

LOCAL RULES

1. The Merced County Spring Fair, Los Banos, commences Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. and closes at midnight, Sunday, May 7, 2017.
2. The Fair Administration Building is located at the corner of 4th and F Streets, Los Banos.
3. **ENTRY CLOSING DATES** for Market Beef and Replacement Heifers is January 10th, All Other Market Animals and Breeding Animals is March 1st, All Still Exhibits, except Cut Flowers and Special Contests, is March 28. The closing date for Cut Flowers is May 1. However, the Management reserves the right to close a class entry before closing dates in the event that all available space has been allotted.
4. All entries (except floral walk-ins and special 'day of contests'), for the 2017 Merced County Spring Fair must be made online by accessing our web site at www.co.merced.ca.us/springfair. Entry fees are non-refundable.
5. All entries are at the exhibitor's risk. The Fair Management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
6. Checks will be made payable to "Owner" listed on entry. All premium checks not cashed within 90 days of date issued will be revoked.
7. No passenger vehicles will be allowed to park in other than designated areas at any time. Vehicles parked in other areas may be towed away at the expense of the owner.
8. Exhibitors are urged to become familiar with all Local and State Rules, which will be strictly enforced.
9. NOTE TO EXHIBITORS: All rules contained in "State Rules for California Fairs" as established by the Division of Fairs & Expositions apply to the Spring Fair. A copy may be obtained from the Division of Fairs and Expositions (send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, 1010 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825) or maybe viewed from their web site at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe.
10.
 - a. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of Judges, Veterinarians, Weighmasters, Livestock Superintendent and Timers cannot be protested and are final.
 - b. All protests must be presented to the Management of the Fair in writing within 24 hours of the alleged violation, or 24 hours after the results are available to the public of exhibits judged pre-fair.
 - c. Protest must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit (cash, money order, or certified check) which will be returned only if the protest is determined valid.
 - d. Protest and appropriate action are decided by the Fair's Board of Directors or designees in a timely manner.
 - e. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to Fairs and Expositions.
11. Exhibitors in the Senior Departments will be limited to residents of Merced County. Exhibitors in the Junior Departments are open only to children who reside in

Merced County and/or attend a Merced County School. Directors, Fair Managers, and/or their spouses are not eligible to exhibit at their own county fair.

12. Complimentary entries will be welcome if space permits. No entry will be required for such exhibits.
13. Exhibitors who engage in foods or baking confections as a profession (including catering and teaching) are **not eligible** to enter in any foods or baking divisions.

JUDGING SYSTEMS

DANISH JUDGING: based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets those standards, rather than how it compares with other exhibits.

<i>Placing</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Ribbon</i>
Group 1	Superior	92-100	Blue
Group 2	Good	84-91	Red
Group 3	Average	70-83	White
Group 4	Poor	69-0	No ribbon

AMERICAN JUDGING: judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, one third, etc.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Merced County Board of Supervisors:
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MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR STAFF



Ron Brandt, CEO/ Fair Manager
Patti Alberti, Fair Coordinator

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

ENTRIES CLOSE:

Dairy Replacement Heifers & Club Beef – Jan 10, 2017
Club Goats, Sheep & Swine - March 1, 2017
All Breeding Animals, Small Animals and
Showmanship – March 1, 2017

- 1. TO BE COMPLETE AND ACCEPTED ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE: ear tag numbers; complete scrapie number which includes breeder ID and individual animal number; brand inspection; bill of sale and any other required forms by entry deadline. Substitutions will be allowed for breeding animals with the maximum of two (2) per exhibitor. Information pending is acceptable on breeding animals for association numbers only. Refunds are not available for entry fees of incomplete entries.**
- Show boxes, tack, feed or equipment is required to be stored in the assigned tack area. This will be an area no more than 5 feet by the length of your club or chapter pens. Where available, this will be the area 5 feet behind our pens. In areas where this is not possible, an area will be assigned to your club or chapter. Tent and pop-ups will only be allowed in the designated area behind the Livestock Office at a fee of \$100 per 10x10 tent and pop-up. These spaces are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Livestock feed pass holders will be allowed to drive their vehicles containing necessary feed or bedding onto the fairgrounds for the purpose of caring for and feeding animals between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. One Livestock feed pass, per species, will be available for each large club or chapter. Clubs or chapters with less than 10 exhibitors will receive one livestock feed pass only.
- There will be an admission charge to the fair. Exhibitors will require a wristband, which will be given to the club/chapter leaders. If the wristband is tampered with, lost or confiscated the exhibitor will have to purchase a replacement band for \$10.00. Each large club or chapter showing large animals will receive three (3) leader passes; clubs or chapters with 10 exhibitors or less will receive one (1) leader pass. Additional passes may be purchased by large animal leaders exhibiting proper ID for \$16.00 until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 25, 2017.
- 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.
- The Merced County Spring Fair will have a row of champions' barn. All breed grand and reserve grand champions, (Market and Breeding) may be used in this display. Animals in this display will be released upon conclusion of Master Showmanship (Round Robin) on Sunday afternoon. Exhibitor must care for their animals and the area until this time.
- Exhibitors will at all time give necessary and personal attention to the animals that they have on exhibit. Each exhibitor, or his representative, will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage caused by any animal exhibited by him and shall hold the Merced County Spring Fair and its agents harmless and indemnify them against any legal proceedings arising from each loss, injury or damage.
- The Merced County Spring Fair cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Insurance coverage is available through California Fair Service Authority (CFSA), before April 1, 2017, for more information call, 826-5166.
- Fitting of livestock is a hands-on educational process; exhibitor must be present and actively involved when animal is being worked on.
- NOTE TO EXHIBITORS:** All rules contained in "State Rules for California Fairs" as established by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to this fair. A copy may be obtained from the Division of Fairs and Expositions (send a self addressed, stamped envelope to 1010 Hurley Way #200, Sacramento, CA 95825).
- The Merced County Spring Fair Club Animal & Dairy Replacement Heifer Shows are open to: residents of the Merced County School Districts or individuals enrolled by way of intra-district transfer or attending private schools within Merced County, 4-H members that are residents of the Firebaugh School District, 4-H and FFA members that are residents of the Chowchilla School District and college students who were eligible to show at the Merced County Spring Fair the previous year. Breeding divisions are open to the same exhibitors.
- No water troughs will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
- Fair Management can establish separate classes if there are sufficient entries. Independent junior exhibitors must not have been in a junior

