NOTICE

It is the **ABSOLUTE** responsibility of the **EXHIBITOR, PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN** to read, understand and abide by all **RULES AND GUIDELINES** set forth in this livestock rule book. Failure to know, understand, and follow all or part of rules is not the fault or responsibility of the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show, its staff, management team, officials, judges, Extension agent(s), and/or parish staff.

Failure to follow rules and guidelines can result in a disqualification for the current year livestock show(s) or even a lifetime bans on showing at the LSU AgCenter Livestock Shows at the parish, district, and/or state level.

NOTICE

Gambling and the possession of alcoholic beverages, including beer, on the livestock show premises are prohibited. The AgCenter asks for support from agents, FFA advisors and parents in complying with the ban on use of alcohol on the show premises.

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GENERAL RULES

These rules will apply to all departments of the state and district livestock shows. Exceptions to this policy are indicated, where required, in the text of this catalog. Exhibitors and concessionaires are required to familiarize themselves with all rules.

The LSU AgCenter is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Should you need ADA accommodations, please contact Dwayne Nunez at 225-578-2255 no later the 10 days prior to the State Livestock Show.

RULE 1: FORCE MAJEURE

The LSU AgCenter shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence which makes performance by the LSU AgCenter illegal, impossible, inadvisable or, in the LSU AgCenter's reasonable opinion, unsafe or commercially impracticable, and includes, but is not limited to (i) any breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, directives or rules issued by governmental authorities, including, but not limited to those concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response and/or protection of the environment; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) pandemics, epidemics, quarantines, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or state or local government authority or health agencies (including, but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, H1N1 or other infectious diseases); (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) acts of God, fires, floods, national disasters, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) any other cause beyond the LSU AgCenter's reasonable control.

RULE 2: ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The LSU AgCenter reserves to its Livestock Show Management Council the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident of ANY district, state, or other LSU AgCenter affiliated Livestock Shows, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor (and/or family) who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all current, and possible future 4-H/FFA membership, privileges, and/or premiums.

Special rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary; if there is a conflict between the special rules of any division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern. If any of the rules, or any provision of any single rule, is later held to be legally invalid or otherwise unenforceable, all other rules, and all other provisions and terms of any rule containing a provision or term later held to be legally invalid or unenforceable, shall remain in full force and effect.

RULE 3: USE OF DRUGS

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the LSU AgCenter shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the LSU AgCenter shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

** Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.*

RULE 4: STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All exhibits are under the control and direction of the Show Management, but the LSU AgCenter is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the LSU AgCenter against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

RULE 5: GENERAL RULES & EXPECTATIONS

A. All animals, equipment and property entered for competition, display or other purposes or being anywhere on the exhibit grounds shall be subject to the control of the manager of the Livestock Show.
B. In no case shall the Livestock Show, or the manager or any other official or employee, be held responsible for any loss, damage or death, by disease or otherwise, to any person, property or exhibit while en route to, from or on exhibit grounds.
C. If the owners, or others interested in the animals, equipment or property, desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any other cause, they must make their own arrangements for insurance and pay premiums for that purpose.
D. No heat lamps or heat sources will be allowed in any livestock building/facility unless approved by show management. Currently only Prima Heat Lamps are approved for use at the State and District Livestock Shows
E. The livestock show management reserves the right to reassign any space, stall, pen or coop. No exhibitor will be allowed to sublet or sell any space, privilege, stall, pen or coop.
F. Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by the exhibitor, which will in any way conflict with any privilege granted or sold by the Livestock Show or facility.
G. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. At the state livestock show any vehicle parked in an unauthorized area is subject to

towing at the owner's expense.

H. The Livestock Show Office contracts with a vendor for the operation of a tack and shavings store on the state livestock show premises. NO OUTSIDE VENDORS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE DELIVERIES ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. Shavings can be purchased at exhibitor's expense, but bedding with hay or straw is strictly prohibited in the cattle barns. Shavings or similar material will be used for bedding in the sheep, swine and poultry barns and may be available for purchase on show grounds (state show).

