# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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.
- 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 and 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
- 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.
- 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.

# LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

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 28<sup>TH</sup>

 $9{:}00\ a.m.$  –  $5{:}00\ p.m.$  Livestock staff and security will be

on grounds and available to assist

you.

Receive Livestock.

TUESDAY, April 29<sup>TH</sup>

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 30<sup>TH</sup>

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

snlit)

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 2<sup>ND</sup>

9:00 a.m.

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.

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

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

### **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 <u>all</u> 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

1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> \$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 The five lightweight breeds with the division. 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. 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.

**4**th 5th 8th \$10 \$9 \$8 \$3 \$7 \$6 \$5 \$4

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 THEIR OWN SHOW 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

## **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

1<sup>ST</sup> $2^{ND}$ 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.

 $2^{nd}$ 1 st 3rd 4th 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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