



2024 ARKANSAS YOUTH EXPO RULEBOOK

Fayetteville, Arkansas

September 29th-October 3rd, 2024

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Changes, Reminders, & Important Dates

2024 CHANGES AND REMINDERS

- 2024 Change: Bull Show Added
- 2024 Change: Skillathon Contest Added
- 2024 Change: Barrows, Steers, Market Wether Lambs and Market Wether Goats: Only champion and reserve breed champions will compete for the top 5. We will not pull 3 from breeds.
- Reminder: Market shows are males only. No females in the market shows.

ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION WITHIN 90 DAYS TO ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS

2024 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
- Registered Bulls

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

1. Exhibitors will complete the online validation portion on ShoWorks prior to completing the physical DNA kits.
 - a. Visit 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, 2024 (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 children. 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 connected to the existing tie outs. If an

exhibitors wishes to build a pen, it must stand on its' own. 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

OWNERSHIP ON REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR ALL PAPERED BREEDING ANIMALS MUST BE IN EXHIBITORS NAME BY JULY 15, 2024. ALL DOES, COMMERCIAL EWES, COMMERCIAL GILTS, COMMERCIAL HEIFERS AND ALL MALE MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE VALIDATED THROUGH AYE BY JULY 15, 2024.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 1: Validations open on 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 9: Late entries due on ShoWorks(\$150/animal)

At AYE: Super-Late entries due on ShoWorks (\$250/animal)

September 29-October 3: Arkansas Youth Expo

AYE Contact Information

Mailing Address and AYE Office

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14845 Walker Road
Prairie Grove, Arkansas 72753

Show Address

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AYE Website

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Facebook

www.facebook.com/aryouthexpo

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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, heifers and bulls do not need to be validated. All other animals DO need a validation. ALL animals to be shown at AYE must have an entry.

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8. Exhibitors will mail their ShoWorks receipt and completed DNA kits back to AYE no later than July 15, 2024 (Postmark Date)
9. Don't forget to ENTER between July 16 and 31, 2024.

2024 Entry Process:

All animals that show at AYE must have an entry on file. Between July 16 and 31, 2024, log on to 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, 2024, by 11:59 pm or are subject to late entry fees.

The late entry is \$150. 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, Breeding Heifers, and Bulls

\$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

ALL Skillathon Entries

Free! Students must enter an animal or ag mechanics project to participate

Family/Household Entries:

Exhibitors who meet the criteria outlined in the Family/Household Entries section of the rulebook (next page) are eligible to enter the same animal for multiple children. 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** exhibitors **MUST** have at least one online entry in his/her name. An exhibitor must be entered in AYE to participate in showmanship.

In addition, an exhibitor 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. **Exhibitors showing without a signed legal release form will forfeit all winnings.**

Family/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 2024 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:

There will be an optional release for breeding animals on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 between 9pm and 4am. If you do not choose to leave then, you will have to wait until the regular release on Thursday. All exhibitors and livestock will be released at the conclusion of the Celebration of Champions on Thursday, October 3, 2024. 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.

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.

Generators/Fans/Bucket Heaters:

No generators will be allowed to operate inside the barns or tents. Generators may be used outside the barns and tents. No fans will be allowed in the aisles at any time. No bucket heaters are allowed inside, or within 50 feet of barns or tents..

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.

Show Ring Dress Code:

Exhibitors will wear one of the following:

- A. 4-H Member Guidelines:
 - An official 4-H vest, jacket, pullover wind jacket or button up collared shirt or polo shirt 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.
 - No third color mix or additional colors are allowed.
- A. FFA Member Guidelines:
 - An official Arkansas FFA corduroy jacket, pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest, collared shirt or polo 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.
 - No third color mix or additional colors are allowed.

Minimum Number of Animals per Breed:

Unless stated otherwise, a minimum of 10 animals are required to make a breed. If less than 10 animals in a breed are ENTERED, the respective breed will be placed in the appropriate 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 7a.m. Sunday, September 30, 2024 for livestock.

