



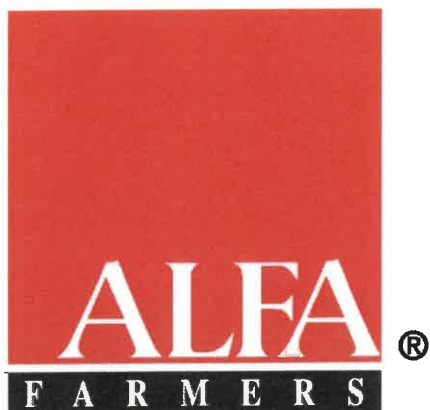
The 11 Best Days of Fall

Official

Rules and Regulations

Youth Livestock Shows

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GENERAL YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES

1. **Exhibitors:** All Youth Livestock Show exhibitors must be a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama. Exhibitors agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, its officers, directors, and members; the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc, its sponsors, its officers, directors, employees and volunteers, and the City of Montgomery for any claims, demands, or law-suits of any nature whatsoever involving loss of livestock or injury to livestock or exhibitor's personnel or for any actions by exhibitor's personnel. The owner and/or exhibitor is fully responsible for all his/her livestock and other properties, and the Fair is not responsible in any way for such livestock and properties. For damages or injuries that may be done to, or suffered by, said exhibitor, he, she, or they shall have redress against that person or persons causing damage or injury, and not against the Alabama National Fair and Agricultural Exposition, Inc., or the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, or the State of Alabama.
2. **Exhibitor Participation:** Entries in the Youth Show must be shown by their owner. Only exhibitors with proper entries at the show are eligible to assist exhibitors who have more than one animal in the same class. The only exception will be for handicapped exhibitors which may receive assistance if approved by the show committee.
3. **Exhibitor Age:** For all cattle shows, Beef and Youth and Open Dairy, the exhibitor must be 9 years of age before or on the DAY OF SHOW. For Goat, Sheep, and Swine shows, the exhibitor must be 4 years of age before or on the DAY OF SHOW.
4. **Exhibitor Equipment:** Positively, NO open fires, charcoal fires, grills, cooking or food preparation will be allowed in the barns, pens, displays, or show area. Each exhibitor must furnish their own watering containers. Community or common watering facilities are prohibited.
5. **Entry:** To be eligible, exhibitors must make entries online at www.alnationalfair.org, under the participation tab.

1. ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BEEF AND YOUTH and OPEN DAIRY CATTLE, SHEEP, AND GOATS WILL BE SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026. There will be \$200 late fee for any entries made after August 15th until September 13, 2026.

2. ENTRY DEADLINE FOR SWINE WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026.
NO SUBSTITUTING AND/OR CHANGES. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED.

6. **Entry Fee:** Fees for Youth Livestock Show will vary per show.
 - a. Youth Beef Cattle Show: \$40 per animal
 - b. Youth Goat Show: \$20 per animal
 - c. Youth Dairy Cattle Show: \$30 per animal
 - d. Youth Sheep Show: \$20 per animal
 - e. Youth Swine Show: \$20 per animal
7. **Entrance:** The Fair's Coliseum Boulevard Gate (1295 Coliseum Blvd; Montgomery, AL) will always be open so that those wishing to see livestock events may gain admittance without inconvenience. Admission tickets will be required.

Gate Passes: Upon receipt of entry, each livestock exhibitor will receive a complimentary 11-day competitor wristband (Value \$220). All other family members will be required to purchase 11-day gate pass for admittance to the Fair and/or a day pass (prices vary daily). Passes will be sold at the Livestock Gate Entrance for \$25 each (children 5 and under are admitted FREE.) Pre-order season passe(s) can be purchased online during the online process for \$25.

Truck/Trailer Passes: Truck and trailer stickers will be required for livestock exhibitors at a cost of \$10.00. These passes can be purchased online during registration or at the Livestock Entrance Gate upon arrival.

8. **Parking:** There will be instructions posted where exhibitors and volunteers are to park. The parking spaces behind Teague Arena is designate area for Fair Staff and volunteers. There will be hang tags assigned. Exhibitor parking will be in the dirt area in front of the cattle barns with the overflow parking in front of Crawford Arena.

9. **Stalling Animals:** Stalls will be assigned in the all-livestock barns. They will be assigned based on the number of entries from each county. **Any request for stalling must be received in the Fair office before registration deadline.** All animals must be on the Fairgrounds prior to the end of Check-in and must remain in place until the animals has completed competition. Non-entered animals are prohibited.

