

MENDOCINO COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

WEIGH-IN AND FINAL EAR TAGGING
STEERS.....APRIL 9th
LAMBS & GOATS.....JUNE 8th
RABBITS & POULTRY.....JULY 8th

1. **NEW! NEW!** Tagging of swine will be Tuesday at fair grounds, this will be done by club or chapter. Must have tags in ear before weigh-in.
2. All rules contained in "State Rules for California Fairs" as prescribed by the Division of Fairs & Expositions apply to the Redwood Empire Fair and the Junior Livestock Auction. Copies of this booklet may be obtained from the Fair office.
3. Only eligible members of Mendocino County 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and Independent Juniors, residing in Mendocino County, who have entered animals at the beginning of the Rate of Gain periods and have followed all the rules in accordance with the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction Committee and Redwood Empire Fair rules shall be eligible to sell their market animals in the auction.
4. All Livestock, in order to be eligible for the sale, shall have been entered and shown in their market division and graded as Market Ready in their respective class.
5. All Livestock must be on the Fairgrounds and checked in at the Livestock office by 10:00 PM, Tuesday, August 5th. All final weighing must be done at the announced time. Weigh-in weights will be used for classification for judging and meeting minimum specie weights for qualification to show.
6. Weigh-in will start at 7:30 AM on Wednesday August 6, 2008. All market animals will be weighed: Beef & Goat at 7:30 AM Sheep, Swine will be weighed immediately following orientation; schedule will be posted at the Livestock office on the bulletin board. Weigh masters will be assigned to each scale prior to official time for weigh-in. If any weight is contested, it must be done immediately. The animal will be taken from the scale, the scale re-balanced and the animal again weighed. Under no circumstance shall the animal leave the scale area. Excessive fill of water or feed before weighing is reason for disqualification for sale at auction.
7. The Schedule of weighing will be done alphabetically by club or chapter. Check schedule posted at Livestock office. After weighing, animals may be divided into classes for equitable judging.
8. No wet animals will be allowed on the scales and no animal overly fatigued or stressed will be weighed.
9. The order of sale shall be Grand Champions, followed by Reserve Grand Champions, Champions, Reserve Champions and the remaining animals in order of placing beef, sheep and swine, goats and rabbits being intermingled. All Champion/Reserve Champions must sell unless exhibited by a non-eligible exhibitor.
10. All exhibitors are responsible for preparing their own animals for sale and getting them to the sale ring in proper sale order. Exhibitors must take their own animals back to their stall or pens immediately following their appearance in the sale ring and must care for them until shipment to the processing plant.
11. There is a limit of one animal or one pen of rabbits or chickens per exhibitor to be sold in the auction.
12. All exhibitors selling an animal shall be assessed a sales fee to defray the costs of promotions and conducting the sale and for maintaining a contingency fund in cases of death or loss of an animal after the sale. However, the seller is responsible for an animal that is rejected and declared unfit at the processing plant.
13. All beef cattle, lambs, goats and hogs going through the sale will be processed and must go to the designated processing plant. Rabbit and Poultry meat pens will sell as live pick-up only.
14. Hogs shall not weigh more than 110 pounds on initial weigh-in date (May 9).
15. Lambs shall not weigh more than 110 pounds on initial weigh-in date (June 8).
16. No substitutions of market animals may be made other than in special circumstances, such as death or predator kill. Prior approval must be obtained from the Junior Livestock Auction Committee, Fair CEO & Fair board.
17. Large Market Animals must be ear tagged with an Official Fair Ear Tag and then pre-weighed between the dates specified below and by a designated Fair representative (4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, JLA officer, or Fair Staff). The Official Ear Tag must remain in the animal's ear through the Fair. If an animal loses an Official Ear Tag, the exhibitor must notify the JL Chairman immediately to arrange for a replacement. Market animals arriving at the Fair for weigh-in without the Official Ear Tag will not be eligible to sell in the Auction.

Beef	March 31, 2008-April 9, 2008
Swine	April 30, 2008-May 9, 2008
Sheep & Goat	May 30, 2008 – June 8, 2008

“Back-Up” market animals that are to be exhibited as breeding animals must have the Official Ear Tag removed prior to arrival at the Fairgrounds.

18. Rate of Gain records must be completed and turned in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 6 in the Livestock office.
19. All market lambs must have been slick-shorn within one (1) week of Fair weigh-in on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. Only head wool and wool below the knees and hocks may remain.
20. No horned Market Beef will be allowed; steers must be polled or dehorned; nubbins fewer than 3 inches will be allowed.
21. Thank you notes to buyers of market animals must be turned in to designated leaders.
22. All livestock auction animals sold must be paid for at the time of purchase unless previous arrangements have been made.
23. Payment may be by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard.
24. Exhibitors, leaders, advisors and parents found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the Fair program or the Junior Livestock Auction shall be denied entry or be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances. The management shall report any such incidences to the Division of Fairs and Expositions in writing and such reports may become the basis for any Fair to refuse entries.
25. No non-official scales will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. A staffed scale will be available for weighing marginal animals from 7 – 8 PM on Tuesday.

INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

1. To qualify for sale Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide fair management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership, permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef, 90 days for swine 60 days for sheep, veal and goats, rabbit and poultry 30 days.
2. I have read, understand and agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the fair entries as published in the official Premium Book and including State Rules.
3. Independent Exhibitors and parent or guardian must attend 80% of the Junior Livestock Auction meetings from October 2007 to August 2008. Livestock Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Willits High School. For further information, contact entry department at the Redwood Empire Fair at 707-462-3884.
4. Independent exhibitors must be at least 9 years old, and must not be older than 19 on December 31, 2008. Youth under 9 years of age must exhibit in special divisions designated by the local fair.

5. All Independent Exhibitors selling animals must wear white pants (ankle length) white blouse or shirt; footwear: black, brown or white and must be closed toed.

SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock and animals offered in any event at a livestock show or other competitive animal program.

Owners-exhibitors found to violate this code of ethics or in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the show program will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective Fairs and Livestock shows.

~SPECIAL AWARDS~ TOP PLACING 4-H AND FFA ~MARKET ANIMALS~ BORN AND RAISED IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

“Born and raised in Mendocino County” is a program that supports our County and keeps money in Mendocino County. It helps support breeders and our youth.

As you are aware many of our youth have breeding projects but purchase market animals from out of county. Our goal is to encourage our young people to either raise their own market animals or to purchase them from a breeder in Mendocino County. We feel this award will be an incentive in the years to come for leaders and parents as well as the 4-H and FFA members to strive to improve his or her own flock or herd or support the growers from their county.

This is how the program works: The exhibitors with the top animals at Fair from the Mendocino County win cash awards. The breeders will be recognized when the exhibitors win champion or reserve champion.

**Market Animal
Champion and Reserve Champion Row
Animals will be displayed in front of Racine
Pavilion as scheduled:**
Thursday Champion 7pm-8pm
Friday Reserve Champion 7pm-8pm
Saturday Champion 7pm- 8pm