2014
MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR
LOS BANOS

NEW FOR 2014:

Special Contests……	Small Barn Quilts
	Home Brew Contest
Sr Department……...	Machine Embroidery
	DIY Yard/Garden Décor
	Embellished Quilts
	Burlap Crafts
	Decorated Hat Contest
	Christmas in May
	Beer Label Contest
	Altered Art
Jr Department……	Milk Jug Planter
	Fairy Gardens
Sr Fine Art…….	Quilts on Canvas
4-H Department…….	Quilts of Valor
Livestock……...	Boer goat premiums
	Valley Lamb Show

LOCAL RULES

1. The Merced County Spring Fair, Los Banos, commences Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 10 a.m. and closes at midnight, Sunday, May 4, 2014.
2. The Fair Administration Building is located at the corner of 4th and F Streets, Los Banos.
3. CLOSING DATE for all entries, except Cut Flowers, Special Contests, Market Animals and Replacement Heifers is April 1. The closing date for Cut Flowers is April 29. See Livestock Department for livestock closing dates. 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 contests), for the 2014 Merced County Spring Fair must be made online by accessing our web site at www.co.merced.ca.us/springfair by April 1, 2014 11:59 p.m.
5. Entry fees are non-refundable.
6. 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.
7. Checks will be made payable to "Owner" listed on entry. All premium checks not cashed within 90 days of date issued will be revoked.
8. 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.
9. Exhibitors are urged to become familiar with all Local and State Rules, which will be strictly enforced.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Complimentary entries will be welcome if space permits. No entry will be required for such exhibits.
14. 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.

Placing	*Description*	*Score*	*Ribbon*
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:
Hubert "Hub" Walsh, Diedre Kelsey, Linn E. Davis, Jerry O'Banion, and John Pedrozo

MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR STAFF

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

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

ENTRIES CLOSE:
Club Beef – Jan 10, 2014
Club Goats, Sheep & Swine - March 1, 2014
All other - April 1, 2014

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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, 2014, for more information call, 826-5166.
4. Fitting of livestock is a hands-on educational process; exhibitor must be present and actively involved when animal is being worked on.
5. 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 at the local fair office in late March or from the Division of Fairs and Expositions (send a self addressed, stamped envelope to 1010 Hurley Way #200, Sacramento, CA 95825).
6. 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, as well as students of Madera County Schools.
7. 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 club or chapter showing large animals will receive three (3) leader passes. Additional passes may be purchased by large animal leaders exhibiting proper ID for $14.00 until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
8. 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 and 8:30 a.m. Vehicles may unload livestock and tack on Monday and Tuesday and must be removed immediately from the Fairgrounds. Traffic on the grassy area is to be kept to a minimum.
9. Show boxes, tack, feed or equipment is required to be stored in the tack alley not more than five feet behind the exhibitor assigned pen(s), in a tack pen or other area as designated by the Livestock Superintendent. Fair Management reserves the right to move tack at their discretion.
10. First bedding will not be supplied by the fair.
11. **Exhibitors may purchase <u>extra</u> Beef and Dairy tie stalls for $10.00 each, and pens for $30.00 each for Sheep, Swine or Goats.**
12. No water troughs will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
13. Alcohol is not allowed to be brought into or stored in the livestock barn area.
14. 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, 2014. 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 18, 2014.
25. The official dress code for independent exhibitors shall be white pants and white shirts. Members of FFA and 4-H must wear appropriate uniforms, 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 replacement Heifer.**

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.**
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 Sale will be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
7. **NEW: 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 2014 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 5, 2014.
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, April 29, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to noon unless otherwise directed by the Association. 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 <u>and</u> one Meat Pen of Rabbits or Avian or Single Fryer. No exhibitor may sell more than one (1) large animal.**
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 Heifer that sells must have turned in with their entries 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 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. They must be picked up and

signed for by the consignor. Those not picked up will be mailed Monday.