Stalling Fees: **Beef Cattle** - \$20 per stall (there will be one stall (2 rings) assigned.)

Dairy Cattle - \$20 per stall (one ring per stall)

Goat Pen - \$10 per pen (NO TACK PENS)

Sheep Pen - \$10 per pen (NO TACK PENS)

Swine Pen - \$10 per pen (NO TACK PENS)

10. **Bedding:** The Fair will provide wood shaving for the first bedding only. Hay, feed and additional bedding will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls and any other assigned areas clean.

11. **Animal Care/Information:**

Project Care: Exhibitors must always remain in charge of their project(s) and care for them for the duration of the show. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal/project(s). The Livestock Executive Committee reserves the right to decide what always constitutes acceptable treatment of animal/project(s). Unacceptable treatment of animal/project will not be tolerated.

Fitting/Grooming: Animals must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves.

Restraint/Unruly Animals: Exhibitor and patron safety are top priorities. Therefore, Ring Stewards may be forced to remove any unruly animal from the show at any time; to which there will be no appeal. Cattle must be shown with a halter and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by the exhibitor.

12. **Pets:** Pets, excluding those defined with American with Disabilities Act as service animals, are not permitted on the grounds at any time.

Accepted Official Identification Types by Species for Fairs

To be eligible, animals must comply with Alabama Animal Disease Traceability (ACT) requirements.

BOVINE: 1. According to the Alabama Traceability Rule (80-3-6-40) “Official ID required for cattle, 18 months of age or older at change of ownership; all female dairy cattle; cattle and bison used in rodeo, show, exhibition or recreational events. Official EID will be 840 EID tags.

Resource: Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries:

<https://agi.alabama.gov/animalindustries/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2024/09/ADT-Flyer-30Sept2024.pdf>

SWINE: 1. An official EID (an electronic identification) ear tag purchased from an approved animal identification number (AIN) manager or distributor.

2. Ear Notches – All swine must have a legible and fully healed (free of scabs or evidence of being freshly cut) ear notch.

SHEEP & GOAT: All sheep and goats are required to have Scrapie Ear Tag.

Resource: Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries:

<https://agi.alabama.gov/animalindustries/animal-health/scrapie/>

ANF Executive Committee

Stephanie Pittman, Alabama National Fair Staff

Melissa Palmer, ANF Livestock Director

Jimmy Parnell, ALFA Staff Member

Mitt Walker, ALFA Staff Member

Collin Adcock, FFA Representative

Dr. Wil Smith, Kiwanis Member

Youth Show Superintendents

Youth Beef Cattle Show: Jimmy Parnell

Youth Goat Show: TBA

Youth Dairy Cattle Show: Reid McGuire

Youth Sheep Show: Donnie Goneke

Youth Swine Show: Reid McGuire

Open Show Superintendent

Open Dairy Cattle Show – Reid McGuire

YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

Show Schedule

Thursday, October 15th

10:00 am

2:00 – 4:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

Barns open to receive sheep

Registration & Weigh in for Youth Sheep Show

Premier Exhibitor

Showmanship

Dairy Cattle Barn

HN Lewis Barn

Teague Arena

Teague Arena

Friday, October 16th

8:00 am

Youth Sheep Show

Breeding Sheep

Market Lambs

Teague Arena

This show is subject to the General Youth Livestock Show Rules and Regulation as well as individual show rules.

Species Committee members are as follows: Mr. Donnie Goneke, Superintendent; Rebecca Balkcom, Collin Adcock, Brittany Hill, Jack Harris, and Melissa Palmer, ANF Livestock Director.

YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

Rules and Regulations

1. All sheep exhibited at the Alabama National Fair (ANF) – Youth Sheep Show shall be the property of and under the direct care of the exhibitor by August 15, 2026. All registered sheep shall be the property of and recorded in the same name as the exhibitor or the exhibitor's farm name by August 16, 2025. Original registration papers issued by the breed association will be checked for verification of ownership. Only sheep properly registered in the appropriate breed association will be allowed to show in the registered breeding sheep classes.
2. ANF Youth Sheep Show will consist of a Market Lamb Show and a Breeding Sheep Show. All breeds and crosses are eligible. Ewe Lambs can be shown in the Market Lamb Show or in the Breeding Show, but the same ewe lamb cannot be shown in both shows.
3. Painting with the intention of altering the classification is not allowed and will result in that animal being ineligible to show.
4. Exhibitors can submit 6 entries BETWEEN the Market Lamb and Breeding Sheep Show. Exhibitors may show a maximum of four (4) per show.
Examples: a. Three (3) Market Lambs plus three (3) Breeding
b. Four (4) Market plus two (2) Breeding
c. Two (2) Market plus four (4) Breeding
5. **Ram Lambs are not eligible to show.**

