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Rule Changes for 2026

1. All canopies/tents must be available to be observed/inspected by board members or superintendents at any time.
2. Early checkout is allowed – 2 hours after species show ends. Forms must be signed by superintendent or livestock chairperson to do so. PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN SHOULD YOUR ANIMAL PULL INTO THE SALE.
3. New Mexico Bred will be placed within the class. If there is more than one class of the same species, there will be a NM Bred Drive to select NM Bred Champion.
4. Production steer rules have been updated – please review carefully. 2026 is the final year for production steer class.
5. Heifers in the sale must provide a negative pregnancy check to be eligible for sale.
6. The Bucket Calf show is a pee wee show and will be conducted as such. There will be no buckles for peewees.
7. We have added a Turkey category to the poultry class. The entry fee for turkeys is \$10 per meat bird and \$5 per show bird. One sale slot will be offered to the Market Tom class if over 10 entries. All turkeys must be cane trained to enter. See poultry rules for details.
8. Sifted show has been eliminated.
9. All Pets must remain on a leash.
10. There are no top weight limits.
11. Bottom weights are as follows:
 - a. Beef – 800 lbs.
 - b. Market Goats – 45 lbs.
 - c. Swine – 180 lbs
 - d. Market Lambs – No minimum
12. There will be a Wether Dam class. See rules for details.
13. Animal ownership will follow NM State Fair Rules.
14. There will be a Speech competition. We will be following NM State Fair Rules.
15. Online entries will open June 15, 2026 and close July 26, 2026 at 5 pm. Late entries will be accepted July 27, 2026 thru Aug 3, 2026 at 5 pm.
16. The late fee to enter will be \$50 per late entry per species. Please don't miss the deadline.
17. Please print exhibitor bio and hand in to the Show Secretary by Friday at noon.
18. There will be a mandatory exhibitor meeting prior to opening of fair.

General Rules

1. The VFMC (Fair Board) reserves the final right to interpret these rules, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences regarding or connected with the Valencia County Fair.
2. In a case where no rule appears to cover a situation, the VFMC (Fair Board) will make a rule and define its application for such situations. General rules and regulations govern, but the special rules of each division take precedence over all other rules.
3. Any person who violates any VFMC rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the governing body may order.
4. Livestock and/or camper trailers are to be parked along the North fence in Livestock parking lot ONLY; no trailers may be parked inside the gates. **THERE ARE NO DUMPING FACILITIES OR ELECTRICITY PROVIDED.**
5. All indoor and livestock exhibitors must be checked out with the Department Superintendent.
6. **All pets must be on a leash at all times. Any pets barking or disturbing livestock will be required to leave the fairgrounds.**
7. The VFMC (Fair Board) may employ security guards and will take every precaution for the safety of visitors and exhibits but assumes no liability for personal injury, loss or damage to any property or patron due to the theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.
8. There will be a gate admission fee on the nights with dances (Friday and Saturday).

General Livestock Rules

1. Competition and Exhibition will be open to current members of Valencia County 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters. Exhibits must represent current projects.
2. **It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all the rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor regarding the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.**
3. Livestock entry fees are as follows:

ONLINE ENTRIES will be open June 15, 2026 through July 27, 2026
Late Entries will be accepted from July 27 – August 3, 2026 (5 pm)

Steers, Dairy & Beef Heifers	\$20.00 each
Market Sheep	\$15.00 each
Market Swine	\$15.00 each
Market Goats/Breeding Does	\$15.00 each
Dairy Goats/Pygmy Goats	\$10.00 each
Poultry	\$ 3.00 each
Poultry pairs and trios	\$ 5.00 each
Poultry Meat Pen of 3	\$10.00 each
Large fowl (turkey, ducks & geese)	\$ 5.00 each
Market Turkey	\$10.00 each
Rabbits	\$ 5.00 each
Rabbit Meat Pen of 3	\$10.00 each
NM Bred Show	\$20.00 each
Pen Cleaning fee	\$5.00 per animal (except poultry & rabbits)
Late Entry Fee	\$50.00 per entry

NO REFUNDS

4. Exhibitor's administrative Fee -\$20.00 per Exhibitor due with entries.
5. **All livestock and small animal entries MUST BE entered online prior to set deadlines. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Species must be properly declared and tagged at and remain in the continuous possession of the exhibitor during the feeding period and under the supervision of the county agent or vocational agricultural instructor. **All ownership guidelines will follow NM State Fair Rules.**
7. Documents required for tagging:
 - A. Bill of sale in exhibitors name or family name. Health Certificate for all out-of-state animals purchased.
 - B. Face Papers for swine, those purchased in state.
 - C. Lamb and Goat Scrapie's tags are required.
6. The Livestock Committee has the authority to combine or change classes when deemed necessary.
7. A minimum of 5 entries of any species is necessary to constitute a show or could be removed at the Fair Boards discretion for the following year.
8. Species classification will be announced and posted on the schedule. If you are not there, you must make prior arrangements for someone to weigh your animal for you. You are responsible for having your animal washed and cleaned before classification.
9. Trailers will be parked in designated areas only. No trailer will be parked inside the gates. See General Rule #4.
10. There will be no electricity guaranteed by Valencia County Fair. Generators are encouraged but not allowed in the barns.
11. **Weight limits at the scales shall be as follows:**

Market Beef	800 lb. minimum
Production Steer	900 lb. minimum
Pee Wee Bucket Calf	500 lb. maximum
Market Swine	180 lb. minimum
Market Goats	45 lb. minimum
Market Lamb	No weight restrictions
Fryer & Meat Pen Rabbits	Not to exceed 5.5 lbs. per animal
Market Meat Pen Poultry	4-6 lbs. per bird (12-18 lbs. per pen)
Turkey	No weight restriction

12. All animals must remain in the livestock area once they are checked in and remain there until released by the superintendent of that species. The livestock area is defined by the check-in gates up to the West drainage ditch fence line, the area South of the pig barn and show ring to the South boundary fence and the area between the West drainage ditch fence line and the rabbit and poultry barn.
13. All Animals must be in the appropriate barn between the hours of 10:00 pm - 6:00 am provided there is enough room deemed by the Livestock Chair.
14. **Early Release:** - All animals are eligible for early release. Must get release form signed by the superintendent prior to leaving.-. Form will include tag number of animal(s) or description of small animals (poultry and rabbit) to be released within 2 hours after the show. You will check out with the Livestock Superintendent **ONLY** and no other animals may leave at that time. ***IN THE EVENT THE ANIMAL PULLED INTO SALE, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BRING THE ANIMAL BACK. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
15. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his/her own animals until the species Superintendent has issued a release. If animals are not properly cared for, labor and feed charges will be assessed to the owner/ exhibitor (minimum daily charge of \$25.00 for any species). Any premium or sale money won by such an exhibitor will be withheld and applied toward the fee assessed. The balance will then be released to the exhibitor as normal.