- A. Gates will remain open the remaining dates of the show for participants/exhibitors to enter and exit as they wish on foot. 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 3, 2024)

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, they 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 packet pick up.

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 1 of each year. 4-H members must also be enrolled prior to September 1 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

2024 Market Wether Goat & Breeding Doe Shows

Superintendents: Scott and Christy Hoyle

Official Judges: Market Goats - Jared Whitcomb | Breeding Does and Showmanship - Skyler Scotten

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. 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.

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.

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)

2024 Goat Showmanship

Eligibility:

Showmanship is open to any exhibitor of market goats or breeding does. There is no entry fee for showmanship. Please see the AYE schedule for check in times.

Classes:

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 3, 2024

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. The top two will be chosen in each division.

2024 Market Wether Lamb and Breeding Ewe Shows

Superintendents: Brad and Robin Harlow

Official Judges: Market Lambs - Connor Brew | Breeding Ewes and Showmanship - Barrett Carlisle

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.

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 according to the AYE schedule. If the committee declares a lamb ineligible for that breed, they will be moved to the crossbred division or the correct breed.

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 that is due on the AYE schedule.

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.

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 and times can be found on the AYE schedule 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.

2024 AYE Market Lamb Breed List and Show Order:

(Any breeds with less than 10 entries will be moved to AOB)

AOB

Dorper

White 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.

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, if the ewe was validated.

Registered Breed Classes:

1. Yearling Ewe (1 year to under 2 years)
2. Senior Ewe Lamb (9/1/2023-12/31/2023)
3. January Ewe Lamb (1/1/2024-1/31/2024)
4. February Ewe Lamb (2/1/2024-2/28/2024)
5. March and Later Ewe Lamb (3/1/2024 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 according to the AYE schedule. 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.

2024 AYE Breeding Ewe Breed List and Show Order:

(Any breeds with less than 10 entries will be moved to AOB)

AOB

Dorper

White Dorper

Dorset

Hampshire

Shropshire

Suffolk

Southdown

Crossbred Natural Ewes

White Face Commercial Ewe

Black Face Commercial Ewe

2024 Sheep Showmanship

Eligibility:

Showmanship is open to any exhibitor of market goats or breeding does. There is no entry fee for showmanship. Please see the AYE schedule for check in times.

Classes:

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 3, 2024.

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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. The top two will be chosen in each division.

2024 Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Shows

Superintendent: Keri Landry

Official Judges: Market Barrows - TBA | Breeding Gilts & Showmanship - Will Hilty

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 for all breeds and crossbreeds. Deadlines can be found on the AYE schedule

Complimentary Scales at AYE:

Complimentary scales will be available at 8am on Sunday 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. **No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification.**

General Rules:

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

Market Barrow Breed Divisions

If any of the following breeds have fewer than ten (10) 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 Cross (No dark pigmentation on hog)

Dark Cross

Breed Classification: If a market barrow is entered online as a breed, the hog must go through the classification process 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. Times can be found on the AYE schedule**

Market Barrow 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 (July 15). 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. Deadlines can be found on the AYE schedule. Breeds will be shown by registration paper birthdates and check in at classification!

Complimentary Scales at AYE:

Complimentary scales will be available at 8am on Sunday 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, 2024 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. **No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification.**

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 ten (10) 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

2024 Swine Showmanship

Eligibility:

Showmanship is open to any exhibitor of market goats or breeding does. There is no entry fee for showmanship. Please see the AYE schedule for check in times.

Classes:

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 3, 2024.

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. The top two will be chosen in each division.

2024 Market Steer, Bull & Breeding Heifer Shows

Superintendents: Kevin and Michelle Rieff

Judges: Showmanship, Bulls, & American Heifers: Blake Nelson | Heifers and Steers: Mark Hoge

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 entry on Sunday. Weight submission deadlines can be found on the AYE schedule.

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.

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.

