



# 2023 ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO RULEBOOK

*Fayetteville, Arkansas*

*October 1-4, 2023*

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# *Changes, Reminders, & Important Dates*

## **2023 CHANGES AND REMINDERS**

- The Arkansas Bred Lamb Show will not run concurrent with AYE shows. ABL will have its own show on Sunday, October 1st.
- 2022 Change: All gilts, heifers, ewes, and does will show in the breeding shows and are not eligible for market shows.
- 2022 Change: Barrows, Steers, and Market Wether Lambs: Only champion and reserve breed champions will compete for the top 5. We will not pull 3 from breeds.
- Market Goats: The judge will determine how many goats to pull from each division.
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**ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION WITHIN 90 DAYS TO ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS**

### **2023 Validation Process:**

*Animals that must be validated and entered:*

*All Barrows and All Commercial Gilts*

*All Market Wether Lambs and Commercial Ewes*

*All Market Wether Goats and All Does*

*All Market Steers and Commercial Heifers*

*Animals that do not have to be validated (Enter Only):*

*Registered Ewes*

*Registered Gilts*

*Registered Breeding Heifers*

### **Steps to Validate Animals for AYE (JULY 1-15th)**

1. Exhibitors will complete the online validation portion on ShoWorks prior to completing the physical DNA kits.
  - a. Visit [ayenom.fairwire.com](http://ayenom.fairwire.com) to complete the online portion
1. Once the exhibitor has submitted their validations on ShoWorks, they will print out the envelope template from the Validation page of the AYE website (one template per animal).
2. Exhibitors will staple the printed template to a regular sealable envelope and place a DNA sample in the envelope.
3. Exhibitors must have their FFA advisor or 4-H County Extension agent sign off on their DNA envelopes as a witness of DNA sample collection.
4. Exhibitors will mail their ShoWorks receipt and completed DNA kits back to AYE no later than July 15th, 2023 (Postmark Date)

**Family Entries:** Exhibitors who meet the criteria outlined in the Household Entries section of the rulebook are eligible to enter the same animal for multiple kids. This means that one animal may be entered for a brother and sister; but, at check in at AYE, the animal must be declared in ONE exhibitor's name to show and cannot be changed after cards are due.

**Tie Outs:**

Tie-outs for cattle will be located directly outside the cattle barn in the rodeo arena. Bedding will not be provided; bedding must be provided by the exhibitor. No pens are to be built in tie outs. No tents are allowed in the tie out area. Tie Outs will not be assigned, they will be available on a first come, first serve basis. TIE OUTS ARE LIMITED.

**Ownership Rule:**

If an exhibitor allows another showman to exhibit their animal(s) at any show, regardless of the type of show or state exhibited, once the ownership deadline has occurred, said animal is deemed ineligible to show at the Arkansas Youth Expo, regardless of ownership documentation. However, prior to AYE animal(s) may be exhibited by siblings of the same household, and not be deemed ineligible as this would be the same as family validation. Ownership deadlines differ between species and sex of animals, deadlines can be found on the Arkansas Youth Expo website: [www.aryouthexpo.com](http://www.aryouthexpo.com)

**OWNERSHIP ON REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR ALL PAPERED BREEDING ANIMALS MUST BE IN EXHIBITORS NAME BY JULY 15, 2023. ALL DOES, COMMERCIAL EWES, COMMERCIAL GILTS, COMMERCIAL HEIFERS AND ALL MALE MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE VALIDATED THROUGH AYE BY JULY 15, 2023.**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

July 1: Validations open on [ayenom.fairwire.com](http://ayenom.fairwire.com)

July 15: Validations due (online at <https://ayenom.fairwire.com> and DNA postmarked to AYE)

July 16: AYE entry portal opens on ShoWorks

July 31: AYE entries due on ShoWorks (closes at 11:59 p.m.)

August 5: Late entries due on ShoWorks(\$140/animal)

At AYE: Super-Late entries due on ShoWorks (\$240/animal)

October 1-4: Arkansas Youth Expo

# *AYE Contact Information*

## **Mailing and Physical Address of AYE Office**

Arkansas Youth Expo  
14845 Walker Road  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas 72753

## **Phone Number Fax Number Website**

(479)-601-3567 Eric Phone  
(479) 841-4045 Whitney Phone  
(479)-846-3374 fax

## **AYE Website**

[www.aryouthexpo.com](http://www.aryouthexpo.com)

## **The AYE Team**

**Eric Walker**  
President

**Kevin and Michelle Rieff**  
Cattle Superintendents

**Whitney Walker**  
Director of Livestock

**Brad and Robin Harlow**  
Sheep Superintendents

**Linsay Walker**  
Director of Special Events

**Keri Landry**  
Hog Superintendent

**Scott and Christy Hoyle**  
Goat Superintendent

**Bryan and Shan Kutz**  
Celebration of Champions Superintendents

## **Social Media**

Social Media Contact: Cammie Stehr

### **Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/aryouthexpo](http://www.facebook.com/aryouthexpo)

### **TikTok**

@aryouthexpo

### **Instagram**

@aryouthexpo

# Validation and Entry Information

**A VALIDATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENTRY. Validation is proof of ownership for animals that are not papered. Registered ewes, gilts, and heifers do not need to be validated. All other animals DO need a validation. ALL animals to be shown at AYE must have an entry.**

## **2023 Validation Process:**

### **Animals that must be validated and entered:**

All Barrows and All Commercial Gilts  
All Market Wether Lambs and Commercial Ewes  
All Market Wether Goats and All Does  
All Market Steers and Commercial Heifers

### **Animals that do not have to be validated (Enter Only):**

Registered Ewes  
Registered Gilts  
Registered Breeding Heifers

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8. Exhibitors will mail their ShoWorks receipt and completed DNA kits back to AYE no later than July 15th, 2023 (Postmark Date)

## **2023 Entry Process:**

All animals that show at AYE must have an entry on file. Between July 16th and 31st, log on to [aye.fairwire.com](http://aye.fairwire.com) and complete the entries for each exhibitor. For animals that must have been validated, those departments will only allow you to enter the animals you validated. For animals such as registered breeding heifers, registered breeding ewes, and registered breeding gilts, you may enter any animal.

