

Highland County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show & Sale Program

2024 Rules & Regulations

Livestock Check-In – Tuesday of Fair Week
Goats & Sheep – 11am – Wednesday of Fair Week
Hogs & Beef – 11am – Thursday of Fair Week
Livestock Sale – 2pm – Saturday of Fair Week



2023-24 Overall Livestock Committee:

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Exhibitor forfeits right to participate in show and/or sale if not adhering to required rules and regulations.
- Barn managers, under the direction of the overall barn manager Raymond Lightner, will assign pens/stalls.
- Animals are entered and handled at the sole risk of the exhibitor and must be safely controlled for the show and sale. In extreme cases, the overall committee has the authority to remove an animal from the grounds as a safety precaution, which disqualifies the animal from this event.
- Revisions or additions to the rules for the next program year must be received in writing by mail on or before the third Friday of September. Send to Highland 4-H & FFA Livestock Show & Sale, PO Box 23, Monterey VA 24465.

REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors are required to be bona fide members of at least one organized Highland County 4-H club or FFA chapter on or before December 1. Youth can join both 4-H and FFA but will choose at time of nomination which organization they will qualify through for this particular program. Enrollment requirements include:
 - 4-H...complete 4-H Enrollment (v2.4honline.com). 4-H & FFA Livestock Show & Sale rules require membership in only one 4-H club or as a lone 4-H member. Youth enrolled as a Lone 4-H Member must schedule and meet on a regular basis with the 4-H Youth Development Agent.
 - FFA...complete FFA Membership and pay dues to the FFA Advisor at Highland High School on or before December 1.
A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) late fee will be charged to those enrolling during the grace period (Dec 2-8). Enrollments received after Dec. 8 are ineligible for Livestock Project participation for the current program year.
- An 'activity' or 'meeting' is defined as a scheduled in-person function of the local FFA chapter, a local 4-H club, or 4-H County program where attendance, general club business and/or an educational program is conducted for no less than 30 minutes. District/area or state events approved by the program advisor are considered activities. A specific activity (i.e., Junior 4-H Camp, FFA Convention, State 4-H Congress) or an organized competitive team consisting of at least three youth (i.e., Livestock or Poultry

Judging Teams) lasting overnight or across multiple days is considered one activity.

- An Exhibitor Agreement will be shared with all known interested youth in December. Agreements must be signed by youth and parent/guardian(s) and returned by December 29, 2023.
- Exhibitors must complete the following (included but not limited to):
 - Organizational enrollment by December 1
 - Six (6) club/chapter activities and meetings (from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024)
 - In-Person YQCA Training and Budget Approval & Assignments Meeting (Apr. 27)
 - Animal Nomination Forms (due May 31)
 - Tag Day(s) (June 1 and/or July 13)
 - Pre-Show & Sale Exhibitor Meeting (Aug. 27)
 - Set-Up Saturday OR Clean-Up Sunday
- Exhibitors must be at least age 9 or turning 9 as of September 30 of the current program year. Exhibitor's age must not exceed age 19 as of September 30 of current program year.
- Exhibitors must enter at least one (1) agricultural promotion poster or display. Can be a trifold tabletop display on an agricultural topic or a species-specific 2'x3' poster displayed over an animal pen. Educational posters PER SPECIES are required for eligibility in the Premier Exhibitor Award. Posters must be in place by 10am Wednesday.
- Exhibitor must create an Exhibitor Profile which is displayed in the Ag Education barn during Fair week. Exhibitor profiles are due July 31 in editable, electronic form to the Extension Office.
- Parents are encouraged to attend all required meetings, activities and trainings with their exhibitor(s) to assist with assigned tasks.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- The Highland County 4-H & FFA Livestock Show & Sale Nomination Packet will be distributed to exhibitors at the April 27 meeting. Forms from the packet are due May 31 to the Highland Extension Office. Youth submitting forms during the seven-day grace period are assessed a \$25 late fee. **NO** forms or fees are accepted after the grace period.
- A limit is set for the number of market livestock allowed per exhibitor in the 4-H & FFA Show and Sale. You may tag **ONE** extra animal per species if noted on the nomination form. Only animals nominated by the deadline

will be eligible for the show and sale; no add-ons after nomination.

