

ALBEMARLE AGRICULTURAL County Fair

2024 ALBEMARLE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All members, volunteers and parents must read all rules in detail. Please read these rules COMPLETELY as well as the rules of each Division and Class before competition. Any questions concerning the rules should be submitted in writing to the Albemarle County Fair Board (ACFB).

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ACF FAIR OPERATING HOURS:

Thursday, August 1, 4-9pm

Friday, August 2, 10am-9pm

Saturday, August 3, 10am-9pm

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LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Poultry & Rabbit Show— Thursday, August 1, Starts at 4:30 pm

Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle & Hog Show—Friday, August 2, Starts at 3pm

Buyer's Lunch—Saturday, August 3, 12:30pm

Market Animal Auction—Saturday, August 3, 2pm

DEPARTMENT A: GENERAL RULES

1. The Albemarle Livestock show is open to youth from Albemarle County and surrounding areas.
2. Age eligibility:
 - Pre-junior: ages 5–8
 - Junior: ages 9–13
 - Senior: ages 14–18
 - Open: all ages & over 18 (not eligible for Market classes)
3. Rules and Entry forms will be available on the Albemarle County Fair website.
4. In order for youth to participate in the show and sale, all Entry forms for the show and sale must be submitted to the ACFB by June 15, of the fair year.
5. ALL animals and entries must be included on the entry form. Any animals or items arriving at the show grounds and NOT included on this form will not be permitted to stay. PLEASE be sure to accurately

- complete the form including class number (found in rules below), TAG NUMBER, animal species and breed.
6. Youth entering project animals or other entries may scratch an entry upon arrival at the Show and Sale. Email the ACFB any scratches as soon as possible.
 7. Youth interested in showing livestock in a category, species or age breakdown not detailed in one of the sections below may petition the ACFB before June 15, of the fair year. Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis.
 8. Each participant is required to identify each project animal with a stall card, which will be provided. Youth are encouraged to make an informational poster to display in stall area. This poster should pertain to the project animal and should contain information about the animal's breed, uses, care, feeding etc. This poster is a great opportunity to educate the public.
 9. Animals and projects to be exhibited must be on the Show and Sale premises by the time set for check-in and remain until the scheduled removal time. Any exhibitor who removes an animal before the designated time will forfeit all awards and may be disqualified from showing in future shows.
 10. All animals are not to be unloaded until approved by Veterinary inspection. All animals must be free of contagious or infectious diseases or conditions in order to show or sell. Poultry will be inspected prior to unloading and are required to have a negative Pullorum-typhoid test certificate.
 11. If a project animal should die, the exhibitor has 15 days to replace it. Written notice must be given to the ACFB within 48 hours of the death. Project animals cannot be replaced after July 1.

12. ALL animals are required to be cared for and handled properly according to species protocol (for example, halters and lead ropes in the ring). Exhibitors are responsible for feeding, watering and cleaning up after their animals while the animals are on the show grounds. (Hoses will be on site for watering, but any muck tubs, pitchforks, hay, feed, feed pans and water tubs required must be provided by exhibitor). A manure disposal area will be designated for the fair animals. All exhibitors are expected to clean-up their animal's pens/cages on Saturday night after load-out.

13. The ACFB reserves the right to disqualify individuals and exhibitors from show classes or the entire show for violations of the rules. Good sportsmanship must be practiced. Any discourtesy to other youth, Judge, Show Official or ACFB member by an exhibitor or parent may cause an exhibitor to forfeit all awards, disqualify an exhibitor from showing in future shows, and may result in removal from the Fair premises.

14. Exhibitors are required to dress properly for the Show and Sale. For safety reasons, closed toe and closed heel shoes/boots are MANDATORY on the Show and Sale premises (no flip flops, Crocs or clogs). Youth must wear khakis or blue jeans and a collared shirt during the show and sale.

15. All cages shall be provided for exhibits. If the exhibitor requires special accommodations (i.e. larger cage), the request must be submitted in writing along with the entry form. Due to larger space requirements, Geese, Turkeys, and Peacocks, should have cages supplied by exhibitor.