# General Rules

## Entries:

All applicants for entry must be made on the ShoWorks website. Entries must be made on or before July 31, 2023, by 11:59 or are subject to late entry fees.

The late entry is \$150 and the super late fee is \$250. Please retain a copy for your personal records. Payment options include: credit card (3% fee), school or extension office checks. NO REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES. NO PERSONAL CHECKS. NO LATE VALIDATIONS.

## Entry Fees

### *All Market Steers and Breeding Heifers*

\$50 for each entry, for each exhibitor

### *All Market Lambs and Breeding Ewes*

\$50 – for each entry, for each exhibitor

### *ALL Market Goats and Breeding Does*

\$50 – for each entry, for each exhibitor

### *ALL Market Hogs and Breeding Gilts*

\$50 – for each entry, for each exhibitor

### *ALL Agricultural Mechanics Projects*

\$50 – for each entry, for each exhibitor or team

## Family (Household) Entries:

Exhibitors who meet the criteria outlined in the Household Entries section of the rulebook (next page) are eligible to enter the same animal for multiple kids. This means that one (1) animal may be entered for both a brother and/or sister; but, at check-in at AYE, the animal must be declared in ONE exhibitor's name to show and cannot be changed after cards are due.

Example: The Walker family has a duroc gilt, a crossbred barrow, and a yorkshire gilt. The duroc can be entered for Mason, Whitney, and Catelyn. The Crossbred Barrow can be entered for Mason, Whitney, and Catelyn. Yorkshire can be entered for Mason, Whitney, and Catelyn. At the time of check in at AYE, the duroc, cross, and york all have to be declared in one exhibitor's name. Therefore, the duroc can be entered in Mason, Whitney, and Catelyn's name; but, only Catelyn can check in and show the duroc.

## Exhibitors Entries:

All exhibitors who wish to show at the Arkansas Youth Expo **MUST** have an online entry recorded in his/her name on ShoWorks in order to be eligible to show. **ALL** students **MUST** have at least one online entry in his/her name.

**In addition, a student will only be eligible to show the number of animals he/she has entered online.**

**Legal Release:**

By entering the fairgrounds of the Arkansas Youth Expo, every individual including but not limited to: the exhibitor, their parent(s) and/or guardian(s), supporters, associates, and any other party connected to the exhibitor assume all risk as their own and release AYE from any and all liability. All students must have an official legal release form on file with Arkansas Youth Expo. This form must be signed by the exhibitor and his/her parents or legal guardians. These forms are to be obtained through the entry process on ShoWorks. Any exhibitor who does not have a legal release form will not be allowed to exhibit animals. **If an exhibitor shows without a signed form, they will forfeit all winnings if they are not willing to sign a legal release.**

**Household Entries:**

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter an animal in two or more names as long as the following criteria are met. Keep in mind, only one exhibitor will show the animal at AYE and the exhibitor will be declared at check in.

- The students must all legally reside in the same household and share the same legal address.
- The student who is entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project.
- Regarding student eligibility, if a student is declared ineligible, any animal entered in that exhibitor's name will be ineligible for exhibition at the 2023 Arkansas Youth Expo.

**Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:**

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. If an exhibitor misses their weight class or shows early for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class. Exhibitors must show their animal in the appropriate weight class, if an exhibitor shows their animal in the wrong class they will be disqualified.

**Release:**

All exhibitors and livestock will be released at the conclusion of the Celebration of Champions on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Release papers are not required.

**False Statements:**

If brought to AYE's attention, if any exhibitor has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he/she shall be disqualified from competition.

**Failure to Exhibit:**

Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for entries, stalls, pens, or space. There will be no refunds.

**Protests:**

Any protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$500, of which the deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Said protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be filed with the president within **five hours after the award was made**, being considered when the award was made when a ribbon or premium card was placed.



In addition to the right to protest herein guaranteed to exhibitors, management reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an exhibit and take such action as may be deemed just and proper and as may be warranted.

**Single Entry Classes:**

Single Entry classes will only enter the ring for the division drive.

**All Other Disputes:**

All questions of dispute or differences not provided for under the rules and regulations shall be referred to the AYE management, whose decision shall be final.

**Substitute Showman:**

Substitutions will only be allowed for the following reasons:

- A. An exhibitor has two animals in the same class.
- B. Conflicts with animals being exhibited at the same time in other species.
- C. Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician.
- D. A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify.

Steps to obtaining a Substitute Showman:

*The following is the procedure, which is to be followed to determine a substitute showman for all species at the Arkansas Youth Expo. Once the exhibitor determines one or more of the above mentioned circumstances applies to him/her, the exhibitor will:*

- a. Obtain a “substitute showman form” from the Arkansas Youth Expo show office
- b. Identify another exhibitor exhibiting livestock at the Arkansas Youth Expo.
- c. Turn in the completed form to the species superintendent for approval.

Failure to follow the stated procedures in requesting a substitute showman will result in the animal being disqualified. These are to be completed and signed by the species superintendent, stating the reason and naming the substitute showman. The card must be completed and returned to the species superintendent issuing the cards prior to the start of the show. Failure to comply will disqualify the exhibitor.

**Show Ring Dress Code:**

*Exhibitors will wear one of the following:*

- A. 4-H Member:
  - An official 4-H vest, jacket, or pullover wind jacket.
    - Must be of the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.
  - Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the vest or jacket.
  - Must wear a collared shirt under the vest or jacket that is the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.
  - A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.
  - No third color mix or additional colors are allowed.

- Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front, left side of the shirt.
- A. FFA Member:
- An official Arkansas FFA corduroy jacket, pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest.
  - A pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest must be of the appropriate colors of solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.
  - Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the jacket options or vest.
  - Must wear a collared shirt under any of the jacket options or vest that is of the appropriate colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.
  - A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate FFA colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.
  - No third color mix or additional colors are allowed.
  - Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front and left side of the shirt.

**Minimum Number of Animals per Breed:**

Unless stated otherwise, a minimum of 15 animals are required to make a breed. If less than 15 animals in a breed are ENTERED, the respective breed will be placed in the AOB division.

**Fans and Chutes:**

Exhibitors will not be allowed to use aisle fans; only overhead, secured fans may be used. Pop-up tents are encouraged and can be placed around the barns for grooming chutes and stands.

**Gates to Fairgrounds:**

All gates will open at 8 a.m. Sunday, October 1, 2023 for livestock.

