by weight

Division 101 – SOUTHDOWN, PUREBRED

Division 102 – DORSET, PUREBRED

Division 103 – HAMPSHIRE, PUREBRED

Division 104 – ALL OTHER **REGISTERED SHEEP BREEDS**

Division 105 – ALL OTHER **REGISTERED HAIR SHEEP BREEDS**

Classes:

01 – Yearling ewe, born September 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025

02 – Junior ewe lamb, born after October 31, 2024

CHAMPION

RESERVE CHAMPION

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC

Division 106 – DIV 1 ALL OTHER BREEDS (non-registered)

01 – Southdown appearing Yearling ewe
02 – Southdown appearing Ewe lamb
03 - White-Face Yearling ewe
04 - White-Face Ewe Lamb
05 - Speckle-Face (white-face influenced) Yearling Ewe
06 - Speckle-Face (white-face influenced) Ewe Lamb
CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREEDS
RESERVE CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREEDS
CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC ALL OTHER BREEDS
RESERVE GOT TO BE NC ALL OTHER BREEDS

Division 107 - DIV 2 ALL OTHER HAIR BREED (non-registered)

01 - Katahdin Influenced Yearling Ewe
02 - Katahdin Influenced Ewe Lamb
03 - Dorper Influenced Yearling Ewe
04 - Dorper Influenced Ewe Lamb
CHAMPION HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED
RESERVE CHAMPION HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED
CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED
RESERVE GOT TO BE NC HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED

Division 108 - DIV 3 NATURAL COLORED

01 - Natural Color Yearling Ewe
02 - Natural Color Ewe Lamb
CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED
RESERVE CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED
CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC NATURAL COLORED
RESERVE GOT TO BE NC NATURAL COLORED

Division 109 - Div 4 BLACK FACE CROSS

01 - Black Face Cross Yearling Ewe

- Champion Black Face Cross Yearling
- Reserve Champion Black Face Cross Yearling
- Champion Got to Be NC Black Face Cross Yearling
- Reserve Champion Got to Be NC Black Face Cross Yearling

02 - Black Face Cross Ewe Lamb

- LIGHT WEIGHT
  - CHAMPION
  - RESERVE CHAMPION
  - CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC
  - RESERVE GOT TO BE NC
- MEDIUM WEIGHT
  - CHAMPION
  - RESERVE CHAMPION
  - CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC
  - RESERVE GOT TO BE NC
- HEAVY WEIGHT
  - CHAMPION
  - RESERVE CHAMPION
  - CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC
  - RESERVE GOT TO BE NC

CHAMPION BLACK FACE CROSS

RESERVE CHAMPION BLACK FACE CROSS

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC BLACK FACE CROSS

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC BLACK FACE CROSS

SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION JR EWE MEAT BREEDS
SUPREME RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JR EWE MEAT BREEDS
SUPREME THIRD OVERALL JUNIOR EWE MEAT BREEDS
SUPREME FOURTH OVERALL JUNIOR EWE MEAT BREEDS
SUPREME FIFTH OVERALL JUNIOR EWE MEAT BREEDS
SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC
SUPREME RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC

Sheep Classifications can be found at:
https://youthlivestock.ces.ncsu.edu
Listed under - NC State Fair Junior Livestock Information

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017 JUNIOR MARKET LAMB

SUPERINTENDENT: Bill Sparrow, Jr. – Durham, NC

JUDGE: Jimmy Davis - Walters, OK

CHECK IN: Lambs will be checked in Monday, October 19th - 5pm to 7pm and Tuesday, October 20th - 8am to 10am. Weigh Card will be turned in by 11:00am.

NOTE: Exhibitors will need to check in with personnel located at a designated area prior to unloading their sheep to receive pen assignment. There will be no reserving pens, and any sheep penned without prior approval may be ejected from the fair-grounds and not allowed to show. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials.

SHOW DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 1:00 pm, in the AgriSupply Exposition Building

RELEASE TIME: Conclusion of show. Truckload sales will not be offered.

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents
18 years of age as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY FEE:
$5 PER HEAD

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ONLINE Entries Only.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 15

It is the expectation that all junior exhibitors be involved in the care of their livestock project(s) during the ownership time frame specified for each species. Project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows.

The Junior Market Lamb Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Section 103. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by September 15, 2026.

Weigh back guidelines:

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given **one** opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. Exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina and 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026 Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any assistance.
3. Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated and DNA submissions by July 15th.
4. Lambs shown must be wethers.
5. Lambs will be shown as individuals. Each exhibitor is limited to three entries provided the entries are in two or more classes (divisions) and meet the classification of those classes or division. While there is no minimum age, exhibitors are expected to be capable of showing their own lambs in the show ring.
6. If a junior has more than one lamb in a class, the second lamb must be shown by a junior approved by the show Superintendent.
7. Lamb weights will be declared by the owner following check-in by completing a weight declaration form for each entry. Lambs in all classes must weigh between 90 and 160 pounds except Hair Influence lambs which must weigh between 80 and 160. Selected weigh backs will occur following individual class placings at the discretion of the superintendent. Weigh backs that exceed 7 pounds automatically disqualify that lamb from the show, placings, and any premiums, ribbons, plaques, or trophies.
9. Only three lambs can be entered into the show so long as no more than 2 are in are in the black face division.
10. Major fitting should be done prior to arrival at the Fair.
11. Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece).
12. No pens can be used for equipment or feed storage. Please put at least three sheep per pen.
13. Animals are expected to be humanely treated at all times. Any acts of mistreatment will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the show and forfeiture of premiums. Any questions not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the Junior Market Lamb Superintendent.