organization within 60 days (120 for beef cattle) to be eligible to participate and must notify Fair Management in writing prior to January 1, 2017. Prior to the opening of the Fair, Fair Staff may arrange a project visit.

15. 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.
16. Original ownership registration certificates must be shown on arrival at the fairgrounds. All animals must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to their show or they may be scratched.
17. All cattle must be double tied (i.e. halter and neck rope). Fair personnel will monitor this at the time of check in and other times as needed. The Livestock Superintendent will have the final decision on what is considered adequate.
18. Fair participants that would like to put liquids into any animal by tube or drench must have written approval from the Livestock Superintendent. The use of any drug or medication on Club animals will have to follow manufacturer specifications or veterinary instructions for withdrawal and dosage for slaughter. Name of drug, dosage and date given shall be presented to the Livestock Superintendent on a "Drug Administration Form" available in the Livestock Office.
19. Abuse of animals in any form will not be allowed. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse.
20. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animal. The Livestock Superintendent through a written request shall clear any exception to this rule.
21. Exhibitors will cooperate with Security personnel or any other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, and/or animal care.
22. Sale Policy: Once the buyer declares their intentions for their purchase in the sale ring, the animal will be marked for shipping. This decision is final and will not be changed. Please do not approach the buyers for this purpose after your animal has been sold.
23. As a condition for participation in the Merced County Spring Fair, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered to blood, urine and tissue analysis by the Fair or appointed agent. Sale prices and/or premiums will be withheld pending test results.

24. Premium checks will be mailed to Chapter Advisors and 4-H Community Leaders approximately May 17, 2017.
25. The official dress code for exhibitors shall be white pants and a white collared short or long sleeve shirt. Members of FFA and 4-H may wear additional items (i.e. FFA jacket, scarf or tie; 4-H – scarf or tie, hat) as required. Dress code is to be enforced by their organization.
26. All livestock exhibitors are required to have themselves and their animals available to be presented in any special exhibit areas, contest or publicity as requested by fair management.
27. All animals must be solely owned by the exhibitor.
28. **Livestock exhibitors are allowed to show one large animal. Club Steer, Club Swine, Club Lamb, Club Goat or Dairy Replacement Heifer or one Rabbit Meat Pen, one Single Fryer Rabbit or one Avian Meat Pen.**

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

Rules Governing the Junior Livestock Auction

1. All animals will be sold to buyers for re-sale or custom processing.
2. **Livestock exhibitors are allowed to show one large animal. Club Steer, Club Swine, Club Lamb, Club Goat or Replacement Heifer or one Rabbit Meat Pen, one Single Fryer Rabbit or one Avian Meat Pen.**
3. All Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions must sell.
4. If you choose to have an animal that has qualified for the sale removed from the sale, you must do this no later than one hour after the show. If your animal is one that is in the sale order and it misses it's time to be in the ring it will be sold by the auctioneer at resale price. The animal will be shipped and you will be paid resale price. Release time for club animals that are not in the sale will be set by the Livestock Superintendent.
5. Individuals exhibiting the first place 4-H and FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats and Dairy educational displays will have their animal sold just before the Reserve Champion of that species.

6. The JLA Auction will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
7. **AUCTION RUNNERS. Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter is responsible for providing runners for the Auctions. A time schedule and the number of runners needed from each club/chapter for each auction will be arranged by the Livestock Office.**
8. All animals offered for sale shall be part of a FFA Chapter, 4-H Club, Grange, or an Independent project. All projects must comply with the California State Rules and shall have been on exhibit for the duration of the 2017 Merced County Spring Fair.
9. Selling a dead animal or reselling of animals previously sold is expressly prohibited. .
10. Any animal sold privately during the Fair will be the full responsibility of the seller and the buyer. Fair Association will not be responsible for billing and delivery of animal. All animals must be removed from the Fairgrounds no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, May 8, 2017.
11. All Club animal exhibitors must complete a drug residue avoidance policy letter before their animal is weighed in.
12. All sale animals shall be weighed Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon unless otherwise directed by the Fair. Exhibitors shall arrange to have sale animals weighed at this time. No re-weighs to meet tolerances will be allowed. The certified fair scales shall be the official scales.
13. **An eligible exhibitor may sell one Club Beef, Lamb, Goat or Hog that has been judged "Market Ready" or one Replacement Heifer or one Meat Pen of Rabbits or Avian or Single Fryer. Exhibitors may only sell in one auction, JLA, Replacement Heifer, or Small Animal Auction.**
14. It shall be the responsibility of the owner-exhibitor of each animal to properly care for it, including feeding and watering until removal or 5:00 p.m. Sunday of the Fair.
15. The Fair Management, Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Club and its leaders, FFA Chapters and their advisors assumes no responsibility for validity of any sale made. Sellers will dispose of their animals solely on the own volition. Buyers purchase animals likewise "sale is a trade" as in any auction. Animals offered must be sound and clean.
16. To defray the auction costs and maintain a contingency as required by the Division of Fairs and Expositions, the Fair will charge 10% commission of the gross sale. The Beef Council Amendment Bill, AB 2631, was signed into law on

July 2, 1982. It requires all livestock sales, including Junior Livestock Auctions, to pay \$1 a head assessment to be used in the areas of education, research and advertising. In addition, the brand inspector's fee will be charged to the seller. The National Pork Producers Council collects a \$.004 assessment of the sale price per swine sold to be used in pork promotion and research.