16. For the safety of all animals and exhibitors, there is to be NO running, horseplay or rough housing in or around the livestock tents and grooming areas. Parents are responsible for supervising their children at all times while at the fair. For safety reasons, young children should not be in the large animal tent without adult supervision. Anyone violating these rules may be asked to leave the fairgrounds by the ACFB.

DEPARTMENT B:

ALBEMARLE COUNTY SHOW LIVESTOCK SALE

1. Each animal must be weighed and tagged to participate in the sale. The beginning weights of market animals should be submitted to the ACFB by February 1 (steers) May 1 (hogs, lambs, and goats) and June 1 (poultry and rabbits) depending on animal species.

2. Albemarle county exhibitors are allowed to sell a maximum of three (3) animals with no more than one (1) steer and no more than two (2) of any other species. Surrounding county exhibitors or those

participating in surrounding county fairs may sell one (1) market animal, but may have additional entries in breed divisions.

3. All exhibitors participating in the sale must have exhibited in the appropriate categories of showmanship and market classes.

4. All market animals must sell.

5. By entering an animal in the show and sale, the exhibitor and parents certify that the animal is safe for slaughter and that all withdrawal times have been followed. No animals containing toxic drugs or chemicals will be allowed to show or sell.

6. The ACFB will host a buyer's reception to benefit all participating youth and their invited buyers.

7. Each market exhibitor must contact potential buyers and invite them to the sale. Parents/youth shall provide a list of buyers with addresses to the ACFB by July 1 so they may be officially invited to the reception.

8. All market animals become the property of the buyer at the time of the sale. The exhibitor is responsible for continued care of their animal until the end of the fair.

9. The ACFB will charge a commission of 5% for selling through the sale.

10. All youth are required to thank their buyers at the time of sale and should follow up with a letter of thanks within 14 days of the sale.

11. No exhibitor may show an animal in a market class that has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair or livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership.

DEPARTMENT C: SHOWMANSHIP

Senior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 14–18)

Junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 9–13)

Novice Fitting & Showmanship (Never shown before, regardless of age)

Pre-junior Fitting & Showmanship (ages 5–8)

1. For safety reasons pre-junior youth are discouraged from showing market cattle and hogs. Pre-junior youth are encouraged to show Poultry and Rabbits but may show Sheep and Goats at their parent's discretion. Entry into the show means that the child's parents/guardians agree to the aforementioned rule.

2. An adult must be fully responsible for the Pre-junior's animals at all times.

3. Poultry / Rabbit entries: Pre-junior youth may show alone or with adult assistance.

4. Sheep / Goat entries: In the show ring, an adult should assist in leading the animal and the Pre-junior will present it to the judge.

5. Pre-Junior exhibitors are limited to one (1) market animal, but may show additional projects in breed divisions.
6. By entering into market classes, exhibitor is aware that all animals must sell.

DEPARTMENT D: LIVESTOCK

Section 100: Beef Cattle

- 101—Senior Beef Fitting & Showmanship
- 102—Junior Beef Fitting & Showmanship
- 103—Novice Beef Fitting & Showmanship

- 105—**Open Market Steers** (1000 to 1400 lbs) (not eligible for auction, open to all market steers for competition only)
- 106—Market Feeder Steers (min 400 to 999 lbs)
- 107—Market Steers (1000 to 1400 lbs)

- 108—Registered Breed Beef Heifer (classes will be determined by age)
- 109—Commercial Breed Beef Heifer (classes will be determined by age)
- 110—Beef Cow/Calf Pair

1. Market steers and heifers (1000 to 1400 lbs) must be born between January 1 and August 31 of the year prior to the show and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by February 1.
2. Feeder steers (400 to 999 lbs) must have been born on or after September 1 of the year prior to the show and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by February 1.
3. Breed cattle must be in possession and registered by May 1.
4. Breed cattle will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Simmental, Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, etc). Classes to be determined based on entries.
5. Steers will be assigned to classes according to weight.
6. All cattle must be shown with a halter and must be fully broken. Unbroken animals can be disqualified from showing if a safety threat is present.