- A. The remaining days of the show, gates will remain open for participants/exhibitors to enter and exit as they wish. The fairgrounds will be monitored by the Washington County Sheriff's office overnight.

All livestock will be checked prior to entering the gate for a certificate of inspection from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. A licensed vet will be on call throughout the duration of AYE, in case of disputes, contact the AYE office.

**AYE Eligibility (Membership/Age/Grade):**

5- 21 YEARS OF AGE AS OF AYE FINAL DAY (OCTOBER 4, 2023)

Each junior exhibitor must be a bona fide member, in good standing, of an Arkansas 4-H club or FFA chapter and attend an Arkansas school; or homeschooled students must attend their homeschool in Arkansas. If an exhibitor has graduated high school, out-of-state educators are still eligible to show at AYE, as long as the exhibitor was formerly a good standing member of an Arkansas 4-H club or FFA chapter, and is currently certified in YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals).

- a. Exhibitors who have graduated from an Arkansas high school/homeschooled program are still eligible until their 21st birthday. If the exhibitor has exceeded 4-H and FFA age divisions, they must provide proof of YQCA certification to AYE at time of online entries.

The exhibitor must be able to exhibit their livestock without assistance in the ring. If any animal gets loose three (3) times, or poses a continuous threat to other exhibitors, they will be excused from the ring, and forfeit winnings, placings, and awards. Decisions made on this matter by AYE staff are not eligible for protest.

When animal entries are required, junior exhibitors, who are 4-H and FFA members, must follow the appropriate validation procedures and declare their organization affiliation at the time of validation. The name of an FFA exhibitor must be included on their chapter's current and official FFA membership roster that is submitted to the state FFA office by September 1st of each year. 4-H members must also be enrolled prior to September 1st of the show year.

**Violation of Rules:**

Any violation of rules published in Arkansas Youth Expo's rules and regulations may automatically result in disqualification. Further, any possible premium monies, trophies, special awards, or other consideration earned will be forfeited.

**Filling of Livestock:**

Drenching is allowed; however, the use of pumps, needles, or any other artificial filling of livestock, deemed unethical by the AYE staff, is prohibited.

**General Rules:**

All rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the Arkansas Youth Expo. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules. Arkansas Youth Expo management, through its authorized officials, reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret its own rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences connected with or incidental to the show. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

**Aggressive/ Abuse Behavior Towards Livestock:**

Arkansas Youth Expo highly discourages, does not condone and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals; this includes but is not limited to striking or hitting any animals. As good stewards of livestock, aggressive striking is not an option or practice.

## *Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission Regulations*

[https://www.aad.arkansas.gov/Websites/aad/files/Content/5937242/Exhibition\\_Requirements\\_Jul\\_2018.pdf](https://www.aad.arkansas.gov/Websites/aad/files/Content/5937242/Exhibition_Requirements_Jul_2018.pdf)

# *2023 Market Wether Goats and Breeding Does*

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P&K EQUIPMENT

**Superintendents**

Scott and Christy Hoyle

**Official Judges**

**MARKET GOATS: SAM MATTINGLY**

**BREEDING DOES AND SHOWMANSHIP: JARED WHITCOMB**

**Show Announcer**

HANNAH JENKINS, OKLAHOMA

**Show Dates**

**Breeding Doe Show Tuesday October 3rd 9a.m.**

**Market Wether Goats: Wednesday, October 4th 8a.m.**

*The Market Wether Goat and Breeding Doe Shows are held in the P&K  
Equipment Goat Arena.*

# *Market Wether Goat Regulations*

## **Ownership:**

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each market goat entered in the show from the time of validation until show day.

## **Horns:**

Dehorning of goats in this show is not mandated; however, horns should be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent or staff will be required to be tipped or rounded or isolated and not shown.

## **Weight:**

**Minimum weight requirement for market wethers is 50 pounds. There is no Maximum weight limit.**

**There** is no official weigh-in of the market goats. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card. The top five placing animals in each class will be weighed and any animal that differs by more than 5 pounds from weight submitted by the exhibitor on the official entry card will be disqualified and the placing of all animals below will be moved up by one and top five placing animals weighed. The superintendent will determine the number of classes based on entries so that there will be six (6) divisions.

## **Shearing and Artificial Hair:**

Market goats must be shorn to a maximum of 3/8" residual hair length. No shearing on-site, touch up clipping is allowed. There will be no twine or artificial hair allowed for any AYE show.

## **Bracing:**

Bracing will be allowed in the market goat division.

## **Health and Testing:**

Any animal with abscesses will **NOT** be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts. All market goats are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds. Market goats will also be subject to DNA testing.

## **Generators:**

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the goat barns, although they are allowed outside the barns. No fans will be allowed in the aisles at any time. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **General Rules:**

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the market goat show.

# *Breeding Doe Regulations*

## **Ownership:**

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each breeding doe entered in the show from the time of validation until show day.

## **Horns:**

Dehorning of goats in this show is not mandated; however, horns should be tipped and rounded. Goats with horns sharper than deemed safe by the show superintendent or staff will be required to be tipped or rounded or isolated and not shown.

## **Weight:**

**Minimum weight requirement for breeding does is 50 pounds. There is no Maximum weight limit.** There is no official weigh-in of the breeding does. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card. The top five placing animals in each crossbred class will be weighed and any animal that differs by more than 5 pounds from weight submitted by the exhibitor on the official entry card will be disqualified and the placing of all animals below will be moved up by one and top five placing animals weighed. The breeding doe show will consist of a slick wether doe division, and a haired wether doe division.

## **Shearing and Artificial Hair:**

Slick does must be shorn to a maximum of 3/8" residual hair length. There will be no twine or artificial hair allowed for any AYE show.

## **Bracing:**

Bracing will be allowed in the slick wether dam division.

## **Health and Testing:**

Any animal with abscesses will **NOT** be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts. All breeding does are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds. Does will also be subject to DNA testing.

## **Generators:**

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the goat barns, although they are allowed outside the barns. No fans will be allowed in the aisles at any time. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **General Rules:**

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the breeding doe show.