Except as noted, all general rules of the fair and of the livestock division will apply and govern this department.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the "Got to Be NC" slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the "Got to Be NC" program. Livestock must be identified with an official "Got to Be NC" tag purchased by the producer before they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records on their "Got to Be NC" tags placed in each animal. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by July 15th.
Link to program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

Nomination Program

* Animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. Nomination process includes: Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows

1. Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by June 14th
2. Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system and turn in DNA to local extension agent by July 15th.

**All steps must be complete for the animal to be eligible to officially enter the NC State Fair Livestock Shows.

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $75	**2nd Place - $70**	**3rd Place - $65**	**4th Place - $60**	**5th Place - $55**
6th Place - $50	**7th Place - $45**	**8th Place - $40**	**9th Place - $35**	**10th Place - $30**
11th Place - $30	**12th Place - $30**	**13th Place - $30**	**14th Place - $30**	**15th Place - $30**

Division Champions:

Div 1 All Other Breeds
Div 2 Hair Influence
Div 3 Natural Color
Div 4 Blackface Cross Lightweight
Div 5 Blackface Cross Medium Weight
Div 6 Blackface Cross Heavy Weight
GOT TO BE NC

Reserve Division Champions

Div 1 All Other Breeds
Div 2 Hair Influence
Div 3 Natural Color
Div 4 Blackface Cross Lightweight
Div 5 Blackface Cross Medium Weight
Div 6 Blackface Cross Heavy Weight
GOT TO BE NC

SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET LAMB
SUPREME RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET LAMB
THIRD OVERALL JR. MARKET LAMB
SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JR. MARKET LAMB

JUNIOR MARKET LAMBS

101 - Div 1 All Other Breeds
Class: 101 - Southdown
102 - White-Face (Dorset, Columbia, Cheviot, etc)
103 - Speckle-Face (White-face influence)

102 - Div 2 Hair Influence
Class: 201 - Katahdin, St Croix, Blackbelly (Caribbean Origin)
202 - Dorper

103 - Div 3 Natural Color
Class: 301 - Div 3 Natural Color

104 - Div 4,5,6 Blackface Cross
Class: 401 Div 4,5,6 Blackface Cross

Note: Lambs in Divisions 1,2&3 must have their classification approved by the official classification committee and have their weigh card stamped with approval. No lambs can be shown in Divisions 1,2&3 without a conformation stamp on their weigh card.

Sheep Classifications can be found at:
https://youthlivestock.ces.ncsu.edu
Listed under - NC State Fair Junior Livestock Information



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018 - OPEN DAIRY GOATS - Two Rings
OFFICIAL ADGA SHOW

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr Jeff Broadaway

JUDGE: - Ring 1 (premium ring)
- Ring 2 (non-premium ring)

CHECK IN: Friday, October 23 - 12pm to 4pm. No animals will be allowed to enter barns until inspected and passed by health officials. Present show secretary or superintendent registration papers at designated show check-in area once you unload your animals.

Do not procrastinate! If you want to show, animals must be checked in by show secretary no later than 4:00 pm. No exceptions. Plan to arrive between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm on Friday, October 23. Please check in with show secretary between 12:00 and 4:00 pm.

There will be two rings. You will only need to enter one. One entry will qualify you for both rings. Ring 1 will be a premium ring. Ring 2 will be a non-premium ring.

SHOW DATES AND SCHEDULE:
Open Junior Doe Show - Saturday, October 24th - 2:00pm
Open Senior Doe Show - Sunday, October 25th - 9:00am

SHOW ORDER: Nubian, Alpine, Toggenburg, Oberhasli, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Recorded Grades, Saanens, Golden Guernsey, Sable, AOP. Show order is subject to change.

RELEASE TIME: The NC State Fair and the Dairy Goat Superintendent are **NOT** responsible for any personal losses including animals. Release time will be at the conclusion of the Senior Doe Show. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their pens prior to departing the fairgrounds.

STARTING 2026: Golden Guernsey, Sable, and AOP divisions are being added. The number of entries for all breeds will be evaluated after the closing of registration in September and any breed not entering enough animals to be sanctioned separately will be combined and shown in the AOP Division. Thank you for your understanding as we strive to provide a great experience for all the exhibitors.

COMPETITION:
Open to animals registered or recorded in the American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Society. The Open Senior Doe show and Open Junior Doe show in each ring each have separate ADGA sanction. ADGA rules will govern the sanctioned shows.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15
at www.ncstatefair.org
ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fee: $15 per head

*No late entries will be accepted

Health Regulations - see page 14

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR GOATS

Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. All entries must comply with both ADGA and NC State Fair rules. It is your responsibility as an exhibitor to read and be familiar with all rules! No exceptions!
   a. Open Senior doe show and Senior doe division (youth show)
      i. ADGA rule...Any doe that has ever freshened or is milked regularly shall compete in a Senior doe show or Senior Doe division (Youth show). This includes dry and precious milkers.
      ii. ADGA rule- Any doe 24 months or older that has never freshened shall not be shown unless she is in milk.
   b. Open Senior doe show and Senior Doe Division (Youth show)
      i. NC State Fair rule- Any Senior Doe that is ADGA qualified to show in a sanction show can show.

3. Include the animal's tattoo when entering. List the class number in which the animal will be shown. Also, indicate any group classes to be entered. Any animals competing in a group class must have competed in her individual class.

4. Substitutions of animals will be allowed only within the same breed. This rule will be strictly enforced.

5. A registration paper or a stamped duplicate (for animals under 6 months of age) is required for each animal. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration paper or recordation certificate. The owner on the registration paper is considered the exhibitor.

