

2026 OPEN GOAT AND SHEEP SHOW

Schedule is subject to change. Please check with Livestock Office upon arrival for any changes.
Management may combine or cancel Classes/Divisions for the betterment of Competition.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

All Entries must be Checked in with Livestock Office by 7pm.
All Youth and Senior Breeding Livestock on grounds by 10 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

12 PM – Youth Dairy Goat Showmanship
Followed by Senior Division Dairy Goats Ring A
Followed by Senior Division Dairy Goats Ring B
All non-milkers of all breeds will be shown today.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

1 PM – Senior Division Dairy Goats Ring A
Milkers of all breeds will be shown today.
Followed by – Best Doe of Show Judging

3 PM – Senior Division Dairy Goats Ring B
Milkers of all breeds will be shown today.
Followed by – Best Doe of Show Judging

FRIDAY, July 31, 2026

1 PM – Senior Division Breeding Sheep
TBD – Completion – Sheep to Shawl Demonstration in front of Clark Pavilion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

12 PM – Senior Division Breeding Sheep

HOW TO ENTER: Online only – entries close JULY 10, 2026 (open show, all breeding animals), depending on the Division you are entering.

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1. We will only be accepting online registration for entries. If you will require assistance in order to complete the online registration entries process, please call the fair office at 805-648-3376 and we will assist you with computer entries. Wool Fleece entries are available online. See each Division for entry requirements. No late entries accepted. Online entries close at midnight for each deadline applicable to your entry. If a Premiums check which has been issued to an Exhibitor has been destroyed, lost, or allowed to expire by the Exhibitor or their agent; a replacement check can be issued after a stop payment has been made and a fee of \$50 required at time of replacement check pickup. **Checks expire 90 days after date printed.**

State Rules Apply: As referred to in the Exhibitor Handbook, all state and local rules apply.

Entry: Late entries will not be received. Entry fees are nonrefundable. NO EXCEPTIONS

ENTRY FEES

Open Senior Breeding Divisions:

Breeding Sheep	\$10.00 per class
Dairy Goat	\$10.00 per class

Open Youth Breeding Divisions:

Dairy Goats	\$10.00 per class
Showmanship	\$10.00 per class

Entry Fees are non-refundable

MOVE-IN/MOVE OUT SCHEDULE

OPEN SENIOR BREEDING DIVISIONS and OPEN YOUTH BREEDING DIVISIONS

Move-In: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Move-Out: Sunday, August 2, 2026

OPEN SENIOR BREEDING DIVISIONS

Open Senior Breeding Divisions are “extended” Divisions open to local, California and out of state residents. This is not a restricted show. Entries in these Divisions will be accepted for space available in the order received.

Entry Fee: \$10.00. All Senior Breeding Livestock Entries **must** be submitted **online** by **July 10, 2026**

Open Breeding Livestock to be checked in with the livestock office prior to 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Open Breeding Livestock to be in place prior to 10:00 PM, Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Note: Senior/Youth Breeding Exhibitor camping **will not** be allowed until **8:00 AM** on **Monday, July 27, 2026**, and **must** be removed from camping area on **Sunday, August 2, 2026**. Camping is limited to space available **and** in the area designated by the Fair. Exhibitors using stock trailers for sleeping must also pay camping fees. No camping allowed on city streets. **Camping Fee \$200**; camping application is available on the Fair website at www.venturacountyfair.org/largelivestock/, camping fee must accompany application. You must also pre-purchase an entry wristband and parking pass online. This can be done at the same time as your entries.

SENIOR BREEDING LIVESTOCK RULES

See Local Rules for Show Ring Code of Ethics

1. Entries to be made by Division and Class ONLINE only. No late entries accepted.
2. **DO NOT SHOW UP WITH EXTRA ANIMALS AND EXPECT TO ENTER ON SITE.**
3. This is not a restricted show.
4. AGDA Sanctioned AOP (all other purebred) division has been added.
5. No stall or pen will be assigned until proper entries are made.
6. **First** bedding only will be provided by the Fair. The Exhibitor must furnish bedding, hay, and feed. Telephone number(s) of local feed vendor(s) will be posted at the Livestock Office. Deliveries must be done before 9:00 AM. No cars or trucks will be allowed in the Livestock Area after 9:00 AM.
7. All animals occupying exhibition stalls or pens must be kept groomed, clean and in Show condition.
8. All pens and stall areas are to be cleaned by 10:00 AM each morning and must be neatly kept and supplied with necessary bedding at all times. Any stall/pen cleaning after this time, bedding waste must be taken to the west end of the Livestock Area

and dumped. DO NOT leave bedding in the street or pathway. DO NOT throw water in the aisle please use the wash rack. NO hay/straw in the trash cans at any time. Please keep our Livestock Area presentable for the spectators.