- Youth with less than three years' experience can nominate five market animals to show and sell; youth with four or more years' experience can nominate a maximum of six animals to show and sell. Youth cannot exceed more than the following per species:
 - 2 market hogs
 - 2 market goats
 - 3 market lambs
 - 2 total beef (market and/or feeder steers)
- Open, non-sale livestock classes are not part of the Highland 4-H & FFA Livestock Show and Sale program. This includes pets, commercial and purebred animals. For these opportunities, consult the Highland County Fair Guide.

ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

- Farm visits by a program advisor can be requested.
- All animals must be washed and clean to participate in the show and sale.
- All animals must be tame and easily controlled by the exhibitor.
- Adults or unregistered youth cannot assist with exhibiting livestock in 4-H and FFA sanctioned classes or the sale.
- Youth and livestock are required to participate in:
 - o Each appropriate species of showmanship for all animals registered.
 - o Weight/Age classes for each registered animal
- Failure to complete required classes, or if an animal is rejected for any reason after check-in, the animal in question cannot be sold.
- Farm raised classes are an additional option to those who pre-register through the nomination packet. Scratching later is allowed, but pre-registration is required by May 31.
- The Pair of Market Lambs class registration can be made at Tuesday Check-in.
- **Health:** All animals must be free of infectious and contagious disease. These could include but are not limited to ringworm, warts, pinkeye, sore mouth, foot rot, and Caseous Lymphadenitis. Animals being treated for any of the listed conditions, that are visibly responding to treatment, must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 30 days of show and sale check-in and pass on-site veterinary inspection.
- No intact male livestock may be shown or sold. This includes stags.
- **Vet Check & Grading:** All animals are subject to veterinary inspection before unloading at the weigh-in location on show & sale check-in day. All livestock must be clean (natural), dry, and remain uncovered for initial veterinarian inspection and weigh-in. All animals are required to meet or exceed specific minimum industry grading standards (noted within species regulations). Animals not meeting minimum standards will be rejected. Any rejected animal is prohibited from unloading at the fairgrounds. Veterinarian and state grader decisions are final. Exhibitors and/or parents should observe weigh-in, grading, and vet inspection to avoid complaint.
- **Weigh-in:** All market/feeder animals must attend final weigh-in. Animals will be weighed only once unless instructed by scale officials. A weight ticket will be issued by the scale operator, to be turned in at the check-in table by the exhibitor with the livestock Passport.

- **A Vet Check and Livestock Grade Ticket (Passport)** will travel with each exhibitor through all stages of check-in for a complete check-in procedure of all market animals.
- Additional details about check-in will be shared during the required August 27 Exhibitor Meeting.
- **Ear Tags:** All market animals must be owned and in possession by show and sale tagging. Extension staff and/or FFA Advisor will advise/observe/assist with Tag Day(s). If an exhibitor is able to or wishes to tag their own animals, they may do so in observance and accordance of Show and Sale personnel and rules. Exhibitors must ensure livestock are properly identified prior to transfer of ownership.
- All sheep and goats must comply with the USDA Scrapie Eradication program and must have an official scrapie identification for show and sale. All market lambs and goats must have a white scrapie tag. Tags of any other color will not be used as official show and sale ID. All non-scrapie farm tags must be removed.
- Exhibitors must notify the overall committee if an animal loses a tag after Tag Day.
- Ear tags must remain in ear after sale until barn manager signs off.
- No animal substitutions allowed.

Hog Specific Requirements

- Market hog grade of #1 is required in order to show and sell.
- Weight range for market hogs at show date weigh-in is 200-300 lbs. Market hogs over 300 lbs. may be exhibited and sold, but will not compete in the championship drive. Hogs under 200 lbs. will be rejected and cannot unload at the fairgrounds.
- Hogs can be shown natural (no clipping) or may have hair clipped no shorter than 1/2".

Steer Specific Requirements

- Market steers registered for the Show and Sale will be inspected and ear tagged June 1.
- All cattle must be without horns or nubs for safety.
- Market steers must meet a minimum weight of 1,001 lbs. at show date weigh-in and a live grade of Select Minus or better.
- Weight range for feeder steers will be 450-750 lbs.; feeder steers will be divided into weight divisions based on show date weigh-in.
- Feeder steers below 450 lbs. will be rejected and cannot unload at the fairgrounds. Feeder steers between 751 and 1000 lbs. can be shown and sold but not return for the feeder steer championship drive.
- Feeder steers are must grade M2 or better; grades below M2 will be rejected.
- All steers must be known beef breeds (purebred or cross) and weaned.