Section 200: Dairy Cattle

- 201—Senior Dairy Cow Fitting & Showmanship
- 202—Junior Dairy Cow Fitting & Showmanship
- 203—Novice Dairy Cow Fitting & Showmanship

207—Dairy Heifer Calf

208—Dairy Cow

210—Dairy Cow/Calf Pair

1. Dairy Cattle must be in possession and registered by May 1.

2. Dairy Cattle will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, etc)

Section 300: Swine

301—Senior Swine Fitting & Showmanship

302—Junior Swine Fitting & Showmanship

303—Novice Swine Fitting & Showmanship

305—**Open Market Hogs** (200 to 300 lbs) (not eligible for auction, open to all market hogs for competition only)

306—Market Feeder Hogs (under 200 lbs)

307—Market Hog (200 to 300 lbs)

308—Breed Gilt

309—Breed Sow

1. Market hogs (200 to 300 lbs) must be born after January 1 of the show year and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by May 1.
2. Feeder hogs (under 200 lbs) must be born after January 1 of the show year and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by May 1.
3. Breed hogs must be in possession and registered by May 1.
4. Breeding hogs will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Berkshire, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Tamworth, etc). Classes to be determined based on entries.
5. All male market hogs must be castrated.
6. Hogs will be assigned to classes according to weight.
7. All swine must comply with *pseudorabies* regulations.

Section 400: Sheep

401—Senior Sheep Fitting & Showmanship

402—Junior Sheep Fitting & Showmanship

403—Novice Sheep Fitting & Showmanship

404—Pre-Junior Sheep Fitting & Showmanship

405—**Open Market Lamb** (over 85 lbs) (not eligible for auction, open to all market lambs for competition only)

406—Market Feeder Lambs (under 85 lbs)

407—Market Lamb (over 85 lbs)

408—Breed Ewe

1. Market Lambs (85 lbs and over) must be born after December 1 of the year prior to the show and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by May 1.
2. Feeder Lambs (under 85 lbs) must be born after December 1 of the year prior to the show and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by May 1.
3. Breed Sheep must be in possession and registered by May 1. Sheep will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Dorset, Hampshire, Suffolk, etc)
4. Weight classes will be divided the day of the show if necessary.
5. All male market lambs must be castrated.
6. All market lambs should be shown clipped and fitted. They may be shown in hand or with a halter.
7. *All lambs must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication regulations.*

Section 550: Fiber Animals

501—Senior Fiber Fitting & Showmanship

502—Junior Fiber Fitting & Showmanship

503—Novice Fiber Fitting & Showmanship

504—Pre-Junior Fiber Fitting & Showmanship

508—Fiber Sheep

509—Fiber Goats

1. Fiber animals must be in possession and registered by May 1. Please indicate breed on registration. Fiber animals will be judged on the quality of fiber but some confirmation issues may affect placing as well.

Section 600: Meat Goats

601—Senior Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship

602—Junior Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship

603—Novice Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship

604—Pre-Junior Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship

605—**Open Market Goat** (over 50 lbs) (not eligible for auction, open to all market goats for competition only)

606—Market Feeder Goat (under 50 lbs)

607—Market Goat (over 50 lbs)

608—Breed Meat Doe

1. Market goats (over 50 lbs) must be born after December 1 of the year prior to show year and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by May 1.
2. Feeder goats (under 50 lbs) must be born after December 1 of the year prior to show year and must be in possession and registered with a beginning weight by May 1.
3. Breed goats must be in possession and registered by May 1.
4. Breed goats will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Boer, Kiko, Spanish, etc). Classes to be determined based on entries.
5. Goats should be shown with a halter or collar.
6. All male market goats must be castrated.
7. All horns must be blunted or missing.
8. *All goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Regulations.*