16. Exhibitors will be assigned a pen or stall space by the Superintendents. **There will be no changing of pens, unless prior approval from the superintendent. No pens will be utilized for feed or equipment!**
17. All animals must be kept groomed, clean and in show condition.
18. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up your clippings and properly disposing of them or a \$50.00 cleaning charge will be imposed.
19. Stalls and pens must also be kept clean, neat and clear for spectators.
20. Exhibitors must furnish their own water pails and feed pans/buckets.
21. Recommended dress code: Exhibitors should be appropriately dressed for show ring.
22. There will be a pen cleaning fee **(\$5.00) per animal** except for poultry and rabbits.
23. Exhibitors may use wood shavings, **pelletized bedding, cedar fiber bedding or straw bedding** in beef and dairy stalls only.
24. **Only pelletized bedding will be allowed** in Market Swine, Market Goat & Market Lamb pens.
25. Exhibitors & Representatives will be permitted on the grounds from 6:00 am - 12:00 am.
26. Livestock will be accepted on the grounds as follows:

Rabbits and Poultry

See event schedule for check in time

Livestock

See event schedule for check in time

Pygmy goats/dairy goats and bucket calves

See event schedule for check in time

27. All animals presented for the exhibition shall be free from contagious/infectious diseases and be subject to examination during the fair. Any diseased animal will be removed from the fairgrounds. Fair veterinarian recommendations will be followed.
28. Any animal deemed by the Livestock Committee as unsafe will not be allowed to show and must be removed from the fairground immediately.
29. The Superintendent reserves the right to refuse entry of stock for competition that is in his/her judgment not in suitable show condition.
30. If any animal must be tranquilized for safety or other reasons, this may be done, and such animals must be removed from the fairgrounds and are not eligible for show or sale.
31. Any medication must be given under the supervision of the Livestock Superintendent and/or fair veterinarian a along with proper paperwork.
32. All veterinarian expenses incurred shall be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
33. All animals entered in this Fair will be reviewed by the Livestock Committee. Inferior animals will be eliminated and must be removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
34. **ALL ANIMALS MUST MEET NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD (NMLB) HEALTH RULES, All New Mexico Livestock Board rules apply regarding Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, Tuberculosis and Brucellosis.**
35. The following are unethical practices and will be dealt with as described below:
 - A. Doctoring, doping or injecting show animals for body "fill-in".
 - B. Changing, defacing, or modifying the marking of show animals or the anatomical structure of an animal, which includes the removal or alteration of ear tags.
 - C. The external application of liniments or blistering agents which would cause an edematous condition.
 - D. Force filling practices for the purpose of weight gain and/or body fill.
 - E. **Drenching is allowed**
 - F. **Tubing is prohibited**
 - G. No "Hot shots" or electrical stimulation devices.
36. **ANY EXHIBITOR OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOUND GUILTY OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED UNETHICAL PRACTICES, OR ANY OTHER PRACTICES DEEMED UNETHICAL BY IAFE OR BY THE MANAGEMENT, WILL FORFEIT ALL PREMIUMS, AND ALL SALE MONEY OVER THE PACKER'S BID. IN ADDITION, THE OWNER/ EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL WILL BE BARRED FROM FUTURE PARTICIPATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MANAGEMENT MAKES RE-INSTATEMENT.**

37. **Agreement of Liability and Responsibility must be signed and turned in to superintendent during check-in.**
38. The Grand Champion Drive for all species will be placed out to 5th place overall.
39. **Livestock released to exhibitor or private buyer will be released on Sunday, August 30, 2026 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Packer animals will be release according to packer availability.- Please see the release times on the schedule of events. All animals must be checked out through the department (species) Superintendent. No exceptions. Any person removing livestock without showing superintendent form with signature may forfeit showing at future VFMC fairs.**
40. All livestock in registered breeding classes must have certificates of registration in the name of the exhibitor. The certificate of registration must be checked by the Superintendent of the department. Breeder's identification will be accepted. Breeding stock may not be used for market shows. All grade animals will be identified.
41. **Judging for Champion of Breed**-only the 1st place animals will be considered. Judging for Reserve Champion of breed- only 2nd place animal in the class from which the champion was selected, will be eligible to move up for Reserve Champion consideration or at Judges Discretion.
42. **Judging for Grand Champion (Breed Specific Classes)**- Only Champion of Breed animals will be considered. Judging for Reserve Grand Champion- Only the Reserve Champion of Breed animal, in the class from which the Grand Champion was selected, will be eligible to move up for Reserve Grand Champion consideration or at Judges Discretion.
43. **Judging for Grand Champion (Breeding Classes)**-Only Division Champion animals will be considered. Judging for Reserve Grand Champion, only the Reserve Division Champion of the division, in the class from which the Grand Champion was selected, will be eligible to move up for Reserve Grand Champion consideration or at the Judge's discretion.
45. The market animals to be shown will be limited to 10 animals per exhibitor (no more than 3 beef or 6 sheep, swine or market goats FOR EXAMPLE: 3 beef and 3 sheep and 4 swine). There is no limit on breeding, dairy, poultry and rabbits. Production steer entries are limited to no more than 2 production steers.
46. If an exhibitor has cause to be unable to show his/her animals during the Valencia County Fair, the exhibitor must notify the Fair Board by the 2026 August regularly scheduled monthly meeting, held at the Valencia County Fair Grounds at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The Fair Board will decide if an alternative can be used. The alternate must meet all the requirements of the exhibitor. If an emergency arises after the August meeting, the exhibitor can notify the Livestock Chairman, and a special case ruling will be made at that time by the Livestock Committee.
47. In order for any individual transferring in from another county or state to qualify as an exhibitor of Valencia County Junior Livestock Show, he/she must provide proof of current membership in a 4-H or FFA program elsewhere. Minimum animal ownership requirements must also be verified by the previous 4-H or FFA instructor in writing. The exhibitor will not be allowed to show if he/she has already shown or plans to show the animal in another county.
48. Anyone desiring to make a complaint during the fair may do so in the following manner:
 - A. Fill out the complaint form in full detail and submit it to the Species Superintendent or Livestock Office with a money order, cashier's check or cash for \$100 per complainant signature. No personal checks.
 - B. A minimum of five (5) board members will meet and give a ruling on your complaint. If the ruling goes in your favor, you will get your money back. If the ruling goes against you, the VFMC will retain the funds. This applies to all departments.
 - C. All complaints must be made by the end of day, which the complaint pertains to.
 - D. Blank complaint forms are in the Livestock office and at the back of this book.
49. **There will be no gate admission, except for the dances on Friday and Saturday evening.**

General Conduct Rules

1. IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expos) Show Ring Code of Ethics rules will be followed. See entry form complete documentation and signature page. Online entry will have an initial box to acknowledge that you as an exhibitor and/or parental/guardian have read this.
2. **Conduct:** Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify the exhibitor from the contest, and the owner shall forfeit his entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties, or who shall make any false statement regarding any animal exhibited or shall interfere with clerk's and judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
3. **Delinquent Acts:** If an exhibitor is caught having any involvement in any delinquent act, they may be removed from the grounds forfeiting any further competition, awards, premiums, sale slots and/or proceeds. Fees will not be reimbursed, and the exhibitor may be barred from future competition at the Valencia County Fair. Delinquent acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.
4. **Protest:** The decision of Classifiers, Judges and Veterinarians shall not be subject to protest or appeal.