I. No one will be allowed in the judging ring other than the judge, contestants and show officials except in an emergency.

J. If it be ascertained that any **spectator, leader, exhibitor, parent, and/or guardians/ chaperones** have in any public manner taken exception to the judgment of the judge, superintendent or any other official of the livestock show, the livestock show management may expel the **spectator, leader, exhibitor, parent, and/or guardians/ chaperones** from competition for premiums or exhibiting at the livestock show. **Show management reserves the right to have violators removed from the show grounds.**

K. If it be ascertained that an exhibitor has knowingly caused to be made or made any false statements in regard to any animal or if any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competition.

L. The superintendent and/or show manager (District or State) shall have the right to exclude animals from competition if there is any unnecessary delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the animals into the show ring. The superintendent and/or show manager (District or State) shall excuse any animal from the show ring in pursuing safety for all exhibitors. If the situation permits, the superintendent and/or show manager (District or State) will give a warning to the exhibitor prior to excusing an animal; however, in attempting to maintain a safe atmosphere, providing a warning to the exhibitor may not be possible.

M. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any animal, exhibit or concession that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, and to remove any sign, banner or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable by them without assigning a reason and, if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which will exonerate it from any claim on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser. No tables and chairs shall be removed from the judging arenas or other state show facilities. LSU AgCenter and Lamar-Dixon property must not be relocated. Anyone removing property may be prosecuted.

N. NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS EXCEPT FOR PROPERLY TRAINED SERVICE DOGS OR ANIMALS WHICH ARE PART OF AN ENTERTAINMENT ACT.

O. No practice roping under the barn.

P. Electrical generators cannot be operated or stored under roofed areas at the state show. Generators found in violation of this rule may be picked up by the Fire Marshal/facility management.

Q. If livestock owned by Louisiana 4-H and FFA members are shown in open shows, the animals after possession date **must be** exhibited in the open shows by the exhibitor or members of the immediate family (parents, legal guardians, brothers, sisters and grandparents). Exhibition of animals by anyone else will result in the animals being ineligible for competition in the LSU AgCenter district and state livestock shows.

R. **All Lamar-Dixon Expo Center parking and cooking policies will be adhered to during the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show.**

RULE 6: DATES AND LOCATION

A. The LSU AgCenter Livestock Show will be held at Gonzales, Louisiana, Lamar-Dixon Exposition Center, February 13-20, 2027, unless postponed or extended by the management.

RULE 7: EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

A. Open to all Louisiana 4-H club and FFA members and clubs and chapters, regardless of gender, race, creed, color or national origin, whose animals meet the minimum standards of quality established for the class and other rules of entry.

B. All general eligibility rules that apply to 4-H and FFA project participants shall apply to the Livestock Show. Eligibility is specified in LSU AgCenter PS-51 and State FFA Constitution.

C. 4-H and FFA Eligibility Rules

1. **Youth must be bona fide 4-H or FFA member by November 1, 2026.**
2. Minimum participation – Fourth (4th) grade. Exception: a youth who turns nine (9) years of age before January 1st and in the 3rd grade may join. Maximum participation – Twelfth (12th) grade. Exception: youth enrolled in special education may participate in parish level events only and cannot have not passed their 20th birthday by December 31st. Those who graduate from high school after being enrolled at the beginning of the club year and are active members during the club year will be eligible to compete in contests as permitted through the remainder of the club year, ending July 31st. High school graduates with live animal projects will be permitted to conclude their projects at the first fall show.
3. All FFA members must be regularly enrolled in a Secondary Agricultural Education Program (High School) and must not have reached their 21st birthday prior to the close of the date on which they must have assumed possession of the animal(s).
4. Clubs, chapters, group homes, training schools, etc. having organized bona fide 4-H clubs or FFA chapters will be allowed to show only in registered breeding classes. Entry must be made in the name of the 4-H club or FFA chapter. Premium money will be issued in the name of the club or chapter. All rules applying to individual exhibitors will apply to groups entering under this rule. No clubs, chapters, group homes, training school, etc. are eligible to show in market classes.