6. **Show is limited to 350 head. Each exhibitor is limited to 25 animals. Exhibitor is the person, individual, farm or organization appearing as owner on registration papers.** No exhibitor shall receive more than 2 premiums per class.

7. When entering, the Department is 018. The class number and section depends on the breed and the age of the animal. For example, a 6 year old Saanen would be Department 018, Division 206 and class number 00180.

8. A SEPARATE ENTRY MUST BE MADE FOR THE YOUTH SHOW (019), JUNIOR DOE SHOW (018), AND THE SENIOR DOE SHOW (018). ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE MADE at www. ncstatefair.org.

9. You must ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER at the time of ENTRY TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONIES. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER MUST MATCH NAME OF THE EXHIBITOR.**

10. Due to NC State Fair Fire Code no heavy electrical appliances will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

11. No pre-entry in the udder class. 1st and 2nd place udder in each class, as selected by the judge compete for best udder of breed. No premiums will be awarded for udder class.

12. In classes with entries greater than 12 animals, at the judge's discretion, the class can be placed in its entirety or those animals not in the top 12 can be excused from the show ring.

13. **A. The Dairy Goat Superintendent cannot and will not interfere with the health decision made by the NCDA Veterinary Division's veterinarian.**
    B. Violation of health regulations and isolation policy will lead to show ban. The exhibitor along with their animals will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.

14. Both Open Sr Doe show and jr Doe show are sanctioned seperately.

15. The number of entries for all breeds will be evaluated after the closing of registration in September and any breed not entering enough animals to be sanctioned separately will be combined and shown in the AOP Division.

Open Dairy Goat Premiums

CLASS PREMIUMS:

1st Place - $50 2nd Place - $45 3rd Place - $40 4th Place - $35 5th Place - $30

6th Place - $25 7th Place - $20 8th Place - $15 9th Place - $15 10th Place - $15

CLASS NUMBERS FOR OPEN JUNIOR DOE SHOW

Division 101 ALPINES - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 102 LAMANCHAS - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 103 NUBIANS - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 104 OBERHASLI - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 105 RECORDED GRADES - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 106 SAANENS - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 107 TOGGENBURGS - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 108 NIGERIAN DWARF - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 109 GOLDEN GUERNSEY - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 111 SABLE - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 112 AOP - Open Junior Doe Dairy Goats

Class:

01—Jr. Kids - born on or after April 1, 2026
02—Inter. Kids - born March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026
03—Sr. Kids - born October 27, 2025 to February 29, 2026
04—Dry Yearlings - born October 27, 2024 to October 26, 2025

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
GRAND CHAMPION

BEST JUNIOR DOE IN SHOW

CLASS NUMBERS FOR OPEN SENIOR DOE SHOW

Division 201 ALPINES - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 202 LAMANCHAS - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 203 NUBIANS - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 204 OBERHASLI - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 205 RECORDED GRADES - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 206 SAANENS - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 207 TOGGENBURGS - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 208 NIGERIAN DWARF - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 209 GOLDEN GUERNSEY - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 211 SABLE - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats
Division 212 AOP - Open Senior Doe Dairy Goats

Class:

01—Milkers under 2 years of age
02—Milkers 2 years of age
03—Milkers 3 years of age
04—Milkers 4 years of age
05—Milkers 5-6 years of age
06—Milkers 7 years of age and older

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
GRAND CHAMPION
Udder Class - selected by judge, 1st & 2nd from each class to compete
Only one animal is selected. This shall be the best udder of breed.

10—Dairy Herd - 4 does-all in milk
Premier Breeder (per breed by computation)
Premier Exhibitor (per breed by computation)

BEST DOE IN SHOW
BEST UDDER IN SHOW
BEST DAIRY HERD IN SHOW

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019 - YOUTH DAIRY GOATS

Official ADGA Show

SHOW SUPERINTENDENT: Dr Jeff Broadaway

JUDGE:

CHECK IN: Friday, October 23 - 12pm to 4pm. No animals will be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. Present to the show secretary or superintendent registration papers at the designated show check in area once you unload your animals.

Do not procrastinate! If you want to show, animals must be checked in by show secretary no later than 4:00 pm. No exceptions. Plan to arrive between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm on Friday, October 23. Please check in with show secretary between 12:00 and 4:00 pm.

SHOW DATE: Showmanship - Friday, October 23 at 5:00 pm
Youth Dairy Goat Show - Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 am

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 21 years of age prior to the day of the show.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15 at www.ncstatefair.org

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Entry Fee: $10 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

SHOW ORDER: Nubians, Alpine, Toggenburg, Oberhasli, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Recorded Grades, Saanens, AOP. Show order is subject to change.

RELEASE TIME: The NC State Fair and the Dairy Goat Superintendent are NOT responsible for any personal losses including animals. At the conclusion of the Youth Dairy Goat Show, for youth not showing in Open Show. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their pens prior to departing the fairgrounds.

STARTING 2026: AOP division is being added. The number of entries for all breeds will be evaluated after the closing of registration in September and any breed not entering enough animals to be sanctioned separately will be combined and shown in the AOP Division. Thank you for your understanding as we strive to provide a great experience for all the exhibitors.

HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR GOATS

Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN. All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. Entries will be completed ONLINE ONLY, link to ShoWorks can be found at www.ncstatefair.org.
3. Each youth is limited to 15 animals.
4. All entries must comply with both ADGA and NC State Fair rules. ADGA rules shall govern the sanctioned show. The junior doe and senior doe shows are not separately sanctioned. Show order is subject to change.
5. In order to be shown in a group class, the animal must have competed in her individual class.
6. Open to all exhibitors under age 21 and residents of NC. Does must be owned by the Exhibitor at least 60 days before show date.
7. The exhibitor must be the ADGA registration paper sole owner of exhibited animals, or be a member of a high school FFA/agriculture program in which they are listed on the official ADGA Signature Card. (Proof must be provided at check-in.) No signed transfers accepted, no family or farm ownerships will be considered for the Youth Show.
8. Each class is limited to 2 animals per exhibitor. The exhibitor must show one of these animals. The exhibitor may designate another Junior Handler, with the approval of the Show Superintendent.
9. Substitutions of animals will be allowed only within the same breed.
10. A registration paper or a stamped duplicate (for animals under the age of six months) is required for each animal.
11. A. The Superintendent cannot and will not interfere with the health decision made by the NCDA Veterinary Division's Veterinarian.
    B. Violation of health regulations and isolation policy will lead to show ban, and exhibitor along with their animals will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
12. When entering online, the Department is Youth Dairy Goat. The division and class number depend on the class and breed shown.
13. Use name and Social Security number as it appears on your social security card.
14. Each breed is subject to a tattoo and paper check limited to one class per breed selected randomly. Improper tattoo and/or registration will be disqualified from class.
15. Entries open to animals registered or recorded in the American Dairy Goat Association, American Goat Society, or the Canadian Goat Society. NC State Fair requires all exhibitors to have their farms listed with the National or State Animal ID Program. Apropriate herd ID number must be entered with entry.
16. The number of entries for all breeds will be evaluated after the closing of registration in September and any breed not entering enough animals to be sanctioned separately will be combined and shown in the AOP Division. Thank you for your understanding as we strive to provide a great experience for all the exhibitors.

Premiums

1st Place - $50	2nd Place - $48	3rd Place - $46	4th Place - $44	5th Place - $42
6th Place - $40	7th Place - $38	8th Place - $36	9th Place - $34	10th Place - $32

CLASS NUMBERS FOR YOUTH DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Division 101 – ALPINES
Division 102 – LAMANCHAS
Division 103 – NUBIANS
Division 104 – OBERHASLI
Division 105 – RECORDED GRADES
Division 106 – SAANENS
Division 107 – TOGGENBURGS
Division 108 – NIGERIAN DWARF
Division 109 - AOP (All Other Purebreds)

Class:

01 – Jr. Kids - born on or after April 1, 2026
02 – Inter. Kids - born March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026
03 – Sr. Kids - born October 25, 2025 to February 28, 2026
04 – Dry Yearlings - born October 25, 2024 to October 24, 2025

Junior Champion
Reserve Junior Champion

07– Milkers under 2 years of age
08 – Milkers 2-3 years of age
09 – Milkers 3-4 years of age
11 – Milkers 5 years and over

Senior Champion
Reserve Senior Champion
GRAND CHAMPION
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

16—Udder - Judge will select

BEST UDDER IN SHOW
BEST DOE IN SHOW

Division 109 – SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, October 23 at 5:00 pm
To show in youth showmanship, youth must own and exhibit at least one animal in the Youth Dairy Goat Show.
Showmanship must be pre-entered by September 15, 2026. Age for showmanship is as of show day.
RING 1 – JUNIOR (8 years and older) followed by INTERMEDIATE I (9 - 12 years), INTERMEDIATE II (13 - 16 years), followed by SENIOR (17 - 20 years)

Class:

01 – Novice Fitting and Showing (8 years and under)
02 – Junior Fitting and Showing (9 years to 12 years)
03 – Intermediate Fitting and Showing (13 years to 16 years)
04 – Senior Fitting and Showing (17 years to 20 years)

Division 111 – YOUTH HERD

Class:

01 – Youth Herd Class

3 animals in milk of any breed owned and shown by exhibitor. All exhibitors show at one time at the conclusion of Best Doe In Show. One winning herd will be chosen and awarded.

PREMIER YOUTH EXHIBITOR

RUNNER UP PREMIER YOUTH EXHIBITOR

Premiums - Youth Herd Class

1st Place - $50 2nd Place - $40 3rd Place - $30

Division 112 – Costume

(No premiums awarded for this class, ribbon only)

Class:

01 - Costume Class

Division 113 – Youth Poster Contest

Premiums - Poster Contest

1st - $50 2nd - $40 3rd - $30

Class:

01 - Youth Poster Contest



Check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

021 - WOOL BREEDS SHEEP

SUPERINTENDENT: LAUREN BELL- Albemarle, NC

JUDGE:

Pens will be assigned by the Show Superintendent.

CHECK IN: Animals should arrive at the fairgrounds and be checked in Thursday, October 22, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials at the vet tent. Pen space will be assigned by the Superintendent.

SHOW DATE: Friday, October 23 at 11:30 am

RELEASE TIME: Friday, October 23 at the conclusion of the show and not before that date and time. Premiums will be forfeited if animals are removed from pens before the conclusion of the Open Show.

COMPETITION:
Open to the World

Animals entered in the Junior Ewe Wool Breeds will not be allowed to enter in the open except for the fleece class.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ENTRIES ONLINE ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $15/HEAD

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 16

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

2. Except in cases of conflict, in which event the following Rules and Regulations will prevail, the Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division, and the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department. BE SURE TO READ BOTH BEFORE ENTERING OR COMPETING IN THIS DEPARTMENT. Some — but not all — are repeated herewith for emphasis, and others of the following Rules and Regulations apply only to this department.