Drug Testing Policy

1. **Drug Residue Testing:** Exhibitors and parents/guardians' consent and agree that any market entries may, at the discretion of the Valencia County Fair, be tested for unauthorized use of medication or drugs. They further certify that they will not administer their market entry with any substance not approved by the FDA and/or the USDA for this species. (For Example, they will not give a substance labeled as swine feed supplement to poultry.) Their entry is not, nor will it be, within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical, or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or the USDA by the time the animal(s) is officially checked in to the County Fair. As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit their animal(s) for testing any time after check-in. The Fair Board reserves the right to perform any test, including but not limited to tissue, blood and/or urine laboratory analysis, on the Grand and Reserve Champions, along with a random group of animals from each division. The exhibitor and his/her parent/guardian must be present during the collection for testing and must witness the sample; thus, verifying the sample to be properly collected and prepared for analysis. The Valencia County Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either alive or dead, found in violation of the use of any drug, chemical or feed additive as described above, and the exhibitor will forfeit all awards and sale proceeds and be subject to testing at future county fair shows. If an animal is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the disqualification will not impact class or overall placings for the species.
2. If a sample tests positive for illegal drug residue during the preliminary test, the parent/exhibitor has the right to request a second test to confirm the results. The second sample taken from the same animal will then be taken to a private firm for further testing. The parent/exhibitor will be responsible in advance for all costs associated with this second test. Knowledge of this pending information will only be made available to the Valencia County Fair Board for privacy purposes only.
3. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian with the prior approval of the Valencia County Fair Livestock Committee will be allowed to administer a drug, chemical or feed additive. All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. All treated animals are still subject to the Wholesome Meat Act. For a treated animal(s) to remain eligible for sale, the exhibitor must make arrangements with the buyer to hold an animal until it is clear of any withdrawal period. The Livestock Committee must be notified of and approve this arrangement, and it will be announced prior to the animal being sold in auction.

4. Exhibitors refusing to submit their animal/pen for drug testing will be disqualified and must remove their animal/pen from the fairgrounds immediately.
5. **Ultimate Care and Responsibility:** By making entry into Valencia County Fair, the exhibitor agrees and understands that ultimate care and responsibility for an animal/pen rest solely upon the exhibitor until such time that possession of the animal is turned over to the buyer.
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to stay with their animal/pen during the hours the livestock area is open. No one, other than security and Livestock Committee representatives, will be allowed in the livestock area when it is closed.
7. Any sample collections, for the purpose of drug testing of the animals will be done by a licensed Veterinarian

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

STARTS AT 6:00 PM – Saturday, August 29, 2026

1. Market livestock will be sold in the order by the class placings.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of all animals after the sale. Sold animals will be released for proper delivery to purchasers on Sunday, **August 30, 2026**.
3. Money derived from the sale of market animals will be mailed to the exhibitor by the VFMC Board Treasurer after the County Fair once all livestock sale money has been collected from buyers and/or at the discretion of the board.
4. **The official sale weight for all livestock will be the actual weight taken and recorded at the fairgrounds for show.**
5. Terms of the sale are final unless prior arrangements are made with the salesclerk. Buyers will be expected to settle with the salesclerk immediately after the sale. Direct transactions with the seller are not permitted. Absolutely no pull outs.
6. **Sale is limited to 2 sale slots per exhibitor but not more than 1-Bovine (dairy, beef) or meat pen. This includes indoor exhibits.**

EXAMPLE : An exhibitor may sell any of the following examples:

1-Bovine & 1-Market Lamb	1-Bovine & 1-Market Swine	1-Market Lamb & 1-Market Swine
1-Bovine & 1-Market goat	1-Rabbit & 1-Market Lamb	1 swine & 1 indoor exhibit

7. **All livestock sold through the sale, shall be charged 4% to defray judging and sales expenses. The fair will not assess fees on add-ons. The Fair Board will not be responsible for animals not listed in the auction.**
8. **The sale withdrawal sheet for each species will be posted in the livestock office approximately two (2) hours after each show. Each exhibitor will be responsible for indicating which animal(s) they wish to sell or withdrawal. The sheets will be taken down at 5:00 pm on Thursday of fair week. All selections must be made by this time. NO EXCEPTIONS! Pull sheets can be viewed and signed by the Show Secretary during the week.**
9. Any junior exhibitors who have an animal entered in the sales are prohibited from seeking special privileges from buyers, such as asking permission to re-purchase the animal from the buyer or packer for the purpose of showing again or for other uses. Any exhibitor or their agent who harasses or seeks special privileges will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed necessary by fair management, including withholding any sale money. Any questions on the sale of the animals or payments should be directed to the VFMC (Fair board).
10. Market Swine, Market Goats and Market Sheep will be considered for sale on a percentage basis of each species however, each Champion of Breed shall be eligible to sell regardless of the percentage.

EXAMPLE: 100 market swine entered, 10 Hampshire 10/100 x 17=1.7 market swine sell of the Hampshire which means Champion and Reserve Champion of Breed sell. Because each Champion of Breed will sell our percentages could be off. Not at any time will more than the maximum number of animals be allowed to sell.

The sale committee shall determine if the decimal place will be rounded up or down because of the maximum number of animals allowed to sell. The number of each breed to be sold will be posted prior to the show.

11. If an animal eligible for sale is withdrawn from the sale, the next highest placing animal in the class in which the withdrawn animal was shown will be eligible.
12. No baskets for buyers are to be handed out during the sale.
13. Animals are to be show ready for the sale.
14. **There will be no resale of animals.**
15. If livestock is treated on grounds by a certified vet for any reason and the withdrawal period exceeds the Wholesome Meat Act specifications, the exhibitor must house the animal until the withdrawal period has passed. This will be announced during the sale.
16. **WHILE ANY SALE ANIMAL IS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS THE ONLY SALE TRANSACTION ALLOWED ON JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE DAY ARE THROUGH THE SALE RING.**

Pee-Wee Show

1. Pee-Wee shows will include Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Bucket Calf, Rabbit and Poultry.
2. Pee-Wee livestock shows will follow the showmanship class of their respective species. Check schedule for times.
3. Pee-Wee exhibitors may tag and raise their own animal(s) or may show a borrowed animal owned and exhibited by an exhibitor. It is the Pee Wee participant's responsibility to make arrangements to borrow livestock.
4. **All animals must be tagged and must be compliant with New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) of health rules. No outside animals for Pee-Wee Shows**
5. Pee-Wee show is a participation show only. Animals will not be placed. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants.
6. Any Pee-Wee Participant under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult in the Showring.
7. There will be no entry fee.
8. Signing up for Pee-Wee show waives all liability to VFMC. Entries must be turned into the Pee Wee Coordinator **1 hour** prior to the show starting.