Bull Show Regulations

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

Registration Papers:

Every animal entered in the purebred bull show must have a pedigree issued by the respective breed organization and must be registered in the name of the junior exhibitor. Bulls must be in the exhibitor's possession and papers in their name by July 15, 2024 to be eligible to show.

To Make a Breed:

Bull breeds having less than ten head (10) 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 bull breeds having less than 10 head. The Champion and Reserve Champion out of each of these two divisions will compete for the honors of Top 5 Bulls.

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 bulls.

Handling:

The exhibitor must be able to handle the bull on their own in the show ring. If a bull is determined by show officials to be a danger to the exhibitor, other exhibitors, or the crowd, the bull will be disqualified and asked to leave the ring. The use of nose rings is highly encouraged. **Bulls over twelve months of age must be shown with a nose ring.**

General Rules:

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

Age of Bulls:

No bulls older than October 1, 2022. No bulls younger than April 2024.

Official Bull Classes:

Class 1	March 1 - April 30, 2024	Class 5	July 1 - August 31, 2023
Class 2	January 1 - February 29, 2024	Class 6	April 1 - June 30, 2023
Class 3	November 1 - December 31, 2023	Class 7	January 1 - March 31, 2023
Class 4	September 1 - October 31, 2023	Class 8	October 1 - December 31, 2022

2024 AYE Bull Breeds:

If any breeds have less than 10 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 - Lim/Flex
Maine-Anjou	Mainetainer	Mini Hereford	Red Angus	Santa Gertrudis	Shorthorn
ShorthornPlus	Simmental	Foundation Simmental	Star Five		

**Additional breeds may be added with a breed sponsorship of \$900.00. Be sure to check sponsorship deadlines.*

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, 2024 to be eligible to show.

To Make a Breed:

Heifer breeds having less than ten entered (10) 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 10 head. The Champion and Reserve Champion out of each of these two divisions will compete for the honors of Top 5 Breeding Heifers

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 1, 2022. No heifers younger than April 2024. No cow/calf pairs.

2024 AYE Breeding Heifer Breeds:

If any breeds have less than 10 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 - Lim/Flex
Maine Anjou	Mainetainer	Mini Hereford	Red Angus	Santa Gertrudis	Shorthorn
ShorthornPlus	Simmental	Foundation Simmental	Star Five	American Commercial	English Commercial
Exotic Commercial					

***Additional breeds may be added with a breed sponsorship of \$900.00. Be sure to check sponsorship deadlines.**

Official Heifer Classes:

Class 1	March 1 - April 30, 2024	Class 5	July 1 - August 31, 2023
Class 2	January 1 - February 29, 2024	Class 6	April 1 - June 30, 2023
Class 3	November 1 - December 31, 2023	Class 7	January 1 - March 31, 2023
Class 4	September 1 - October 31, 2023	Class 8	October 1 - December 31, 2022

Commercial Heifer Show Regulations

Commercial Heifers are defined as any crossbred female or any percentage female not eligible for registration with any purebred breed association.

Minimum weight of 500 pounds.

Females may be bred, but must not have calved by the date of the show.

No horned heifers or heifers with scurs will be eligible to participate.

Commercial Heifers will be shown in the following divisions: American, English & Exotic

Classification Guidelines:

AYE staff reserves the right to re-classify any commercial heifer entry upon arrival to maintain integrity of the show. Re-classification of an entry is not subject to protest and all decisions will be final. Please contact AYE staff if you have any questions regarding the correct division for your commercial heifer entry.

Please use these guidelines when nominating and entering commercial heifers:

- American Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics associated with influence of Brahman breeding. These typically would include a large navel, loose skin on the neck and dewlap, long slender nose, large pointed ears that open forward and downward. Examples of breed composition would include Brahman, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster, Brangus etc. and crosses thereof.
- English Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics associated with predominantly Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Red Angus, or Red Poll breeding. Unacceptable color patterns for this division would include grays, smokies, yellow, brown, cream, or animals with excessive spotting. Bald faced cattle would be acceptable, however blaze faced, striped face and star headed cattle would be undesirable for this division.
- Exotic Commercial - Must exhibit characteristics associated with predominantly Continental breeds influence. Crosses that included Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Salers or Simmental would fit in this division.