3. Entries will not be accepted after the deadline or at check in.

4. BE SURE TO FILL IN THE ONLINE FORM COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY. Be sure to include exhibitor Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID Number. Social Security number or Federal Tax ID number must match the exhibitor. A Federal ID Number can only be submitted with Farm or Business entries, and a Social Security Number can only be submitted for entries submitted by an individual.

5. ALL SHEEP MUST BE CLEAN AND PROPERLY FITTED TO QUALIFY FOR ENTRY IN THIS SHOW.

6. Substitutions will be allowed at the discretion of the superintendent. Substitution can be made only in the name of the original owner-exhibitor as listed in the entry catalog and must be made at check in. No substitutions will be make after check in closes.

7. Indicate if you plan to make entries in the flock classes, but it is not necessary to name the animals which will make up your flock entry until after the judging of the individual classes. Entries in flock classes must have previously been exhibited in the individual classes.

8. All animals over three (3) months of age if entered as purebred must be registered with their breed association in the name of the bona fide owner, who must have owned the animal for at least 30 days prior to October 1, 2026. Cross bred animals must be entered in the name of the bona fide owner who must be able to show proof of ownership for at least 30 days prior to October 1, 2026. Registered animals for which no registration papers are furnished will be shown as commercial.

9. Enter online the registry number, date of birth, sex and number of each animal shown as purebred. Registration papers will be checked prior to the show. Age of purebred ewes may be obtained from registration certificates. All junior lambs must have all temporary teeth in place at the time of the show. Commercial yearling ewes which have shed their second pair of temporary teeth will be shown subject to approval of the Superintendent. Superintendent will rule on all other questions regarding age.

10. Animals exhibited in the Junior show are not eligible for entry in the open show except for the fleece class and group classes.

11. Judge's decisions are final.

NOTE: Fleece class is NOT a "FLOCK" class. Fleece classes are open to yearling rams, ram lambs, ewes and wethers of any age.

No exhibitor may win more than two premium monies in any one class. Each exhibitor will be limited to one entry in each of the group classes. Only one person per sheep is permitted in the show ring except in the exhibition of aged ewe, yearling, fall lambs and group classes.

The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering.
Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN. All sheep must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information.

PREMIUMS 1st Place - $30 2nd Place - $25 3rd Place - $20 4th Place - $15 5th Place - $10

WOOL GRADE DIVISIONS

Fine/Medium—(50's and finer)
Long/Coarse—(48's and coarser)
Dual Coated Animals/Primitive Breeds- (Natural and white fleeces are shown together. If low numbers in this division continues, in 2026 we will no longer have this division.)
Classes offered under each of the above divisions:

ALL BREEDS AND CROSSES

Division 101 White - Fine/Medium
Division 102 White - Long/Coarse
Division 103 Natural Colored - Fine/Medium
Division 104 Natural Colored - Long/Coarse

Class

01—Yearling Ram, born September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025
02—Sr. Ram Lamb, born September 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025
03—Jr. Ram Lamb, born January 1, 2026 and after
Champion Ram
Reserve Champion Ram
06—Aged Ewe, born before September 1, 2024
07—Yearling Ewe, September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025
08—Sr. Ewe Lamb, born September 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025
09—Jr. Ewe Lamb, born January 1, 2026 and after
Champion Ewe
Reserve Champion Ewe
12—Dam & Daughters-dam and two daughters, any age, bred and owned by exhibitor
13—Breeders Flock—one ram (yearling or lamb), two yearling ewes, two ewe lambs, bred and owned by exhibitor (more than one breed may be represented)
14—Fleece Class
Premier Exhibitor (all wool types)
SUPREME CHAMPION FLEECE
SUPREME CHAMPION RAM
SUPREME CHAMPION EWE
SUPREME CHAMPION WOOL BREED SHEEP
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION WOOL SHEEP

SPECIAL RULES

1. Animals to be judged 60% on wool and 40% on conformation, except in fleece classes which are to be judged 100%on quality of fleece.
2. All animals must have a minimum of 2 inches of fleece (except necks, legs and bellies).
3. Exhibitor is responsible for informing the judge of the breed or breed cross of animal. Exhibitor is responsible for entering crossbred animals in appropriate wool grade division.
4. Superintendent reserves the right to combine lamb classes if necessary due to small numbers of entries.
5. Premier Exhibitor will be calculated: 1st place - 5 points, 2nd place - 4 points, 3rd place - 3 points. champions will be used in the event of a tie.

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022 - JUNIOR EWE WOOL BREEDS

SUPERINTENDENT: Lauren Bell – Albemarle, NC

JUDGE: TBD

CHECK IN: Junior ewes must arrive and be checked in at the sheep barn Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 at 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials at the vet tent. Expect a call from Superintendent prior to show concerning pen assignment and other pertinent information.

SHOW DATE: Friday, October 23rd at 9:00 am. The show will begin with showmanship and end with costume class.

RELEASE TIME: Animals will be released at the conclusion of the show. Exhibitors will feed and care for their ewes during the fair.