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REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT SALE

Heifers to be sold Thursday, May 1, 2014 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 Leptosipiroses 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, April 28, 2014, 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 officer of the Fair prior to January 10, 2014. Entry fee of $10.00, 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, April 30, 2014 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
Butler Amusement Scholarships

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

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LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Barns Available for tack, feed and straw only. Barn charts will be posted. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO BARN CHARTS WITHOUT DAIRY OR LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS APPROVAL. Livestock staff and security will not be available. Only entrance will be through the Livestock gate.

MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Livestock staff and security will be on grounds and available to assist you. Receive Livestock.

TUESDAY, April 29TH

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon	Weigh in Club Swine at Swine Scale
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Club Lambs and Club Goats weigh in at Beef scale, end of Barn 2
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Beef weigh in at Beef scale, end of Barn 2 **All Club Animals must be weighed by deadline.**
2:00 p.m.	Replacement Heifer Check in, location TBA
5:00 p.m.	Livestock Leaders Meeting – Carousel Arena All Breeding Animals must be in place

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

9:00 a.m.	FFA Club Swine followed by FFA Swine Showmanship followed by Independent Swine Showmanship followed by Breeding Swine – Pavilion Ring # 1, 4-H & FFA Club Lambs, Valley Lambs, followed by 4-H & FFA Showmanship followed by Independent Sheep Showmanship followed by Breeding Sheep – Meat Breeds/Wool Breeds/Supreme Champions/Farm Flock – 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 1ST

8:00 a.m.	4-H & FFA Holstein Dairy (classes alternating) followed by Grade Dairy (classes alternating) – Arburua Arena
10:00 a.m.	4-H Club Swine, Grand Champion Club Swine followed by 4-H Showmanship. – Pavilion Ring #1
	4-H & FFA Club Goats, followed by 4-H & FFA Goat Showmanship, Followed by Boer Goats– Pavilion Ring #2
3:00 p.m.	Club Beef followed by Breeding Beef followed by Showmanship – Arburua
6:00 p.m.	Replacement Heifer Sale – Carousel Arena

FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Weigh in FFA Rabbit Meat Pens followed by 4-H Rabbit Meat Pens – Pavilion Ring #2
8:00 a.m.	Receive Avian Science – Pavilion Ring #1
8:30 a.m.	FFA Rabbit Meat Pens, followed by 4-H Rabbit Meat Pens, followed by breed classes and showmanship.
9:00 a.m.	Avian Science; followed by Avian Science Showmanship 4-H & FFA
4:00 p.m.	Pee Wee Showmanship – Arburua Arena
6:00 p.m.	Small Animal Master Showmanship Followed by Small Animal Auction Carousel Arena

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

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
6am-10am	Livestock Released

<u>All Animals must be released by the Livestock Office to leave the grounds.</u>

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Entries to be included on Livestock Online Entry. NO ENTRY FEE. Winner in each specie will sell just prior to the Reserve Champions. The individual must build the display and have the individuals 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, April 30, 2014 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: APRIL 1, 2014 11:59 p.m.
DELIVER EXHIBITS TO FAIR: April 23-25, 10a.m. to 4p.m. to the Exhibit Building
American System of Judging

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1ST	2ND	3RD
$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

REGISTERED BEEF

Special Awards:
Supreme Champion Registered Bull
Supreme Champion Registered Female

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

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

Entry Fee: $10 per entry

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

DIVISION 402: ALL BREEDS BEEF CATTLE

Class:
1. Junior-Senior Bull Calf (9/1/13 – 12/31/13)
2. Summer Yearling Bull (5/1/13– 8/31/13)
3. Junior Yearling Bull (1/1/13 – 4/30/13)
4. Supreme Champion Bull – *No cash award*
5. Junior-Senior Heifer Calf (9/1/13– 12/31/13)
6. Summer Yearling Heifer (5/1/13 – 8/31/13)
7. Late Junior Yearling Heifer (3/1/13 – 4/27/13)
8. Early Junior Yearling Heifer (1/1/13 – 2/28/13)
9. Late Senior Yearling Heifer (9/1/12 – 12/31/12)
10. Intermediate Senior Yearling Heifers (5/1/12 – 8/31/12)
11. Early Senior Yearling Heifer (1/1/12 – 4/30/12)