9. All pens must be cleaned before exhibitors will be cleared to leave the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 2, 2026.
10. Exhibitors are requested to display the name and city of their herd over the back of the pens.
11. No construction (except kickboards) or painting will be allowed on pens or stalls. All materials used in decorating must be nonflammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition. No crepe paper.
12. No one will be permitted in the Judging Ring at time of judging except those authorized by the Livestock Superintendent or Judge.
13. Premier Breeder – is an award to be made to the Breeder winning the most premiums in Open Individual Classes. The award is figured on the top six animals of each Exhibitor using a point system of 6 through 1. Animals must be owned and bred by Exhibitor.
14. Animals exhibiting signs of pinkeye, sore mouth, active ringworm, scours, or abscesses which are balding, showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed shall not be exhibited. These animals will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Animals will be quarantined, and the Exhibitor will be charged \$20.00 a day per animal if they are not removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. If there is any question as to an animal's condition, it is advisable to leave it home.
15. No dogs allowed on grounds, except as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
16. American System of Judging.
17. Proper Show Ring attire required. **NO** Exhibitor wearing sandals, costume attire, or shorts will be allowed in the ring unless prior approval from Show Management.
18. Any interference/confrontation with Judge by any parent, leader or Exhibitor is grounds for dismissal from the Show.
19. Wash racks will be open this year.
20. Generators are encouraged and allowed on grounds.
21. State Rules for Sheep and Goat Health will be enforced (See State Rules for California Fairs Section X – Sheep and Goat Health).
22. Food or Drink for human consumption is prohibited in the Livestock Area. Absolutely no eating in the Livestock Barn this includes PENS and TACKROOMS.
23. Exhibitors will each receive one (1) admission wristband, valid for admission to the Ventura County Fair for 12 days. All other family members need to purchase admission wristbands through the Ventura County Fair ShoWorks site.

OPEN SENIOR SHEEP DIVISIONS

Registered Purebreds

Pre-entry closes Friday, July 10, 2026

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry per Class

OPEN SENIOR BREEDING SHEEP RULES

1. Flock numbers, and not registration numbers, shall be used to identify all entries. Flock numbers and Breeder's initials, name or association prefix shall be on commercially used tags attached to the ear or tattooed in the ear for Yearlings and of the Lambs bred by the Exhibitor. Lambs born from a purchased, bred Ewe can bear the ear tag of the owner at the time of birth. They do not have to have original breeder's ear tag.
2. An Exhibitor may not use the same flock number on more than one animal during any two consecutive calendar years.
3. Lambs must show lambs teeth.
4. Natural Colored Sheep may show in "All Other Breeds" Division when a separate Division is not offered.
5. Registration papers must be presented to the Sheep Chairman upon arrival. Certified Registered and Pedigree Listed Sheep with certificates are eligible to exhibit.
6. Breed of Sheep must appear on entry form. There will be a maximum of 14 Breed Divisions. Any breed of Sheep not falling into one of the established Divisions will be shown in the All Other Meat or All Other Wool Breed Divisions. "All Other" Classes will not be separated.
7. **NOTE:** Entering in the Open Senior Breeding Sheep Divisions prohibits Youth from entering in the Youth Breeding Sheep Classes.

BIRTHDATES FOR SHEEP Yearlings - September 2024 thru August 2025

Fall Lambs – September 2025 thru December 2025

Spring Lambs – January 2026 thru May 2026

Premiums Offered per Class

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

Special Premium Offered

Supreme Champion Ram - \$100 * Supreme Champion Ewe - \$100

DIVISION 901 – SUFFOLK

DIVISION 902 - CORRIEDALE

DIVISION 903 – NATURAL COLORED FINE/MEDIUM

DIVISION 904 - HAMPSHIRE

DIVISION 905 - KARAKUL

DIVISION 906 - MERINO

DIVISION 907 – NATURAL COLORED COTSWOLD

DIVISION 908 - NATURAL COLORED LINCOLN

DIVISION 909 - NATURAL COLORED ROMNEY

DIVISION 910 - RAMBOUILLET

DIVISION 911 - ROMNEY

DIVISION 912 - SHETLAND

DIVISION 913 - SHROPSHIRE

DIVISION 914 - ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

DIVISION 915 - ALL OTHER WOOL BREEDS

Breed must be on entry form

Groups: Limited to one (1) Entry per Exhibitor per Class. All owned, shown by one (1) Exhibitor and entered as Individuals. **No** refunds for multiple entries in Group classes.