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents
21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026

Animals entered in the Junior Ewe Wool Breeds will not be allowed to enter in the open except for the fleece class & group classes.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock
ENTRIES ONLINE ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $10/HEAD

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 16



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. Exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina and 21 years of age or younger as of January1, 2026. Exhihibitors must be able to show the animal on their own.
3. Completed entry will include the name, social security number and telephone number of the exhibitor of each animal. Check your entries carefully.
4. Ewes must be owned by the exhibitor at least 60 days before the show date. Ownership of purebred ewes will be verified by registration certificates. Purebred ewes with no registration papers will be shown as commercial ewes. Substitutions will be allowed within class at the discretion of the superintendent and must be made at check in. No substitutions will be allowed after check in.
5. No entries will be accepted at check in. It is encouraged to bring a print out of your entries with you to check in.
6. Exhibitors must have trained and fitted their own entries.
7. The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn. All sheep must be appropriately identifiedand comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information.
8. Animals to be judged 60% on wool and 40% on conformation.
9. All animals must have a minimum of 2 inches of fleece (except necks, legs & bellies).
10. Exhibitor is responsible for informing the judge of the breed or breed cross of animal.
11. Exhibitor is responsible for entering crossbred animals in appropriate wool grade division.
12. Exhibitors may enter no more than two ewes per class. If a junior has more than one ewe in a class, the second ewe must be shown by a junior exhibitor approved by the superintendent. If another exhibitor is showing for you, please make sure they know who they are showing for and which animal they have.
13. Ewes must be shown as individuals.
14. Class size will be limited to 20 head. If the number of entries exceeds 20 head, additional classes will be formed at the discretion of the superintendent.
15. All ewes will be mouthed at check in. Age of purebred ewes will be obtained from registration certificates. All junior lambs must have all temporary teeth in place at the time of the show. Commercial yearling ewes which have shed their second pair of temporary teeth will be shown subject to approval of the superintendent. Superintendent will rule on all other questions regard-ing age.
16. Ewes are not eligible to show in the open show except for the fleece class.
17. Ewes may be shown either with or without a halter. Major fitting should be done prior to arrival at the fair.
18. Junior Wool Champions will be invited back in for the Supreme Championship Drive.

Any questions not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the wool breed sheep superintendent.

Judge's decision is final.

Except as noted, all general rules of the fair and the livestock division will apply and govern this department.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the “Got to Be NC” slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the “Got to Be NC” program. Livestock must be identified with an official “Got to Be NC” tag purchaesd by the producer beore they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records matching their individual USDA scrapie tags with the “Got to Be NC” tag placed in each animals ear. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by August 1st.
Link to program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

Division 101 – JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

The objective of the showmanship class is to evaluate the skills of the showman and recognize those that have developed proper showmanship skills through work with their livestock projects. These skills will be evaluated separately from the quality of the animal shown. All youth entered in showmanship must be entered in breed class in order to compete. Animals taken into the ring MUST be entered in the showmanship exhibitor’s name.
Grand Champion in each age division
Reserve Champion in each age division
Class: Age Divisions: Ages are calculated as of January 1, 2026
01 Novice – 8 years old and under
02 Junior – 9-13 years old
03 Senior – 14-18 years old
04 Senior Plus – 19-21 years old

Premiums

1st Place - $50	2nd Place - $48	3rd Place - $46	4th Place - $44	5th Place - $42
6th Place - $40	7th Place - $38	8th Place - $36	9th Place - $34	10th Place - $32
11th Place - $30	12th Place - $30	13th Place - $30	14th Place - $30	15th Place - $30

Junior Wool Champions will be invited back in for the Supreme Championship Drive

Jr Wool Sheep - Divisions and Classes

Division 102 – WHITE / FINE/MEDIUM
Division 103 – WHITE / LONG/COARSE
Division 104 – NATURAL COLORED / FINE/MEDIUM
Division 105 – NATURAL COLORED / LONG/COARSE

Class:

01 – Aged Ewe, Born before August 31, 2024
02 – Yearling Ewe, born September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025
03 – Ewe Lamb class, born September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026

Grand Champion
Reserve Grand Champion
Grand Champion Got to Be NC Ewe
Fine/Medium – (50's and finer)
Long/Coarse – (48's and coarser)

Division 107 – COSTUME CLASS

Class:

01– Any exhibitor in the Junior show may participate. The exhibitor may have the assistance of one other junior age person while in the ring. Exhibitors may use any ideas they wish on how to "dress" or "decorate" their sheep to represent any personality, place or thing. Emphasis should be on some aspect of wool production or wool products. Costumes may consist of any material as long as it is not considered harmful to the animal or potentially harmful to other exhibitors. Costume class must pre-enter. Judging will be based on creativity and attractiveness. Costume class may be split into smaller classes at the discretion of the superintendent.



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025 - JUNIOR MARKET WETHER MEAT GOATS

SUPERINTENDENT: Brian Stallings

JUDGE: Max Fischer - Dublin, TX

CHECK IN: Wethers will be checked in Thursday, October 15 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Weigh cards will be turned in no later than 3:00 PM.

SHOW DATE: Friday, October 16 at 2:00 PM

SHOWMANSHIP - Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 PM
(Information in Junior Showmanship, Section 104 and must be entered separately)

RELEASE TIME: Wethers will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026 Online entries and payments will be accepted beginning August 15

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $5 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

PARTICIPANTS: Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026, and residents of the state of North Carolina. **Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any help.**

ETHICS: All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

HEALTH: The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or (919)855-7707 for more information.

ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of three wethers so long as one is Got to Be NC. Junior meat goats must be in the possession and cared for by the exhibitor and nominated by July 15th.

WEIGH BACK GUIDELINES

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- **The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale.** The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. The show is open to only wethers - NO DOES - weighing 50 to 120 lbs. All horn tips must be dulled and/or blunt.
3. Junior Market Animal Exhibitors will need to comply with the following regarding where their project animals are housed: project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows. FFA chapter programs and 4-H clubs housing animals at one location can submit one form with names of all participants at that location listed.
4. All market animal exhibitors must have completed the State Fair Animal Nomination process at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock by July 15th.