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 403: COW/CALF, ALL BREEDS
Cow born prior to January 1, 2012. 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, 2013 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

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

Entry Fee: $10 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 404: GRADE BEEF FEMALES
Class: 1. Junior Calf
(11/1/13 – 12/31/13)
2. Senior Calf
(9/1/13 – 10/31/13)
3. Summer Yearling
(5/1/13 – 8/31/13)
4. Junior Yearling
(1/1/13 – 4/30/13)
5. Early Senior Yearling
(3/1/12 – 7/31/12)
6. Late Senior Yearling
(8/1/12 – 12/31/12)
7. Champion Grade Beef Female – *No cash award.*

DIVISION 405: 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 COUNTY-BRED CLUB STEERS

Club Beef entries close 1/10/2014

Club animals 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.

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 120 days before the opening of the fair.

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 1/10/2014 or online entries will not be accepted.**
3. Breeder's affidavit stating the steer was bred in the county, breeder name and address.
4. Photo of steer with ear tag and hot brand showing along with exhibitor and leader/advisor. All steers must have a hot brand from the breeder. No unbranded steers. Brand must be registered to a Merced county address.
5. For exhibitors that are not residents of Merced County, if their steers are bred by exhibitor, all of the above rules apply **plus** dam and calf must be blood typed for proof of parentage at breeders' expense. Fair will determine location of testing. Please contact the fair office for more information.

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: $10 per entry

DIVISION 406: FFA CLUB BEEF
Class: 1. FFA Club Beef 1000 lb. & up
DIVISION 407: 4-H CLUB BEEF
Class: 1. 4-H Club Beef 1000 lb. & up

DIVISION 408: 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

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

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

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

NO ENTRY FEE IF ENTERED BY APRIL 1, 2014. LATE ENTRY FEES OF $25.00 WILL BE CHARGED IF ENTERED AFTER APRIL 1, 2014. LATE ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 29, 2014. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL. Entries in Showmanship MUST be made using the online entry form found on the fair web site by entry deadline date, April 1, 2014. Exhibitors must be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time called for judging. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniforms as outlined in the Livestock Rules. Exhibitors in 4-H and FFA winning Master Showmanship at the Merced County Spring Fair in previous years are not eligible to compete in Master Showmanship again. 4-H EXHIBITORS ARE TO USE THEIR GRADE AS OF APRIL 1, 2014 WHEN DETERMINING WHICH DIVISION TO ENTER. The winner of 4-H Senior Showmanship and of FFA Advanced Showmanship will qualify for Master Showmanship. Independent exhibitors will have showmanship for each species. Classes of less than 15 in showmanship will be combined. Any division with less than 4 species qualifying for Master Showmanship will not have a Master Showmanship. The division must have 6 entries to qualify that specie for Master Showmanship. 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 409: 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

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

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

Entry Fee: $10 per entry

All Other Breeds (AOB) shall be Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorns, Ayshires 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 named.

DIVISION 410: FFA REGISTERED JERSEY AND AOB
DIVISION 411: 4-H REGISTERED JERSEY AND AOB
DIVISION 412: FFA REGISTERED HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN
DIVISION 413: 4-H REGISTERED HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN

Class:
1. 2 years under 3, not in milk (9/1/11 – 8/31/12)
2. 2 years under 3, in milk (9/1/11 – 8/31/12)
3. 3 years under 4, in milk (9/1/10 – 8/31/11)
4. 4 years under 5, in milk (9/1/09 – 8/31/10)
5. 5 years or over, in milk Prior to 9/1/09
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) (3/1/13 – 2/28/14)
10. Champion Bull – *No cash award*
11. Reserve Champion Bull – *No cash award*
12. Winter Female Calf (12/1/13 – 2/28/14)
13. Senior Female Calf (9/1/13 – 11/30/13)
14. Summer Female Calf (6/1/13 – 8/31/13)
15. Junior Yearling Female (3/1/13– 5/31/13)
16. Winter Yearling Female (12/1/12 – 2/28/13)
17. Senior Yearling Female (9/1/12– 11/30/12)
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 414: 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