## **Divisions of Breeding Doe Show:**

Wether Dam Does (Top 5 Selected to compete for Supreme Doe)

Breeding Does (Top 5 Selected to compete for Supreme Doe)

# 2023 Goat Showmanship

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## **Superintendents**

Scott and Christy Hoyle

## **Official Judge**

Jared Whitcomb

## **Show Announcer**

TBA

## **Show Dates**

Monday October 2, 2023

2p.m. Goat Showmanship ***P&K Equipment Goat Arena***

***Goat Showmanship is held in the P&K Equipment Goat Arena***

# Goat Showmanship Regulations

## **Eligibility:**

Showmanship is open to any exhibitor of market goats or breeding does. There is no entry fee required.

## **Market Goat Showmanship:**

The market goat showmanship will be held on Monday October 2nd, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the goat arena.

## **Classes:**

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 4, 2023

## **Showmanship will begin with Seniors and end with juniors.**

### *Showmanship classes are as follows:*

Class 1 Ages 20-21

Class 2 Ages 18-19

Class 3 Ages 16-17

*Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen*

Class 4 Ages 14-15

Class 5 Ages 12-13

Class 6 Ages 10-11

*Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen*

Class 7 Ages 8-9

Class 8 Ages 6-7

Class 9 Ages 5

*Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen*

## **Placing:**

The judge will pull the number of exhibitors he deems acceptable to return to the finals for each division, in no particular order. Class premiums will not be paid for showmanship competitions. A top five will be chosen in each division.



# *2023 Market Wether Lamb and Breeding Ewe Shows*

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## **Superintendents**

Brad and Robin Harlow

## **Official Judge**

Market Lambs: Logan Newsom

Breeding Ewes and Showmanship: Conner Brew

## **Show Announcer**

Kendall Brasheers, Oklahoma

## **Show Dates**

Breeding Ewe Tuesday October 3rd, 2023 11a.m.

Market Wether Lambs Wednesday October 4th 2023 8a.m.

***The Market Lamb and Breeding Ewe Show is held in the ShowRite Sheep Arena***

# *Market Wether Lamb Regulations*

## **Ownership:**

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each market lamb entered in the show from the time of validation until show day.

## **Generators:**

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the sheep barns, however, they are allowed outside the barns. Overhead fans are allowed; however, no fans will be allowed in the aisles at any time. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **Grooming:**

All market lambs must be slick shorn, including the head, a maximum of 30 days prior to classification.

## **Testing:**

All market lambs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

## **Breeds:**

Market lambs that are entered as a breed will be classified and identified on Monday, October 3rd, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m. If the committee declares a lamb ineligible for that breed, they will be moved to the crossbred division or the correct breed. The official show ring card must be turned in at classification with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor.

## **Weight:**

**The minimum weight requirement for market lambs is 90 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit.** There is no official weigh-in of market lambs. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card on Sunday, October 1st, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Weight cards are due Monday October 2nd, 2023 at 6pm online.

## **Weigh Back:**

During showing in each class, the show superintendents will weigh the top five (5) market lambs. If a market lamb differs more than 5 pounds from the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the lamb will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified lambs will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top five (5) market lambs be disqualified, the next place lamb will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until five qualified lambs are selected for each class.

## **Weight Classes:**

Market Lambs, all breeds, will be divided into weight classes of approximately 15 head per class. If there are more than 12 classes within a breed, they will be split into divisions.

**Injection Site Rule (Lamb Specific):**

1. All animals must meet Livestock Health Regulations.
2. Lambs may not be given injections or have any foreign objects, including but not limited to needles, placed in their bodies with the exception of injections of approved medications may be given in front of the point shoulder, i.e., in the lamb's neck. Injections must be given in conformity with the American Sheep Industry Association's "Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program (copyright September 2004)"
3. Any exception to this rule must be requested in writing, accompanied by a statement from a licensed veterinarian setting forth the date, injectable, purpose of the injection and reason why it could not be injected in the lamb's neck. Any such written request may be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the Arkansas Youth Expo.

**Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:**

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. In other words, if an exhibitor misses their weight class for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class.

**Market Lamb Classification:**

Market Lamb classification **FOR BREEDS ONLY AND WHITE FACE CROSS** will take place in the Sheep Arena on Monday October 2nd at 10a.m. Classification will be done by the AYE sheep committee.

**General Rules :**

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the Lamb show.

**2023 AYE Market Lamb Breed List and Show Order: (Any breeds with less than 15 entries will be moved to Crossbred)**

White Dorper

Dorper

Dorset

Hampshire

Natural

Shropshire

Suffolk

Southdown

White Face Crossbred

Black Face Crossbred

# *Breeding Ewe Regulations*

## **Ownership:**

Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each breeding ewe entered in the show from the time of validation until show day.

## **Generators:**

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the sheep barns, however, they are allowed outside the barns. Overhead fans are allowed; however, no fans will be allowed in the aisles at any time. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **Grooming:**

The use of color to change breed characteristics is prohibited.

## **Testing:**

All breeding ewes are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

## **Breeds:**

Breeding ewes that are entered as a breed must have registration papers, if not, they are ineligible to show unless the ewe was validated as a commercial ewe as well. If the committee declares a lamb ineligible for that breed, they will move to the commercial ewe division. The official show ring card must be turned in on Monday October 2nd, 2023 at 12p.m. in the AYE office with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor.

## **Registered Breed Classes:**

1. Yearling Ewe (1 year to under 2 years)
2. Senior Ewe Lamb (9/1/2021-12/31/2021)
3. January Ewe Lamb (1/1/2022-1/31/2022)
4. February Ewe Lamb (2/1/2022-2/28/2022)
5. March and Later Ewe Lamb (3/1/2022 or younger)

## **Weight (Commercial Ewes):**

**The minimum weight requirement for commercial ewes is 80 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit.** There is no official weigh-in for breeding ewes with registration papers. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use. Commercial ewes will show by weight; breed ewes will show by birthdate.

## **Weigh Back:**

During showing in each class, the show superintendents will weigh the top five (5) breeding ewes. If a breeding ewe differs more than 5 pounds from the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the lamb will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified lambs will not move up to the next class. Should any of the top five (5) lambs be disqualified, the next place lamb will move up and be weighed. This procedure will continue until five qualified lambs are selected for each class.