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| <p>Class</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yearlings, Ram 2. Fall Lamb, Ram 3. Spring Lamb, Ram 4. Pair of Ram Lambs: 2 Ram lambs, bred by Exhibitor 5. Yearling, Ewe 6. Pair of Yearling Ewes: two Yearling Ewes 7. Fall Lamb, Ewe | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Spring Lamb, Ewe 9. Pair of Ewe Lambs: two Ewe Lambs, bred by Exhibitor 10. Best Pair: any age, either sex 11. Young Flock: one Ram Lamb and two Ewe Lambs, bred by Exhibitor 12. Get of Sire: four sheep sired by the same Ram 13. Flock: one Yearling or Ram Lamb, two Yearling Ewes and two Ewe Lambs |
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DIVISION 916 – WOOL FLEECE
FLEECE DIVISION RULES

1. Wool from Registered Purebred Sheep only.
 2. Only complete fleeces sheared from sheep owned by the Exhibitor and in the grease are eligible for Competition. Manufacturers and dealers are excluded.
 3. Fleeces shall not be more than 12 months growth. The definition of "12 months" shall be the definition commonly accepted by the wool trade. Thus, if a fleece is slightly more than 12 months growth due to unavoidable delay in obtaining shearers, or by weather, it shall be termed "12 months" wool.
 4. No Wether fleeces may be included.
 5. Each Exhibitor will be limited to two fleece entries in one Class.
 6. The Judge may classify or reclassify fleeces before making awards.
 7. Fleeces shall be rolled, flesh side out and placed in a clear plastic bag. Paper twine is discouraged.
 8. Champion and Reserve Champion Fleeces will be selected.
 9. Entry fees and premiums will be the same as Standard Breeding Sheep Division. Entries must show breed, date shorn, and age of animal.
 10. Wool entries will be accepted until 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 29th, 2026.
- ** Wool fleeces will be on display in the Clark Pavilion. Fleeces will be available for purchase after they are judged. Fair releases will be provided to remove fleeces from the Ventura County Fair.

Class

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| 1. Wool Breeds, Fine | 4. Colored, Fine/Medium |
| 2. Wool Breeds, Medium | 5. Colored, Long/Coarse |
| 3. Wool Breeds, Long | 6. Meat Breeds |

Special Award - \$30 Overall Supreme Champion Fleece

OPEN SENIOR DAIRY GOAT DOE SHOW

Registered Purebred Breeding Animals

Pre-entry closes Friday, July 10, 2026

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry per Class

OPEN SENIOR DAIRY GOAT SHOW RULES

1. Exhibitors are required to have registration papers in the ring during the Show. All registration papers must be checked in at the Livestock Office **by Tuesday, July 28 by 7pm.**
2. A registration or recordation certificate for any animal six months of age or older is required.
3. Registration, recordation certificates, or the stamped duplicate application showing the date received by the ADGA office is required for any animal under six months of age.
4. No copies of registration, recordation certificate, or the stamped duplicate application are accepted by the Show Official.
5. American Dairy Goat Association Show Rules – XVI “Rules Governing the Conduct of Official Shows” are in effect at this Show.
6. The Show order is subject to change.
7. The Youth and Senior Shows will be separately sanctioned.
8. Exhibitors may only receive two (2) money awards per Class. (See State Rules)
9. **NOTE: Youth may enter into both the Open Senior Dairy Goat Show and the Youth Dairy Goat Show.** In order to remain in Youth standing, an exhibitor must show in the Youth show.
10. **\$5.00 Per Entry Change fee for all changes after close of entries!** (See State Rules) All information must be completed for each animal entry online; required information Animal Name, Animal Registration Number, Date of Birth, Dam Name & registration #, and Sire Name & registration #.

BIRTHDATES FOR DAIRY GOATS

- Junior Kid - April 16 thru June 16, 2026
- Intermediate Kid - March 1 thru April 15, 2026
- Senior Kid - January 1 thru Feb. 29, 2026
- Yearling (not in milk) – January 1 thru December 31, 2025
 - Yearling Milk - Born in 2025
 - Two-Year Old - Born in 2024
 - Three-Year Old - Born in 2023
 - Four-Year Old - Born in 2022
- Five-Year Old and Over – Born Prior to December 31, 2021

Premiums Offered per Class

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20

Special Award - \$100 Best Doe in Show

UDDER AWARDS

No entry fee

Premiums Offered per Class

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5	\$3	\$2

Ring A

DIVISION 917 – ALPINE

DIVISION 918 – LA MANCHA

DIVISION 919 – NIGERIAN DWARF

DIVISION 920 – NUBIAN

DIVISION 921 – OBERHASLI

DIVISION 922 – SAANEN

DIVISION 923 – TOGGENBURG

DIVISION 924 – RECORDED GRADE DOES
 DIVISION 925 – ALL OTHER PUREBREDS
 Ring B
 DIVISION 926 – ALPINE
 DIVISION 927 – LA MANCHA
 DIVISION 928 – NIGERIAN DWARF