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

Entry Fee: $10 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 415: FFA ALL BREEDS GRADE DAIRY
DIVISION 416: 4-H ALL BREEDS GRADE DAIRY

Class:
1. 2 years under 3, not in milk (9/1/11 – 8/31/12)
2. 2 years under 3, in milk (9/1/11 – 8/31/12)
3. 3 years under 4, in milk (9/1/10 – 8/31/11)
4. 4 years and over (9/1/09 – 8/31/10)
5. Senior Champion Female – *No cash award*
6. Reserve Senior Champion Female – *No cash award*
7. Winter Female Calf (12/1/13 – 2/28/14)
8. Senior Female Calf (9/1/13 – 11/30/13)
9. Summer Female Calf

(6/1/13 – 8/31/13)
10. Junior Yearling Female (3/1/13 – 5/31/13)
11. Winter Yearling Female (12/1/12 – 2/28/13)
12. Senior Yearling Female (9/1/12 – 11/30/12)
13. Junior Champion Female – *No cash award*
14. Reserve Junior Champion Female – *No cash award*
15. Grand Champion Female – *No cash award*
16. Reserve Grand Champion Female – *No cash award*

DIVISION 417: 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

MILK PRODUCTION RECORDS:

An additional premium of $4 for animals paid cash awards in the female classes will be paid for having met the following requirements (**must be declared at check-in**):

Minimum Production	Pounds Butterfat	305 Day Other Breeds
5 years and older	620 pounds	530 pounds
4 years and under 5	570 pounds	480 pounds
3 years and under 4	525 pounds	440 pounds
2 years and under 3	470 pounds	400 pounds

Only records shown on Dairy Herd Improvement Registry certificates or Dairy Herd Improvement Association (Official Plan) records which are supervised and approved by the State Agricultural Extension Service will be accepted and must be submitted to the Management together with registration certificates as required by State Rules. Production records must be presented for checking with registration papers. The record of production must meet the minimum pounds of butterfat listed on the current age of the cow. Senior and Junior Yearlings in milk must be shown with 2 year olds in both the individual and group classes.

DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

Replacement Heifer entries close 1/10/2014

Animals to be sold at the Replacement Heifer Auction Thursday, May 1, 2014 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 1/10/2014 or online entries will not be accepted.

Replacement Heifer Champions:
Grand Champion Replacement Heifer
Reserve Grand Champion Replacement Heifer

Entry Fee: $10 per entry

DIVISION 418: REPLACEMENT HEIFER

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

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

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

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

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

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 419: 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

BREEDING SWINE

<u>Special Award:</u>
Supreme Champion Sow

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

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

<u>Entry Fee: $10 per entry</u>

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 420: REGISTERED SWINE, ALL BREEDS

Class:
1. Senior Yearling Sow (7/1/12 – 12/31/12)
2. Junior Yearling Sow (1/1/13 – 6/30/13)
3. Fall Sow (7/1/13 – 12/31/13)
4. Champion Sow
5. Reserve Champion Sow
6. Get of Sire (three swine any age, get of same sire)
7. Best Pair of Females (any age, one entry per exhibitor)

DIVISION 421: 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

CLUB SWINE

Club Swine entries close 3/1/2014

Club animals 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 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 Swine may sell.

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

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: $10 per entry

DIVISION 422: FFA CLUB HOGS
Class: 1. FFA Club Hogs, 210-275 lbs.

DIVISION 423: 4-H CLUB HOGS
Class: 1. 4-H Club Hogs, 210-275 lbs.

DIVISION 424: 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

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

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

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

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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 425: 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

REGISTERED SHEEP

Special Award:
Supreme Champion Registered Ram
Supreme Champion Registered Ewe

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

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

Entry Fee: $10 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 class number must be noted on the online entry. DO NOT enter division number on entry. Fair management will break divisions.** There must be a minimum of 15 to constitute a breed. For sheep breeds with less than 15 head, an All Other Breeds Division may be offered**.** Lambs must show lamb's teeth.