Goat Specific Requirements

- Market goats are to be meat goat breeds with a required grade of #2 or better to be shown and sold.
- Weight range for goats is 60-130 lbs. Goats over 130 lbs. can be shown and sold but cannot compete in the championship drive. Goats under 60 lbs. will be rejected and cannot unload at the fairgrounds.
- Horns must be tipped to a blunt end prior to show and sale check-in for safety. No horn modifications are allowed after arriving on the fairgrounds. If horns are determined

a safety issue by veterinarian or barn management, animals will be rejected.

- Goats may be shown with or without collars at exhibitor's discretion and ability to control the animal.

Sheep Specific Requirements

- Market lambs are required to grade RO or better at final weigh-in to be shown and sold.
- Weight range for market lambs is 90-160 lbs. Animals over weight may be exhibited and sold, but cannot compete in the championship drive. Lambs under 90 lbs. will be rejected and cannot unload at the fairgrounds.
- Sheep must be shorn prior to final weigh-in to accommodate veterinary inspection. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4" at final weigh-in.
- All lambs must be docked.
- Sheep may be shown with or without halters at exhibitor's discretion and ability to control the animal.

BARN & PARKING RULES

- Livestock exhibitors must supply all feed needed for their animal(s); feed can be stored in livestock trailers or tack space. Fresh, non-chlorinated water is provided for animals by a donor.
- Misconduct in the livestock area will not be tolerated. Observed misconduct should be reported to an overall livestock committee member as soon as possible. If behavior, by a youth or supervising adult, is deemed a risk to self, fellow participants or facilities, person(s) will be asked to leave and forfeit show/sale participation.
- Disciplinary Action for misconduct is as follows:
 - o Step 1: Verbal warning.
 - o Step 2: Parent/Guardian follow-up and a possible parent/exhibitor meeting with the overall committee.
 - o Step 3: Dismissal and forfeiture of show/sale participation.
- Exhibitor must maintain a clean space for their animal(s). Pens should not be cleaned during show or sale times as not to impede with barn activity during the show/sale process. Final clean out must take place by 9pm on Sale Day. A barn manager must inspect pens with youth to ensure the pen meets cleanliness standards. Exhibitors with uncleaned pens will have \$25 deducted from their sale check.
- Dogs are not allowed in or near any livestock areas, including trailers.
- Smoking is not allowed in or near any livestock areas.
- Parking areas will be designated by the overall barn manager on a first come, first served basis.

SHOW INFORMATION

- Youth must stay near the show ring area on show days and sale day. If a youth misses their class, there is no alternative class to enter. Missing a class or sale entry will forfeit exhibitor the ability to sell (unless there is a pre-approved exception).
 - Master Showmanship will be offered if two or more exhibitors are eligible for the division.
 - Exhibitors must wear appropriate attire in the show and sale ring which includes:
 - Tucked in, collared shirt (with sleeves) or polo.
 - Long pants that cover body from waist to footwear
 - Close-toed shoes
 - Exhibitor number, if applicable

- Exhibitors with long hair should use appropriate tie-back accessories.

- Exhibitors can receive help from peers with project animals, but minimally from adults prior to show and/or sale.
- All animals must be shown clean, dry, and unfitted (no glues or adhesives) in the showmanship classes.

SALE INFORMATION

- Show and Sale Buyer's Brochures, which should be included with your buyer letter, will be available on or by July 13.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for submitting a personal bio about their project to the Extension Office by July 31.
- There are no bid ceilings. Price announced by auctioneer will be distributed to the exhibitor less commissions and required check-off fees. Commissions per animal sold are deducted from exhibitor's checks based on species and show & sale expenses.
- This is a terminal show and sale. The winning bidder during the sale owns the animal with the right to keep (take home/slaughter) or forfeit to the floor buyer. Buyers keeping animals for home or slaughter must notify the auctioneer when winning bid is taken during the sale. Any transactions not listed on the sales sheet will not be processed by the show and sale treasurer or any other committee member on or after sale day.
- The sales clerk will not accept direct contributions to individual youth. All floor sale transactions go to the floor buyer.
- After the live auction is complete, exhibitors will have ONE hour to contact, verbally thank, and take photos with buyers, then animal(s) must return to their pen/stall until a signed Release Form is signed by the barn manager.
- Youth must exit the barn so animal "load outs" can take place by barn management between 6:00 and 8:00 pm on sale day. Exhibitors may return at 8 PM to clean pens/stalls and remove personal items.