DIVISION 929 – NUBIAN
 DIVISION 930 – OBERHASLI
 DIVISION 931 – SAANEN
 DIVISION 932 – TOGGENBURG
 DIVISION 933 – RECORDED GRADE DOES
 DIVISION 934 – ALL OTHER PUREBREDS

Groups: Limited to one (1) Entry per Exhibitor per Class. All owned, shown by one (1) Exhibitor and entered as Individuals. **No refunds for multiple entries in Group classes.**

Class

1. Junior Kid
2. Intermediate Kid
3. Senior Kid
4. Yearlings (not in milk)
5. Junior Get of Sire: 3 Does; Senior Yearling or younger, never having freshened; sired by the same Buck; owned by Exhibitor
6. Yearlings (in milk)
7. Yearling Milker Udder Award
8. Two-Year Old and under three (in milk)
9. Two-Year Old Udder Award
10. Three-Year Old and under four (in milk)
11. Three-Year Udder Award
12. Four-Year Old and under five (in milk)
13. Four-Year Old Udder Award
14. Five-Year Old and over (in milk)
15. Five-Year Old Udder Award
16. Best of 3 Females: 3 Does, all the same breed, owned and bred by Exhibitor
17. Get of Sire: 3 Does sired by same Buck, at least one to be a Yearling or older in milk.
18. Daughter and Dam: one Doe and one of her daughters, any age. Daughters must be bred by Exhibitor; both must be owned by Exhibitor.
19. Dairy Herd: 4 does all in milk, owned by Exhibitor

OPEN YOUTH BREEDING DIVISIONS

American System of Judging

YOUTH BREEDING LIVESTOCK RULES

See Local Rules for Show Ring Code of Ethics

1. Open to 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent Youth, must be at least 9 years of age by January 1, 2026, and no older than 19 years of age as of December 31, 2026.
2. **NEW 2024 NOTE: Youth may enter into both the Open Senior Dairy Goat Show and the Youth Dairy Goat Show.** In order to remain in Youth standing, an exhibitor must show in the Youth show.
3. Entries to be made by Division and Class.
3. No stall or pen will be assigned until proper entries are made.
4. **First** bedding only will be provided by the Fair. The Exhibitor must furnish bedding, hay, and feed. Telephone number(s) of local feed vendors will be posted at the Livestock Office. Deliveries must be done before 9:00 AM. No cars or trucks will be allowed in the Livestock Area after 9:00 AM.
5. All animals occupying exhibition stalls or pens must be kept groomed, clean and in Show condition.
6. All pen and stall areas are to be cleaned by 9:00 AM each morning and must be neatly kept and supplied with necessary bedding at all times. Any cleaning of pen/stall after this time, bedding waste **must** be taken to the west end of the Livestock Area and dumped. **DO NOT** leave bedding in the street or pathway. **DO NOT** throw water in the aisle please use the wash rack. **NO** hay / straw in the trash cans at any time. Please keep our Livestock Area presentable for spectators.
7. ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE EXHIBITORS WILL BE CLEARED TO LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025.
8. No construction (except kickboards) or painting will be allowed on pens/stalls. All materials used in decorating must be nonflammable material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition. No crepe paper.
9. No one will be permitted in the Judging Ring at time of judging except those authorized by the Livestock Superintendent or Judge.
10. All registered, purebred, grade and unregistered breeding animals must be solely owned by and under the Exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown for a minimum of 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair.
11. Youth who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange Project Members within 60 days (120 for Horse and Market Beef) prior to the Fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent Youth or enter project(s) under a different organization.
12. Youth Breeding entry forms must be signed by a Parent/Guardian and Leader/Instructor. An Affidavit of Ownership is required with entry form.
13. Youth Exhibitor Breeding Animal Project Record Book must be submitted to the Exhibits Office upon arrival at the Fairgrounds.
14. Animals exhibiting signs of pinkeye, sore mouth, active ringworm, scours, or abscesses which are balding, showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed shall not be exhibited. These animals will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Animals will be quarantined, and the Exhibitor will be charged \$20.00 a day per animal if they are not removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. If there is any question as to an animal's condition, it is advisable to leave it home.
15. Any member persistently neglecting his or her project animal will be asked to remove said animal from the Fairgrounds. Project animals are the responsibility of the member while on the Fairgrounds. Assistance from Exhibitor's parent/sibling or other Exhibitor is allowed for cleaning pen/stall and feeding; however, the Exhibitor **must** fit and show the animal.
16. No dogs allowed on the Fairgrounds, except as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
17. American System of Judging.
18. Proper Show Ring attire required. (See Uniform Requirements)
19. Any interference/confrontation with Judge by any Parent, Leader or Exhibitor is grounds for dismissal from the Show.
21. State Rules for Animal Health will be enforced. (See California State Rules for Fairs X)
22. Food or Drink for human consumption is prohibited in the Livestock Area. Absolutely no eating in the Livestock Barn this includes PEN/STALLS and TACKROOMS.

