

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

Premium will be forfeited if animals are removed from stall or pen space prior to release date and time. (See respective departments.)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Except in the case of conflict, in which event the following Rules and Regulations will prevail, the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this Division. **Illegal drugs, and/or unethical conduct in fitting and showing livestock will not be tolerated at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair.** All others will be at judge's discretion.

Any animals being removed before their release time will forfeit all premiums.

Exhibitors bringing animals that have been micro chipped must bring a reader plus their papers.

Exhibitors must wear proper attire while in the show ring: long pants, shirt with collar, shoes with closed toe.

No animals will be allowed on the fair grounds until their check-in time.

Maximum Youth age, 19, is as of show date unless specified by department.

Allow up to 10 weeks for premiums to be processed.

ENTRIES

MAKE YOUR ENTRIES EARLY!! The right is reserved and will be used to reject entries received after all available space is taken, even if this occurs before specified time for closing entries.

Official printed forms must be used in making application for entry. Duplicate entry forms as necessary. Be sure to fill in the application form completely, accurately, and legibly. Give your rural route number, post office box number, or city street address, zip code, **Social Security Number**, and telephone number, including area code.

List the class number, as indicated in the premium list, for which each entry is made. Use a separate line for each animal. Do not make entries in the Championship classes. Indicate if you plan to make entries in the group and/or herd classes. It is not necessary to name the animals that will make up your group or herd until after judging of individual classes. Entries in the group and herd classes must have previously been exhibited in the individual classes.

Bring your registration certificates to the Fair; they must be shown if requested by the superintendent. All beef cattle and swine over six months of age and all sheep over three months of age must be registered with their respective breed associations in the name of the bona fide owner, who must show official evidence of ownership of animal at least 30 days prior to showing. Animals shown as commercial are exempt from registration requirements. (See exceptions to this rule for group classes only in some departments.)

Each breed of livestock must be exhibited by more than one farm if the breed is to be considered for continuance in the 2011 N.C. Mountain State Fair Premium List.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

A showmanship award will be given to each youth that is officially entered in a Mountain State Fair Youth Livestock Show that has developed proper showmanship skills with their livestock projects. These skills will be evaluated separately from the quality of the animal shown. The show person judge will select the youth solely on their showmanship ability. The recipients of the Super Show Person Award will be recognized at the conclusion of each class. A one time per show monetary award of \$10.00 will be awarded to each exhibitor selected except for the Dairy Cattle. (See Dairy Cattle Dept. R)

FEES

Entry fees are required for all entries in the senior and open classes of the livestock division. *Entries exclusively in the youth livestock shows are not subject to fees.*

All applicants for entries must be noted on the entry form, and remittances for same must accompany the entry application form. Reservations will not be made unless accompanied by the required fee. Remember: The right is reserved to reject entries after all available space is taken. Entries will be accepted in the order received.

Animals duly entered in the show which will be exhibited competitively in the show ring will have priority on stall and pen space; thereafter, should additional space be available, display animals will be assigned stall or pen space.

The following fees will govern:

Cattle - (open show)	\$ 6 / hd
Cattle - Feeder Calves (pen of 3)	\$ 7 / per pen
Open Goats	\$ 5 / hd
Open Wool Breed Sheep	\$ 5 / hd per premium class entered
Open Senior Swine	\$ 5 / hd
Open Rabbit Show	\$ 3 / per entry
Open Heritage Turkey Show	\$ 3 / per entry
RV (Electricity and/or utilities)	\$ 20 / per night

(RV units staying the full 10 days will be give priority over RV units staying less than 10 days.)

HEALTH REGULATIONS

All health regulations will be strictly enforced, and decisions of the regulatory veterinarian concerning animal health status are final. No animals may be unloaded on the fairgrounds before being checked and approved by the regulatory veterinarian in charge. **ALL LIVESTOCK WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE HEALTH EXAMINATION AT TIME OF CHECK IN AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY ONTO THE FAIRGROUNDS. ANY ANIMAL NOT PASSING THIS EXAM WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR DISPOSITION BY THE SHOW VETERINARIAN.** All entries shall be inspected prior to unloading during their designated check-in times listed for their Department.

Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. An approval card will be issued after the ENTRANCE HEALTH EXAMINATION and will be required for animals to enter the barns. Any and all animals not meeting the entry requirements and/or exhibiting any signs of disease or illness, may be refused entry, required to be isolated and/or required to be returned to the farm of origin. Any and all animals exhibiting any signs of disease or illness or found not to have met entry requirements after entry may be required to be isolated and/or returned to the farm of origin.

All animals must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, ear notch, or microchip – reader must be supplied by owner) to enter the fairgrounds.

All sheep and goats must comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Sheep and goats without a scrapie tag, or a registration paper with corresponding tattoo or microchip information at the time of check-in will not be allowed. Scrapie Flock ID numbers must be presented at the time of check-in before an approval card can be issued. This number is not the same as the National Premise ID. Sheep and goats do not need a National Premise ID at this time.

All livestock except Poultry, Rabbit, Llama and Horses will require a State or National Premise ID prior to showing at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair. *No exceptions.* For those exhibitors showing multiple species only one Premise ID is needed if on the same farm. The National Premise ID must be included on the Entry Application at the time it is submitted. The National Premise ID must be presented at the time of check-in before an approval card will be issued. (Request form for National Premise ID can be found behind livestock entry form.) (Sheep and goat exhibitors please see above Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines)

Drug testing may include the following drugs: Furosemide; Bumetanide; Boldenone; Nandrolone; Flunixin; Phenylbutazone; Dexamethasone; Isoflupredone; Flumethasone; Methylprednisolone; Axaperone; Acepromazine, Chlorpromazine, and other tranquilizers; Clenbuterol, Balbuterol; Terbutaline; Albuterol; Isoetharine.