RULE 8: EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exceptions will be made only in the following cases and with the proper approval. In all cases, when the exhibitor cannot show his/her own animal, the exhibitor must have a bona fide 4-H or FFA member to show in his/her place. If the animal qualifies for the championship classes and the exhibitor is unable to show the animal, the same individual exhibiting in class must show the animal in the championship class.

1. Exceptions at the District Show:
   a. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to qualify only for the State Show (not eligible for champion at District Show- Ribbon Group Only) if the exhibitor is not present due to school conflicts (i.e. academic, athletic and other school-related activities).
   b. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to show in class and in the championship drive only if the exhibitor cannot show due to illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family, the exhibitor, or representative shall make the request to the agent/FFA advisor and district livestock show manager. The district livestock show manager has the authority to approve or disapprove last-minute requests.
   c. To obtain an exception for school conflicts and physical handicap, the exhibitor must file a Livestock Project Possession/Hardship Form and have the proper approval prior to the District Show.

2. Exceptions at the State Show:
   a. Exhibitors' animals will be allowed to show in class and in the championship drive only if the exhibitor cannot show due to illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family. In the case of illness, physical handicap, personal injury or death in the family, the exhibitor or representative shall make the request to the agent/FFA advisor and state livestock show manager. The state livestock show manager has the authority to approve or disapprove last -minute requests.
   b. Academic conflicts (school test, academic contest, ACT, etc.) will be considered for the State Show.
   c. To obtain an exception for school conflicts and physical handicap, the exhibitor must file a Livestock Project Possession/Hardship Form and have the proper approval prior to the District Show.

B. Exhibitors are required to always keep their animals and exhibit area clean. Manure and other refuse are to be placed in trash barrels or other containers as instructed.

C. No large animals will be allowed in the sheep and swine barn, and no sheep or swine in cattle barn except those approved by the livestock show manager at the state show.

D. Exhibitors removing animals before the release time will forfeit all premium money and will be subject to being disqualified in the Livestock Show the following year.

E. No nurse cows for beef calves will be allowed at the state show.

F. Due to space limitations, most small animals will be stalled two to a pen; if the exhibitors wish to obtain divider panels prior to arriving at the State Livestock Show, the pen dimensions are 5'x6', being six feet wide by five feet deep.

G. STORAGE OF TACK, FEED AND HAY (State Show)
   1. Cattle tie spaces and pens for sheep and swine are not to be used for the storage of feed or hay.
   2. In the cattle barns a limited amount of feed and hay may be stored in the aisles behind the animals, but the aisle must not be blocked. No feed, hay or tack boxes are permitted in the cross aisles. It is preferred that tack boxes be stored in the aisle behind the cattle. However, parishes or schools with large exhibits may crowd their animals to make room for a limited number of tack boxes in the tie space. No tie space will be allocated for tack.
   3. In the sheep, goat and swine barn all feed, tack boxes and other items must be stored on top of the pens. These items must not be stored in any of the aisles. Feed for lambs and goats must be in garbage cans or other secure containers with a tightly fitting lid.
   4. Feeding hay in the assigned tie space is permissible.

RULE 9: ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY

A. Exhibitors must have animals in their possession and under their personal care (and must not be in possession of a custom fitter) after possession dates. The possession requirement covers the period from the date of possession (listed below) to the completion of the state show. If an exhibitor does not have animals(s) in his/her possession during the entire possession period, the exhibitor **MUST** turn in a project/hardship form before possession dates. Any exhibitor housing his/her animal on any property other than their own must acquire and have approved a project/hardship form prior to purchase of animal.

