
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 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 that 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 to remain eligible for sale, the exhibitor must make arrangements 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 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.