Pee-Wee Bucket Calf Rules

1. The purpose of this program is to teach youth who are not old enough for a market project, the responsibility of raising and caring for a livestock project.
2. Calves must be less than 500 lbs. by the date of the show.
3. All participants must be 5-8 years old, in kindergarten **under** the required age of a 4-H Novice.
4. Exhibitors will be allowed to show only one calf. Each exhibitor must have their own calf. **Sharing calves is not allowed.**
5. All calves must be halter broke. If a calf becomes uncontrollable and the child cannot handle the animal, they will be provided with assistance by the adult accompanying them or the animal will be removed from the show ring for the safety of the other exhibitors.
6. Calves can be any sex or breed.
7. A signed release form must be signed by a parent or guardian and turned in at check in.

Junior Market Beef

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
- Ribbons for 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion

1. Market-beef must have all their temporary incisors. No beef will be permitted to show that has lost its temporary teeth at the time of sifting. All beef will be checked by the Livestock Committee and the official fair Veterinarian. Their decision will be final.
2. **800 lbs.** minimum weight, no top weight.
3. Market Heifers are allowed to enter and show.
4. Market beef will be divided into classes by weight not hip-height or breed. The market beef will be listed by consecutive weights. The livestock Beef Superintendent and Show Secretary will divide the beef into classes based on the consecutive weights.
5. Classes will be divided by weight.
6. For each beef the space allotted is 4 ft. All fans and stands must fit inside the 4 ft space.
7. For stalling, dividing panels can be between 8-10 feet long.
8. Beef neck ropes are mandatory for the safety of the animal, exhibitor and public. All beef animals are mandated to wear a neck rope while in stalls.
9. Judging for Champion of breed-only 1st place animals will be considered. Judging for Reserve Champion of breed-only 2nd place animals in the class from which the Champion was selected, will be eligible to move up for Reserve Champion consideration.
10. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
11. Any clippings will need to be properly disposed of or a \$50.00 clean up charge will be imposed.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
13. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Junior Livestock Production Steers

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
- Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
- **Premium/Scholarship** Overall Grand Champion
- **Premium/Scholarship** for Reserve Grand Champion

1. This is a premium/scholarship show. Animals in this class will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale. Rule 7 of the Junior Livestock Sale Rules does not apply to this class.
2. All exhibitors who wish to show in the production steer show must declare for the show on tag day. All participants and parents will sign a consent form acknowledging this is a terminal show. The top 6 head placed during the live show will be slaughtered the day following the show at the designated processor.
3. Production class steers must be no older than 30 months of age. Any steer determined by the carcass judge to be over this age will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champions. The decision of the carcass judge will be final. Minimum live weight for production steers will be 900 pounds.
4. The space allotted for each steer is 4ft. All fans and stands must fit inside the 4ft. space.
5. Beef neck ropes are mandatory for the safety of the animal, exhibitor and public. All beef animals are mandated to wear a neck rope while in stalls.

6. The Production Steer Class is a “Slick Show”. NO artificial coloring, glues, or adhesives will be allowed, no exceptions, while on the Valencia County Fairgrounds. All production show steers must be sheared to a hair length of no more than 1/4 inch including ears and tail head. Hair may be left 10 inches from the bottom of the tail.
7. Any clippings will need to be properly disposed of or a \$50.00 clean up charge will be imposed.
8. All participants will be judged in the ring and on the rail. Grand and Reserve Champions will be determined by a combination of live evaluation and carcass performance, with an emphasis on carcass quality grade and yield grade. The carcass judge will be evaluating quality grade and yield grade for each contestant. Exhibitors will be required to go through the cooler with the judge once he/she is finished with an explanation of how they have been evaluated per industry standards. Grand and Reserve Champions will be awarded and announced at the awards ceremony.
9. **Live Evaluation Criteria:** Steers must be halter broke and shown to be placed.
10. **All processing fees and disposition of the processed animal (top 6 head) are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Beef Superintendent will provide the designated carcass processor with the exhibitor’s contact information. VFMC is not responsible for finding a buyer for the carcass.**
11. **Carcass Criteria:** To be eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion are as follows:
 - A. Minimum hot carcass weight: 560 lbs.
 - B. Maximum hot carcass weight: 950 lbs.
 - C. Minimum 1.6 square inch of Rib Eye Area per 100 lbs. of hot carcass weight
 - D. Yield Grade: grade not to exceed 4.0.
 - E. Minimum Final Carcass Grade: Select 70
11. Final Determination of Grand Champion will be determined by adding the total points received by the exhibitor. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - A. Live Evaluation: 6 points for 1st place, 5 Points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place
 - B. Quality Grade: 6 points for highest quality grade, 5 points for 2nd place , 4 points for 3rd place
 - C. Yield Grade: 6 points for best yield grade, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place
 - D. Any tie breaker needed will go to the animal with the highest quality grade.
12. All animal/carcasses must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act. Any violation of the Wholesome Meat Act will result in disqualification and will void any sale.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the show. Making sure they are well kept, well-groomed and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
14. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Livestock Breeding Heifer Class

Registered Cattle or Crossbreed

J-7	Junior Heifer Class	0 to 6 months
J-8	Heifer Class	7 to 12 months
J-9	Heifer Class	13 to 18 months
*J-10	Heifer Class	19 to 24 months
*J-11	Heifer Class	25 to 36 months

*Could be bred

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
- Ribbons 1st through 6th Place in respective class at the Judge’s discretion

1. Sale slots to be determined based on number of entries and as placed in the Grand Drive. Only animals in the Grand Drive are eligible for sale. **Any heifer to be sold must provide a negative preg check.**
2. * Cattle 19 months and older could be bred heifers.
3. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
4. The following breeds will be recognized-Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Herford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simmental, Commercial, AOB (All other breed) and crosses.
5. The date and time for classification for Breeding Heifer will be announced and posted. If you are not there, you must make prior arrangements for someone to weigh your Breeding Heifer for you. You are responsible for having your heifer washed and cleaned before classification
6. Heifers will be divided by breed within each age division.
7. Any class of three (3) or more will make their own breed class. If there are less than three (3), they will fall into an AOB class.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
9. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Ranch Heifer Class

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
- Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge’s discretion

1. The Ranch Heifer Class is a “blow and show” show. Heifers will be shown in a natural state. NO artificial coloring, glues, or adhesives will be allowed, no exceptions, while on the Valencia County Fairgrounds.
2. All exhibitors who wish to show in the ranch heifer show must declare for the show on tag day. If the heifer is determined to exhibit “club” type characteristics by the judge at the show, it will be disqualified from the Ranch Heifer show but will be eligible for the Breeding Heifer Class. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.**
4. Sale slots are to be determined based on number of entries and as placed in the Grand Drive. Only animals in the Grand Drive are eligible for sale.
5. Classes will be as follows:

H-7	Junior Heifer Class	0 to 6 months
H-8	Heifer Class	7 to 12 months
H-9	Heifer Class	13 to 18 months
H-10	Heifer Class	19 to 24 months
H-11	Heifer Class	25 to 36 months
6. Any cattle 19 months and older could be bred heifers.
7. The following breeds will be recognized-Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Herford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simmental, Commercial, AOB (All other breed) and crosses.
8. The date and time for classification for Ranch Heifer will be announced and posted. If you are not there, you must make prior arrangements for someone to weigh your Ranch Heifer for you. You are responsible for having your heifer washed and cleaned before classification.
9. Heifers will be divided by breed within each age division.
10. Any class of three (3) or more will make their own breed class. If there are less than three (3), they will fall into an AOB class.

11. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles are always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the show, making sure they are well kept, well-groomed and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
12. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Junior Livestock Dairy Cattle

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge’s discretion
1. All exhibitors are required to wear white shirts while exhibiting animals in the ring.
 2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor and verified on tag day.
 3. If there are any questions about the age, identification or breed of any dairy animal, the Dairy Superintendent and the fair Veterinarian will make the appropriate determination about eligibility.
 4. Bring registration paper or Bill of Sale to check in at the fair.
 5. Registered cattle cannot be entered unless they have been recorded in the recognized book of records for the respective breeds. Exhibitors of such cattle must take available certificates of registry to the Dairy Superintendent at any time during the fair.
 6. Grade cattle must be accompanied by a certificate from the breeder of the animal stating sire, dam and birth date. A bill of sale is also required. There will be no crossbred cattle. Grade cattle must meet general breed standards and be purebred.
 7. Where there is no competition, animals may be awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd or no premium according to the merit of the animal.
 9. Sale slots to be determined based on number of entries and as placed in the Grand Drive. Only animals in the Grand Drive are eligible for sale.
 10. If there are not enough grade animals to make a separate class (minimum of 3 animals to make a class), registered and grade animals will compete in the same class. This is to be done at the total discretion of the Superintendent. Classes smaller than 3 entries will be combined at the discretion of the Superintendent. The Grand and Reserve will be selected from the First and second place of each class.
 11. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles are always clear. Cattle are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
 12. **Cattle with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject cattle showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as “fungus”) abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Classes For Replacement Dairy Heifers:

All breed groups:

1. Spring Heifer Calf born March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
2. Winter Heifer Calf born December 01, 2024 – February 28, 2025
3. Fall Heifer Calf born September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024
4. Summer Yearling Heifer born June 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024
5. Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024
6. Winter Yearling Heifer born December 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024
7. Fall Yearling Heifer born September 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Heifers in class 6 & 7 must be bred.

Junior Livestock Market Lambs

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. Market Lamb classes will be set up by the Livestock Committee. A minimum of 4 Market Lambs will be necessary to constitute a breed class. Possible classes: fine wool (Rambouillet, Debouillet, Delaine types-fleece must grade 64's or finer), Western Whiteface (Columbia, Corriedales, Panama, Targhee, Cheviots and crosses between these breed fleece must grade 62's or below). Fine wool Cross (lambs must show 50% Fine wool) Dorset, Blackface, Purebred Southdown and Mutton Cross which include all mutton crosses not listed in other classes.
 2. Upon entering fairgrounds all lambs will be slick sheared with wool no longer than 1/2 inch.
 3. Any Market Lambs that have lost their temporary incisors will not be allowed to compete.
 4. Market Lamb must be free of scabies, sore mouth, foot rot and must not have been exposed to blue tongue within 30 days and have no active lesions of dermatophilosis (wool rot), show lamb fungus (ringworm). **PLEASE REFER TO THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD (NMBL) HEALTH RULES.**
 5. All wool sheared on fairgrounds will be properly disposed of by the exhibitor or a \$50 per Market Lamb pickup fee will be imposed.
 6. **No Weight restrictions.**
 7. All Market Lambs will need to be stripped of blankets/coverings and leg wraps before entering the ring for classification and weigh-in.
 8. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
 9. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. All Market Lambs are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
 10. Market Lambs with sickness or abnormalities: The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject lambs showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.
 - 11.

Wether Dams

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th Place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. **Animals must be continuously owned and cared for by the exhibitor since May 30.**
 2. **Must have baby teeth.**
 3. **Obviously ill animals shall be removed from the barn at the direction of the Superintendent. No open abscesses allowed.**
 4. **Wether dams will be DISQUALIFIED for any irregular mouths or any type of implant.**
 5. **ALL SEXUALLY INTACT SHEEP MUST HAVE SCRAPIES TAG BEFORE ENTERING ONTO FAIRGROUNDS.**

6. Wether dams will be placed into classes by weight.
7. The first and second place wether dams of each class will be shown for Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Wether dams.
8. Breeding Wether dams will not sell.
9. Wether dams shown in the breeding Wether dams show are not eligible for the market lamb show.
10. Wether dams may be shown bracing or natural.
11. Must have 840 tag.

Release: Animals shall be released at the conclusion of the Market Lamb show. Animals may stay on grounds if needed but must be removed at the conclusion of the sale.

Junior Livestock Market Swine

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. All out of state Market Swine must have health papers to prove they have negative test results for Brucellosis and Pseudo rabies or are from a certified Brucellosis free and Pseudo Rabies free herd or state. **PLEASE REFER TO THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD(NMLB) HEALTH RULES.**
 2. All Market Swine must have ear notches.
 3. All Market Swine classes will be set up by the Livestock Committee. The classes will be set according to the following breeds: Chester, Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Berkshire, Spot, Light Cross, Dark Cross and Other Pure Breeds. Additional breed classes may be added at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
 4. The bill of sale or other proof of ownership with the pig's ear notches will be used as verification of ownership upon entry to the 2026 Valencia County Fair. All swine will be inspected upon entry to the fair. If the animal's ear notches do not match the bill of sale or other proof of ownership submitted, the animal will be disqualified. If there has been any injury/damage to either of the pigs' ears that causes them to differ from the animals' bill of sale or proof of ownership, the exhibitor will need to contact the Valencia County Extension Agent to schedule an inspection of the injury/damage by a member of the Livestock Committee as soon as possible after the damage has occurred. The Livestock Committee member will inspect the injury/damage and note it on the bill of sale or proof of ownership.
 5. The date and time for classification for Market Swine will be announced and posted. If you are not there, you must make prior arrangements for someone to weigh your swine for you. You are responsible for having your swine washed and cleaned before classification.
 6. **180 lb. minimum weigh, NO top weight.**
 7. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
 9. Fans will be permitted, but only 1 fan per family or no more than 1 fan per 2 pens.
 10. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. All Market Swine are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
 11. **Market Swine with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject swine showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Dairy Goat

- Buckles for Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Goat
- Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion

Classes:

Minimum of 3 Dairy Goats to make a class. Animals may be reclassified at the discretion of the Superintendent or Judge.

