

## Loudoun County Fair 2024 4-H Animal Project Rules and Requirements

### All Animal Projects

*Club rules, requirements and policies do not supersede the Loudoun County Fair Rules (General, Animal Project and/or Livestock Sale Regulations). Exhibitors are still required to read, understand and abide by all additional Loudoun County Fair Rules (<https://loudouncountyfair.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Loudoun-County-Fair-Rules.pdf>)*

1. All 4-H animal projects being exhibited at the Loudoun County Fair must be **entered into FairEntry** (<https://fairenter.com/>) **between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024** (unless otherwise directed by 4-H or Fair Staff). This includes all showmanship classes, market classes, breed classes, and species-specific events and/or competitions. **No late entries will be accepted.**
  - The only exceptions to this requirement are the Gambler's Choice and Gymkhana competitions due to alumni participation.
2. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in acceptable manners and adhere to quality assurance guidelines throughout the entire length of their project.
3. All animal project entries must be owned by the 4-H member making the exhibit (except for members enrolled in approved non-ownership projects).
4. All animal project members must show their own project animals unless the member has a valid and approved reason (must be approved by the Fair Superintendent). If an exhibitor has two or more animals entered in the same class, another registered youth Fair exhibitor may show the second animal.
5. All animals exhibited at the Fair must be housed in Loudoun County. Exceptions must be brought to the Fair Committee and the respective club's leaders in writing for approval by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair year. Approved exceptions must be able to provide the Fair Committee and the respective club leader(s) the exact address at which animals are housed.
6. With the exception of pre-approved demonstrations, animals which are ineligible to be exhibited may not be brought to the Fair.
7. Only the 4-H member, immediate family, club leaders, 4-H staff, Ag. Superintendent, and Fair Veterinarian are allowed in exhibitor pens unless given prior permission.
8. Animals may be brought to the fairgrounds beginning at 9:00am on Sunday prior to Fair opening. All animals must be in their assigned pens by Monday at 8:00pm. They must then remain on the fairgrounds until official release. The only exceptions being animals shipped out by the Auction Committee, any animals sent home by the Fair Veterinarian or Ag. Superintendent for health reasons, and clubs that switch out exhibits for demonstration purposes where insufficient barn space exists (e.g. equine).
9. All exhibitors requiring early release of their exhibit must request approval in writing from the Ag. Superintendent no later than 14 days prior to the Fair. The Ag. Superintendent will notify the exhibitor and his/her club leader(s) in writing prior to the beginning of Fair of early release decision. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a \$300 fine. Such exhibitor will not be permitted to show in subsequent Fairs until fine is paid in full.