Any Division may be split into classes/divisions as show management sees fit by weight. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each Division. An Overall commercial heifer Champion will NOT be selected. The Champion American Commercial heifer will be eligible to compete in the American Breeds Heifer Championship drive. The English Cross Champion and the Exotic cross Champion heifers will be eligible to compete in the Breeding Heifer Championship drive.

2024 Cattle Showmanship

Eligibility:

Showmanship is open to any exhibitor of market goats or breeding does. There is no entry fee for showmanship. Please see the AYE schedule for check in times.

NO BULLS allowed in showmanship.

Classes:

An exhibitor will compete in the showmanship class that depicts their age as of October 3, 2024.

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. The top two will be chosen in each division.

2024 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 and only in one division.
- 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.
- f. A group of exhibitors shall not exceed four (4) students showing the project for a team.
- g. Substitutions of projects may happen until the contest check in concludes
- 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.

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.

2024 Skillathon Contest

Superintendents: Allison Harman, UADA 4-H Livestock Instructor
Dr. Janeal Yancey, University of Arkansas

Eligibility: Competitions are open to individuals who have at least one entry at Arkansas Youth Expo (Swine, Sheep, Goats, Cattle or Agricultural Mechanics). Participation in the skillathon contest will not be allowed without a proper animal or ag mechanics project at AYE. All AYE exhibitor eligibility rules apply.

Age Divisions:

Skillathon age divisions are as follows:

Senior (16-21 years of age)

Intermediate (10-15 years of age)

Junior (5-9 years of age)

Ages will be as of the last day of AYE for the competition year

Time/Location:

Location: TBA

Time: Tuesday, October 2nd 2-5pm

Contestants may start the test as early as 2pm and as late as 4pm. Tests will not be distributed outside of these times. The deadline for tests to be turned in is 5pm.

Entry Fees:

Free (Must have an existing entry with AYE for livestock and/or Ag Mechanics)

General Rules:

Each division (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) will consist of a series of stations relative to the agriculture industry.

- Youth and parents should expect 30 to 45 minutes for youth to complete the stations. Please plan accordingly with other activities you are involved in at the time of the competition.
- While completing the skill-a-thon contest, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone outside of the contest. Contestants should exhibit the utmost integrity while competing in this contest.
- The only permitted materials will be a clipboard and pencils/pens. The contestants are not allowed to use books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material during the contest.
- Pencils/pens will be available for use.
- Results will be announced after tabulation and awards will be given at the Celebration of Champions on Thursday, October 3rd. Top 5 will be recognized and awarded in each division.
- Tie Breakers will be used in the following order: Randomized quiz question, Retail Meat Cut ID, and Feed ID.

Competition Structure:

The following is a list of stations contestants in each division must complete.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Breed Identification – Identify from photographs 10 breeds.

Livestock Equipment Identification – Identify the proper name for 10 pieces of equipment.

Feed Identification – Identify 5 common feeds.

Quiz – Complete a 10-question multiple choice quiz.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Breed Identification – Identify from photographs 10 breeds.

Livestock Equipment Identification – Identify the proper name for 10 pieces of equipment.

Retail Meat Cut Identification – Identify 10 retail cuts of beef, pork, and/or lamb from photographs. Contestants will identify the species and the retail cut name.

Feed Identification – Identify 10 common feeds.

Quiz – Complete a 20-question multiple choice quiz.

SENIOR DIVISION

Breed Identification – Identify from photographs 10 breeds and match the breed with the most appropriate description supplied for each breed.

Livestock Equipment Identification – Identify the proper name for 20 pieces of equipment.

Retail Meat Cut Identification – Identify 10 retail cuts of beef, pork, and/or lamb from photographs. Contestants will identify the species and the retail cut name.