### **Injection Site Rule (Lamb Specific):**

4. All animals must meet Livestock Health Regulations.
5. Lambs may not be given injections or have any foreign objects, including but not limited to needles, placed in their bodies with the exception of injections of approved medications may be given in front of the point shoulder, i.e., in the lamb's neck. Injections must be given in conformity with the American Sheep Industry Association's "Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program (copyright September 2004)"
6. Any exception to this rule must be requested in writing, accompanied by a statement from a licensed veterinarian setting forth the date, injectable, purpose of the injection and reason why it could not be injected in the lamb's neck. Any such written request may be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the Arkansas Youth Expo.

### **Showing in Appropriate Weight Class:**

An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. In other words, if an exhibitor misses their weight class for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class.

### **Breeding Ewe Check In:**

Breeding ewe check in **FOR BREEDS ONLY** will take place in the Sheep Arena on Monday October 3rd at 10a.m. Papers must be presented and checked at this time.

### **General Rules :**

Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the Lamb show.

### **2023 AYE Breeding Ewe Breed List and Show Order: (Any breeds with less than 15 entries will be moved to AOB)**

AOB

Dorper

Dorset

Hampshire

Shropshire

Suffolk

Southdown

Crossbred Natural Ewes

White Face Commercial Ewe

Black Face Commercial Ewe

# *2023 Sheep Showmanship*

**Proudly Sponsored By Sullivan Supply**



## **Superintendent**

Brad and Robin Harlow

## **Official Judge**

Conner Brew

## **Show Announcer**

Kendall Brasheers, Oklahoma

## **Show Dates**

Monday October 2nd, 2p.m.- Lamb Showmanship *Lamb Arena*

*The Sheep Showmanship contest is held in the  
Show-Rite Sheep Arena*

# *Sheep Showmanship Regulations*

## **Eligibility:**

Sheep showmanship is open to any exhibitor who has paid an entry for market lambs or breeding ewes. There is no pre-entry entry fee.

## **Classes:**

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 4, 2023.

### ***Showmanship classes are as follows:***

Class 1 Ages 20-21

Class 2 Ages 18-19

Class 3 Ages 16-17

*Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen*

Class 4 Ages 14-15

Class 5 Ages 12-13

Class 6 Ages 10-11

*Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen*

Class 7 Ages 8-9

Class 8 Ages 6-7

Class 9 Ages 5

*Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen*

## **Placing:**

The judge will pull the number of exhibitors he deems acceptable to return to the finals for each division, in no particular order. Class premiums will not be paid for showmanship competitions. A top five will be chosen in each division.

# *2023 Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Show*

**Proudly Sponsored By ADM Animal Nutrition**



## **Superintendent**

Keri Landry, Louisiana

## **Official Judge**

Market Barrows: Ben Moyer

Breeding Gilts and Showmanship: Austin Thompson

## **Show Announcer**

TBA

## **Show Dates**

Tuesday October 4th

8a.m. - Breeding Gilt show *Livestock Arena At the conclusion of the breeding gilt show, the Market Barrow show will begin and end with Yorkshires*

Wednesday October 5th

8a.m. -Market Barrow show continues *Livestock Arena*

***The Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Show is held in the Livestock Arena.***

Official Sponsor of the Livestock Arena is ADM Animal Nutrition



# *Market Barrow Regulations*

## **REMINDER: NO GILTS MAY SHOW IN THE MARKET BARROW SHOW**

### **Swine Ear Tags:**

The AYE will not provide the electronic 840 tags for swine exhibitions. The exhibitor will be responsible for getting an 840 tag through their veterinary or agriculture educator/instructor. All pigs are required by law to have an 840 tag.

### **Ownership:**

Each market hog must have been continuously owned and fed personally by the exhibitor since the date of validation deadline.

### **Entering Process at AYE:**

The official weigh card must be turned into the office with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor on Monday, October 2nd, 2023 by 6 p.m. for all breeds and crossbreeds.

### **Complimentary Scales at AYE:**

Complimentary scales will be available at 8 a.m. on Sunday October 1st, 2023 for exhibitor use.

### **Show Weight:**

Show weight will range from 200 to 290 pounds. Prior to the final placing of each class, the show officials will weigh at least the top five (5) hogs in each class. If a hog has gained more than 5% above the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor at the time of entry, he will be eliminated from the show. The hog will not move up to the next class. If a hog is disqualified, the next hog in the class will be weighed until five (5) meet the weighback.

### **Grooming:**

Oil and water based substances are allowed for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns, however snaring or corded clippers will not be allowed. **No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification.**

### **Testing:**

All hogs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

### **Stalling:**

Each exhibitor will be assigned pens/stalls based on the total number of animals entered divided into the total number of pens and stalls available.

### **Generators and Fans:**

No generators may be operated inside the barns. Only overhead fans that are safely secured are allowed in the barns. No aisle fans may be used. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **General Rules:**

The General Rules and Regulations published in the rules of the Arkansas Youth Expo will also apply to all hog classes.

## **Market Hog Breed Divisions**

*If any of the following breeds have fewer than fifteen (15) entries at AYE, the entire breed will be moved to the AOB division.*

Berkshire

Chester White

Duroc

Hampshire

Hereford

Poland China

Spotted

Yorkshire

Light Cross (No dark pigmentation on hog)

Dark Cross

**Breed Classification:** If a market hog is entered online as a breed, the hog must go through the classification process on Monday October 2nd at 8a.m. at the pens, where they will be phenotypically classified by an AYE committee. If a breed hog does not meet the following characteristic guidelines, they will be moved to the appropriate crossbred division. Decisions made by AYE staff are not protestable and are final. **DARK CROSSBRED HOGS WILL NOT GO THROUGH CLASSIFICATION.**

## **Market Hog Characteristic Guidelines**

*Responsibility of judges to determine breed characteristics as published below for each breed.*

### **Berkshire Breed Character Guidelines**

1. A black and white animal with erect ears, exhibiting Berkshire characteristics.
2. A Berkshire must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white leg points may also be missing.
3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
4. A Berkshire must **NOT** have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
5. A Berkshire must **NOT** have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
6. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
7. Occasional splash of white may appear on the body.

### **Chester White Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must possess Chester White breed characteristics.
2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
3. Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, no colored hair.
4. Ears must be down and medium-sized.

5. Any size of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
6. Any skin pigmentation, other than white, that exceeds five in number will disqualify the barrow.