DIVISIONS 426 – 427

Class:
1. Yearling Ram (9/1/12 – 8/31/13)
2. Ram Lamb (9/1/13 – 1/31/14)
3. Pair of Ram Lambs (two ram lambs)
4. Champion Ram
5. Yearling Ewe (9/1/12 – 8/31/13)
6. Pair of Yearling Ewes (two yearling ewes)
7. Ewe Lamb (9/1/13 – 1/31/14)
8. Pair of Ewe Lambs (two ewe lambs)
9. Champion Ewe
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

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

Entry Fee: $10 per entry

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

DIVISION 428: ALL BREEDS WETHER DAM

Class:
1. Ram Lamb (9/1/13- 1/31/14)
2. Yearling Ewe (9/1/12 – 8/31/13)
3. Ewe Lamb (9/1/13 – 12/01/13)
4. Ewe Lamb (12/2/13 – 1/31/14)
5. Ewe Lamb (2/1/14 – 2/27/14)
6. Champion Ewe

DIVISION 429: 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

NEW! VALLEY LAMB SHOW

Entries close 3/1/2014
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 20, 2013. 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 highter 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 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: $10 per entry

DIVISION 430: FFA VALLEY LAMBS
Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up
2. Showmanship – no entry fee

DIVISION 431: 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 3/1/2014

Club animals are judged under the DANISH SYSTEM of Judging. After weigh in, Club sheep may be divided into weight lots within the limitations as desired by Management for convenience in judging. Club Sheep classes will be broken and judged by breed. There must be a minimum of 15 to constitute a breed. For sheep breeds with less than 15 head, an All Other Breeds Division will be offered. Crossbred sheep division will be split into whiteface and blackface. All Club Lambs must be slick sheared. 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 rule will be enforced at the scale. Any Lamb that does not comply with this rule will not be allowed to weigh in. 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 Sheep may sell.

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 to be entered in the 'Breeder Tag' section of the online entry. See State Rules pages 24 –25 for more information. For sale purposes payment will be made on a maximum of 150 lb. Lambs must show lambs teeth.

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 of 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: $10 per entry

DIVISION 432: FFA CLUB LAMBS
Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up

DIVISION 433: 4-H CLUB LAMBS
Class: 1. Wether or Ewe Lambs, 100 lb. and up

DIVISION 434: 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

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

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

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

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exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniforms as outlined in the Livestock Rules. Exhibitors in 4-H and FFA winning Master Showmanship at the Merced County Spring Fair in previous years are not eligible to compete in Master Showmanship again. 4-H EXHIBITORS ARE TO USE THEIR GRADE AS OF APRIL 1, 2014 WHEN DETERMINING WHICH DIVISION TO ENTER. The winner of 4-H Senior Showmanship and of FFA Advanced Showmanship will qualify for Master Showmanship. Independent exhibitors will have showmanship for each species. Classes of less than 15 in showmanship will be combined. Any division with less than 4 species qualifying for Master Showmanship will not have a Master Showmanship. The division must have 6 entries to qualify that specie for Master Showmanship. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one specie, they will have to choose which they will represent in Master Showmanship.

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 435: 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

4-H & FFA BREEDING BOER GOATS

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

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

Entry Fee: $10 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 436: 4-H & FFA BOER GOATS

Class:
1. Doe kids (3 - under 12 months)
2. Yearling Does (12 – under 24 months)
3. Champion Doe

CLUB GOATS

Club Goat entries close 3/1/2014

Club animals 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 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 Goats may sell.

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 to be entered in the 'Breeder Tag' section of the 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. Goats must be no more than 8 months of age. Goats must show kid teeth.