5. The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion Got to be NC Jr. Market Meat Goats will be on display in an area designated by the Livestock Department. Premiums will be forfeited if animals are not kept in the designated area.

6. Be sure to read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the general rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this Show.

Nomination Program

Animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. Nomination process includes: Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows

1. Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by June 14th
2. Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system and turn in DNA to local extension agent by July 15th.

**All steps must be complete for the animal to be eligible to officially enter the NC State Fair Livestock Shows.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the "Got to Be NC" slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the "Got to Be NC" program. Livestock must be identified with an official "Got to Be NC" tag purchased by the producer before they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records on their "Got to Be NC" tags placed in each animal. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by July 15th.
Link to program details: https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/marketing/livestock

Premiums

1st Place - $75 2nd Place - $70 3rd Place - $65 4th Place - $60 5th Place - $55
6th Place - $50 7th Place - $45 8th Place - $40 9th Place - $35 10th Place - $30
11th Place - $30 12th Place - $30 13th Place - $30 14th Place - $30 15th Place - $30

Top two Got to Be NC tagged animals per class - $5

Division 101 - Junior Market Wether Meat Goats

Market classes will be determined by ascending weights with a maximum of 20 animals per class.

01 - (Classes and divisions will be divided as determined by number of entries)

Division Champions:
Light Weight
Medium Weight
Heavy Weight
GOT TO BE NC

Reserve Division Champions:
Light Weight
Medium Weight
Heavy Weight
Reserve GOT TO BE NC

Third Overall:
Light Weight
Medium Weight
Heavy Weight

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET WETHER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR MARKET WETHER
3RD OVERALL
GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JR. MKT. WETHER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JR MKT WETHER



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026 - OPEN WETHER DAM MEAT GOAT

SUPERINTENDENT: Brian Stallings

JUDGE: Max Fischer - Dublin, TX

Animals shown in the Jr Show, will NOT be allowed to show in the Open Show.

CHECK IN: OPEN WETHER DAMS Thursday, October 15th - between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
Weigh cards will be turned in no later that 3:00 PM

SHOW DATE: Friday, October 16 after the Junior Commercial Doe Show

RELEASE TIME: Open Wether Dams will be released after the show and pens are cleaned out. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

ETHICS: All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

Participants: Open to the world

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries and payment beginning August 15

ONLINE ENTRIES
at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ENTRY FEE:
$15 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four does (2 kid does & 2 senior does) NC State Fair will only pay premiums on 2 entries per class.

HEALTH: The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or (919)855-7707 for more information.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. The show is open to Kid Does with all baby teeth and no permanent teeth exposed and Senior Does with at least one tooth missing and no more than 4 permanent teeth. All horn tips must be dulled and/or blunt.
3. Be sure to read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the general rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this show.

Weigh Back Guidlines:

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

Premiums

1st Place - $50 2nd Place - $40 3rd Place - $30 4th Place - $25 5th Place - $20

Division 101 - Open Wether Dam- Meat Goats

Class:
01 – Kid Does with all baby teeth and no permanent teeth exposed
04 – Senior Does with at least one tooth missing and no more than 4 permanent teeth

CHAMPION JR DOE
RESERVE CHAMPION JR DOE

CHAMPION SR DOE
RESERVE CHAMPION SR DOE

GRAND CHAMPION OPEN WETHER DAM
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OPEN WETHER DAM

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027 JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE MEAT GOATS

SUPERINTENDENT: Brian Stallings

JUDGE: Max Fischer - Dublin, TX

Animals shown in the Jr. Show will NOT be allowed to show in the Open Show. CHECK IN: Does will be checked in Thursday, October 15 between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. Weigh cards will be turned in no later than 3:00PM.

SHOW DATE: Friday, October 16 at 9:00 AM

COMPETITION:
Open to NC residents 21 years of age as of January 1, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries and payment beginning August 15 at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

ENTRY FEE: $5 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
See page 13

SHOWMANSHIP - Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 PM
(Information in Junior Showmanship, Section 104 and must be entered separatley)

RELEASE TIME: Does will be released after the show and pens are cleaned. To assist the clean out and sanitation crews, please remove your equipment and animals from the barn as quickly as possible.

PARTICIPANTS: Exhibitors must be 21 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2026, and residents of the state of North Carolina. **Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any help.**

ETHICS: All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.

HEALTH: The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly **enforced**.
Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.

All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA & CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919-855-7707 for more information.

ENTRIES: Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of four junior commercial does (2 kid does and 2 senior does). Junior commercial meat goat does must be in the possession and cared for by the exhibitor for 60 days prior to the show.

WEIGH BACK GUIDELINES

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately re enter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors are to abide by the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, as listed in the premium book on page 19 and unless otherwise noted, the General Rules of the Fair, Livestock division, and breed association rules.
2. The show is open to Commercial Kid Does with all baby teeth and no permanent teeth exposed and Commercial Senior Does with at least one tooth missing and no more than 4 permanent teeth. All horn tips must be dulled and/or blunt. All entries may be mouthed at anytime.
3. Junior Market Animal Exhibitors will need to comply with the following regarding where their project animals are housed: project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be in the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows. FFA chapter programs and 4-H clubs can house animals at one location.
4. All Junior animal exhibitors must to complete the State Fair Animal Nomination process at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock by July 15th.
5. Be sure to read the Health Regulations before entering. Except where noted, the general rules of the Fair and of the Livestock Department will apply and govern this Show.