RECORD BOOKS & BUYER/SPONSOR RECOGNITION

- Highland 4-H and FFA Market Animal Record Books can be obtained at the Highland County Extension Office or from the FFA advisor.
- Use one record book per market species (beef, sheep, swine, or goat). (*Example: All market lamb data can be recorded in one record book.*)
- Exhibitors pulling animal entries within seven (7) days of the show date due to animal death, illness, inability to handle or other necessary reason, must follow up with a record book submission with all applicable sections (feed, medical, inventory records and project story explaining why animal(s) didn't make it to the show and/or sale). Failure to submit a project record by the deadline will result in forfeiture of participation in that species the following year.
- Record Books complete through page 6 MUST be presented at the check-in table in the fair livestock barn.
- Completed 4-H & FFA Livestock record books are due to the Highland Extension Office by 5:00 PM on the 3rd Friday of September. Late record books will incur a \$50 deduction in sale check. Late record books will also disqualify youth from a Record Book Award.
- Record books will be judged based on the rubric on the last page. Parents are encouraged to support their son/daughter in their project work. If your child needs

assistance with record keeping, consult your program advisor in sufficient time prior to the deadline. Should your child have an IEP, discuss this with your advisor so judges can be best informed and the Special Needs section of the Agreement form in the front of the Record Book must be filled out.

- Once judged, record books will be returned to exhibitor by November 15.
- Overall Sponsor Thank You Notes assigned to each exhibitor must be received with record books by the deadline.
- Thank you notes to individual animal buyers are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and should be sent in a timely fashion. A courtesy email from Extension will notify exhibitors of their animal buyer's names and overall sponsors & donors to thank.

SECTION I – HOGS

MARKET HOG SHOWMANSHIP

Previous winners of classes 2 and 3 must advance to the next higher class.

Class:

1. Master – for previous showmanship winners of Class 2. Master Showmanship does not occur if there are less than two qualifying youth.
2. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on the day of the show and/or previous winners of class 3.
3. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
4. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES:

1st-\$12, Rosette & Banner; 2nd -\$10; 3rd -\$9; 4th -\$8; 5th -\$7

MARKET HOGS

Class

1. Market Hog
2. Champion Market Hog

PRIZES:

1st-\$12; 2nd -\$10; 3rd -\$9; 4th -\$8; 5th -\$7

Champion \$7, Rosette & Silver Plate; Reserve Champion \$5, Rosette

3. Farm Raised Market Hog

Market hog must be owned by exhibitor. Hog must be born in Highland County and the exhibitor must have performed hands-on duties with hog since birth, such as worming and feeding. Once piglets are weaned, the exhibitor must take possession of the animal. Only one market hog per eligible exhibitor can be shown in this class. Registration form for this class is distributed with the nomination packet.

PRIZES:

1st-\$30; 2nd-\$25; 3rd-\$20; 4th-\$15; 5th-\$10

SECTION II – CATTLE

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Previous winners of class 2 and class 3 must advance to the next higher class.

Class:

1. Master – previous showmanship winners of Class 2. Master Showmanship does not occur if there are less than two qualifying youth.
2. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on day of the show and/or previous winners of class 3.
3. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
4. Novice – first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES:

1st-\$12, Rosette & Banner; 2nd -\$10; 3rd -\$9; 4th -\$8; 5th -\$7

BEEF STEERS

Class:

1. Market Steer
2. Champion Market Steer
3. Feeder Steer
4. Champion Feeder Steer

PRIZES:

1st-\$18; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$12; 4th \$10; 5th-\$8

Champion-\$15, Rosette & Banner; Reserve Champion-\$10 & Rosette

5. Farm Raised Feeder Steer

Steer must be owned by exhibitor and registered as a feeder steer in the Highland 4-H & FFA Livestock Show and Sale. Steer must be born and raised in Highland County on the family farm of exhibitor's immediate family or grandparent. Exhibitor must have performed hands on duties with steer since birth such as calving, cut/banding, dehorning, feeding, and vaccination. Registration for this class is distributed with the nomination packet. Only one steer per eligible exhibitor can be shown in this class.

