

Junior Livestock Special Rules

1. All general rules and regulations apply to this department.
2. The livestock committee has the authority to combine or change classes when deemed necessary.
3. All steers and Beef Heifers must have been properly declared, classified, and tagged at VFMCI Tag Day and must have been owned and managed by the exhibitor under the supervision of the county agent or vocational agricultural instructor and tagged at VFMCI Tag Day.
4. Any animal sifted will be allowed to go home immediately following the official declaration of disqualification. Sifted animals must be removed within 2 hours of the end of the sifting process. **Any sifted animals not removed by the exhibitor during the allotted time will be charged a storage fee of \$20.00 a day per animal.** Exhibitors must check with the department superintendent for proper release procedures.
5. Non grand drive dairy cattle may be released at 2:00pm Monday, August 21st.
6. Non-sale animals will be released from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or after all sale animals have been released on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Sale animals will be released only on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on August 27, 2023. Please see release times on the Schedule of Events. All animals must be checked out through the department superintendent. No Exceptions.
7. 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.
8. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his/her own animals until the superintendent has issued a release. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that sale animals are delivered to the buyer or the correct packer. If animals are not properly cared for, labor and feed changes will be assessed to the owner/ exhibitor (minimum daily charge of \$5.00 - any market animal). Any premium or sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld and applied toward the fee assessed. The balance will then be released to the exhibitor as normal.
9. Exhibitors will be assigned a pen or stall space by the superintendents. All animals must be kept groomed (clean and in show condition) from 9:00 am to 9:00 p.m. Stalls and pens must also be kept neat and clean. Exhibitors may use wood shavings or straw bedding in Beef and Dairy Stalls only. There will be a refundable \$30.00 deposit required for each animal. Deposits will be made with entries and will be refunded at the conclusion of the fair, refunded by the Superintendent at check-out once the stalls are sufficiently cleaned at the discretion of the Superintendent. **NO BEDDING IN PIG, SHEEP, OR GOAT PENS**
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10. 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 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.
 - E. No "Hot shots" or electrical stimulation devices.

ANY EXHIBITOR PERSON OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOUND GUILTY OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED UNETHICAL PRACTICES, OR ANY OTHER PRACTICES DEEMED UNETHICAL BY NCRSE 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.

11. 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. Any medication will be given under the supervision of the livestock Superintendent and fair veterinarian.
12. All veterinarian expenses incurred shall be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. All animals entered in this department will be reviewed by the sifting Committee. Inferior animals will be eliminated and must be removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the Department Superintendent.
14. Livestock scales will be closed after certification. Weight limits at the scales shall be as follows:

Market Steers	900 lbs. – no top weight
Production Beef Steers	900 lbs. – 1,400lbs.
Peewee Bucket Calf	500 lbs. max
Market Hogs	200 lbs.- 300 lbs. max
Market Lambs	85 lbs.- no top weight
Southdown Lambs	70 lb. minimum
Breeding Ewes	85 lbs. - 275 lbs. max
Southdown Breeding Ewes	70 lbs. minimum
Meat Goats	45 lbs. – 125 lbs.
Breeding Does	45 lbs.- 225 lbs. max
Fryer & Meat Pen Rabbits	Not to exceed 5 lbs.
Market Meat Pen Poultry	3-5 lbs. per bird (9- 15 lbs. per pen)

Any animals weighing over or under the above stated weights will not be allowed to show. There will be no re-weighs.

15. Market steers will be divided into classes by weight not hip-height or breed. The market steers will be listed by consecutive weights. The livestock superintendent will divide the steers into two or more equal classes based on the consecutive weights.
16. Judging for Champion of Breed- Only first place animals will be considered. Judging for Reserve Champion of Breed- only second place animal in the class from which the Champion was selected, will be eligible to move up for Reserve Champion consideration.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. The market animals to be shown will be limited to 10 animals per exhibitor (no more than 3 steers or 6 sheep, hogs or meat goats FOR EXAMPLE: 3 steers and 3 sheep and 4 hogs). There is no limit on breeding or dairy animals. Production steer entries are limited to no more than 2 production steers. Production steers do not count toward the limit of 10 animals per exhibitor.

20. 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 August 2023 regularly scheduled meeting, held at the Valencia County Fair Grounds at 7:00 p.m. The fair board will make a determination if an alternate can be used. The alternate must meet all the requirements of the exhibitor. If an emergency situation arises after the August meeting, the exhibitor can notify the fair board and a special case ruling will be made at that time by the board.
21. All entries must be checked out and released by the respective department superintendent.
22. In order for any transferring individual from another county or state to qualify as an exhibitor of the 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.