Feed Identification – Identify 10 common feeds and answer 5 questions about feeding them.

Quiz – Complete a 30-question multiple choice quiz.

Awards:

Awards are provided for the top five individuals in each division (junior, intermediate, and senior)

Resources and Study Material:

Quizlet – Available as an app or a website. www.quizlet.com/chelseyahrens

University of Kentucky Livestock Discovery <http://afs.ca.uky.edu/livestock-discovery>

Oklahoma State University Livestock Breed Pictures and Descriptions

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds>

Texas A&M University Meat Identification Pictures

<http://aggiemeat.tamu.edu/meat-identification-pictures/>

Texas Tech University Retail Identification

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/meatscience/retailid.php>

Arkansas 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Resources

<https://4h.uada.edu/programs/plant-animal/livestock.aspx>

Texas FFA Livestock Quiz

<http://resources.judgingcard.com/F/resources/LivestockKey.pdf>

University of Illinois Livestock eQuiz <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/equiz/>

The contest parts are developed by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Animal Science Department.

AYE reserves to its Management the final and absolute right to interpret ANY and ALL rules found in this rulebook and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to AYE, and the right to amend, interpret or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the management may order.

2024 Cattle Fitting Contest

ELIGIBILITY

All teams must consist of three exhibitors with eligible entries at the 2024 Arkansas Youth Expo
Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

- A. Each team must be composed of three members.
- B. Each team must have at least one member under the age of 13 (13 years or under on the day of the AYE contest).
- C. If an exhibitor wishes to compete, but does not have a team; they may enter their name into a random drawing and teams will be drawn from those names submitted. Teams will be drawn until there are not enough remaining to meet the team requirements laid out in Rule B & C above.

FITTING CONTEST RULES

- 1. Entry number and heat selection will be assigned as entries are received.
- 2. AYE DOES NOT PROVIDE POWER!!! GENERATORS OR POWER MAY BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE SHOWRING TENT FOR TEAMS.
- 3. Each heat will be 30 minutes in length. A 10 minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30 minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
- 4. All grooming rules of the Arkansas Youth Expo will be strictly enforced.
- 5. The animal must be provided by the team, being an eligible entry at the 2024 Arkansas Youth Expo steer or heifer Show. No bulls will be allowed.
- 6. Each animal must be completely clean and dry prior to the contest start.
- 7. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
 - Quality of workmanship
 - Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers
- 8. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon by judges arranged by Sullivan Supply and AYE. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
- 9. Prizes won in the fitting contest MAY NOT be returned to the sponsor of the product for a different product.

2024 Goat Fitting Contest

ELIGIBILITY

All teams must consist of two exhibitors with eligible entries at the 2024 Arkansas Youth Expo
Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

- A. Each team must be composed of two members.
- B. Each team must have at least one member under the age of 15 (15 years or under on the day of the AYE contest).
- C. If an exhibitor wishes to compete, but does not have a team; they may enter their name into a random drawing and teams will be drawn from those names submitted. Teams will be drawn until there are not enough remaining to meet the team requirements laid out in Rule B & C above.

FITTING CONTEST RULES

- 10. Entry number and heat selection will be assigned as entries are received.
- 11. AYE DOES NOT PROVIDE POWER!!! GENERATORS OR POWER MAY BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE SHOWRING TENT FOR TEAMS.
- 12. Each heat will be 30 minutes in length. A 10 minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30 minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
- 13. All grooming rules of the Arkansas Youth Expo will be strictly enforced.
- 14. The animal must be provided by the team, being an eligible entry at the 2024 Arkansas Youth Expo market goat or doe show.
- 15. Each animal must be completely clean and dry prior to the contest start.
- 16. Students will be judged based upon the following criteria:
 - Quality of workmanship
 - Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers
- 17. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon by judges arranged by Sullivan Supply and AYE. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
- 18. Prizes won in the fitting contest MAY NOT be returned to the sponsor of the product for a different product.

2024 Sheep Fitting Contest

Rules coming soon...