1. Dry Does Under 2 years
2. Wet Does Under 2 years
3. Dry Does Over 2 years
4. Wet Does over 2 years

1. **ALL** New Mexico Livestock Board rules apply regarding Certificates of Veterinary inspection, Tuberculosis, and Brucellosis.
2. Animals entered in the Youth Dairy Goat Show are not required to be registered with the American Dairy Goat Association.
3. Ear tags or tattoos will be checked and must correspond with tattoos recorded on the day of tagging.
4. It is recommended that exhibitors wear white **shirt** while exhibiting animals in the ring.
5. All animals must have horns tipped to no larger than a dime.
6. All Dairy Goats must be declared in writing and tags or tattoos recorded on the day of tagging. The dam must have been tagged for any doe which has not been born by the day of tagging. **This animal must be declared before early entries close.** As soon as they are able to be tagged or tattooed contact the Superintendent to record the information.
7. Any type of collar with prongs or sharp elements ARE NOT ALLOWED. All are subject to the Superintendent's decision.
8. Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goat Showmanship are combined - see Junior Livestock Showmanship.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Dairy Goats are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
10. **Dairy Goats with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Pygmy Goats

- Buckles for Grand and Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat
- Ribbons 1st through 6th in respective class at the Judge's discretion

Classes:

Minimum of 3 Pygmy Goats to make a class. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Superintendent or Judge.

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| 1. Wethers-----0 to 6 months | 4. Does-----0 to 6 months |
| 2. Wethers-----6 to 12 months | 5. Does-----6 to 12 months |
| 3. Wethers-----1 year and older | 6. Does-----1 year and older |

1. All New Mexico Livestock Board rules apply regarding Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, Tuberculosis and Brucellosis.
2. Animals entered in the Youth Pygmy Goat Show are not required to be registered with the National Pygmy Goat Association but will be judged according to the breed standard.
3. Ear tags, microchips or tattoos will be checked and must correspond with tattoos recorded on the day of tagging.
4. It is recommended that exhibitors wear **white shirt** while exhibiting animals in the ring.
5. All animals must be disbudded or dehorned and have no scurs over 1.5 inches.

6. All Pygmy Goats must be declared in writing and tags, microchips or tattoos recorded on the day of tagging. The dam must have been tagged for any kid (males must be wethered) which has not been born by the day of tagging. This animal must be **declared before early entries close**. As soon as they can be tagged or tattooed contact the Superintendent to record the information.
7. Any type of collar with prongs or sharp elements ARE NOT ALLOWED. All are subject to the Superintendent's decision.
8. Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goat Showmanship are combined - see Junior Livestock Showmanship.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Pygmy Goats are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
10. **Pygmy Goats with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

Market Goat

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. Feeding goats in their pens is allowed provided you are not sharing a pen with a different family. **Pelletized or grain feed ONLY!**
 2. All male Market Goats must be wethered (castrated or elastrated). Does may be shown in this class.
 3. All Market Goats will be groomed for show with not more than 3/8 inch of hair over the hock.
 4. All Market Goats must be tagged with an official Scrapie ID tag, 4-H tags and tattooed prior to entry of fairgrounds.
 5. All Market Goats must have collars or halters to be shown.
 6. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
 7. Classes will be divided by weights:
 - Minimum weight- 45 lbs.
 - No Maximum weight.
 8. Only 1st -place animals will be considered for the Grand Champion division market goat. Only the 2nd -place animals in the class from which the champion was selected shall be eligible to move up for Reserve Grand Champion division consideration.
 9. Weight classes will be divided into 3 divisions, Heavy, Middle and Light Weight Division.
 10. Grand Drive will consist of all Grand and Reserve Division Champions.
 11. All Market Goats must have horns that have been tipped to no smaller than a dime.
 12. A minimum of 4 Market Goats are necessary to constitute a class.
 13. All Market Goats must be stripped of all blankets/coverings and leg wraps prior to coming in the ring to weigh in.
 14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Market Goats are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
 15. **Market Goats with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses, ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Livestock Committee.

Breeding Doe

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
- Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion

1. Only Wether Does are eligible to be shown.
2. Does will be broken by age:
 - a. Division 1: 0-12 months
 - b. Division 2: 12-24 months
3. All Wether Does must be tagged with an official Scrapie ID tag, 4-H tags and tattooed prior to entry of fairgrounds.
4. Feeding Does in their pens is allowed provided you are not sharing a pen with a different family. **Pelletized or grain feed ONLY!**
5. Exhibitors of Wether Does may be asked to present bill of sale or other acceptable ownership documentation at check-in.
6. All New Mexico Livestock Board rules apply regarding Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, Tuberculosis and Brucellosis.
7. Classes will be broken by age and then weight if necessary.
8. All Does must be stripped of blankets/coverings and leg wraps prior to entering the ring for weigh in.
9. Wether Does are not eligible to be shown in the Market Goat Show and vice versa, must declare at tag in market or breeding.
10. It is up to the exhibitor as to whether Does are slick or fitted, they can be shown braced or natural while in the show ring.
11. Fitting Regulations: This is a full fit show.
12. Only animals in Grand Drive will be eligible for sale.
13. Showmanship will be combined with the Market Goat Showmanship for overall Grand and Reserve showman.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens neat and aisles always clear. Goats are to be maintained by the exhibitor throughout the Show, making sure they are well kept, well groomed, and in show condition. Public aisles and walkways must be kept clear of tack, chairs, equipment and animals.
15. **Goats with sickness or abnormalities:** The Livestock Committee reserves the right to reject goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, (or other skin conditions including those commonly known as "fungus") abscesses ulcerations, abnormality or uncontrollable temperament. The Committee's decision is final, and entry fees will not be refunded. The exhibitor must remove a rejected animal from the grounds immediately upon the decision of the Committee.

NM Bred Class

1. Exhibitors will follow all the rules set forth by Valencia County Fair board regarding ownership, market weights, tagging, check-in, etc.
2. **Each Market Species (Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Breeding Heifer, Ranch Heifer and Dairy Heifer) will have an NM Bred Winner. Placings will be done within the normal market class. There will be a NM grand drive if necessary. No New Mexico bred rabbits, poultry or pygmy goats are offered at this time.**
3. There will be no sale slots allotted for NM Bred classes.
4. The Exhibitor's animal must be entered and participate in the county fair to be eligible to participate in this class. **NO OUTSIDE ENTRIES.**
5. Entry Fee is \$20 per animal and will be paid on-line during scheduled entry times. Exhibitors must present proof of ownership and NM bred status to include family tagging sheet and proof of NM bred. (I.E. bill of sale, letters from breeder, NM brand card, etc.). A time and place to turn in your proof will be announced day of check-in.
6. Awards are based on number of entries and participation.
7. All awards and expenses will be paid with entry fee money.