10. Members with sale animals are responsible for said animals until shipment. This includes feeding, watering and proper welfare of the animal(s) **until they are loaded onto the designated trailer**. Failure to do so could mean a forfeiture of premiums or the inability to show at the following year's Fair.
11. All private sale animals must remain in the barns until official release.
12. Exhibitors and clubs must have their barn and exhibit areas clean by the designated day following the Fair closing.
13. All animals must be free of signs of infectious or contagious disease or conditions. A Fair designated veterinarian will have the final ruling of health status of any animal in question.
14. There will be no esophageal drenching of animals at the Fair unless required for medical reasons and approved by the Fair Veterinarian.
15. If any exhibitor's animal dies or is deemed unfit to show by a veterinarian from time of ownership until 30 days prior to the current year's Fair for swine, goat or sheep, and 60 days prior to the current Fair for beef, then that member may replace his/her animal with the following restrictions: You may only replace the animal with another animal which has already been weighed and tagged at the county weigh-in. It must come from within the Loudoun County club membership. Animals from outside of the club will not be allowed. **NO CHANGES AFTER THE CUT OFF DATES WILL BE CONSIDERED.**
16. All animal projects are subject to inspection to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections by club leaders and Fair personnel.
17. The Fair Committee will appoint a weigh master to weigh all market animals prior to their market show. This weight will be the official weight used for the Livestock Sale. If an exhibitor disagrees with the weight of his/her animal at the time of weighing, the animal will be taken off the scale and immediately placed back on the scale. The weigh master will declare the 2<sup>nd</sup> weigh-in as final. There will be no re-weighs.
18. All animals must be under the control of exhibitors at all times without the aid of tranquilizers or other drugs. Dangerous or drugged animals will be disqualified and removed from the Fair. The Fair Superintendent, or his/her designee, reserves the right to have a veterinarian draw samples from questionable animals. Proper control and handling of all animals is required without the use of excessive force. This includes, but is not limited to: slapping, kicking, and excessive whipping or hitting that causes visible marks. Show managers, 4-H staff, and/or the Agriculture Superintendent will address any violations once with a warning before consequences are issued.
19. The use of prong collars is prohibited.
20. All animal project exhibits shall be housed in the appropriate barns unless otherwise approved by the Ag. Superintendent and the Fair Superintendent at least one month prior to the start of the Fair.
21. All animal project exhibits must remain in their respective pen/barn/tie-out or official areas unless being moved to another location for official showing, washing or demonstration purposes.
22. If animals are fitted in a designated area outside the barn, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their fitting area immediately after use.
23. No barriers/partitions are permitted between pens/cages that will inhibit air flow.
24. Only exhibitors showing animals and persons serving in an official capacity are to enter the show ring during judging, except in the case of a member's safety.
25. Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted.

26. In all cases the decision of the judge is final.

### **Project Ownership Deadlines**

#### **Alpaca/Llama Projects**

- All llama project animals must be declared by May 1. In certain circumstances the farmer and/or 4-H leader can change the declared project animal for 4-H members up to the day of the show and permit a 4-Her to show an animal that is not their declared project animal.

#### **Beef Projects**

- Market animals must have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by December 30<sup>th</sup> of the current 4-H year, at which time there shall be no changes in ownership or management.
- Owned heifers are defined as having been financially and physically cared for by the exhibitor with reasonable assistance by immediate family. Examples being feed, healthcare, and supplies all paid for by the exhibitor and/or immediate family. The heifer will be added to the exhibitor or family herd or improved and sold for profit. Owned heifers must be taken care of and registered in the sole name of the exhibitor by the given ownership deadline dates according to age and show classifications.
  - Senior Yearling Heifer – January 1, 2024
  - Early Junior Heifer – January 1, 2024
  - Late Junior Heifer – January 1, 2024
  - Summer Yearling Heifer – May 1, 2024
  - Senior Heifer Calf – May 1, 2024
  - Junior Heifer Calf – May 1, 2024
- Non-ownership or leased heifers are defined as an exhibitor “borrowing” a heifer for the purpose of caring for and showing the heifer. The financial responsibility remains with the original owner of the heifer. The heifer returns to the care of the original owner at the conclusion of the project (after the Fair ends). Declaration of non-ownership status is required by December 31<sup>st</sup> and shall remain as such throughout the year.

#### **Dairy Cattle Projects**

- Exhibitors that own their animals must have the transfer complete and be in ownership by May 1 of the current Fair year.

#### **Goat Projects**

- All goats must be owned, tagged, separated and cared for by the exhibitor on or before June 1 of the current Fair year and continuously thereafter.

### **Horse Projects**

- All horses must be registered/declared by the 4-H Project Horse State declaration deadline through the State 4-H Horse Program's online declaration system. Only in extreme circumstances and with permission from the 4-H leaders may a 4-Her show an animal that is not their declared project animal.

### **Poultry Projects**

- All birds must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1 of the current Fair year.

### **Rabbit Projects**

- All rabbits must have been owned or purchased by the exhibitor prior to June 1 of the current Fair year.

### **Sheep Projects**

- Market lambs, lambs shown in the breeding classes and commercial classes at the Fair must be owned, separated, in possession of and cared for by the exhibitor on or before June 1 of the current Fair year and continuously thereafter.
- For bred & owned classes lambs must be out of the dam owned by the member at time of breeding and the dam must have been owned, cared for and in possession of the exhibitor prior to breeding and at time of lambing.
- All yearling and aged breeding stock must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor on or before January 1 of the current Fair year and continuously thereafter.