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: $10 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 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

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

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

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

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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 440: 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

SMALL ANIMALS

SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

The auction of meat pens of rabbits and avian will be held in the Carousel Arena, Friday, May 3, 2014 following Small Animal Master Showmanship. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform as stated in the Local Rules. The sales order will be in reverse order to which the pens are placed, with the Champion Pen selling last for each species. Exhibitors may sell one pen of rabbits, one single fryer or avian, **and** one Club Swine, Lamb, Goat or Steer or one Replacement Heifer. All applicable rules of the Junior Livestock Auction and Sale of Champions shall apply. A maximum of forty (45) meat pens of rabbits and thirty (35) avian meat pens judged worthy of selling and meeting the weight requirements of each specie will be auctioned. The number of single fryer going through the sale will be determined after the show. Individuals exhibiting the first place 4-H and FFA Rabbit and Avian educational displays will have their animal(s) sold just before the Reserve Champion on that species. **All market animals must have identification listed on online entry**. **Meat animal entries will not be accepted without tattoo/band number.** SMALL ANIMALS MUST BE TAKEN LIVE.

Entry Fee: $6

DIVISION 441: FFA MEAT RABBITS
DIVISION 442: 4H MEAT RABBITS
Limit one (1) entry per exhibitor. Exhibitor can enter both meat pen and single fryer classes, but can only show and sell one. If a meat pen rabbit does not make weight at weigh in, the exhibitor has the option to be put into the single fryer class. List **all** tattoo numbers on online entry.

Class:
1. Meat Pen of three (3) rabbits; not under three (3) pounds and not over five (5) pounds each, or over ten (10) weeks old, judged alive. Must all be the same breed and variety.
2. Single Fryer; not under three (3) pounds and not over five (5) pounds, or over ten (10) weeks old, judged alive.

RABBITS

Special Award:
Grand Champion Meat Pen
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen
4-H Champion Meat Pen
FFA Champion Meat Pen
Best In Show
Reserve In Show

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1ST	2ND	3RD
$6	$5	$4

FFA and 4-H exhibitors will show together in these divisions.
The American Rabbit Breeder's Association, Inc. sanctions this show. Rules, definitions and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Guide Book and Standard of the A.R.B.A. Inc. shall apply to all district and county fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Food and Agriculture. Please consult an ARBA Standard for Perfection for answers to varieties and appropriate weight for the classes in each breed.
Do not enter division number on entry except on Fur and Showmanship. Fair management will break divisions. The three heavyweight breeds with the greater number of entries will receive their own division. The five lightweight breeds with the greatest number of entries received will each have their own division. Rabbits must be entered, shown and judged in proper division and class for breed, variety, age and sex. Be sure to note breed, variety, age and sex on your online entry. Rabbits found to be in ill health must be refused by the show committee and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Breeding entries are limited to two paid per exhibitor per class. Maximum number of entries limited to fifteen (15) entries per exhibitor excluding showmanship and fur classes. All animals must be identified by permanent ear marking conforming with the entry on arrival at the show. Positively no substitutions except in same breed, sex class and variety. **All substitutions must be completed by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2014.** All corrections due to Fair clerical errors must be made promptly upon arrival at the show and before judging begins. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to the judging table on time. Exhibitors shall not state ownership of any animal to the judge. Anyone interfering with the judges or clerks will be asked to leave the show area.
This will be a one-day carry case show. Rabbits will remain in carry case except during judging. Rabbits will be released after showmanship and must be checked out by 5:00 p.m. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform (see livestock rules). All rabbits must be owned by exhibitor a minimum of thirty (30) days.

Entry Fee: $2 per entry

DIVISION 443 – 452: RABBITS
Class:
1. Senior Buck, 6 months of age and over
2. Intermediate Buck, 6 – 8 months of age
3. Junior Buck, under 6 months of age
4. Senior Doe, 6 months of age and over
5. Intermediate Doe, 6 – 8 months of age
6. Junior Doe, under 6 months of age

DIVISION 453: BREED FUR
Entry Fee: $2.00. Ribbons only, no premiums paid.
Animals that have been shown and qualified in regular breed classes. List breeds on entry. Enter division number only, Management will assign class.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