Poultry

- Buckles for Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. The Livestock Committee and Superintendent have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for violations of the rules.
 2. All exhibitors must provide feed and water cans for their birds and wire them in place. The feeding and watering must be completed by the exhibitor throughout the fair week. **Cages must be cleaned as needed, throughout the week. Failure to care for your exhibit may disqualify you from awards and auction proceeds.**
 3. **Any fowl that shows signs of disease, infection or parasites will not be accepted, And/or will be released if any issues arise during fair week.**
 4. No entries will be accepted that are not banded (no exceptions). Bands can be acquired in the poultry barn.
 5. All fowl must be owned and cared for by exhibitors for no less than 90 days prior to the opening of the Valencia County Fair.
 6. The VFMC will not be responsible for loss by fire or otherwise.
 7. All eggs become the property of the fair and will be destroyed.
 8. All fowls shall be entered as one of the following:
 - Cock/Hen (over 1 year of age)
 - Cockerel/Pullet (under 1 year of age)
 - Pair-1 cock, 1 hen
 - Old Trio- 1 cock, 2 hens over 1 year
 - Young Trio-1 cockerel, 2 pullets under 1 year
 - Old or Young Duck
 - Old or Young Drake
 - Turkey (Tom or Hen)
 9. **3 entries will be allowed per class. Any one bird may not be entered in more than one class. All entries must be checked-in with the Superintendent or Assistant. Once checked-in no poultry entries can be removed from the fair until a release is obtained from the Superintendent. Due to lack of space, poultry show will be a one-day show -all animals EXCEPT GRAND AND RESERVE OR SALE MEAT PEN WINNERS - are required to take their animals home same day.**
 10. **The superintendents may, at his/her discretion, declare new classes in the division and establish those classes in the breed or hybrid class (if quality merits another class). Reclassification will be permitted at check-in.**
 11. **Any breed or variety recognized by the American Bantam Association and the American Poultry Association is eligible to be shown even if that class is not listed.**
 12. **No exhibit unworthy of an award shall receive one, even though there is no competition, nor shall any exhibit receive an award greater than its merits justify.**

Junior Poultry Meat Pen

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen
 - Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. The Livestock Committee and Superintendent have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for violations of the rules.

2. Exhibitors must bring entries through the Livestock gate (West of main gate across from Wal-Mart). Animals will not be allowed to come through the East gate. See schedule for check in time.
3. Only the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen will be considered for the sale.
4. All exhibitors must provide feed and water cans for their birds and wire them in place. The feeding and watering must be completed by the exhibitor throughout the fair week.
5. Classes may be added, dropped or combined by the livestock committee, with the Poultry Superintendent. The Superintendent will form breed classes. If there are 3 entries in any breed. Other breeds in each division will be judges in a class titled "Other Breeds".
6. A meat pen consists of 3 birds. Each bird must weigh from 4-6 lbs. each. The total weight of the pen is 12-18 lbs.
7. Entry Fees for meat pen is \$10.00 per pen.
8. A maximum of 3 pens per exhibitor is allowed.
9. Pen will be weighed at check in.
10. Please check poultry/ rabbit barn for any notices, dates, and times.
11. Sale slots are based on the number of entries.

2026 Turkeys

This is a trial year for the turkey show – WE WILL OFFER ONE SALE SLOT IF MARKET TOM ENTRIES ARE ABOVE 10.

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed and care for his animal until the animal is released.
2. No other entries will be sold at the fair. Exhibitors may make only one (1) entry in the Market Turkey Class.
3. All market tom turkeys must be owned by the exhibitor by April 1 and must be a part of his/her individual project.
4. Market Tom Turkeys must be banded for identification.
5. There is no weight limit. Exhibitors are responsible for providing crates for the Market Turkeys.
6. Handling of birds by anyone (other than the exhibitor) after they are penned is strictly prohibited, except with the permission of the Poultry Management.
7. Market Tom Turkeys will show in order determined by the Poultry Management. The show order will be posted after check-in. Entries in the market class must be Toms.
8. On judging day all Junior Exhibitors must be present to bring their birds to the judging area.
9. All turkeys entered must be cane trained to be judged.
10. How turkeys are judged is at the discretion of poultry judge.
- [11.](#) There will not be a separate showmanship class for turkey entries.

Rabbits

- Buckle for Best of Show and Reserve best of show
- Ribbons 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion

1. The Livestock Committee and Superintendent have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for violations of the rules.
2. Exhibitors must bring entries through the Livestock gate (West of main gate across from Wal-Mart). Animals will not be allowed to come through the East gate.
3. All exhibitors must provide feed and water cans for their rabbits and wire them in place. The feeding and watering must be completed by the exhibitor throughout the fair week.
4. Entry fees for each rabbit - **\$5.00**
5. If there are less than three (3), they will fall into an AOB class
6. Each rabbit must have a legible tattoo in the left ear. If the tattoo cannot be read your animal will not be shown. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get their rabbits to the show table.
7. Classification will be done by breed, weight and age. They will be judged according to the ARBA standards per breed. A fur class will be also judged accordingly, and the rabbit must be entered in its regular class.
8. The superintendent has the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for violations of any show rules. If any sick animals are observed the exhibitor will be called to take the animal home. The best care will be taken for the security and safety of your animals. The VFMC will not be held responsible for fire or theft.
9. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check in to confirm that the Superintendent has the correct entry information. All changes or substitutions MUST be made at check-in. NO EXCEPTIONS**
10. **The exhibitor will put his/her own rabbit(s) on the table for the Judge. Exhibitors may have help if showing another market animal at the same time or under special circumstances by another 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Parents are NOT allowed to place animals on the table for any exhibitor.**

Meat Pen Rabbits

- Buckles for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Ribbons for 1st through 6th place in respective class at the Judge's discretion
1. Entry Fees for meat pen is \$10.00 per pen.
 2. **Exhibitors must bring entries through the Livestock gate (West of main gate across from Wal-Mart). Animals will not be allowed to come through the East gate.**
 3. Only the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen will be considered for the sale.
 4. Meat pens must not be over 10 weeks of age and not weigh over 5.5 lbs. The date of birth must be written on the entry form.
 5. A maximum of 3 pens per exhibitor is allowed.
 6. A meat pen consists of 3 fryers.
 7. All rabbits must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor by the tag day of the fair year. Fryers must not be over 10 weeks of age and not weigh over 5.5 lbs. The date of birth must be written on the entry form.
 8. All exhibitors must provide feed and water cans for their rabbits and wire them in place. The feeding and watering must be completed by the exhibitor throughout the fair week.
 9. **Pen will be weighed upon arrival and check in.**
 10. Sale slots are based on the number of entries.
 11. Please check poultry/rabbit barn for any notices, dates, and times.

Junior Livestock Showmanship

1. Age Specifications:

- Novice- 8-11 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H program year.