### **Swine Projects**

- All market hogs must be owned by the exhibitor by May 1 of the current Fair year.
- To show in the bred & owned market hog or gilt classes the member or family must own the sow at the time of breeding.

## **Alpaca/Llama Projects**

1. All non-ownership and ownership exhibitors are required to abide by current Fair Rules, with the exception of any specific rules adjusted for non-ownership.
2. All alpacas entering the fairgrounds must be negative for BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea). The owner/exhibitor must complete an individual certificate of health form declaring that the exhibitor's alpaca or llama is free and clear of all infectious diseases, including the snots (respiratory virus) and/or diarrhea (Rota Corona virus) as these viruses are highly contagious to other alpacas, llamas, sheep, and goats.
3. Non-ownership:
  - Non-ownership 4-H exhibitors will work with the host farm on a visitation schedule that is compliant with the farm owners. 4-H members are expected to conduct themselves respectfully on the host farm, be on-time, and notify the host farm if they are not able to attend a scheduled farm session.
  - Non-ownership exhibitors will compete in regular performance classes with all other Alpaca & Llama Club exhibitors.
  - Non-ownership members are eligible for any awards/premiums awarded.
4. Alpacas and llamas shown in Performance classes must be 6 months of age or older on the first day of the Fair.
5. Ages for Public Relations and/or Obstacle, Showmanship and Performance classes are: Junior (9-12), Intermediate (13-15) and Senior (16-18) as of September 30, 2023. Reference the AOA and ILR Show System Handbooks:  
<https://www.alpacainfo.com/show/handbook> and  
[https://secure.lamaregistry.com/downloads/ShowDivision/ILR-SD\\_GN010\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://secure.lamaregistry.com/downloads/ShowDivision/ILR-SD_GN010_Guidelines.pdf).
6. Alpacas must be shown in naturally clean field condition with a well-fitted halter and lead. Top knots may be trimmed. Toenails should be trimmed. Llamas may be bathed and groomed but not have any leave-in conditioners that enhances the fiber.
7. Alpaca and llama pens must be kept clean of manure, water should be clean, and hay and water must be replenished when low.
8. Alpaca and llama pens must have a sign which shows (at minimum) the exhibitor's name and the alpaca or llama's name.
9. Alpacas and llamas are to remain in the alpaca holding area when not being shown and should not be taken in or near the goat, sheep, or cattle barns or cattle tie-out areas or any areas where goats, sheep, or cattle are.
10. During the Loudoun County Fair only the Alpaca & Llama Club 4-H exhibitors, their parents (mom and dad), and the Alpaca & Llama Club leaders will be allowed to handle the alpacas and llamas and enter the alpaca and llama holding pens.

## **Beef Projects**

1. A copy of the registration papers for all purebred animals must be included with entries.
2. Project animals must be kept in Loudoun County. If any projects are housed on property not owned by the exhibitor's family, guidelines will be set by club leaders and 4-H staff regarding daily care, with consideration to the landowner.