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

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

NO ENTRY FEE IF ENTERED BY APRIL 1, 2014. LATE ENTRY FEES OF $25.00 WILL BE CHARGED

IF ENTERED AFTER APRIL 1, 2014. LATE ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 29, 2014.. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL. Entries in Showmanship MUST be made using the online entry form found on the fair web site by entry deadline date, April 1, 2014. Exhibitors must be on hand and ready to exhibit at the time called for judging. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniforms as outlined in the Livestock Rules. Exhibitors in 4-H and FFA winning Master Showmanship at the Merced County Spring Fair in previous years are not eligible to compete in Master Showmanship again. 4-H EXHIBITORS ARE TO USE THEIR GRADE AS OF APRIL 1, 2014 WHEN DETERMINING WHICH DIVISION TO ENTER. The winner of 4-H Senior Showmanship and of FFA Advanced Showmanship will qualify for Master Showmanship. Independent exhibitors will have showmanship for each species. Classes of less than 15 in showmanship will be combined. Any division with less than 4 species qualifying for Master Showmanship will not have a Master Showmanship. The division must have 6 entries to qualify that specie for Master Showmanship. 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 454: RABBITS
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

AVIAN SCIENCE

Special Award:
Grand Champion Meat Pen
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen
Best In Show
Reserve In Show

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS

1ST	2ND	3RD
$6	$5	$4

Entry Fee: $2 per entry for breeding
$6.00 per entry for market

All birds are required to go through a poultry health inspection prior to the show. Birds found in ill health will be refused from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds. All birds must have numbered leg bands (not colored bands) at time of inspection. Entries are limited to three (3) birds per exhibitor, per class. The American System of judging is used. Exhibitor shall not state ownership of any birds to the judge. This will be a one-day carry cage show. One bird per carry cage due to limited number of cages provided by Fair Management. Birds will be released after showmanship. All exhibitors are required to wear the official show uniform (see livestock rules). Anyone interfering with the judges or clerks will be asked to leave the show area. **Exhibitors showing avian must be in uniform during judging and remain at ringside during the duration of the show.**

DIVISION 455: MEAT PEN OF AVIAN
Limit one (1) entry per exhibitor
Class:
1. Market Broilers (specific weight groups to be determined after weigh-in) Minimum of 4lbs per bird with a maximum of 9 lbs per bird. 2 birds per pen.
2. Game Birds (quail, dove, pigeons, pheasants, ducks) 2 birds per pen.

DIVISION 456: COMPANION BIRDS
Class:
1. Parakeets
2. Cockatiels
3. All other breeds (Identify on entry)

DIVISION 457: GAME BIRDS
Class:
1. Doves
2. Pigeons
3. Quail
4. Ducks

5. All other breeds, identify on entry

DIVISION 458: BANTAM BREEDS/OLD ENGLISH
DIVISION 459: BANTAM BREEDS/ALL OTHER BREEDS
DIVISION 460: LARGE STANDARD BREEDS
DIVISION 461: LARGE NON-STANDARD BREEDS
DIVISION 462: UTILITY, MEAT & EGG

Class:
1. Cock (male one year & older)
2. Hen (female one year & older)
3. Cockerel (male under one year)
4. Pullet (female under one year)

DIVISION 463: EGGS

Class:
1. Bantam Eggs
2. Standard Eggs

AVIAN SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS OFFERED

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

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DIVISION 464: AVIAN

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

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, May 2, 2014
4:00 P.M.
Entry Fee $5.00

Entries forms will be available the Fair Office, 403 F Street in Los Banos, beginning April 10 until 12:00 p.m. May 2, 2014. Sheep & Dairy showmanship only. NO BULLS. Animals must be typical in conformation. Each showman must provide his/her own animal, or make arrangements with an exhibitor prior to Pee Wee Showmanship. Dairy animals must be less than six (6) months old. TB testing is not required on dairy animals. Use child's age as of May 2, 2014.

Ages 3 to 5 years Class
Ages 6 to 9 years Class

(Children who are 9 and not currently enrolled in 4-H are eligible).

Depending on the amount of entries received, classes may be split into age groups