OPEN YOUTH DAIRY GOATS

Youth DAIRY GOAT SHOW RULES

1. Exhibitors are required to have Registration Papers in the ring during the Show. All Registration Papers must be checked in at the Livestock Office on Tuesday, July 28th by 7 pm.
2. A Registration or Recordation Certificate for any animal six months of age or older is required.

3. Registration, Recordation Certificate, or the stamped duplicate application showing the date received by the ADGA office is required for any animal under six months of age.
4. No copies of Registration, Recordation Certificate, or the stamped duplicate application are accepted by the Show Official.
5. Animals that have been sold/leased prior to/during showing at Fair **must** provide Proof of Change of Ownership for verification. Any change of animal ownership that cannot be verified will disqualify that animal and entry fees will be forfeited. **Note: Any Exhibitors involved in an attempt to deceive Show Officials of animal ownership will be immediately excused from the Fairgrounds and will be ineligible to show at the 2026 Ventura County Fair.**
6. Dry Classes show first.
7. American Dairy Goat Association Show Rules are in effect at this Show.
8. The Show order is subject to change.
9. The Youth and Senior Shows will be separately sanctioned.

REGISTERED PUREBRED DAIRY GOATS

Pre-entry closes Friday, July 10, 2026

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per entry per Class

Ribbons through Third Place
Rosettes to Senior Champion Doe, Junior Champion Doe, Breed Champion

Premiums Offered per Class

1st	2nd	3rd
\$35	\$30	\$25

BIRTHDATES FOR DAIRY GOATS

Junior Kid - April 16, 2026, through June 16, 2026
Intermediate Kid - March 1, 2026, through April 15, 2026
Senior Kid - January 1, 2026, through February 29, 2026
Yearling (not in milk) - January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025
Yearling Milker - Born in 2025
Two Years and under 3 years in milk - Born in 2024
Three Years and under 4 years in milk - Born in 2023
Four Years and under 5 years in milk - Born in 2022
Five Years and over - Born prior to December 31, 2021

DIVISION 935 – NIGERIAN DWARF DOES

DIVISION 936 – NUBIAN DOES

DIVISION 937 – ALL OTHER PUREBREDS

DIVISION 938 – RECORDED GRADE DOES

Groups: Limited to one (1) Entry per Exhibitor per Class. All owned, shown by one (1) Exhibitor and entered as Individuals. **No refunds for multiple entries in Group classes.**

Class

1. Junior Kid
2. Intermediate Kid
3. Senior Kid
4. Yearling (not in milk)
5. Pair of Doe Kids: 2 Doe kids, bred by Exhibitor
6. Yearling (in milk)
7. Two-year-old and under three (in milk)

8. Three-year-old and under five (in milk)
9. Five-year-old and over (in milk)
10. Daughter & Dam: one Doe and one of her daughters, any age. Daughters must be bred by Exhibitor; both must be owned by Exhibitor.
11. Get of Sire: 3 Does sired by same Buck, owned by Exhibitor.
12. Best of Three Females: 3 Does, all the same breed, owned by Exhibitor
13. Dairy Herd: 3 Does, all in milk, owned by Exhibitor

DIVISION 959 – Showmanship Youth Dairy Goats

Class

1. Novice
2. Junior
3. Senior

Judging Criteria for Showmanship

Appearance (40%) - Condition (10%), Grooming (20%), Cleanliness (10%); Appearance of Exhibitor (10%);

Showing in the Ring (50%) - Moving or leading (15%); Posing (15%); Show animal to the best advantage (10%); Poise, alertness, and attitude (10%); Total 100%

FAIR VETERINARIAN

1. Examines health certificates as required.
2. Inspect each animal for infectious or contagious diseases.
3. Follow all Federal and State Laws and Regulations relevant to a Licensed Accredited Veterinarian.
4. May order the immediate removal of any animal, which in the opinion of the approved Veterinarian places other animals at unacceptable risk of disease.
5. Coordinate urine sample collection following Ventura County Fair Collection protocol. Serve as Fair Management's Agent as it relates to the collection of urine samples at exhibition.
6. Livestock Exhibitors will be responsible for all veterinary fees applied to their animals. The Ventura County Fair may at its sole discretion require a necropsy of any animal that may die while on the Fairgrounds. Necropsy fees will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor if found in violation of the Ventura County Fair Residue Avoidance/Quality Assurance Program.