17. **Each Steer and Dairy Replacement Heifer that sells must have turned in before the entry deadline a "proof of ownership and brand inspection" statement for the state brand inspector. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
18. Group buyer forms are provided for the convenience of buyers wishing to purchase an animal as a group. **THESE FORMS ARE NOT TO BE USED TO SOLICIT BIDS THE MORNING OF THE AUCTION.**
19. **Sale checks will be ready for the exhibitors on Sunday, May 7, 2017 after 4:00 p.m.** They must be picked up and signed for by the consignor. Those not picked up will be mailed Monday.
20. **The Merced County Spring Fair will have a row of champions' barn. All breed grand and reserve grand champions, (Market and Breeding) may be used in this display. Animals in this display will be released upon conclusion of Master Showmanship (Round Robin) on Sunday afternoon. Exhibitor must care for their animals and the area until this time.**

REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT SALE

Heifers to be sold Thursday, May 4, 2017 must have been raised by 4-H and FFA members. Heifers may be grade or registered animals, which are safe in calf. Animals must also be:

1. A bonafide 4-H or FFA project of owner. **Replacement Heifers must be owned 120 days prior to the opening day of the fair.**
2. Sired by a registered bull of the same breed as dam.
3. Identified by an ear tattoo, California Brucellosis ear tag number and a side view either sketched or photographed.
4. Bred to a registered bull of the same breed or, if not, the breed of the sire must be listed on the entry.
5. Certified by the seller to be open in all four quarters, vaccinated for Brucellosis, Rednose and Leptospiroses within a year of sale and have been dehorned and discrepancies concerning health to be determined by committees' consulting veterinarian.
6. The animal must be within approximately 75 days of calving by the day of sale. If the heifer calves before Monday, May 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m., the animal must be transferred to a breeding class and will not be eligible for the sale. If she calves after this date, she must calve on the grounds and the exhibitor must notify the Livestock or Dairy Superintendent before the calf is born. If she is eligible to sell, she will be sold with the calf by her side.
7. Fitted out in show condition for judging during Fair and subsequent sale. Animals will be judged in a special division for acceptance for sale and order in sale. Only superior quality dairy replacement heifers will be eligible.
8. Must be owned by exhibitor and registered with the Merced County Spring Fair on proper forms provided for that purpose by the office prior to January 10, 2017. Entry fee of \$17.00, bill of sale and brand inspection are also due at this time.
9. Seller to transfer papers on registered animal.
10. Production record of dam is required. Include this information with replacement heifer application, it will be accepted and announced at sale.

11. Only one (1) animal may be entered.
12. The sale will be conducted in the Carousel Ring. As soon as the auctioneer strikes off the animal, she is the buyer's responsibility and may be removed from the Fairgrounds by payment of amount bid and acquiring a release from the Livestock Office.
13. Seller shall feed, water and care for animal until removal, or 5:00 p.m., Sunday of the Fair.
14. All applicable rules of the Club animal sale shall apply.
15. Individuals exhibiting the first place 4-H and FFA Dairy educational displays will have their animal sold just before the Reserve Champion.

**All Outstanding Exhibitor Applications are due on
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 no later
than 5:00 p.m.**

Other Awards that are offered include:

Outstanding First Year Exhibitor

Jaime Brown Memorial

Bud Cozzi Memorial

Lloyd Cotta Memorial

D.O. Germino Scholarship

**Merced County Spring Fair Heritage Foundation
Scholarship**

For more information on Awards and Scholarships
contact the Fair Office.

THANK YOU!

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2016 MILK BARN SPONSOR

LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 29th

9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Barns Available for tack, feed and straw only. Barn charts will be posted. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO BARN CHARTS WITHOUT LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS APPROVAL. Livestock staff and security will not be available. Only entrance will be through the Livestock gate.

SUNDAY, April 30th

8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Dairy barns available for feed, tack and bedding, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

MONDAY, May 1st

8:00a.m.-6:00p.m. Receive 4-H & FFA Livestock. (Trailers w/10 head or greater of sheep, swine or goats; beef & dairy w/5 head or more. Less than, must come in after 9:00am.)

6:00p.m. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE

TUESDAY, May 2nd

9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. Weigh in Club Swine at Swine Scale
9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. Club Lambs and Club Goats weigh in at Beef scale, end of Barn 2

11:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. Beef weigh in at Beef scale, end of Barn 2

All Club Animals must be weighed by deadline.

