
May Day Livestock Expo

2022 Rulebook

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Merced, CA

As of 1/04/2022

Exhibitor Rules

- Open to any 4-H, FFA, or Independent exhibitor who is eligible to show or belongs to a club/chapter in Merced County and Madera County.
- Exhibitors are eligible to show more than one species due to staggering of animals.
- Exhibitors are not required to dress in official 4-H or FFA uniforms while showing their respective animals.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the feeding, grooming, and health of their animals while at the May Day Livestock Expo.
- May Day Livestock Expo and California Youth Livestock Association are not responsible for the injury or death of any animal.
- Limit of 2 animals per division per exhibitor. (ex. No more than 2 market hogs may be exhibited by an exhibitor, No more than 2 Market Lambs, No more than 2 Breeding Ewes, etc.)

General Rules

- No open flames or electrical appliances with heating elements are allowed in the livestock area. Blowers are allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed to be brought into or stored in the livestock barn area.
- No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that shows any evidence of any communicable disease or unsightly condition. This may include, but is not limited to ringworm, club lamb fungus, contagious ecthyma, prolapse or open wounds.
- Abuse of animals in any form will not be allowed. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse

Beef

Market Steers

1,000lbs +

Classes will be broken by weight.

Weights will be declared by Exhibitors in the Showman App- see instructions under 'Weight Declaration'.

4-H and FFA Heifers

- Junior Calf (Jan 1, 2022 – Mar 15 , 2022)
- Senior Calf (Sept 1, 2021- Dec 31, 2021)
- Summer Yearling (May 1, 2021- Aug 31,2021)
- Junior Yearling (Jan 1, 2021- April 30, 2021)
- Senior Yearling (May 1, 2020- Dec 31, 2020)

Dairy

All Other Breeds (AOB) shall be Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorns, Ayrshires and Dutch Belts. Red Holsteins shall be shown in Holstein-Friesian Divisions.

4-H & FFA REGISTERED JERSEY AND AOB

4-H & FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN

1. 2 years under 3, not in milk (September 2020-August 2021)
2. 2 years under 3, in milk (September 2020-August 2021)
3. 3 years under 4, in milk (September 2019-August 2020)
4. 4 years under 5, in milk (September 2018-August 2019)
5. 5 years or over, in milk (Prior to Sept. 2018)

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6. Dry cow, 3 years and over
 7. Winter Female Calf (December 2021 – February 2022)
 8. Senior Female Calf (September – November 2021)
 9. Summer Female Calf (June – August 2021)
 10. Junior Yearling Female (March – May 2021)
 11. Winter Yearling Female (December 2020 – February 2021)
 12. Senior Yearling Female (September – November 2020)

*Dairy Classes subject to change depending on # of entries.

Sheep

All sheep and goats entering the May Day Livestock Expo must have individual identification. All official identification must be kept on the animals. The identification may be an official USDA individual identification ear tag, premises ear tags, or legible premise tattoos (must include a unique animal number), Scrapie Flock Certification program ear tags, registration tattoos if accompanied by registration papers or other approved identification.

4-H & FFA Market Sheep Show

No minimum weight, maximum weight 145.

Market lambs will be divided into classes based on weight.

Weights will be declared by Exhibitors in the Showman App- see instructions under 'Weight Declaration'.

4-H and FFA Breeding Ewe Show

Ewes born between 9/01/2021 and 2/28/2022

Will be broken by Breeds declared by Exhibitors-natural & blackface, hair, and whiteface/speck.

If the judge believes an animal has been misclassified- it will move to the appropriate class.

Goats

Market goats are wethers and does only, no bucks. Market goats must show milk teeth. Goats must be horned, tipped, or de-horned. No maximum weight limit.

4-H & FFA Market Goat Show

Weights will be declared by Exhibitors in the Showman App- see instructions under 'Weight Declaration'.

Swine

4-H and FFA Breeding Gilt Show

Classified Breed gilts born after 9/30/2021

Cross Gilts weight limit-375lbs

- Animals must be a GILT- never farrowed prior to showing.
- Classes will be broken down into breed divisions based on the number of entries per breed: AOB, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, and Yorkshire.
- Cross gilt classes will be broken down into classes based on weight.

Gilts entered in the Breeding Gilt Show are not eligible to show in the Market divisions and vice-versa.

4-H & FFA Market Hog Show

Weight Limit 175-280lbs

- AOB
- Duroc
- Hampshire
- Yorkshire
- Light Cross
- Dark Cross

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Rabbits

Exhibitors can enter both meat pen and single fryer classes. List all tattoo numbers on online entry. Rabbit exhibitors may exhibit up to 3 single fryers.

Meat Pen of three- Three rabbits; 3 1/2 pounds to 5 1/2 pounds each, not over ten (10) weeks old. Must all be the same breed and variety.

Single Fryer- One rabbit 3 1/2 pounds to 5 1/2 pounds, not over ten (10) weeks old.

Showmanship

Each species will have showmanship divisions broken up by 4H and FFA affiliation with the exception of Dairy, Beef, and Rabbits. The champion showman selected from each division per species will compete against each other for Specie Champion Showman honors.

Divisions per Beef, Dairy, and Rabbits:

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced

4-H & FFA divisions for Goats, Sheep, and Hogs:

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced

Showmanship will be offered for each of the 6 species shown at the May Day Livestock Expo.

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL IN SHOWMANSHIP.

Skill-a-thon Contest

The Skillathon Contest is designed to test exhibitors' knowledge within their species and age division.

Each species division will feature a test designed for each age division- Novice, Junior/Intermediate, and Senior/Advanced.

Exhibitors will have the opportunity to register for the Skillathon Contest via the entry form or at check in upon arrival at the May Day Livestock Expo.

Awards will be given to the top placing individuals in each division.



Weight Declaration

Via the Showman App- The instructions will be updated once entries are live on the Showman.