Possession dates are:

Species	Possession Date
Market Steers	August 14, 2026
Exhibition Poultry	December 1, 2026
Beef Breeding	November 9, 2026
Miniature Beef	November 16, 2026
Dairy	November 9, 2026
Market Lambs	November 9, 2026
Sheep Breeding	November 9, 2026
Market Goats	November 9, 2026
Goat Breeding	November 9, 2026
Swine Breeding	December 1, 2026
Commercial Gilts	December 1, 2026
Market Swine	December 1, 2026
Commercial Does, Ewes, Beef and Dairy	November 9, 2026
Exhibition Rabbits (State)	December 21, 2026
Meat Pen (State)	January 20, 2027

ATTENTION: All market and commercial animals will be required to be validated for the 2027 Livestock Show; see the official process below:

B. 2027 LSU AgCenter Livestock Show **Market** and **Commercial** Validation Procedure

- **Exhibitor Responsibility:**

1. Animals must be in continuous possession of the exhibitor from time of validation until the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.

2. Exhibitors should request validation kits from agents and FFA advisors as per parish guidelines. Each parish LSU AgCenter 4-H office will supply validation kits to exhibitors upon request.
3. Market and Commercial Validation will consist of:
   a. Ear tagging animal.

b. Collecting hair sample and/or DNA sample; hair sample should be placed in a properly identified validation envelope for each animal validated. Validation envelopes must be returned to the exhibitor's parish LSU AgCenter office with validation fee by specified deadline.

c. Exhibitors enter animal information into the 4-H Online system on or before the deadline.

The responsibility of entering animal information (correct and complete) into 4-H online, ear tagging animals, and collecting DNA and/or hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers MUST be present and can assist.

4. Animals previously tagged for the 2026 Louisiana State Fair may utilize the State Fair Tag to complete LSU AgCenter State Show validations. **New DNA samples must be submitted to LSU AgCenter for all animals previously validated for the State Fair.**

5. Animals must be validated in either the exhibitor's name or in the family name (Family consists of parents, legal guardians, and siblings). **When official entries are submitted at the district levels animals validated in family name must be entered in the name of the exhibitor that will show the animal at the District and State Livestock Shows.**

C. Registered Breeding Animal Validation: All original papers must be verified by agent/FFA advisor and copy submitted to agent/FFA advisor within thirty (30) days of Possession/Validation Date. The *Papers Pending Form* must be submitted in place of registration papers until the registration papers are obtained. **Registration papers are due within 30 days of the respective possession date. A late fee of $250 per animal will be charged for registration papers received between the 30 days after the possession date and January 4, 2027. No registration papers will be accepted after this date. The $250 fee is to be collected by the respective District Show Management. Exhibitors must enter animal information into the 4-H Online system on or before the possession/validation deadline.**

The responsibility of entering animal information (correct and complete, i.e. Registration Papers) into 4-H online, ear tagging animals, and collecting DNA and/or hair samples will be that of the exhibitor and/or parent. Agents/Ag Teachers MUST be present and can assist.

D. Validation Hardship Procedure

District and/or State Show managers must be notified by the exhibitor/family within (7) seven days after the validation deadline to be considered for a validation hardship. After contacting District and/or State Show Manager hardship forms must be immediately submitted with supporting material and stating hardship to the exhibitor's parish LSU AgCenter office. These hardships will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by parish agent, district show manager, and state show manager. Only cases where it is determined to have been unavoidable will the exhibitor be allowed to validate. This decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

- **Agent/Ag Teacher responsibility:**

Kits will consist of a tag and validation envelope. The 2026-27 validation fee is $7 per validation. This fee should be collected from exhibitors when they submit their validations to parish offices. All checks submitted to the Livestock Show Office must be made out to "Livestock Show Office". Ag Teachers should request validation kits from parish LSU AgCenter office by date specified by LSU AgCenter parish staff.

Parish Agents will request Market Steer kits from their District Show managers no later than July 25th, 2026.