Nomination Program

Animals must be nominated to be eligible for the NC State Fair Livestock Shows. Nomination process includes: Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows

1. Request NC State Fair Nomination kits through the ShoWorks system by June 14th
2. Submit animal information and upload photo on each animal for nomination through the ShoWorks system and turn in DNA to local extension agent by July 15th.

****All steps must be complete for the animal to be eligible to officially enter the NC State Fair Livestock Shows.**

PREMIUMS

1st Place - $75 2nd Place - $70 3rd Place - $65 4th Place - $60 5th Place - $55
6th Place - $50 7th Place - $45 8th Place - $40 9th Place - $35 10th Place - $30
11th Place - $30 12th Place - $30 13th Place - $30 14th Place - $30 15th Place - $30

Top two Got to Be NC tagged animals per class - $5

Division 102 – Junior Commercial Doe Meat Goats

Class:

01 – Junior Commercial Kid Does with all baby teeth and no permanent teeth exposed

- Light Weight Junior Commercial Jr Doe
  - Champion Light Weight
  - Reserve Champion Light Weight
  - Third Overall Champion Light Weight- white rosette
  - Champion Got to Be NC Light Weight
  - Reserve Champion Got to Be NC Light Weight - rosette
- Medium Weight Junior Commercial Jr Doe
  - Champion Medium Weight
  - Reserve Champion Medium Weight
  - Third Overall Medium Weight
  - Champion Got to Be NC Medium Weight
  - Reserve Champion Got to Be NC Medium Weight
- Heavy Weight Junior Commercial Jr Doe
  - Champion Heavy Weight
  - Reserve Champion Heavy Weight
  - Third Overall Heavy Weight
  - Champion Got to Be NC Heavy Weight
  - Reserve Champion Got to Be NC Heavy Weight

06 – Junior Commercial Senior Does with at least one tooth missing and no more than 4 permanent teeth

- Light Weight Junior Commercial Senior Doe
  - Champion Light Weight
  - Reserve Champion Light Weight
  - Third Overall Champion Light Weight- white rosette
  - Champion Got to Be NC Light Weight
  - Reserve Champion Got to Be NC Light Weight - rosette
- Heavy Weight Junior Commercial Senior Doe
  - Champion Heavy Weight
  - Reserve Champion Heavy Weight
  - Third Overall Heavy Weight
  - Champion Got to Be NC Heavy Weight
  - Reserve Champion Got to Be NC Heavy Weight

SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE
SUPREME RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE
THIRD OVERALL SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE
FOURTH OVERALL SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE FIFTH OVERALL SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE SUPREME CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE
SUPREME RESERVE CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JUNIOR COMMERCIAL DOE



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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPION CONTEST Dept 028

The objective of the Showmanship Champion Contest is to provide recognition to youth that have developed proper showmanship skills through work with their livestock projects.

Exhibitors must enter showmanship online by September 15, 2026.

They are not automatically entered.

Animals taken into the ring for showmanship must be entered in the showmanship exhibitor's name in the corresponding show.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2026
Online entries begin
August 15
at https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/ncstatefair/livestock

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

PREMIUMS
1st - $150/Buckle **2nd -** $100

Exhibitors making the final Drive will receive $25.

Grand Champion in each age division

Reserve Champion in each age division

Exhibitors making the final drive from age divisions with more than one heat or drive will receive an award.

Division 101 – Junior Beef Showmanship Champion Contest

All youth entered in either the Junior Feeder Calf Show, Junior Market Steer Show or the Junior Beef Heifer Show are eligible to compete. Junior Beef Showmanship Champion Contest will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 am, in the Jim Graham Building. Animals taken into the ring for showmanship must be entered in the showmanship exhibitor's name in the corresponding show.

Age Divisions (Ages are calculated as of January 1, 2026)
Class:
101 – Junior – 11 years old and under
102 – Intermediate – 12-14 years old
103 – Senior – 15-18 years old
104 – Senior Plus – 19-21 years old

Division 102 – Junior Swine Showmanship Champion Contest

All youth entered in the Junior Market Barrow Show or the Junior Breeding Gilt Show are eligible to compete. Junior Swine Champion Showmanship Contest will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 pm in the Expo Building. Animals taken into the ring for showmanship must be entered in the showmanship exhibitor's name in the corresponding show.

Age Divisions (Ages are calculated as of January 1, 2026)
Class:
201 – Novice – 8 years old and under
202 – Junior – 9-13 years old
203 – Senior–14-18 years old
204 – Senior Plus–19-21 years old

Division 103 – Junior Sheep Showmanship Champion Contest

All youth entered in either the Junior Ewe Meat Breeds Show or the Junior Market Lamb Show are eligible to compete. Junior Sheep Showmanship Champion Contest will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 1:00 pm in the Expo Building. Animals taken into the ring for showmanship must be entered in the showmanship exhibitor's name in the corresponding show.

Age Divisions (Ages are calculated as of January 1, 2026)

Class:

301 – Novice – 8 years old and under

302 – Junior – 9-13 years old

303 – Senior – 14-18 years old

304 – Senior Plus – 19-21 years old

Division 104 – Junior Meat Goat Showmanship Champion Contest

All youth entered in the Junior Market Wether Meat Goat Show or the Junior Commercial Doe Show are eligible to compete. Junior Meat Goat Showmanship contest will be held on Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 pm in the Expo Building. Animals taken into the ring for showmanship must be entered in the showmanship exhibitor's name in the corresponding show.

Age Divisions (Ages are calculated as of January 1, 2026)

Class:

401 – Novice – 8 years old and under

402 – Junior – 9-13 years old

403 – Senior – 14-18 years old

404 – Senior Plus – 19 -21 years old