VETERINARIAN/CLIENT/PATIENT RELATIONSHIP (VCPR)

ALL CONDITIONS MUST BE MET FOR A VCPR TO EXIST

1. The Veterinarian has assumed responsibility for making a clinical judgment regarding the health of an animal needing treatment and the Client agrees to follow Veterinarian's instructions.
2. The Veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal, and he/she has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the animal and has examined the animal.
3. The Veterinarian is readily available for follow-up in the event of adverse reactions or failure of treatment.

ANIMAL HEALTH RULES

As per State Rules for California Fairs Section X. ANIMAL HEALTH RULES - Use of Pharmaceuticals in Market Animals:

1. Signature on Entry Form signifies compliance with all manufacturer and veterinarian pharmaceutical, biologic and chemical instructions, and withdrawal requirements, and that all off- label treatments to Market Animals have been administered lawfully in accordance with a prescription from a California-licensed Veterinarian whose statement notes dosage, date, and purpose for administration.
2. All Exhibitors must advise Management of any drugs and medications administered to an animal that might still be detected at the time of showing and at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, withdrawal time, route, time, and date of administration must be presented to Management prior to the showing and sale of the animal. Livestock treated within the specified withdrawal period cannot be sold without notifying the Buyer.
3. Exhibitors must complete the Fair's Medication Certificate prior to sale.

WHAT IS THE STATE FAIR'S ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM?

The program includes the State Fair's established Practices and Procedures, which affects animal health, including health certificates, veterinary care, drug statement, and Federal, State and Local Rules and Regulations. It also includes the written and unwritten practices used to conduct the sale (i.e., health checks, facility safety, and dust control). There should be provisions to deal with conflict resolution about veterinary treatment at the Fair, disqualifying animals for improper drug use, etc.

Planning and Exhibitor education is critical to success. The program should be developed by the Fair Board in consultation with the Farm Veterinarian, designated Animal Health Officer, Farm Advisor, Youth Advisors, Auction Committee Representative, and Fair Livestock Superintendents.

ANIMAL HEALTH CHECK

Why is it advisable?

Fairs are responsible for ensuring that only healthy animals are exhibited, and for taking reasonable measures to protect both animals and public health.

Animal health checks can:

1. Reduce liability for both Exhibitors and the Fairs by excluding animals with a contagious disease.
2. Protect other Livestock against exposure to contagious disease.
3. Protect the public from exposure to Zoonotic Disease, a disease transmissible from animals to humans.
4. Promote responsible Fair participation and animal health management by the Owner.
5. Improve opportunities to educate Exhibitors.
6. Ensure fair and equitable competition; and
7. Improve public relations by eliminating unsightly conditions from public view.

8. Animals exhibiting signs of pinkeye, sore mouth, active ringworm, scours or abscesses which are balding, showing hair separation, open draining or still scabbed shall not be exhibited. These animals will be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Animals will be quarantined, and the Exhibitor will be charged \$20.00 a day per animal if they are not removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. If there is any question as to an animal's condition, it is advisable to leave it home.

The program should:

1. Establish standards and procedures to meet the Fair's Animal Health Objectives and to ensure equity for all Exhibitors, include appropriate process for Exhibitors to report problems.
2. Determine whether Market Animals that require medically necessary treatment should be treated and withdrawn from the sale or be treated and entered into the sale.
3. Establish a process to deal with animals exhibiting signs of unsightly conditions or contagious disease, even if they have documentation of veterinarian diagnosis and treatment.
4. Determine who will have the authority to make a final decision, which should be either the Fair's Veterinarian or Animal Health Committee, depending on the issues.
5. Check all animals, Open and Youth Departments.
6. Provide for an isolation area to temporarily house suspected animals.
7. Explain that Owners are responsible for the expense of any follow-up tests, supplies or treatment.
8. Be communicated clearly and effectively to all participants prior to the Fair. Required materials must be provided to all Exhibitors.

How it Can Be Done at the Fair:

1. Health checks should be conducted by a Veterinarian provided by the Fair or by a Fair-designated Health Officer.
2. If the check is done during unloading at the Fair, consider: a "holding area" for animals arriving during the night, traffic congestions, staggered arrivals, Veterinarian time, etc.
3. If it is done after unloading, the check should precede animal co-mingling.