1:00p.m. Replacement Heifer Check in, location TBA

3:00p.m. 4-H & FFA Grade Dairy Show, classes alternating

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. FFA Club Swine followed by 4-H Club Swine, followed by Grand Champion Swine followed by Breeding Swine – Pavilion Ring # 1, FFA Club Goats, followed by 4-H Club Goats, followed by Grand Champion Club Goat, followed by FFA Goat Showmanship, followed by 4-H Goat Showmanship, followed by Independent Goat Showmanship, followed by Breeding Goats – Pavilion Ring #2

10:00 a.m. Dairy Replacement Heifers, 4-H followed by FFA (classes may be split) 4-H & FFA Jersey/AOB Dairy (classes alternating) followed by Dairy Showmanship: 4-H Junior/FFA Novice/4-H Intermediate/FFA Freshman/4-H Senior/FFA Advanced/Independent– Arburua Arena

THURSDAY, May 4th

9:00 a.m. FFA Swine Showmanship, followed by 4-H Swine Showmanship, followed by Independent Swine Showmanship – Pavilion Ring #1. 4-H & FFA Valley Lamb, followed by FFA Club Lambs, followed by 4-H Club

Lambs, followed by Grand Champion Lamb, followed by Breeding Sheep, followed by Supreme Champion, followed by Wether Dams – Pavilion Ring #2

10:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Holstein Dairy (classes alternating), followed by Supreme Champions – Arburua Arena

12 Noon FFA Club Beef, followed by 4-H Club Beef, followed by Breeding Beef, MMCA Bred Heifer Class, followed by FFA Beef Showmanship, followed by 4-H Beef Showmanship, followed by Independent Beef Showmanship – Arburua

6:00 p.m. Replacement Heifer Sale – Carousel Arena

FRIDAY, May 5th

7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m. Weigh in FFA Rabbit Meat Pens followed by 4-H Rabbit Meat Pens, followed by FFA Single Fryer weigh in, followed by 4-H Single Fryer weigh in – Arburua Arena

7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m. Receive Avian – Inspection area
8:00 a.m. FFA Rabbit Meat Pens, followed by 4-H Rabbit Meat Pens, followed by, FFA Single Fryers, followed by Breed classes and Showmanship – Arburua Arena.

8:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Avian Judging, followed by Avian Showmanship - Arburua Arena

10:00 a.m. FFA Valley Lamb Showmanship, followed by 4-H Valley Lamb Showmanship, followed by FFA Sheep Showmanship, followed by 4-H Sheep Showmanship, followed by Independent Sheep Showmanship – Pavilion

5:00 p.m. Pee Wee Showmanship – Arburua Arena

5:00 p.m. Small Animal Master Showmanship
6:00p.m. Small Animal Auction, Carousel Arena

SATURDAY, May 6th

10:00 a.m. Junior Livestock Auction – Carousel Arena

SUNDAY, May 7th

6am-10am Livestock Released
9:00 a.m. FFA Leaders Meeting – Location to be announced

10:00 a.m. 4-H Leaders Meeting – Location to be announced

11:00 a.m. Livestock Awards – Arburua Arena

12:00 noon Master Showmanship – Arburua Arena

2:00 p.m. Open Master Showmanship

All Animals must be released by the Livestock Office to leave the ground

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

NO ENTRY FEE. Winner in each specie will sell just prior to the Reserve Champions. The exhibitor must build the display. Exhibitors name and Club/Chapter listed on it. Displays will be judged for each species on the content of the display, its educational value, visual aspects and appeal to the fair going public, and promotion of agriculture. Lettering shall be legible from 10 feet and on one side only. No display may be used more than one year. Displays must be set up by Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 12 noon.

Displays for Rabbits and Avian must be brought to the Small Animal Show Area on the morning of the show.

Please contact the Livestock Office, should you require additional space for a display. This additional space may not be in the area that your animal will be penned.

DIVISION 400: EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

- Class: 1. Beef
2. Sheep
3. Swine
4. Dairy Cattle
5. Goat
6. Rabbit (Display on Friday)
7. Avian (Display on Friday)
8. Other, identify on entry

SPECIAL BARN QUILT CONTEST

A Barn Quilt is a 4'x4' piece of plywood painted with a colorful quilt block pattern. The block is framed and hung on a barn or out building. The Fair will provide the 4'x4' piece of plywood to the entrant. There will be a limited number of entries available, and will be on a first come first serve basis.

A 3x5 card with the club name, a contact person and a phone number must be attached to the back of each barn quilt entered.

The completed Barn Quilts will become the property of the fair and used at their discretion. There will be Barn Quilt samples available for viewing in the main office. **Up to 100 points for clean barn may be given for Barn Quilts.**

ONLINE ENTRIES DUE: March 28, 2017 11:59 p.m.

DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 26-27, 10a.m. to 4p.m. to the Exhibit Building
American System of Judging

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$25	\$20	\$10

DIVISION 401: 4-H & FFA SPECIAL BARN QUILT CONTEST

- Class: 1. 4-H Special Barn Quilt
2. FFA Special Barn Quilt

BEEF CATTLE

CLUB STEERS

Club Beef entries close 1/10/2017

Club Beef are judged under the DANISH SYSTEM of Judging. After weigh in, Club beef may be divided into weight lots within the limitations as desired by Management for convenience in judging. The decision of the Judges at the scales is final.

It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions that the quality standards established for Club animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change in the event that there are changes made in federal grading.

Market Ready Steers may sell.

MARKET BEEF SCORECARD

Market Ready: Market steers projected to have sufficient fat deposition to meet the marbling specifications for USDA Prime, Choice, or Select+ quality grades.

Not Market Ready: Market steers lacking evidence of sufficient fat deposition to produce a desirable consumer product. Steers projected to grade USDA Select- or lower.

For sale purposes, payment will be made on maximum weight of 1300 lbs.

The exhibitor must individually own Club Beef for 120 days prior to the opening day of the fair.