3. Beef market animals may not be born before January 1 of the previous year in order to show at the Fair.
4. All beef market animals must come to the tattoo location on the specified date to be tattooed with the county seal: **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Market animals will be entered for Fair at weigh-in.
5. Weighing-in is optional but must be done to participate in the Rate of Gain contest.
6. Market steers must be dehorned.
7. Registration tattoos and registration papers will be checked for purebred animals at initial weigh-in and again at the Fair. The exhibitor must be the sole owner on the registration papers. Beef market animals not tattooed with the county seal on the specified date will not be eligible to show at the Loudoun County Fair. Breed of animal(s) must be declared at the time of weigh-in. This will be the breed class that the animal will show in at the Fair.
8. Corresponding Heifer Classes with Dates Calved
  - Senior Yearling Heifer, 9/1/22 to 12/31/22
  - Early Junior Yearling Heifer, 1/1/23 to 2/28/23
  - Late Junior Yearling Heifer, 3/1/23 to 4/30/23
  - Summer Yearling Heifer, 5/1/23 to 8/31/23
  - Senior Heifer Calf, 9/1/23 to 12/31/23
  - Junior Heifer Calf, 1/1/24 to 4/30/24
9. All heifers over the age of 8 months must be officially vaccinated for brucellosis or be tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days of the show.
10. Breeding cattle's scurs and horns must be less than 3 inches in order to show at the Fair. If their horns are over 3 inches they can be exhibited in a pen but not shown.
11. Registration tattoos for purebred females will be checked upon arrival at the Fair. Copies of registration papers for purebred females will be due with breeding animal entries.
12. Non-ownership
  - All non-ownership exhibitors are required to abide by current Beef Club rules as well as current Fair Rules, with the exception of any specific rules adjusted for non-ownership.
  - Non-ownership exhibitors will work with the host farm on a visitation schedule that is compliant with the farm owners. They are expected to conduct themselves respectfully on the host farm. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.
  - Non-ownership exhibitors are only eligible to show 1 heifer that will compete in a commercial heifer class with other non-ownership members.
  - Non-ownership exhibitors will compete in regular showmanship classes with all other Beef Club exhibitors.
  - Non-ownership members are eligible for any award/premiums awarded.
13. All purebred animals showing in purebred classes must have registration papers present at check-in. If the tattoo in an animal's ear does not correspond with the registration paper tattoo number that animal will be shown in a crossbred class.

14. Cow/Calf eligibility: The cow must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor at the time of breeding. Calf cannot be over 240 days old.
15. One bred and owned class will be held for each of the following classifications: Market steers, bulls, and breeding heifers (registered and non-registered). All breeds will be shown together.
16. To be eligible for the "Bred and Owned" class, an animal must be out of the dam owned by the exhibitor at the time of breeding.
17. Market animals will be shown in the following classes: Angus, All Other Breeds (AOB), or Crossbred. Heifers will be shown in the following classes: Angus, All Other Breeds (AOB), or Commercial.
18. All beef cattle must be shown in their appropriate classes; market animals will be shown by weight. Classes will be set after cattle are checked in.
19. All beef market animals must weigh at least 1,000 pounds and grade "select" or better to show and sell at the Fair. Any animal not meeting these requirements is eligible to show in a special class as determined by the club leader. This class is not eligible to receive premiums/awards. The steer show is a market show not a feeder show.
20. All animals used in showmanship classes are to be shown clean/dry, not fitted. The exhibitor must use one of his/her own animals which are already entered in the Fair. Showmanship classes are divided according to the age of the exhibitor. The judge will determine how many will return for final placing.
21. During the Fair only Loudoun County 4-H members and immediate family (mom, dad, sister or brother) will be allowed to clip and/or fit the animals in preparation for the show. Any 4-H member not complying with this rule may have his/her animals disqualified from the competition.
22. To participate in the Carcass Contest, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure their animal is present for the ultrasound.
23. Stall and tie out assignments will be made by the club leader based on seniority by active years. Once stall assignments are made, they may not be changed without leader approval. All assignments are subject to approval of leaders and adjustments will be made if necessary.
24. All cattle must be secured with neck ropes and halters in both the barn and tie out areas (exceptions being cow/calves in secured pens). All animals must be tied outside overnight by 9:00 PM (exceptions being lightning/storms). Animals and stall areas must be kept clean at all times. One warning will be given by the Beef Club leaders before it is turned over to the Agriculture Superintendent for further action. Stall areas will have mulch; no straw shall be used in the barns. Only enough feed and hay for 2 days shall be kept in the areas.