Program Suggestions if an Animal Exhibits a Health Problem:

1. Place the animal in isolation until diagnosis and Management decisions are complete.
2. Animals with minor ailments resulting from Fair stress or injuries may be treated with supervision of the Veterinarian or Health Office, in consideration for withdrawal time for Market or Dairy Animals.
3. Unhealthy animals should be sent home, unless the Veterinarian or Health Officer decides that the problem can be effectively treated to remain on the grounds for competition and sale. The decision of the Veterinarian or Health Officer should be final.
4. Medically necessary treatment should never be denied because of concerns about an animal's ability to show or sell. The animal's wellbeing must always be the number one priority, even though treatment may disqualify the animal from competition and sale.
5. In the case of animal death, necropsy is advisable, especially if contagious disease is suspected. The decision of the Veterinarian or Health Officer should be final. Veterinarians have access to California Diagnostic Lab.

PROTEST

Other than: Appeals for Disqualification and Forfeiture of Awards and/or Proceeds from Auction for Violation of Residue Avoidance Program. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of Judges, Veterinarians, Weighmasters, Breed Callers, Tail Dock Officials and Timers cannot be protested and are final.

Any protest must be made in writing and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer. The protest must be made within 8 hours of the cause of the protest. All protests must be signed and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 (cash, money order or certified bank check) payable to the Ventura County Fair or \$200.00 if the protest relates to violations of State Rules X-XI (*Animal Health Rules*). NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is upheld, the Violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct costs incurred by the Fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the Fair shall be cause for disallowing future entries in any of the network of California Fairs.

Protest must be based on a violation of rules and must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and set forth the facts relied upon, or rule violated and must include the names of a minimum of two (2) supporting witnesses, including their phone numbers (both temporary while at the Fair and permanent) upon whom proof is to be made.

If the protest concerns alleged violation of the Residue Avoidance Program or false identification of animal(s) and requires retesting of animals, the Ventura County Fair will retest the animal once the above stated conditions are met. If an animal tests positive for a violative

or undeclared residue, then the protest fee will be returned. The purpose of the fee is to off-set drug-testing fee expenses and to prevent frivolous protests. For this ground of protest, only one witness is sufficient for the protest.

Judging procedures will not be interrupted for investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation and if necessary, a hearing is completed. No complaint or appeal concerning a Judge or Judge's decision will be considered. The protest shall be adjudicated by Fair Management. Fair Management will consult with a member of the Board of Directors who shall be designated by the President of the Board of Directors. The decision of Fair Management is final.

All questions of disputes and differences not provided for under the Rules and Regulations shall be referred to the Chief Executive Officer, whose decision shall be final.

Any animal not involved in a protest is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved. Any Classes that involve a protested animal will not be officially placed until the protest is resolved. In any Championship Classes involving that animal, the Judge shall also select a 1st and 2nd Reserve Champion, in case of a disqualification.

DEFINITIONS

Approved: When used in reference to drugs, means approval by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in the species indicated on the label.

Drug Use Notification Form: The document completed in accordance with the Residue Avoidance/Quality Assurance Program.

Exhibition: A Show or Sale of Livestock at a Fair or elsewhere that is sponsored by or under the control of a County or Independent Agricultural Society; a Show or Sale of Livestock at the Ventura County Fair; a Livestock Show at a Fair elsewhere or a Livestock Sale at or associated with a Fair or Livestock Show that is assembled for any length of time; a Show or Sale at or associated with a Fair with origins outside of California.

Exhibitor: Any person who shows, displays, or exhibits Livestock at an exhibition.

Extra Label Use: The actual use or intended use of a drug in Livestock in a manner other than in accordance with the drug label directions.

Family: The immediate family of an Exhibitor, including but not limited to the Exhibitor's parent, Stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, or guardian.

FARAD: Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database.

FDA: Food and Drug Administration.

Immediately: When used in reference to a drug, means the period of time from the cessation of administration of a drug until the detectable levels of the drug residue in the Livestock or a test sample from the Livestock are within tolerance levels or at zero tolerance, unless a safe level has been established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Internal (Local) Rule: Any rule adopted by the Ventura County Fair applicable to the Exhibition and includes all State Rules.

Junior Livestock Show: A Show limited to Exhibitors nine (9) years of age or in the 4th grade through nineteen (19) years of age, or as authorized to participate in either 4-H, FFA, Grange or other Youth Organization.

Livestock: Any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, turkey, and swine.

Mandatory (State) Rule: Any rule adopted by the State relating to food safety or the health, safety, or welfare of Livestock and from which an Exhibitor may not exempt itself or its Exhibition.

Market Livestock: Exhibition Livestock bred, raised, and intended for slaughter for food purposes.

Medication: Administration of a remedy.

Optional Rule: Any rule adopted by the Ventura County Fair from which an Exhibitor may exempt itself or its Exhibition.

Over the Counter Drug: Any drug that lawfully may be purchased without a prescription.

