



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 SWINE SHOW

Show Schedule

Friday, October 16th

12:00 pm (Noon)

Barn open to receive Swine

HN Lewis Barn

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration & Weigh In for Youth Swine Show

HN Lewis Barn

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 am

Premier Exhibitor

Teague Arena

Following

Showmanship

Teague Arena

Following

Breeding Swine

Teague Arena

Following

Market Lamb & Commercial

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: Reid McGuire, Superintendent; Jody Hodnett, Jack Harris, Colton Christjohn and Melissa Palmer, ANF Livestock Director.

YOUTH SWINE SHOW

Rules and Regulations

1. Exhibitors must show their own hog in all classes, including Showmanship. Exhibitors must exhibit the same animal in showmanship heat and the finals, when applicable.
2. Animals will be exhibited only once either as a commercial gilt, purebred gilt, or as a market hog.

PUREBRED SWINE SHOW PROGRAM RULES

1. Exhibitors are allowed to 2 entries per breed.
2. Registration papers must be shown at registration for each registered purebred animal.
3. Any breed having a minimum of six (6) breeding gilts owned by two (2) or more exhibitors will be allowed to have a breed show. All other entries will be grouped together and shown as AOB class.
4. **Acceptable Breeds:**
 - a. AOB
 - b. Berkshire
 - c. Duroc
 - d. Hampshire
 - e. Yorkshire
5. Each breed will have the following classes:
 01. February Gilts: farrowed during February 2026
 02. March Gilts: farrowed during March 2026
 03. April Gilts: farrowed during April 2026
 04. May Gilts: farrowed during May 2026

05. June Gilts: farrowed during June 2026
06. July Gilts: farrowed during July 2026
07. Grand Champion
08. Reserve Grand Champion
09. Supreme Champion
10. Reserve Supreme Champion

****COMMERCIAL GILTS** will be shown by weight and divided into a minimum of four (4) classes. Commercial gilts are eligible to compete for Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion.

JUNIOR MARKET HOG SHOW PROGRAM RULES

1. All gilts, barrows, breeds, and crossbreeds are eligible for competition.
2. Classes will be determined by weight.
3. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the class winners.

SHOWMANSHIP PROGRAM RULES

1. **Showmanship Age:** Youth Swine 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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| d. Beginner (Ages 4 – 8) | d. Senior (Ages 16 – 19) |
| e. Junior (Ages 9 – 12) | |
| f. 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