### **Poland China Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must possess Poland China Breed Characteristics.
2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth
3. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and switch) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one solid, black leg and be determined as a Poland China. (Tail docking is permissible.) A hog may not possess more than one (1) solid black leg and be determined as a Poland China.
4. Must have ears down.
5. Must **NOT** have any evidence of belt formation of either white or white skin encircling and touching the points of the shoulder extending down on both sides of the animal to the depth of the elbow pocket..
6. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
7. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of such tampering are ineligible.

### **Spotted Swine Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must be black and white in color.
2. Must possess Spotted Breed Characteristics.
3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
4. Ears must be down and reasonably sized. Ears cannot be erect.
5. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible.
6. No solid black head from ears forward.
7. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
8. Purebred, non-appendixed pedigrees only are accepted.

### **Duroc Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must be red in color and possess Duroc.
2. Ears must be down and medium-sized.
3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
4. Must **NOT** have any white hair located on the animal.
5. Must **NOT** have any black hair.
6. Must **NOT** have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter.
7. Must **NOT** have any shading or indication of a belt.

### **Hampshire Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.
2. Must possess Hampshire breed characteristics: ears must be erect and not rounded.
3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
4. Must **NOT** have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead.

5. Must **NOT** have any red hair.

### **Hereford Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must be red, light, or dark red with at least 50% white face, at least 50% red body, and at least 2 white feet.
2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
3. Ears must be at least broke forward.

### **Yorkshire Breed Character Guidelines**

1. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed characteristics: Ears must be erect.
2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
3. Must **NOT** have any colored hair other than white.
4. Must **NOT** have more than two pigmentation spots larger than a U.S. minted dime or one pigmentation spot larger than a U.S. minted quarter. These pigmentation spots (combined) can **NOT** exceed a U.S.

# *Breeding Gilt Regulations*

## **Swine Ear Tags:**

The AYE will not provide the electronic 840 tags for swine exhibitions. The exhibitor will be responsible for getting an 840 tag through their veterinary or agriculture educator/instructor. All pigs are required by law to have an 840 tag.

## **Ownership:**

Each breeding gilt must have been continuously owned (registration papers in exhibitor's name) and fed personally by the exhibitor since the date of validation deadline. Papers can be in multiple siblings' names.

## **Entering Process at AYE:**

The official weigh card must be turned into the office for commercial gilts with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor on Monday, October 2nd, 2023 by 12p.m. Breeds will be shown by registration paper birthdates and check in at classification!

## **Complimentary Scales at AYE:**

Complimentary scales will be available at 8 a.m. on Sunday October 1st, 2023 for exhibitor use.

## **Pedigrees:**

Pedigrees are **required** for a gilt to be eligible to show as a breed hog. Failure to correctly document a gilt will move the gilt to the light or dark cross commercial gilt division **ONLY IF THE GILT WAS VALIDATED AS A COMMERCIAL GILT**. Breeding gilts must be JANUARY 1, 2023 OR YOUNGER.

## **Show Weight: (Commercial Gilts Only)**

Show weight will range from 200 to 375 pounds. Prior to the final placing of each class, the show officials will weigh at least the top five (5) hogs in each class. If a hog has gained more or lost more than 5% above the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor at the time of entry, it will be eliminated from the show. The hog will not move up to the next class. If a hog is disqualified, the next hog in the class will be weighed until five (5) meet the weighback.

## **Grooming:**

Oil and water based substances are allowed for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns, however snaring or corded clippers will not be allowed. **No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification.**

## **Testing:**

All hogs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

## **Stalling:**

Each exhibitor will be assigned pens/stalls based on the total number of animals entered divided into the total number of pens and stalls available.

**Generators and Fans:**

No generators may be operated inside the barns. Only overhead fans that are safely secured are allowed in the barns. No aisle fans may be used. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

**General Rules:**

The General Rules and Regulations published in the rules of the Arkansas Youth Expo will also apply to all hog classes.

**Breeding Gilt Breed Divisions**

*If any of the following breeds have fewer than fifteen (15) entries at AYE, the entire breed will be moved to the AOB division.*

AOB

Berkshire

Chester White

Duroc

Hampshire

Hereford

Poland China

Spotted

Yorkshire

Light Commercial Gilt (No dark pigmentation on gilt)

Dark Commercial Gilt

# *2023 Swine Showmanship*

**Proudly Sponsored By Sullivan Supply**



## **Superintendent**

Keri Landry, Louisiana

## **Official Judge**

Austin Thompson

## **Show Announcer**

TBA

## **Show Dates**

Monday October 2 12p.m. Hog Showmanship *Hog Arena*

*Swine Showmanship is held in the Livestock Arena.*

Official Sponsor of the Livestock Arena is ADM Animal Nutrition

# *Swine Showmanship Regulations*

## **Classes:**

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 4, 2023

### *Showmanship classes are as follows:*

Class 1 Ages 20-21

Class 2 Ages 18-19

Class 3 Ages 16-17

### *Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen*

Class 4 Ages 14-15

Class 5 Ages 12-13

Class 6 Ages 10-11

### *Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen*

Class 7 Ages 8-9

Class 8 Ages 6-7

Class 9 Age 5

### *Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen*

1. The judge will pull the number of exhibitors he deems acceptable to return to the finals for each division, in no particular order. Class premiums will not be paid for showmanship competitions. Five will be chosen from each division.



# *2023 Market Steer Show*

**Proudly Sponsored By Purina Animal Nutrition**



## **Superintendents**

Kevin and Michelle Rieff, Oklahoma

## **Official Judge**

John Rayfield

## **Show Announcer**

TBA

## **Show Dates**

9 a.m. Wednesday October 4th, 2023

***The Market Steer Show is held in the Beef Arena***

Official Sponsor of the Beef Arena is Purina Animal Nutrition

# *Market Steer Regulations*

## **Ownership:**

The exhibitor must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for the steer(s) from the time of validation until show day.

## **Weight:**

The minimum show weight requirement for steers is 1,000 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit. There is no official weigh-in of market steers. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card beginning on Sunday October 1st, 2023 at 8a.m. Weight cards are due Monday October 2nd at 6p.m. in the AYE office

## **Chutes:**

Trimming or grooming chutes must be in your assigned beef exhibit stalls or an area assigned by the beef superintendents. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **Weight:**

Show classes will be established after all steers are weighed. Steers will be divided into classes by weight. There will not be an official weigh-in; all steers are to be weighed by exhibitors. Class show order will start with the lightest class and will follow with the next heaviest.