### **Dairy Cattle Projects**

1. Exhibitors are required to participate in both a conformation and showmanship class.
2. Exhibitors must wear white clothes, preferably pants but long shorts are acceptable. Long sleeve white shirts or t-shirts are also required.
3. Animals will be free of contagious diseases (ringworm, warts, etc.) and be vaccinated for shipping fever within 30 days of the show.

4. All calves over 5 months of age will be vaccinated against brucellosis.
5. Scurs and horns must be less than 3 inches in order to show. If their horns are over 3 inches they can be exhibited in a pen but not shown.
6. The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Unified Scorecard for Dairy Showmanship (adopted May 2003) and the Purebred Dairy Cattle Show Ring Code of Ethics will be adhered to (adopted April 2004).
7. Classes for Conformation:
  - a. Spring Heifer Calf (03/01/24 to 05/31/24)
  - b. Winter Heifer Calf (12/01/23 to 02/29/24)
  - c. Fall Heifer Calf (09/01/23 to 11/30/23)
  - d. Summer Yearling Heifer (06/01/23 to 08/31/23)
  - e. Spring Yearling (03/01/23 to 05/31/23)
  - f. Winter Yearling (12/01/22 to 2/28/23)
  - g. Fall Yearling (09/01/22 to 11/30/22)

### **Goat Projects**

1. Copies of registration papers for purebred goats must be submitted at weigh-in. Purebred goats with registration papers need to be in the exhibitor's name. Purebred goats that do not have a copy of registration papers with their entries will be entered into the commercial class and will be required to meet all commercial goat entry standards. All registered goats that are shown must be registered in the member's name. No goats shall be entered under signed transfers, dual ownership, family ownership or syndicates. If the club leaders need clarification regarding an entry, the exhibitor will be given 3 days to respond. If the exhibitor does not respond within those 3 days, the entry will be disqualified. Registered tattoos or microchips will only be accepted for breeding goats if registration papers accompany them from a goat association. Note: in the event of a breeding animal being implanted with a microchip, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to bring working equipment to scan the microchip on a determined date and time set by the club leader(s).
  - If a purebred goat intended for a purebred class does not have registration papers at the time of entry and is placed in the commercial class by the club leader(s), the exhibitor will have 2 business days to have the goat meet all commercial goat entry standards. Within these 2 business days, the exhibitor is responsible for updating their entries with the goat's scrapie tag information via the club leader(s).
2. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship with exception in the event of an exhibitor's animal becomes ill and is unable to be brought to the Fair. That animal must be entered and eligible to show in the goat show.
3. Exhibitors must participate in Goat Showmanship in order to show in any of the conformation classes.
4. All goats brought to the Fair must be entered in a conformation class, designated on the entry form. An exception is made for goats that are 12 weeks of age or younger.
5. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 goats in a class. No more than 1 entry in the dam and daughter classes per exhibitor.



6. All goats (breeding, market, and pet wether) must be clipped prior to the arrival at the Fair to accommodate veterinary inspections. Goat hair shall not exceed 3/8 inch at arrival (exemption provided for fiber breeding and fiber pet wether classes only). Any animal arriving to the Fair not meeting this rule will be sent home immediately and disqualified.
7. All goats must be clean and not fitted (except for the auction, where fitting products may be used). Fitted meaning the use of hair products.
8. Goats should be shown with a collar, short lead, or halter. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
9. All goats must remain in the designated penning area and immediate area upon arrival until released from the Fair. Goats are not allowed to be taken to trailers, cattle barns, cattle tie-out area, or any other areas away from the goat barn at any time other than the LCF Livestock Auction.
10. For bred and owned classes, animals must be out of a dam owned by the exhibitor at the time of breeding and the dam must be in possession of the exhibitor prior to breeding and at time of kidding.
11. The pet wether class is for animals not intended for market.
12. Market Goats:
  - All market goats will be weighed and tagged the first Saturday of June. There will be no limit on the number of goats a member may weigh-in, but they may show no more than 6 in the market goat classes (and a maximum of 2 per class).
  - Ownership and bred & owned status must be declared at time of weigh-in.
  - All market goats must have a scrapie tag in their ear by weigh-in. Goats arriving at weigh-in without a scrapie tag will not be weighed in. Subsequently the goat will not be eligible to be shown.
  - All market classes are open to wethers and/or does. All wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration by Fair. All market goats must show milk teeth and show no rupture of either two permanent front teeth. Any doe that is shown in the market class cannot be shown in a breeding class. Only animals shown in the market class are eligible for auction.
  - A goat must weigh at least 50 pounds and grade select or better to sell in the LCF Livestock Auction. A two pound difference will be allowed due to scale differences. Goats which do not weigh 50 pounds at time of weigh-in at the Fair will be shown in a feeder goat class. Feeder goats are not eligible for sale and will not receive show premiums. Feeder goats are not eligible for Rate of Gain.
13. Dairy Goats:
  - Dairy breed classes will consist of: Alpine, Commercial, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, and AOB (All Other Breeds). The AOB class will consist of any other dairy breeds that are not previously listed and miniature breeds.
14. Show rails (racks) are not allowed inside the Green Barn. Fitting/clipping stands and blowers are allowed to be set up in the barn aisles (no sooner than 2 hours prior to a goat show) and must be taken down and stored immediately after completion of fitting