Parish Agents will request validation kits for remaining market and commercial animals from their District Show Manager no later than August 29th, 2026.

All validation envelopes and payment should be placed in the mail to the Livestock Show Office the day after validations are due to parish offices.

The mailing address is as follows:

Livestock Show Office
Attention: Validation
188 Knapp Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-0106

RULE 10: ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

A. All entries must be submitted on FairEntry by the district show deadline.
B. An animal may be entered and shown in either 4-H or FFA, not in BOTH. The exhibitor and his parents shall determine the organization in which the animal is entered and shown. Determination will be made when animal is entered in FairEntry.
C. The maximum number of market animals a 4-H or FFA exhibitor will be allowed to show at the state show will be three steers, three lambs, three hogs, three goats and two pens of broilers. The maximum number of market animals a 4-H or FFA exhibitor will be allowed to show at the district show will be: three steers, three lambs, three hogs and three goats.
D. Breeding animals, which are registered or recorded in the herd book of their respective breed associations, are eligible for show if the registration certificate contains animal identification data, a birth date and a registration number. For dairy breeding animals, if any breed association starts to use a percentage registered on its registration certificates, then the LSU AgCenter show management will follow the recommendation of the national association as it pertains to the animal's eligibility to be exhibited in that breed division.
E. Breeding animals meeting guidelines stipulated by each listed breed association and have a recognized registration certificate, which states the breeder of the animal (owner of the dam at time of conception) is a bona fide resident of Louisiana are eligible to show and receive LA Bred awards.
F. Market animals will be certified as LA Bred by an appropriate statewide producer organization. Certifying Organizations are:
   1. Market Steers & Commercial Heifers – **State Fair of Louisiana**

2. Market Lambs – **Louisiana Sheep Producers Association (LSPA)**
3. Market Goats & Breeding Goats – **Louisiana Meat Goat Association (LMGA)**
4. Market Hogs – **Louisiana Pork Producers Association (LPPA)**
5. Broilers – **Louisiana Poultry Federation**

G. All beef breeding entries must be registered or recorded with their respective breed organization. Simmental, Simbrah and other cattle of breeds in associations with similar policies will be exempt if documentation showing eligibility for recording or registering is provided. Polled Hereford bulls with "Range Bull" certificates will not be eligible for showing.

H. Registration papers will be checked at the district show only, but they must be available at the state show. Certain breed associations may require original registration papers at the state show. Entries will be checked according to the state show schedule.

I. Animals shown in the state show must be exhibited by the same individual as entered and shown in the district shows.

J. Exhibitors cannot re-exhibit any market animal (previously fitted) after it has been sold at any other show or fair, except parish and district shows immediately preceding the state show.

K. An exhibitor shall be allowed to show only animal(s) recorded in his or her name—one name only—no dual ownership. This rule does not apply to registered breeding animals registered in the name of an organized bona fide 4-H club, FFA chapter or other approved organized group.

L. Market and commercial animals are allowed to have the LSU tag & La Bred tag in animals; no other tags will be allowed. (Louisiana State Fair tags are acceptable on animals officially validated for the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show with State Fair Tags).

M. Breeds that have twenty or more head shown at the district and state shows for one year will qualify for removal from AOB classes to separate breed classes.

N. Breeds which fall below twenty head at the district and state shows for two consecutive years may be returned to the AOB classes.

O. All animals (except poultry & rabbits) are required to attend their respective district shows. To be eligible to attend the state show, animals must have earned at the district show A PURPLE OR BLUE RIBBON in the Beef (Steers and Beef Breeding), Dairy, Sheep Breeding, Goat Breeding and Swine Breeding Departments; A PURPLE OR BLUE RIBBON in the Market Hog, Market Lamb and Market Goat Departments. Any animal receiving a red or white ribbon will not be eligible to attend the state show. Criteria for animals to qualify at the district livestock shows for the state show: a) average to above muscling, b) adequate but not excessive condition, c) confirmation in proportion to weight, and d) good health, properly fitted and presented.