All of the following **must** be in place at the time of the entry deadline:

1. Online entry complete with proper fees.
2. **Brand Inspection and Bill of Sale must be mailed in or delivered to the fair office by 1/10/2017 or online entries will not be accepted.**

CARCASS CONTEST

Exhibitor's attendance is mandatory at carcass contest to be eligible for premiums. Carcass contest will be held at Los Banos Abattoir at a date to be determined later.

Beef Champions:
FFA Champion Beef
FFA Reserve Champion Beef
4-H Champion Beef
4-H Reserve Champion Beef
Grand Champion Club Beef
Reserve Grand Champion Club Beef

Entry Fee: \$17 per entry

DIVISION 402: FFA CLUB BEEF

Class: 1. FFA Club Beef 1000 lb. & up

DIVISION 403: 4-H CLUB BEEF

Class: 1. 4-H Club Beef 1000 lb. & up

DIVISION 404: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP CLUB BEEF

No cash award. Three animals that have been shown in proceeding Club divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

- Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

REGISTERED BEEF

Special Awards:
Supreme Champion Registered Bull
Supreme Champion Registered Female

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

4-H and FFA exhibitors show together in registered and grade classes.

DIVISION 405: ALL BREEDS BEEF CATTLE

- Class: 1. Junior-Senior Bull Calf
Sept. - Dec 2016
2. Summer Yearling Bull
May - Aug. 2016
3. Junior Yearling Bull
Jan. - Apr. 2016
4. Supreme Champion Bull - *No cash award*
5. Junior-Senior Heifer Calf
Sept. - Dec. 2016
6. Summer Yearling Heifer
May - Aug. 2016
7. Late Junior Yearling Heifer
March - Apr. 2016
8. Early Junior Yearling Heifer
Jan. - Feb. 2016
9. Late Senior Yearling Heifer
Sept. - Dec. 2015
10. Intermediate Senior Yearling Heifers
May - Aug. 2015
11. Early Senior Yearling Heifer
Jan. - April 2015
2. Supreme Champion Female - *No cash award*
3. Pair of Females (2 of same breed, owned by exhibitor)
4. Get of Sire (3 animals by same sire, owned by exhibitor)

DIVISION 406: COW/CALF, ALL BREEDS

Cow born prior to January 1, 2015. Cow cannot be entered in any other class and is not eligible for Champion. Calf may be entered in appropriate class. Exhibitor must be owner at time of calving. Calf at side must be born after August 31, 2016 and nursing cow.

Class: 1. Cow/Calf, All breeds

GRADE OR UNREGISTERED PUREBRED ANIMALS BY PUREBRED SIRE

Special Award:
Champion Grade Beef Female

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$20	\$18	\$15

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

4-H and FFA exhibitors show together in unregistered and grade classes.

A permanent ear or tattoo number is required and must be listed on the online entry along with the animal birth date. Animals that have been registered by a purebred association cannot be entered in this division.

DIVISION 407: GRADE BEEF FEMALES

- Class: 1. Junior Calf
Nov. – Dec. 2016
2. Senior Calf
Sept.- Oct. 2016
3. Summer Yearling
May- Aug. 2016
4. Junior Yearling
Jan. – April 2016
5. Late Senior Yearling
March – July 2015
6. Early Senior Yearling
August – Dec. 2015
7. Champion Grade Beef Female – *No cash award.*

DIVISION 408: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP BREEDING BEEF

No cash award. Three animals that have been shown in preceding breeding divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

- Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

**MERCED MARIPOSA CATTLEMEN
ASSOCIATION
BEEF BRED HEIFER PROJECT**

Sponsored by:
Merced Mariposa Cattleman Association

This class is open only to exhibitors pre-registered with the MMCA Beef Bred Heifer Project.

PREMIUMS OFFERED

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$20	\$18	\$15

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

DIVISION 409: MMCA BEEF BRED HEIFER

- Class: 1. MMCA Beef Bred Heifer

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

For 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship Divisions only.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3

NO ENTRY FEE IF ENTERED BY MARCH 1, 2017. LATE ENTRY FEES OF \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED IF ENTERED AFTER MARCH 1, 2017. LATE ENTRIES CLOSE MAY 2, 2017.

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL. Entries in Showmanship MUST be made online by March 1, 2017.

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4-H EXHIBITORS ARE TO USE THEIR GRADE AS OF March 1, 2017 WHEN DETERMINING WHICH DIVISION TO ENTER.

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If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one specie, they will have to choose which they will represent in Master Showmanship.

FFA NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Exhibitors who have never shown that specie of animal. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

FFA FRESHMAN SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Freshman Exhibitors. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 4 and 5. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 6, 7 and 8. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to Grade 9 and above.

DIVISION 410: BEEF CATTLE

- Class: 1. FFA Novice Showmanship
2. FFA Freshman Showmanship
3. FFA Advanced Showmanship
4. 4-H Junior Showmanship
5. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship
6. 4-H Senior Showmanship
7. Independent Showmanship

DAIRY CATTLE

DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

Replacement Heifer entries close 1/10/2017

Animals to be sold at the Replacement Heifer Auction Thursday, May 4, 2017 must be entered in this division and complied with Replacement Heifer Project Sale requirements.

Brand Inspection and Bill of Sale must be mailed in or delivered to the fair office by 1/10/2017 or online entries will not be accepted.