PRIZES:

1st-\$30; 2nd-\$25; 3rd-\$20; 4th-\$15; 5th-\$10

SECTION III - GOATS

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Previous winners of class 2 and class 3 must advance to the next higher class.

Class:

1. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on the day of the show and/or previous winners of class 2.
2. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
3. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES:

1st-\$12, Rosette & Banner; 2nd -\$10; 3rd -\$9; 4th -\$8; 5th -\$7

MARKET GOATS

Class

1. Market Goat

2. Champion Market Goat

PRIZES:

1st-\$12; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$9; 4th-\$8; 5th-\$7
Champion-\$7 & Rosette; Reserve Champion-\$5 & Rosette

3. Farm Raised Goat

Market goat must be owned by exhibitor and from one of exhibitor's goats participating in the Highland 4-H & FFA Show. Goat must be born and raised in Highland County on the family farm of exhibitor's immediate family or grandparent. Exhibitor must have performed hands on duties with goat since birth such as kidding, feeding, deworming, and vaccination. Only one goat per eligible exhibitor can be shown in this class. Registration form for this class is due by June 1.

PRIZES:

1st-\$20; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10; 4th-\$5

SECTION IV – SHEEP

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Previous winners of class 2 and class 3 must advance to the next higher class. Large classes may be divided.

Class:

1. Master – previous showmanship winners in Class 2. Master Showmanship does not occur if there are less than two qualifying youth.
2. Senior – for exhibitors 14-18 years old on the day of the show and/or previous winners of class 3.
3. Junior – for exhibitors under 14 years of age on the day of the show.
4. Novice – for first time exhibitors 13 years old and under.

PRIZES:

1st-\$12, Rosette & Banner; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$9; 4th-\$8; 5th-\$7

MARKET LAMBS

Class

1. Market Lamb
2. Champion Market Lambs
3. Pair of Market Lambs
4. Champion Pair of Market Lambs

PRIZES:

1st-\$12; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$9; 4th-\$8; 5th-\$7
Light Weight Champion; Medium Weight Champion; Heavy Weight Champion-Champion \$7 & Rosette; Reserve Champion \$5 & Rosette; Superior Champion Market Lamb-Banner & Rosette; and Reserve Superior Champion—Banner & Rosette

5. Farm Raised Market Lamb

Lamb must be owned by exhibitor and from one of exhibitor's lambs participating in the Highland 4-H & FFA Show. Lamb must be born and raised in Highland County on the family farm of the exhibitor's immediate family or grandparent. Exhibitor must have performed hands-on duties with lamb since birth such as lambing, deworming and feeding. Only one lamb per eligible exhibitor can be

shown in this class. Registration form for this class is distributed with the nomination packet.

PRIZES:

1st-\$30; 2nd-\$25; 3rd-\$20; 4th-\$15; 5th-\$10

6. Club/Chapter Pen of 3

A Pen of 3 consists of three market lambs from at least two exhibitors, all of which are bona fide members of the same county club or chapter. Each club/chapter can enter up to two groups in this class. Participation in this class can be determined at time of show as announced by show staff. Premiums are paid to the club/chapter.

PRIZES:

1st-\$20; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10

PREMIER EXHIBITOR

A premier exhibitor will be awarded per species. To qualify, the exhibitor must enter a species-specific educational poster or display to be in place by 10 AM Wednesday over their animal's pen/stall. In addition to the display, random judges will be observing youth throughout the fair on their animal management, sportsmanship, and general assistance in the livestock barn area. The judge's scores of the educational exhibit will be combined with the observation scores to determine top winners in each division. Prizes will be presented at the start of the sale.

PRIZES: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10

LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK AWARD

Class 1. Junior (ages 9-11)

Class 2. Intermediate (age 12-13)

Class 3. Senior (ages 14 and over)

After judging, prizes will be awarded and distributed with the record book in mid-November.

PRIZES: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10