Section 700: Dairy Goats

701—Senior Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship

702—Junior Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship

703—Novice Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship

704—Pre-Junior Dairy Goat Fiber Fitting & Showmanship

708—Dairy Doe

1. Breed Dairy Goats must be in possession and registered by May 1.
2. Breeding dairy goats will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Alpine, Nubian, Lamancha, etc). Classes to be determined based on entries.
3. Dairy goats should be shown with a halter or collar.
4. All horns must be blunted or missing.
5. *All dairy goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Regulations.*

Section 800: Poultry

801—Senior Poultry Fitting & Showmanship

802—Junior Poultry Fitting & Showmanship

803—Novice Poultry Fitting & Showmanship

804—Pre-Junior Poultry Fitting & Showmanship

805—**Open Market Chicken** (not eligible for auction, open to all market chickens for competition only)

806—Market Chicken

807—Market Turkey

808—Breed Chickens

809—Breed Turkeys

810—Ducks

811—Geese

812—Guineas

813—Bantams

1. Market Chicken Classes will be limited to meat (Cornish, Cornish crosses, Red Ranger, etc.) or dual purpose breeds (Delawares, Plymouth Rocks, Orpingtons, New Hampshires, etc.)
2. Market Poultry (to be shown at processing size/age) must be born after January 1 of the show year and must be in possession and registered by June 1.
3. Breed Poultry must be in possession and registered by June 1.
4. Breed Poultry will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Barred Rock, Dominique, Royal Palm, Bourbon Red, etc). Classes to be determined based on entries.
5. All youth must be present for judging of their birds. Poultry will be judged by American Poultry Association standards.
6. The Virginia Department of Agriculture requires that "All poultry shown in public exhibitions in the state of Virginia shall have originated from U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of movement to the public exhibition." Testing is encouraged ahead of time. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor/parent to present necessary paperwork upon arrival at the Show and Sale.
7. All birds must be in good health, free of parasites and in presentable condition (clean and in

good feather.)

8. Exhibitor is responsible for supplying feed, water, bowls and bedding for their poultry. The exhibitor is also responsible for keeping their bird's area clean and ensuring their animal is fed and watered. ACFB will provide poultry cages.

Section 900: Rabbits

901—Senior Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship

902—Junior Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship

903—Novice Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship Market

904—Pre-Junior Rabbit Fiber Fitting & Showmanship

905—**Open Market Rabbit** (not eligible for auction, open to all market rabbits for competition only)

906—Market Rabbit

908—Breed Rabbit (Doe or Buck)

909—Fur Class

910—Doe and Litter

1. Market Rabbits (to be shown at processing size/age) must be born after January 1st of the show year and must be in possession and registered by June 1st.
2. Market classes will be limited to meat or dual purpose breeds (New Zealand, Californian, Flemish Giant, etc.)
3. Breed Rabbits must be in possession and registered by June 1.
4. Breed Rabbits will be shown by breed type. Please indicate breed on registration (Lop, Silver Fox, Rex, etc). Classes to be determined based on entries.
5. Rabbits will be shown and judged on a judging table. Showmanship classes will be judged on cage appearance, condition of animal and handling skills of exhibitor.
6. Exhibitor is responsible for supplying feed, water, bowls and bedding for their rabbits. The exhibitor is also responsible for keeping their rabbit's area clean and ensuring their animal is fed and watered. ACFB will provide rabbit cages.

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608—Breed Meat Doe
- 701**—Senior Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship
702—Junior Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship
703—Novice Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship
704—Pre-Junior Dairy goat Fitting and Showmanship
708—Breed Dairy Doe
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- 901**—Senior Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship
902—Junior Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship
903—Novice Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship
904—Pre-Junior Rabbit Fitting and Showmanship
905—Open Market Rabbit (not eligible for auction, open to all market rabbits for competition only)
906—Market Rabbit
908—Breed Rabbit (Doe or Buck)
909—Fur Class
910—Doe and Litter