Replacement Heifer Champions:

Grand Champion Replacement Heifer

Reserve Grand Champion Replacement Heifer

Entry Fee: \$17 per entry

DIVISION 411: REPLACEMENT HEIFER

- Class: 1. 4-H Replacement Heifer
2. FFA Replacement Heifer

REGISTERED DAIRY CATTLE

Special Award:

Supreme Champion Registered Dairy Bull
Supreme Champion Registered Dairy Female
Supreme Champion Registered Junior Dairy Female

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

All Other Breeds (AOB) shall be Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorns, Ayrshires and Dutch Belts. Red Holsteins shall be shown in Holstein-Friesian Divisions. Classes will be shown in following order as listed; bull classes will begin approximately one hour after Senior Champion is selected.

DIVISION 412: FFA REGISTERED JERSEY AND AOB

DIVISION 413: 4-H REGISTERED JERSEY AND AOB

DIVISION 414: FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN

DIVISION 415: 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN

- Class: 1. 2 years under 3, not in milk (September 2014-August 2015)
2. 2 years under 3, in milk (September 2014-August 2015)
3. 3 years under 4, in milk (September 2013-August 2014)
4. 4 years under 5, in milk (September 2012-August 2013)
5. 5 years or over, in milk (Prior to Sept. 2012)
6. Dry cow, 3 years and over
7. Senior Champion Female – *No cash award*
8. Reserve Senior Champion Female – *No cash award*
9. Bull Class (includes Junior Yearling) (March 2016 – February 2017)
10. Champion Bull – *No cash award*
11. Reserve Champion Bull – *No cash award*
12. Winter Female Calf (December 2016 – February 2017)
13. Senior Female Calf (September – November 2016)
14. Summer Female Calf (June – August 2016)
15. Junior Yearling Female (March – May 2016)
16. Winter Yearling Female (December 2015 – February 2016)
17. Senior Yearling Female (September – November 2015)
18. Junior Champion Female – *No cash award*
19. Reserve Junior Champion Female – *No cash award*
20. Grand Champion Female – *No cash award*
21. Reserve Grand Champion Female – *No cash award*
22. Young Herd (one bull and two females, all senior yearling or younger)
23. Best Three Females (any age, each exhibitor limited to one entry)

24. Produce of Dam (two animals, any age, either sex, the produce of one cow; dam must be identified by a registration number)
25. Daughter and Dam (group to consist of two females, one being the dam of the other; animals must be owned by exhibitor)

DIVISION 416: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP REGISTERED DAIRY CATTLE

No cash award. Five animals that have been shown in preceding divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club, no more than two by any one member. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

- Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

GRADE OR UNREGISTERED PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE

*Special Award:
Grand Champion Grade*

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
\$20	\$18	\$15	\$10

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

All breeds judged together. A permanent ear or tattoo number is required and must be listed on the online entry along with the animal birth date. Animals that have been registered by a purebred association cannot be entered in this division. Classes will be shown in following order as listed.

**DIVISION 417: FFA ALL BREEDS GRADE DAIRY
DIVISION 418: 4-H ALL BREEDS GRADE DAIRY**

- Class: 1. Winter Female Calf
(December 2016 – February 2017)
2. Senior Female Calf
(September – November 2016)
3. Summer Female Calf
(June – August 2016)
4. Junior Yearling Female
(March – May 2016)
5. Winter Yearling Female
(December 2015 – February 2016)
6. Senior Yearling Female
(September – November 2015)
7. Junior Champion Female – *No cash award*

8. Reserve Junior Champion Female – *No cash award*
9. 2 years under 3, not in milk
(September 2014-August 2015)
10. 2 years under 3, in milk
(September 2014-August 2015)
11. 3 years under 4, in milk
(September 2013-August 2014)
12. 4 years and over
(September 2012-August 2013)
13. Senior Champion Female – *No cash award*
14. Reserve Senior Champion Female – *No cash award*
15. Grand Champion Female – *No cash award*
16. Reserve Grand Champion Female – *No cash award*

DIVISION 419: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP GRADE DAIRY CATTLE

No cash award. Five animals that have been shown in preceding grade divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club, no more than two by any one member. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

- Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

For 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship Divisions only.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3

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4-H EXHIBITORS ARE TO USE THEIR GRADE AS OF March 1, 2017 WHEN DETERMINING WHICH DIVISION TO ENTER.

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FFA NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

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FFA FRESHMAN SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Freshman Exhibitors. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 4 and 5. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 6, 7 and 8. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to Grade 9 and above.

DIVISION 420: DAIRY CATTLE

- Class: 1. FFA Novice Showmanship
2. FFA Freshman Showmanship
3. FFA Advanced Showmanship
4. 4-H Junior Showmanship
5. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship
6. 4-H Senior Showmanship
7. Independent Showmanship

SWINE

CLUB SWINE

Club Swine entries close 3/1/2017

Club Swine are judged under the DANISH SYSTEM of Judging. After weigh in, Club Swine may be divided into weight lots within the limitations as desired by Management for convenience in judging.

Club Swine classes will be broken and judged by breed. There must be a minimum of 15 to constitute a breed. For swine breeds with less than 15 head, an All Other Breeds Division will be offered.

The decision of the Judges is final. It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions that the quality standards established for Club animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change in the event that there are changes made in federal grading.

The exhibitor must individually own Club Swine for 60 days prior to the opening day of the fair.

Market Ready Swine may sell.

CLUB SWINE SCORECARD:

Market Ready: U.S. number 1 and U.S. number 2 hogs of average or greater conformation that are acceptable in leanness, muscularity and production traits. Recommended back fat thickness at the 10th rib is >.35 and <1.1.