- Junior- 12-15 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H program year.
 - Senior-16-20 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H program year.
2. All age groups will compete separately. Exhibitors who wish to show in one higher age group may do so.
 3. Showmanship will be done at the judge's discretion.
 4. Animals being shown must be owned by the exhibitor.
 5. Exhibitors can only compete in Showmanship in the species they entered.

Senior Round Robin Grand Champion Showmanship

- Only Senior 4-H and FFA Grand Champion Showman are eligible to compete in the Senior Round Robin Grand Champion Showmanship class.
- If the Grand Champion Showman is unable to participate, they must notify the Superintendent by 5:00 pm the day prior (or sooner if known) to the Round Robin Contest. In the event an exhibitor is the Champion Showman in two or more species divisions, the exhibitor will choose which species to show in the contest. The Reserve will then be eligible to participate.
- For safety reasons the animals best suited for Round Robin will be selected by the Superintendent of that species regardless of ownership. Four (4) market Swine will be selected, and the showmen may select one to show. The animals to be selected must have been shown in the respective fair showmanship classes, sifted animals are not allowed. Champion Senior showmen in the species showmanship contests will compete further by showing each other's entries, such as the 1st place winner in the beef will show the Market Swine entry, etc. They will be automatically awarded maximum points for showmanship in their species.

The following rules will apply:

1. Coaching by an outsider(s) will result in disqualification.
2. Contestants will enter the ring dressed neatly and appropriately for the species in which they qualified to enter the Round Robin. NO CHANGE of apparel once the contest begins.
3. Each Champion showman of his species will give a courtesy demonstration at the beginning of the contest. Judges may narrate and give pointers.
4. Each Champion will show the animals selected for the Round Robin and be judged for points.
5. Qualified judges will judge each species.
6. Contestants will be required to walk the different species around the ring and demonstrate control and set the animals up except for Market Swine. Show sticks, bats, brushes etc. will be furnished with each animal as required to properly show each different species. Judges will use official score sheets to score their evaluation of each exhibitor. Judges will evaluate exhibitors using the following criteria: Control of animals, confidence, knowledge and appearance. Judges will ask questions of the participants.
7. Replacement of unruly animals – except for the swine, a replacement animal will be available in the event of an unruly animal.
8. Prior to the contest three species will be designated as the tie breaker.
9. Scores will be tabulated by an official scorer.
10. One official handler will assist with the rotations.
11. The ring steward will announce movements; introduce contestants, judges, etc.
12. Scoring will be by species with a maximum of 20 points for each of the following:

(A) Ability to properly show animals (20 points maximum) _____ Does the contestant demonstrate the proper ability to show the animal?

(B) Knowledge and control of the animal (20 points maximum) _____ Does the contestant demonstrate general knowledge and the proper reasonable and customary activities in the control and performance of the animal?

(C) Presentation of animal by showman. (20 points maximum) _____ Does the showman demonstrate the proper aspects and techniques of presenting the animal for judging?

(D) Alertness and appearance of showman. (20 points maximum) _____ Does the showman demonstrate the proper appearance and alertness specific to the showmanship of the animal?

(E) Sportsmanship of showman. (20 points maximum) _____ Does the showman demonstrate the proper sportsmanship in relation to other contestants, the animal, the audience, and the judge? (100 maximum Points)_____

13. A 4-H/FFA member may ONLY ENTER WITH ONE SPECIES. If qualified with more than one species, the RESERVE showman will represent that species which the Champion elects not to show.

Fitting Contest

Fitting Team Entry Form

Due August 27th at noon in livestock office

Team Name: _____

Novice Member Name: _____

Junior Member Name: _____

Senior Member Name: _____

Other Members Name (No Cloverbuds): _____

- Each team must consist of a novice, junior and senior member. The 4th member can be any of the above age groups. No clover buds are permitted.
- You will need to find your own animals to fit (goat, lamb, beef cattle).
- You may use glues and paint, but NO clipping is allowed in the competition. All supplies must be in the ring when the first specie fitting begins, no supplies added after the competition begins.
- You will have 30 minutes per species to fit the animal. They need to be dry upon entering the fitting competition.
- Each team on each specie will begin with 50 points and you will gain points from the judge. If you choose not to fit an animal, you will only receive 50 points. There is NO dropped score this year.
- There will be no coaching from outside the ring, teams will be disqualified.
- There is a \$20 entry fee per team due at the time entry is handed in.
- All entries must be handed in at Noon to the livestock office on Thursday.

Signature of team members in agreement of the above rules:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Valencia County Fair Complaint Form

Name of person making a complaint: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

COMPLAINT DETAILS:

Date of Incident: _____ Time: _____

Location of Incident: _____

Who/what is the subject of your complaint: _____

Summary of Complaint/Issue: _____

Reference Rule, page number, rule # _____

WITNESS DETAIL (if applicable)

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION: _____

ACTION TAKEN:

Initials of person(s) investigating complaint: _____

Initials of person(s) taking complaint: _____

Complaint fee paid _____

The information must be filled out for your entry to be processed. Your entry is subject to the agreement below:

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

It is clearly understood that Valencia Fair Management Company, Inc. and its officials, officers, directors, and agents shall not be responsible for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property which is caused directly or indirectly for any reason. The exhibitor, owner, their agents and/or representatives agree to indemnify and hold Valencia Fair Management Company, Inc., and its officials, officers, directors, and agents harmless for any damage, injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the Valencia County Fair.

By applying for entry, Exhibitors, Owners, their Agents and/or representatives agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing the Valencia County Fair as published in the Valencia County Fair book. Valencia Fair Management Company, Inc. has approved adoption of the National code of Show Ring Ethics (see below). Application of entry in the county Fair acknowledges the exhibitor, owners, their agents and/or representatives have read and the Valencia County Fair General Rules and Regulations, specific and/or special departments rules and regulations, and the National Code of Show Ring Ethics and agrees to observe and abide by these rules.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always 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 competition classes. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and responsible persons who violate the code of ethics 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. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, at the request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or person responsible for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from

the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing regarding the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. **SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM!** At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event

Signature of Exhibitor (or owner, fitter, trainer, or responsible person) Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Guardian or Parent of the above Signatory

Intent NOT TO SELL

I, _____ exhibitor at Valencia County fair declare that I DO NOT intend to sell the below listed species. I understand that once this Intent is signed these animals are no longer eligible for sale, regardless of placing. The animals below will be released 2 hours or when announced after the last show on Thursday. The Livestock Chairman will need to verify below animals before they are released off the grounds. No other animals are eligible to leave the grounds upon release on Thursday. This form must be turned in by 6 pm day of CHECK-IN.

Tag #	Species

Signature -Livestock Exhibitor Date

Signature - Parent/Guardian Date

Signature - Livestock Chair Date

Exhibitor Bio Form

Name: _____

Age: _____

School Name: _____

4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____

How many years showing: _____

BRIEF BIO (Other species you show, other interests, special thank you's,):