the goat. Failure to adhere to these rules after one warning by a club leader will result in forfeiture of goat project prizes and premiums.

15. During the Loudoun County Fair only the 4-H member and their immediate family will be allowed to wash, fit, groom, etc. their goat(s). Any 4-H member not complying with this rule may have his/her animals disqualified from competition.
16. Pens must have a sign which shows (minimum) the exhibitor's name, weight of animal, gender, and grade and sale tag # (added on Friday). This sign must be displayed by Tuesday at 5pm during the Fair. Grade and sale tag # are for sale animals only. All pen signs, decorations, cooling fans, etc. must remain in place and shall not be removed until the Sunday morning after the close of the Fair.

### **Horse Projects**

1. All horses must have a current negative Coggins Test.
2. Any registered horse club member may show in the horse showmanship and Gymkhana competitions.
3. In order to show in the Gambler's Choice competition as an alumnus, the individual must be an alumnus of any 4-H club from any part of the United States or abroad.

### **Poultry Projects**

1. All poultry must be tested negative for salmonella pullorum-typhoid virus within 60 days prior to the show.
2. All birds entered in the Fair must be recognized breeds according to the American Poultry Association standards, except for auction birds and the pet class.
3. Exhibitors must enter a Showmanship class.
4. Exhibitors must own and enter their own showmanship bird. In the event of an untimely demise of a showmanship bird, and the exhibitor has no other entries, the exhibitor may request to use another member's entered bird.
5. Each exhibitor will submit a cage fee of \$5.00 per bird with a cap of \$50.00 per family. Cage fees will be returned to members who complete the club cage clean up after the Fair ends.
6. If an exhibitor does not maintain clean cages after 2 verbal requests, a loss of premiums will result.
7. Any non-meat class birds exhibited at the Fair may be auctioned in the LCF Livestock Auction in "lots" of one, two or three birds. Members are limited to selling one lot of birds at the LCF Livestock Auction. Pairs or trios may not contain more than one male bird; with the exception of meat (market) lots which may be a single bird, pair or trio. All meat birds can be males.
8. All birds to be auctioned must be entered and shown in the separate auction class.

### **Rabbit Projects**

1. Exhibitors must participate in Rabbit or Cavy Showmanship at the Fair in order to bring their project animals to Fair and participate in any other Rabbit & Cavy Club Fair event, such as the Hopping Competition or the Breed/Auction shows.