Not Market Ready: Any hog of below average conformation including U.S. number 3, U.S. number 4 and utility grade hogs. Includes any hog with backfat thickness at the 10th rib of <.35 and those >1.1.

Swine Champions:

FFA Champion Club Hog
FFA Reserve Champion Club Hog
4-H Champion Club Hog
4-H Reserve Champion Club Hog
Grand Champion Club Hog
Reserve Grand Champion Club Hog

Entry Fee: \$17 per entry

DIVISION 421: FFA CLUB HOGS

Class: 1. FFA Club Hogs, 210-275 lbs.

DIVISION 422: 4-H CLUB HOGS

Class: 1. 4-H Club Hogs, 210-275 lbs.

DIVISION 423: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP CLUB HOGS

No cash award. Five animals that have been shown in proceeding Club divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

- Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

BREEDING SWINE

Special Award: Supreme Champion Sow

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$28	\$20	\$16

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

4-H and FFA exhibitors show together in classes.

Breeds Offered: Any recognized registered breed meeting Breed Association requirements. Use numbers to identify notchings.

Entries in group classes must be of same breed, owned by one exhibitor and entered and shown as individuals.

DIVISION 424: REGISTERED SWINE, ALL BREEDS

- Class: 1. Senior Yearling Sow
(July - December 2015)
2. Junior Yearling Sow
(January - June 2016)
3. Fall Sow
(July - December 2016)
4. Champion Sow - *No cash award*
5. Reserve Champion Sow - *No cash award*
6. Get of Sire (three swine any age, get of same sire)
7. Best Pair of Females (any age, one entry per exhibitor)

DIVISION 425: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP REGISTERED SWINE

No cash award. Five animals that have been shown in the preceding divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club, no more than two by any one member. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

- Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

For 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship Divisions only.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3

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4-H EXHIBITORS ARE TO USE THEIR GRADE AS OF March 1, 2017 WHEN DETERMINING WHICH DIVISION TO ENTER.

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FFA NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Exhibitors who have never shown that specie of animal. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

FFA FRESHMAN SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Freshman Exhibitors. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 4 and 5. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 6, 7 and 8. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to Grade 9 and above.

DIVISION 426: SWINE

- Class: 1. FFA Novice Showmanship
2. FFA Freshman Showmanship
3. FFA Advanced Showmanship
4. 4-H Junior Showmanship

5. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship
6. 4-H Senior Showmanship
7. Independent Showmanship

SHEEP

VALLEY LAMB SHOW

Entries close 3/1/2017
DANISH SYSTEM of Judging

Local kids showing locally produced lambs fed locally produced feed products.

This show is open to all clubs and chapters in Merced County. Exhibitors are allowed to show one Club Lamb or one Valley Lamb, see Livestock Rule #28. Letters of intent must be submitted to the fair by December 18, 2015.

Locally produced lambs will be available for selection. A random draw for selection order will take place.

Lambs must be fed locally produced feed products. Alfalfa hay, corn, almond hull, cotton seed meal, oats. A basic ration developed for the competition will be available at the fair on scheduled days at the cost of the feed. Exhibitors are welcome to adjust feed with the approved feeds from this list.

Lambs will be presented with 14-21 day wool, sheared uniformly to increase the value of the pelt.

Qualifying lambs will be placed in the sale order in the final rotation and will have a higher resale price based on the value that they have for the consumer.

Valley lambs will be eligible for a special showmanship, they may also compete in regular showmanship classes. Valley Lambs can be used in club and chapter groups.

Market Ready Valley Lambs may sell.

Special Awards

*FFA Champion Valley Lamb
FFA Reserve Champion Valley Lamb
4-H Champion Valley Lamb
4-H Reserve Champion Valley Lamb
Grand Champion Valley Lamb
Reserve Grand Champion Valley Lamb*

Entry Fee: \$17 per entry

DIVISION 427: FFA VALLEY LAMBS

- Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up
2. Showmanship – no entry fee

DIVISION 428: 4-H VALLEY LAMBS

- Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up

2. Showmanship – no entry fee

CLUB LAMBS

Club Sheep entries close 3/1/2017

Club Lambs are judged under the DANISH SYSTEM of Judging. After weigh in, Club Lambs will be divided into weight classes. Number of division champions will be determined at this time.

All Club Lambs must be slick sheared before weigh in. All Lambs must be sheared above the knees and hocks. Lambs will be limited to 1/8 of an inch of wool and the fleece length must be uniform over the entire body. Head wool in front of the ears, leg wool below the knee and hock is allowed. This must be done before the being weighed. Scale will not be held open. This rule will be enforced at the scale and may also be checked during the show. Any Lamb that does not comply with this rule will not be allowed to weigh in. The decision of the Judges is final.

It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions that the quality standards established for Club animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change in the event that there are changes made in federal grading.

The exhibitor must individually own Club Sheep for 60 days prior to the opening day of the fair. All sheep and goats require complete SCRAPIES identification, breeder number and individual animal ID number on online entry.

See State Rules pages 24 –25 for more information. For sale purposes payment will be made on a maximum of 150 lb.

Market Ready Sheep may sell.

CLUB LAMB SCORECARD:

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16 - .35, average or greater conformation and cutability.