RULE 11: LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A. All livestock moving into and within Louisiana must meet current federal and Louisiana interstate regulations specified by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Livestock Sanitary Board, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. For pertinent information, contact:
Veterinary Health Division
P. O. Box 1951
Baton Rouge, LA 70821 (225) 925-3980
https://www.ldaf.la.gov/animals/health/veterinarian-resources

B. Health papers will not be checked at the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show prior to unloading; however, exhibitors must have valid health papers in possession while attending the show. A valid health certificate must be presented at the district show that has an issue date that will make the papers valid for the state show. If the issue date on health certificate at district show will not make the health papers valid for the state show (60 days), the exhibitor will not be allowed to check in at the district show until they obtain valid health certificates. **Health papers are good for 60 days.**

C. State Veterinarian will have the right to check for "show lamb fungus" at the district and state show.

D. Each bird (including broilers) participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations. Each bird (including broilers) brought to the show must have the following papers: (1) An individual health certificate, including premises identification number, dated within 60 days of the show, indicating the bird is free of disease and has been tested free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* within the last 60 days; (2) VS Form 9-2 (bird or flock) attached to the health certificate a) indicating the bird is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) dated within 60 days prior to the show, or b) indicating the flock of origin is under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) *dated within the past year*, c) identification of each bird is recommended, for example, by leg or wing band, with the identification listed on the VS 9-2 form; (3) Recommend Avian Influenza testing for each bird (including broilers). (4) Each bird (including broilers) brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination 30 days prior to and after the show.

E. All sheep and goats must have official USDA Scrapie tags in their ears to be eligible for exhibition at the district and state shows.

F. <u>All Rabbits brought to shows must have a valid health certificate.</u>

RULE 12: DISTRICT AND STATE SHOW REQUIREMENTS

A. <u>DISTRICT SHOWS</u>

1. Only animals receiving purple ribbons at district shows shall be eligible to be declared champions and reserve champions at district shows. This includes market animals and breeding animals.
2. No parish livestock show will be held in connection with, or as part of, a district show.
3. A uniform system of judging shall be used at the seven district shows.
4. Parish shows must select their own judges. A district judge can judge a parish show provided he or she judges a different species than he or she is judging at the district show.
5. No district show shall invoke any rule which will make any animal that meets all entry requirements ineligible for competition in the LSU AgCenter Livestock Show.
6. At any district show, any exhibitor who violates either the arrival and/or departure times may be declared ineligible to show at the state show. This shall be at the discretion of the district livestock show manager.
7. District shows have the option to charge fees.
8. Exhibitors will be responsible for designating on the official entry in which Breed Division the market/commercial animals should be shown at the district show. Classification at the District Level is at the discretion of the District Show Manager. District show management reserves the right to reclassify any animals that are classified incorrectly. The judgment of district show management is final and not subject to protest. **(All animals will be subject to an Official Classification at the State Show.)**