## **Hair:**

Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches) may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any steer in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

## **Weigh Back:**

The top 3 steers in each class will be weighed before the official placing with a 5% weigh back allowance on the official weight determined by the weight listed on the exhibitor's weight card.

## **Testing:**

All steers are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

## **Generators and Fans:**

No generators may be operated inside the barns, however, they are allowed outside. **AISLE FANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** Only overhead fans, which are safely secured, may be used in the barns. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

## **General Rules:**

The general rules and regulations published in the premium list of the Arkansas Youth Expo will also apply to all market steer classes.

**2023 AYE Steer Breed List: (Any breed with less than 15 entered will be moved to the crossbred division)**

American Influenced

Angus

Charolais

Chianina

Limousin

Maine

Red Angus

Simmental

Shorthorn

Crossbred

# *2023 Breeding Heifer Show*

**Proudly Sponsored By Purina Animal Nutrition**



## **Superintendents**

Kevin and Michelle Rieff, Arkansas

## **Official Judge**

John Rayfield

## **Show Announcer**

TBA

## **Show Dates**

8 a.m. Tuesday October 4, 2023

*The Breeding Heifer Show is held in the Beef Arena*

Official Sponsor of the Beef Arena is Purina Animal Nutrition

# *Breeding Heifer Regulations*

**Entries:** Exhibitors will not have a limit on how many heifers can be shown. Heifer exhibitors may substitute another eligible animal up until the super late entry deadline.

**Registration Papers:**

Every animal entered in the purebred breeding heifer show must have a pedigree issued by the respective breed organization and must be registered in the name of the junior exhibitor. All heifers without pedigrees must be shown in the commercial breeding heifer division. Heifers must be in the exhibitor's possession and papers in their name by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be eligible to show.

**To Make a Breed:**

Heifer breeds having less than fifteen (15) will show in the AOB division or the American AOB Breed.

*Examples of American Breeds are Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster and Brahman.*

The AOB division will be composed of all other heifer breeds having less than 15 head. The Champion and Reserve Champion out of each of these two divisions will compete for the honors of Top 5 Breeding Heifers

**Generators:**

No generators can be operated inside the barns, but are allowed around the perimeter of the barns. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns.

**Fans:**

**AISLE FANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** Only overhead fans, which are safely secured, will be allowed.

**DNA Testing:**

The AYE and respective breed associations reserve the right to DNA test the heifers.

**General Rules:**

The general rules and regulations published in the rules of the Arkansas Youth Expo will also apply to all heifer classes.

**Age of Heifers**

No heifers older than October 1st 2021. No heifers younger than April 2023. No cow/calf pairs.

**2023 AYE Breeding Heifer Breeds: If any breeds have less than 15 head entered, they will be moved to the respective AOB Division:**

AOB

American AOB

Angus

Brahman

Brangus

Braunvieh

Charolais

Charolais Composite

Chianina

ChiAngus

Hereford

Limousin

Maine-Anjou

Mainetainer

Maine Angus

Miniature Hereford

Red Angus

Santa Gertrudis

Shorthorn

ShorthornPlus

Simmental

Foundation Simmental

Star Five

American Commercial

English Commercial

Exotic Commercial

# *2023 Cattle Showmanship*

**Proudly Sponsored By Sullivan Supply**



## **Superintendents**

Kevin and Michelle Rieff, Oklahoma

## **Official Judge**

TBA

## **Show Announcer**

TBA

## **Show Dates**

Monday October 2nd, 2023

***The Cattle Showmanship Contest is held in Beef Arena***  
Official Sponsor of the Beef Arena is Purina Animal Nutrition

# 2023 Cattle Showmanship

## **Cattle Showmanship:**

Any steer or heifer exhibitor is allowed to show in cattle showmanship. Only one animal per exhibitor in the showmanship competition.

### ***Showmanship classes are as follows:***

Class 1 Ages 20-21

Class 2 Ages 18-19

Class 3 Ages 16-17

*Selection of Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Showmen*

Class 4 Ages 14-15

Class 5 Ages 12-13

Class 6 Ages 10-11

*Selection of Intermediate Champion and Reserve Intermediate Champion Showmen*

Class 7 Ages 8-9

Class 8 Ages 6-7

Class 9 Ages 5

*Selection of Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Showmen*

*Ages are as of October 4th, 2023. To participate in showmanship, each exhibitor must be entered in the show.*

***Showmanship will begin with seniors and end with juniors.***

1. The judge will pull the number of exhibitors he deems acceptable to return to the finals for each division, in no particular order. Five will be chosen from each division



# *2023 Agricultural Mechanics Contest*

## **Show Dates**

Monday, October 2nd, 2023 8am

## Show Order:

8am: All Exhibitors Arrive for Welcome

8:15- Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

8:45- Livestock Equipment

9:15 - Outdoor Recreation and Convenience

9:45 - Wildlife Equipment

10:15 - Trailers

10:45 - Decorative Division

11:15 am: All exhibitors return for awards

***The Ag Mechanics Contest is held in Ag Mechanics Alley***

# *Agricultural Mechanics Contest*

General Rules:

**Nominations:** There will be no nominations for the Ag Mechanics Competition.

**Eligibility:** Entries in this show are limited to Arkansas 4-H and FFA members. The projects must have been constructed by 4-H and FFA members.

- a. A project may only be exhibited one (1) time at the Arkansas Youth Expo.
- b. Any project that does not fit into one (1) of the stated classes will be deemed ineligible and disqualified by Show officials.
- c. Projects may have been constructed by an individual or a group and may be individually or chapter-owned. All projects must be entered in the names of the exhibitors who participated in the planning and construction of the project.
- d. Each exhibitor may enter six (6) individual projects; no more than one (1) per division. Each group of students may enter six (6) group projects; no more than one (1) entry per division.
- e. Exhibitors may not enter both a group and an individual project per division; if a team project is entered, all individuals on the team would be the maxed for the division.