BREEDING SHEEP PROGRAM RULES

1. All breeding ewes, to be eligible to show, must be born between December 1, 2025, through June 1, 2026.

2. Breeding classes will be broken as evenly as possible by the committee after entries have been received on/before August 15, 2026.
 - a. Registered ewes will be shown by age. (Papers will be checked at registration.)
 - b. Non – Registered ewes will be classified into the following divisions:
 - White Face Cross – no papers: white or speckled face and legs, white body, piebald Dorset, Dorset or Southdown appearing.
 - Black Face Cross - no papers: black face and white body, anything appearing to be Hampshire/Suffolk/ Oxford.
 - Natural – no papers: gray, blue, dark fleece
 - Hair – no papers: Dorper, Katahdin, or AOB

A Top Five (5) will be selected in each of the divisions (white face cross, black face cross, natural, hair, and registered). A Top (5) overall will be selected from these division finalists.

MARKET LAMB PROGRAM RULES

3. Market lambs must possess milk teeth and have minimum weight of 70 pounds to be eligible to show in the market show. No Maximum weight.
4. Market lambs classes will be determined by weight.
5. Market lambs must be slick sheared for the show (no wool above the hocks/knees including head).
Definition: Slick sheared is defined as no more than 1/8 inch of wool on the body of the sheep.
6. No foreign material (paint, powder, whitewash, white-out, show-glo, etc.) may be used to alter the color and/or conformation of any market lamb.
7. Breeds accepted:
 - a. White Face Cross – no papers: white or speckled face and legs, white body, piebald Dorset, Dorset or Southdown appearing.
 - b. Black Face Cross - no papers: black face and white body, anything appearing to be Hampshire/Suffolk/ Oxford.
 - c. Natural – no papers: gray, blue, dark fleece
 - d. Hair – no papers: Dorper, Katahdin, or AOB

A Top (5) will be selected in each of the divisions (white face cross, black face cross, natural, and hair). A Top (5) overall will be selected from these division finalists.

****Commercial Ewes will be weighed and shown by weight. ****

ALABAMA BORN & BRED

The highest placing AL born & bred lamb from each class (Breeding and Market) will return for selection for a Top (5) overall AL bred.

SHOWMANSHIP PROGRAM RULES

1. **Showmanship Age:** Youth Sheep Showmanship classes are divided up into 4 divisions. Youth exhibitors will enter the division below based off age at the DAY OF THE SHOW.
 - a. Senior (Ages 16 to 19)
 - b. Intermediate (Ages 13 to 15)
 - c. Junior (Ages 9 to 12)
 - d. Beginner (Ages 4 to 8)
2. **Classes:** Exhibitors within each age division will be placed into classes. Classes within each division may be comprised of exhibitors of different ages.
3. **Judging:** The judge will not be required to rank every exhibitor within each class. It will be up to the judge to determine how many exhibitors from each class will be returning for the Division Finals.
4. **Division Finals:** Exhibitors selected by the judge from each class will return to compete for the Division Finals. The judge will rank each exhibitor in the Division Finals.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM RULES

To be eligible for Premier Exhibitor, you must compete in the Skillathon Quiz, Judging, Showmanship, and exhibit an animal. Youth exhibitors will enter age-appropriate divisions based on their age DAY OF SHOW.

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| a. Beginner (Ages 4 – 8) | d. Senior (Ages 16 – 19) |
| b. Junior (Ages 9 – 12) | |
| c. Intermediate (Ages 13 – 15) | |

Beginner Class – Breakdown of Points

33.3% Based on a 10 question (species specific) Skillathon Quiz
33.3% Based on Judging Class (1 placing class)
33.3% Based on the placing in Showmanship

Junior, Intermediate, Senior Classes – Breakdown of Points

25% Based on a 25 question (species specific) Skillathon Quiz
25% Based on Judging Class (1 placing class)
25% Based on 10 questions on the 1 placing class
25% Based on the placing in Showmanship