2. All rabbits exhibited in the barn must be entered or used in Showmanship, the Hopping Competition, the Breed Show, the Auction Show, or a demonstration at the Fair. Rabbits must be in the barn by the date and time specified by the Fair Committee and must remain until the close of Fair. An exception due to excessive heat may be made by appropriate club and/or Fair officials.
3. Exhibitors will be responsible for the daily care and feeding of their rabbits or for making arrangements for their care if a personal emergency arises. This includes regular use/replacement of ice bottles and/or fans (if necessary), daily feeding and watering, regular tray cleanout and manure removal, and regular monitoring of their rabbits' health.
4. Rabbits for Individual Sale must be at least 12 weeks old. All money is payable to the owner as all transactions must be with the club member or his/her designate. It will not be the responsibility of other club members to facilitate the sale of rabbits.
5. Single Sale Auction Rabbits must be entered in the Single Sale Auction Class. They are being sold in the same manner as a meat rabbit – by the pound. This does not mean they are being sold for meat, as they can be a pet/breeding rabbit. Rabbits must be between 12 and 52 weeks of age and tattooed for proper identification. If donated back to the club by auction purchaser, they will be returned to the 4-Her who owned them prior to the auction.

### **Sheep Projects**

1. Ownership exhibitors are allowed to exhibit 6 total sheep/lamb entries at the Fair with a maximum of 6 market lambs.
2. All market lambs will be weighed and tagged at the June weigh-in. The weigh-in will be the first Saturday in June. There is no limit on the number of lambs a member may weigh-in, but members may show no more than 6 market lambs.
3. Official scrapie tags must be in a lamb's ear at the time of the June weigh-in. Any animal without a scrapie tag will not be weighed and therefore unable to be shown as a market lamb.
4. Ownership and bred & owned status must be declared at the time of the June weigh-in.
5. Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival at the Fair to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length should not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches upon arrival except for breeding or wool sheep.
6. A market lamb must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds (+/- 2 pound scale variance) at the Fair weigh-in and grade choice or better to be eligible for sale at the LCF Livestock Auction. Lambs failing to make minimum weight at the time of Fair weigh-in must be shown in the feeder lamb class.
7. Feeder lambs (lambs under 90 pounds) are not eligible for the LCF Livestock Auction or sheep project premiums, nor will they be eligible for the Rate of Gain or Carcass Contests.
8. Only two bred & owned market lambs can be shown in the bred & owned market lamb classes.
9. Market lambs may be wethers or ewes. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration by Fair. Lambs exhibited in the market

lamb classes may not be shown in the breeding sheep classes (show) or in a commercial lamb division.

10. Market lamb classes will be divided according to weight and division assignments will be made at the discretion of club leaders.
11. Breed and commercial lamb classes will be divided according to age. Division assignments will be made at the discretion of club leaders.
12. All sheep must remain in the designated penning area and immediate area upon arrival until released from the Fair. Sheep are not allowed to be taken to trailers, cattle barns, cattle tie-out area, or other areas away from the sheep barn at any time other than the livestock auction, wash rack and scales.
13. Show rails (racks) are not allowed inside the Green Barn. Fitting/clipping stands and blowers are allowed to be set up in the barn aisles (no sooner than 2 hours prior to a sheep show) and must be taken down and stored immediately after completion of fitting the lamb. Failure to adhere to these rules after one warning by a club leader will result in forfeiture of all sheep project prizes and premiums.
14. During the Loudoun County Fair only the 4-H member and their immediate family will be allowed to wash, fit, groom, etc. their lamb(s) or sheep. Any 4-H member not complying with this rule may have his/her animals disqualified from the competition.
15. The application of ice or iced water in any form is prohibited including sprays, packs, blankets, towels, etc. unless the onsite Fair veterinarian has given the exhibitor and club leaders permission (due to injury or for the health of the animal).
16. The use of adhesives and glues for the purpose of fitting hair and/or wool is prohibited. The addition of twine, wool, hair or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited. The use of these products will result in disqualification and forfeiture of sheep project prizes and premiums. Fitting products may be used for the auction.
17. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
18. Sheep & Goat Club **ONLY**
  - Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. An exception can be made if an exhibitor's animal becomes ill and is unable to be brought to the Fair. The lamb shown in showmanship must also be entered in either the market lamb sheep show or the breeding sheep show. Exhibitors' lambs that are eliminated due to minimum weight requirements may be used in showmanship.
  - Pens must have a sign which shows (minimum) the exhibitor's name, weight of animal, gender, and grade and sale tag # (added on Friday). This sign must be displayed by Tuesday at 5pm during the Fair. Grade and sale tag # are for sale animals only. All pen signs, decorations, cooling fans, etc. must remain in place and shall not be removed until the Sunday morning after the close of the Fair.
  - Feed pans must be removed within ½ hour from feed time and water must be checked through the day to ensure it is clean.
19. Temple Hall Non-Ownership Club **ONLY**
  - Exhibitors must participate in Sheep Showmanship in order to show in the Temple Hall Breed Show at Fair.
  - Novice project members are allowed to show 1 lamb. Second year members are allowed a maximum of 2 lambs and those members with 3 or more years of