Sabotage: Intentionally tampering with any Livestock belonging to or owned by another person that has been registered, entered in, or exhibited in any exhibition, or raised with apparent intent of being entered in an exhibition.

Tamper: A treatment of Livestock in such a manner that food derived from the Livestock would be considered adulterated, as defined below:

- a. Injection, use, or administration of prohibited drug, or misuse of an approved drug.
- b. Injection or other internal or external administration of any product or material for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing true conformation or condition of the animal.
- c. Use or administration of steroids, growth stimulants or internal artificial filling.
- d. Use or administration of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- e. Use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes.
- f. Surgical manipulation or removal of tissue so as to change, transform, or enhance the true conformation of the Livestock.

Tolerance Level: The detectable level of a residue or other substance in Livestock, in a livestock test sample, or in food, in a level less than or equal to the maximum level determined to be safe, acceptable, or non-violative by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Treatment: The management and care of a patient for the purpose of combating disease or order.

Unlawful Substance: Means any of the following:

1. Any prohibited drug; or
2. A substance which is not normally found in or does not naturally occur in Livestock; or
3. A substance which is normally found in or does naturally occur in Livestock, but is detected or discerned in amount or area greater than normal; or
4. Any drug required to be listed, but which is not listed on a drug use notification form; or
5. Any drug present in an animal regardless of how the drug came to be present if the drug was not administered by licensed Veterinarian.

U.S.D.A.: United States Department of Agriculture.

PROHIBITED AND/OR ILLEGAL PRACTICES

This is a mandatory rule

Shall include but not be limited to the following and no person shall:

- A. Administer a prescription drug to Livestock either immediately before an Exhibition or during the Exhibition unless the prescription drug is administered:
 1. By or under the supervision and direction of a Veterinarian; and
 2. Only in accordance with label directions; and
 3. In conjunction with a valid Veterinarian-Client-Patient relationship; and
 4. For a valid medical purpose; and
 5. In compliance with the drug use notification form requirements.
- B. Administer an over-the-counter drug to Livestock either immediately before an Exhibition or during an Exhibition unless the over-the-counter drug is administered:
 1. By or under the supervision or direction of the Exhibitor, the Exhibitor's designee, the owner of the Livestock or a Veterinarian; and
 2. Only in accordance with label directions; and
 3. Only for a valid medical purpose; and
 4. In compliance with the drug use notification form requirements.
- C. Administer either a prescription drug or an over-the-counter drug other than in accordance with the drug's label directions unless extra label use of the drug is:
 1. By or under the supervision and direction of a Veterinarian; and
 2. Only in accordance with the extra label directions provided by the Veterinarian; and
 3. In conjunction with a valid Veterinarian-Client-Patient relationship; and
 4. For a valid medical purpose; and
 5. In compliance with the drug use notification form requirements; and
 6. An extended withdrawal time is assigned to the drug by the Veterinarian as part of the extra label directions and reported on the drug use notification form.
- D. Show any Livestock that contains an unlawful substance.
- E. Show any Livestock that has been subjected to unacceptable practices.

ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

This is a mandatory rule

Shall include but not be limited to the following grooming, commercial, or medical practices deemed acceptable to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of Livestock:

- A. Grooming Practices:
 1. Adding caffeine free soda pop, gelatin, or other sweeteners to drinking water in normal amounts to encourage water consumption.
 2. Hoof trimming.
 3. Cosmetic dehorning in Market Class Livestock.
 4. Using Collodium as a teat sealant, but for no longer than eighteen (18) hours.
- B. Commercial Practices:

1. Adding molasses or other sweeteners to feed to encourage consumption.
 2. Properly administered approved growth implants.
 3. Castration.
 4. Beak trimming.
 5. Dehorning.
 6. Tattooing.
 7. Hot or freeze branding.
 8. Humane ringing.
 9. Tail docking.
 10. Ear notching.
 11. Ear tagging.
 12. Shearing.
- C. Medical Practices:
1. Drenching of lambs for medical purposes.
 2. Acceptable surgery, including clamps, brands, and chemical castration.

UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

This is a mandatory rule

Shall include but not limited to the following: grooming, commercial, or medical practices that are detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of Livestock and are prohibited.

- A. Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to Livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period.
- B. Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting Livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the Livestock.
- C. Plugging of teats.
- D. Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen (18) hours using approved substances.
- E. Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat.
- F. Using ice internally or externally for purposes of enhancement.
- G. Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for relief of tympany or gas on the day of Exhibiting.
- H. Use of ramps, elevated feeders or like apparatuses/situation for feeding Livestock. (All animal feeders need to be at a level where the animal can stand flat on the ground).
- I. Use of treadmills or exercise equipment to fit animals is prohibited.