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.16 or >.35; underfinished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

Lamb Champions:

*FFA Champion Club Lamb
FFA Reserve Champion Club Lamb
4-H Champion Club Lamb*

**4-H Reserve Champion Club Lamb
Grand Champion Club Lamb
Reserve Grand Champion Club Lamb**

Entry Fee: \$17 per entry

DIVISION 429: FFA CLUB LAMBS

Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up

DIVISION 430: 4-H CLUB LAMBS

Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up

DIVISION 431: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP CLUB LAMBS

No cash award. Five animals that have been shown in proceeding Club divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

9. Champion Ewe - *No cash award*
10. Young Flock (one ram lamb and two ewe lambs)
11. Best four head
12. Flock (one ram any age, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs)

WETHER DAM

**Special Award:
Champion Wether Dam
Champion Wether Sire**

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$20	\$15	\$10

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

A permanent ear or tattoo number is required and must be listed on the online entry along with the animal birth date.

REGISTERED SHEEP

**Special Award:
Supreme Champion Registered Ram
Supreme Champion Registered Ewe**

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
\$33	\$24	\$21	\$18

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

Breeds offered: Any recognized registered breeds meeting breed association requirements. 4-H and FFA exhibitors show together in registered and grade classes.

Sheep breed, date of birth, and scrapie number must be noted on the online entry.

DIVISIONS 432: REGISTERED SHEEP

- Class: 1. Yearling Ram
(September 2015 – August 2016)
2. Ram Lamb
(September 2016 – January 2017)
3. Pair of Ram Lambs (two ram lambs)
4. Champion Ram - *No cash award*
5. Yearling Ewe
(September 2015 – August 2016)
6. Pair of Yearling Ewes (two yearling ewes)
7. Ewe Lamb
(September 2016 – January 2017)
8. Pair of Ewe Lambs (two ewe lambs)

DIVISION 434: ALL BREEDS WETHER DAM

- Class: 1. Ram Lamb
(September 2016 – January 2017)
2. Yearling Ewe
(September 2015 – August 2016)
3. Ewe Lamb
(September – December 2016)
4. Ewe Lamb
(December 2016 – January 2017)
5. Ewe Lamb
(February 2017)
6. Champion Ewe - *No cash award*

DIVISION 435: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP SHEEP

No cash award. Five animals that have been shown in the preceding divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club, no more than two by any one member. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

Class 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

For 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship Divisions only.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3

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IF ENTERED AFTER MARCH 1, 2017. LATE
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FFA NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Exhibitors who have never shown that specie of animal. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

FFA FRESHMAN SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Freshman Exhibitors. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 4 and 5. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 6, 7 and 8. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to Grade 9 and above.

DIVISION 436: SHEEP

- Class:
1. FFA Novice Showmanship
 2. FFA Freshman Showmanship
 3. FFA Advanced Showmanship
 4. 4-H Junior Showmanship

5. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship
6. 4-H Senior Showmanship
7. Independent Showmanship

GOATS

CLUB GOATS

Club Goat entries close 3/1/2017

Club Goats are judged under the DANISH SYSTEM of Judging. After weigh in, Club Goats may be divided into weight lots within the limitations as desired by Management for convenience in judging.

The decision of the Judges is final. It is the intent of the Division of Fairs and Expositions that the quality standards established for Club animals be maintained. Therefore, classifications will be subject to change in the event that there are changes made in federal grading.

Market Ready Goats may sell.

MARKET GOAT (CHEVON) SCORECARD

Market Ready: USDA Prime or Choice with 12th rib back fat range .08-12 most desirable, .13-.22 back fat acceptable or greater conformation and cutability.

Not Market Ready: Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.08 or >.22; underfinished goats grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability.

The exhibitor must individually own Club Goats for 60 days prior to the opening day of the fair.

All sheep and goats require complete SCRAPIES identification, breeder number and individual animal ID number on online entry. See State Rules pages 24 – 25 for more information.

For sale purposes payment will be made on a maximum of 110 lb. Boer and Boer Cross are eligible.

Goat Champions:

- FFA Champion Club Goat***
- FFA Reserve Champion Club Goat***
- 4-H Champion Club Goat***
- 4-H Reserve Champion Club Goat***
- Grand Champion Club Goat***
- Reserve Grand Champion Club Goat***

Entry Fee: \$17 per entry

DIVISION 437: FFA CLUB GOATS

Class: 1. Chevons, 55 lb. and up

DIVISION 438: 4-H CLUB GOATS

Class: 1. Chevons, 55 lb. and up

DIVISION 439: CHAPTER/CLUB GROUP CLUB GOATS

Five animals that have been shown in preceding Club divisions. Owned by members of one chapter or club. Limited to one entry per group. **Pre-entry not required, can be entered on day of show.**

Class: 1. Chapter Group
2. Club Group

4-H & FFA BREEDING BOER GOATS

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
\$20	\$15	\$10

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry

4-H and FFA exhibitors show together. All breeds judged as one. A permanent ear tag number and scrapie identification number along with the birth date must be listed on the entry.

DIVISION 440: 4-H & FFA BOER GOATS

Class: 1. Doe kids (3 - under 12 months)
2. Yearling Does (12 – under 24 months)
3. Champion Doe - *No cash award*

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

For 4-H Senior and FFA Advanced Showmanship Divisions only.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$3

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FFA FRESHMAN SHOWMANSHIP

Limited to FFA Freshman Exhibitors. The first three winners may enter advanced showmanship division finals.

4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 4 and 5. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP

Open to exhibitors Grades 6, 7 and 8. The first three winners may enter Senior Showmanship division finals.

4-H SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open to Grade 9 and above.

DIVISION 441: GOAT

Class: 1. FFA Novice Showmanship
2. FFA Freshman Showmanship
3. FFA Advanced Showmanship
4. 4-H Junior Showmanship
5. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship
6. 4-H Senior Showmanship
7. Independent Showmanship