sheep project experience may show a maximum of 3 lambs. The assigned farmer will have the final determination of the number of animals that project members can show up to the stated limits.

- Sheep will not be sheared at the Fair. They may be clipped/trimmed.

### **Swine Projects**

1. There will be one weigh-in and tag in (on or about the first Friday or Saturday of May). It is mandatory that each hog is present for weighing and tagging. If not, the member is ineligible to show at the Fair.
2. All declared heritage breed hogs to be exhibited must have registration papers at the time of the May official weigh-in and tag in. The registration papers must be in the sole name of the exhibitor.
3. Hogs exhibited at any show prior to the Loudoun County Fair must have a health certificate issued by a veterinarian.
4. The Fair Veterinarian or Agriculture Superintendent will perform a mandatory health check on all swine coming to the fairgrounds during the Fair. The vet and/or Ag. Superintendent will enter the trailer and perform the health check *prior to the animal getting off the trailer*. If any animal does not pass the check, that animal will not be allowed on the fairgrounds and will be sent home.
5. Each exhibitor is allowed to show 2 hogs at the Fair. Only 1 may be sold at the LCF Livestock Auction. If a single exhibitor has the Grand Champion hog and the Reserve Grand Champion hog, both animals must be sold at the LCF Livestock Auction. Grand and Reserve winners will be blood tested following the market show.
6. Premiums will not be awarded in commercial classes.
7. Market hogs must weigh between 220 and 300 pounds. Hogs weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 300 pounds will not be eligible for the Carcass Contest.
8. Weight classes will be as follows:
  - a. Lightweight: 220 – 246 pounds
  - b. Middleweight: 247-273 pounds
  - c. Heavyweight: 274 – 300 pounds
9. Market hogs must grade U.S. No. 2 or higher and meet Auction Committee and Fair Rules to be sold in the LCF Livestock Auction.
10. On auction night of the Fair week, all hogs must be washed, barn cleaned, pens cleaned and ready for potential buyers by 3:00pm. No washing of animals will be allowed after 3:00pm.
11. For the bred and owned divisions, a family with multiple children showing may use littermates and each show in the bred & owned class.
12. Declared heritage breed hogs will compete in a separate class for heritage breeds. They will not compete against cross-bred market hogs or gilts. There must be at least 2 heritage breeds to make a class.
13. Heritage breed hogs that grade U.S. No. 2 or higher and meet LCF Auction Rules will be eligible for sale in the LCF Livestock Auction.

14. The hair length on a hog's body (ham, top, sides, and shoulders) must be at least one-half (1/2) inch. Hogs with body hair length less than one-half (1/2) inch are ineligible to show.
15. Water and oil will be allowed on hogs for showing.
16. All feed pans must be removed from pens after feeding, no later than 9:00am.
17. Pig pipes, canes or whips may be used on swine.
18. Premiums will be withheld if hogs are not properly taken care of (watered, fed, pens kept clean) during the Fair.

**4-H Extension Staff reserve the right to interpret all club and county requirements and rules to resolve situations which may arise and are not restricted by the lack of a requirement or rule. They have the right to amend requirements and rules at any time.**