*Example: If a student is on a team with their club, they cannot enter an additional entry in the same division as their team entry.*

*If a club has a team in the division and another individual who is **not** on the team would like to enter into the same division, they can.*

- f. A group of exhibitors shall not exceed four (4) students showing the project for a team.
- g. Substitution of projects will not be allowed.
- h. Exhibitors should be dressed appropriately and remain with their project during judging, official FFA or 4-H show attire is required, see general rules.

**Loss or Damage:** Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Arkansas Youth Expo, it's staff, directors, superintendents nor judges will be responsible for any loss or damage to projects.

**Entries:** The entry fee is \$50. Entries must be made online through ShoWorks by July 31st. Late entries follow as with livestock: late entries submitted from August 5th are \$140 and all super late entries submitted up to AYE are \$240.

## **Showmanship**

- a. Exhibitors should be courteous and helpful to those viewing their project, including those exhibiting next to them. Exhibitors should not interfere with or shield those who are exhibiting next to them.
- b. Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions when their project is being judged. Knowledge of the project will be evaluated at that time. Exhibitors should be well informed on the project they are representing, but should not be boisterous or argumentative.
- c. Exhibitors should make available any equipment that may be necessary to evaluate their project (flashlights, mat or creeper, square, tape, multi-meter, etc.). Exhibitors may be requested to hold measuring tape and assist the judge in making measurements on projects.
- d. Teams should indicate to the judges which team member served as lead engineer and welder to better present information to the judges. All team members may present, but it is the responsibility of the team to clarify which team members worked on specific areas of the project.
- e. All projects should be complete including finish. Any item, necessary for use of the project, must be a part of it (example: hinges and latches on gates and panels, lift pins, hydraulic hoses on tractor equipment, etc.), including documentation.
- f. All projects must be painted or properly treated and must be clean and in a presentable condition, even though they may have been used. No touch up painting of ANY type will be allowed inside the exhibit area.
- g. No electricity will be available for computers or other electronic devices. An effort will be made to provide electricity for projects requiring it for operation during judging only

### **Documentation of Project:**

1. Portfolio: The original (exhibitor drawn) plan or drawing, a bill of materials and photographs showing all phases of construction/restoration should be bound together via binder or folder. You may include an additional cover page but not required, and should also include a marketing flyer. Exhibitors may use their discretion on this part of the documentation but all of the above must be included. Use the checklist below

1A: Exhibitor-Drawn Plan

1B: Bill of Materials

1C: Up to 20 photographs of project construction

1D: Marketing Flyer (Details Below): Each team will develop an 8.5" by 11" one-sided flyer promoting and detailing the product. The flyer should be designed to be utilized as an advertisement and an

overview of the product to be shared with customers. Please attach the hard copy to the back of the documentation portfolio

**Safety on the Fairgrounds:**

- a. General Safety – Appropriate and safe display stands must be provided for gates, panels and other projects that need support. Sharp edges and points, such as found on self-feeder roofs, bale movers, etc. are to be padded or covered as necessary to prevent injury. Flammable and/or combustible liquids shall not be used, stored or sprayed inside any building at any time. This shall include, but not limited to, enamel paints, thinners, reducers, gasoline or any other petroleum-based liquids. All liquids must be in properly labeled original containers. All compressed gas cylinders shall be properly secured. Hand wheels are to be removed. Protective caps installed and taped. No regulators or hoses are to be installed at any time.
- b. Trailer Safety – All trailers and other equipment to be operated and/or transported on public roads are to be equipped with safety equipment specified in Arkansas Statutes. All towed equipment, regardless of standards, is to be equipped with safety chains. All three-point hitch and power take off (PTO) operated equipment are to meet current ASABE Safety and dimension standards.
- c. Electrical Safety – All 120 VAC and higher electrical plugs and receptacles must be grounded. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) shall be required for all 120 VAC receptacles. All electrical connections are to be protected in appropriate indoor or outdoor rated enclosures.
- d. Projects with Engines – There is to be no more than five (5) gallons of fuel in any fuel tank. Fuel cap taped closed and secure against tampering. Disconnect all batteries. No vehicle and/or equipment refueling inside any building.

**Criteria Points:**

Workmanship (including finish) .....	30
Design and Materials Used (including practicality) .....	20
Documentation .....	30
Degree of Difficulty .....	30
Knowledge of Project (response to questions) .....	30
Safety .....	10

Total: 150 points

Failure to provide all required documentation and information will result in docked points.

# *Ag Mechanics Classification*

## **Division 1 - Agriculture Machinery & Equipment**

1. Tractor Mounted and/or Pulled Equipment
2. Shop Tables
3. Other Shop Equipment
4. Truck and/or Tractor Accessories

## **Division 2 - Livestock Equipment Division**

5. Gates, Panels and etc.
6. Chutes and Head Gates (all types - squeeze chutes, trim chutes, loading chutes and etc.)
7. Other Livestock Handling Equipment (blocking tables, hoof trimming tables, crates and etc.)
8. Livestock Feeding/Watering Equipment (creep feeders, hay feeders, mineral feeders, combo feeders and etc.)

## **Division 3 - Outdoor Recreation & Convenience Division**

9. Stationary Smokers
10. Fryers, Fire Pits and etc.
11. Trailer Mounted Cookers (Trailer must meet ARDOT regulations)
12. Other Yard Conveniences (fire wood racks, picnic tables, porch swings, lawn chairs) (No indoor furniture items)

## **Division 4 - Wildlife Equipment Division**

13. Feeding/Watering Equipment
14. Traps and Capture Devices
15. Stands, Blinds, Observation Towers, Other Wildlife Equipment (drop chutes, working boxes, etc.)

## **Division 5 - Trailers Division**

16. Single Axle Bumper Pull Utility Trailers (all lengths)

17. Multi Axle Bumper Pull Utility Trailers (all lengths)
18. Stock Trailers-Bumper Pull and Gooseneck (all lengths)
19. Gooseneck Lowboys and Flatbeds (all lengths)
20. Other Trailers (Multi-bale, welding, tilt bed hydraulic dump, cargo and etc.)

**Division 6 - Decorative Division**

21. Small Decorative Pieces (Under 24 sq. inches)
22. Medium Decorative Pieces (Between 24 and 48 sq. inches)
23. Large Decorative Pieces (Over 48 sq. inches)

Superintendent's will have final say in classification and may designate projects for a different division, other than the one they had entered.