The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NC Dept. of Agriculture will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under “Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division” before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the Show Veterinarian, show committee, and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, warts, or any other contagious disease **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN.**

Where possible, livestock exhibitors are discouraged from bringing their dogs with them to the fair. If they must be brought, they are to remain in areas that are inaccessible and must not be available for contact with the general public.

Cattle - Beef and Dairy

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, warts, or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN

Cattle from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, sex, and registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the cattle listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed, to any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Information relating to Brucellosis.
 - A. Those cattle which are native to North Carolina need not be tested. (Native meaning those cattle which were born in North Carolina or which have met North Carolina import requirements.)
 - B. Cattle originating from any certified Brucellosis free herd, regardless of the state of origin, may enter North Carolina, provided the following information is recorded on the official certificate.
 - (1) the individual identification of each animal;
 - (2) the herd certification number;
 - (3) the date of the last herd test; and
 - (4) a permit when otherwise required in the rule.
 - C. Cattle imported from a Class Free State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and need not be tested.
 - D. Cattle imported from a Class A State shall originate from a herd not under quarantine and pass a negative official blood test within 60 days prior to entry into North Carolina.
 - E. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Rule, a Brucellosis test is not required for steers or spayed females, and no test prior to entry in the state is required of:
 - (1) Cattle under eight months of age;
 - (2) Dairy heifers under 20 months of age officially vaccinated against Brucellosis;
 - (3) Heifers of the beef / breed less than 24 months of age and officially vaccinated against Brucellosis.
5. Information relating to tuberculosis. A test for tuberculosis is not required for cattle which are native to North Carolina. Any cattle over 6 months of age not originating from a Tuberculosis Free state shall be required to have an official tuberculosis test within 60 days of entry, unless from an accredited herd.

Swine

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, warts, or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN

Swine from out-of-state exhibitors (including market hogs) must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or a state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate must contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of the swine including age, sex, breed, and registrations, ear tag, or ear notch numbers.
3. Statement by the veterinarian attesting that the swine listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge.
4. Statement by the veterinarian that all breeding swine in the consignment originate from a PRV Stage IV or V state or a Validated Brucellosis-Free and Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd. The herd validation qualification numbers must be listed. This requirement does not apply to market hogs.

Goats

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, warts, or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN

Goats from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate should contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of each animal including breed, age, and any registration, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the goats listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. The health certificate shall contain a statement that the flock of origin has not had Scrapie diagnosed within the past 42 months. **All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines.** All goats must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919-855-7707 for more information.
4. Goats over six (6) months of age and sexually intact imported from out of state must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to import. All imports over six (6) months of age must have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to import unless they originate from a certified and accredited herd or are consigned for immediate slaughter.

****The brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements shall not apply to goats entering the state only for exhibition purposes from states that are United States Department of Agriculture-Tuberculosis Accredited-Free and Brucellosis Certified free, when accompanied by an official health certificate. Such animals shall remain in the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days from the date of issuance of the health certificate.**

Sheep

Animals with obvious abscesses (open or unopened), ringworm, soremouth, warts, or any other contagious disease WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BARN

Sheep from out-of-state exhibitors must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued within 60 days of entry signed by an accredited veterinarian, or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The health certificate must contain the following:

1. Name and address of exhibitor.
2. Description of the sheep including age, sex, breed, or cross registration numbers, tattoo, or ear tag numbers.
3. A statement by the veterinarian signing the health certificate that the animals listed are not infected with, or have been recently exposed to, any communicable disease to the best of his/her knowledge. The health certificate shall contain a statement that the flock of origin has not had Scrapie diagnosed within the past 42 months. **All sheep and goats must comply with USDA Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines.** All sheep must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guidelines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919-855-7707 for more information.
4. Sheep over six (6) months of age and sexually intact imported from out of state shall have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to import. All imports must have a negative tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to import unless they originate from a certified and accredited herd or are consigned to immediate slaughter.

****The brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements shall not apply to sheep entering the state only for exhibition purposes from states that are United States Department of Agriculture-Tuberculosis Accredited-Free and Brucellosis Certified Free, when accompanied by an official health certificate. Such animals shall remain in the state for exhibition purposes for no more than 30 days from the date of issuance of the health certificate.**

Llama

Notice for out-of-state entries: Llamas must have a health certificate issued within 30 days of the show.

Equine

North Carolina requires that all horses over 6 months old must be in possession of a current negative Coggins Certificate (EIA). Negative Coggins Certificate must be current and issued within twelve (12) months. A copy of a current (12 months) negative Coggins test certificate must be presented at check-in and unloading. A state health official will be checking entries for compliance.

Animals Entering the Fairgrounds

Any animal of the above species entering the fairgrounds regardless of their purpose of entry must meet the requirements that are listed above for that species. All equine, six months old and older, must be accompanied by an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia within 12 months of entering the fairgrounds. This includes equine in pony rides, exhibits, petting zoos, and competition events.

Animals categorized as exotic in North Carolina, including bison, buffalo and all other bovidae (other than domestic cattle), camelids (llama, alpaca, camel), must be accompanied by a health certificate issued within 60 days of entry by an accredited veterinarian or an approved state or federally employed veterinarian. The certificate must show individual identification. Animals from out-of-state must have negative test results for brucellosis within 30 days and tuberculosis within 60 days for all animals six months old and older. (Llamas, vicunas, alpacas, and guanacos are exempt from tuberculosis and brucellosis testing.) The certification statement **“The herd of origin has had no brucellosis or tuberculosis diagnosed within the past 12 months”** must be included on the certificate.