B. <u>STATE SHOW</u>

1. **Entry Fees**
   All exhibitors will pay entry fees in the amount of **$20.00/entry** for exhibiting livestock at the 2027 LSU AgCenter Livestock Show. These fees will be used to help offset some of the escalating costs that are required to conduct a quality state show. All payments (except for poultry and rabbits) will be made at the time of check-in at the state show.
   All broiler ($15.00/pen) and exhibition poultry exhibitor fees ($5/bird) are due at the time of entry on or before January 16, 2027.
   Fees for the State Rabbit Show will be $15/meat pen and $5/exhibition rabbit and will be due at the time of entry on or before February 9, 2027
2. All drugs and medication administered to any animal (breeding or market) at the Livestock Show must be under the supervision of the Livestock Show Manager approved veterinarian. Any animal administered drugs without the approval of an approved veterinarian or the Livestock Show Manager is subject to disqualification**. (All animals are subject to random drug testing at the discretion of the show manager.)**
3. Visiting veterinarians must get approval from the Livestock Show Manager (on show grounds) before administering drugs on the show grounds so that records of all drugs administered can be maintained.
4. Decorative shelving and commercial farm and ranch banners may not be displayed at the state show. 4- H club and FFA chapter banners are acceptable. The breeder's name is allowed on the standard 4- H/FFA-exhibitor card only.
5. Animals can start arriving according to schedule. Space for tying or penning livestock will be assigned prior to time of arrival.
6. All market champions will receive a premium.
7. **Show management has the authority to remove any automatic waterers and/or personal locks on pens/stalls.**
8. The District and State Show Management has the discretion to allow fans in the exhibit areas at the District and State Shows. This decision will be based on the weather and how it is affecting the show. No fans will be allowed without the District or State Show Management prior approval.
9. Beef exhibitors will be allowed to use divider rails between their cattle. These rails may not exceed the boundaries of the tie area. They shall not be any longer, wider or taller than the assigned space.
10. Overloaded circuits may be a problem. Extension cords must be in good condition and placed to avoid hazards (not in water or across aisles or other heavy traffic areas).
11. No payment will be made for animals that die at the state show.
12. Exhibitors will be responsible for weighing market animals and appropriate commercial animals and for turning in their weights to the superintendents prior to the deadline shown in the schedule of events for each species. Official scales will be available for use. Only one entry weight, on a properly signed entry card (over the printed version of the name), will be accepted. Once the weights (entry weights) have been turned in, they are not subject to change.
13. There will be a mandatory weigh-back of market animals in each class (steers, lambs, goats and swine). Animals that have a positive or negative weight change (gain or loss) over the prescribed tolerance for their species will be disqualified from the show and forfeit all awards and premiums. In steers, lambs, goats and hogs, the top four animals in each class will be weighed back. If a steer, lamb, goat or hog weighs out, the next lower placing animals will be moved up. The tolerance for steers will be 4 percent. For market lambs, goats and hogs, the tolerance will be 5 percent of the entry (declared) weight. In computing tolerances, fractional values will be rounded up to the next whole number in pounds.
14. Animals disqualified during the weigh-back following the market classes will remain on the livestock show grounds until completion of show.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their animals throughout the show.
16. All cattle, sheep, goats and swine sold for slaughter must meet requirements for feed additives and drugs.

RULE 15: ANIMAL WELFARE

A. Any mistreatment of animals will be considered grounds for disqualification. Mistreatment includes, but is not limited to, physical abuse and the use of unacceptable muzzles.
B. Filling an animal artificially by the forced induction of liquid or solids is prohibited.
C. All animals shall be attended to in a prudent manner while at the livestock shows. They shall be fed and watered at recommended intervals while on the show grounds. Pen and/or tie space shall be clean and neat at all times.
D. Use of acceptable showing equipment is required.
E. Exhibitors must use commercially prepared muzzles for sheep. No substitutes will be allowed. Superintendents will have the authority to remove any unacceptable muzzles.

RULE 16: FITTING OF ANIMALS CODE OF ETHICS

A. The LSU AgCenter Livestock Show reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner or is ineligible by reason of age for exhibition in the class entered. Unethical fitting is defined as any practice that alters the natural conformation or color of any part of the animal's body. Filling an animal artificially by the forced induction of liquid or solids is prohibited. It includes:
   1. Injection of a gas, solid or liquid under the skin to alter normal conformation.
   2. Surgery, including cutting or tearing, of the hide or subcutaneous tissue in an attempt to alter the natural contour, shape or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair.
   3. Attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development.
   4. Dyeing or coloring an animal to alter or enhance its color.
   5. Adding of any foreign substance (hair, twine, powder, etc.) to the legs, tailhead or body in an attempt to disguise or alter the conformation or condition of any animal.
   6. The use of black mortar graphite and/or glitter.
   7. Using foreign material (paint, powder, whitewash, white-out, show-glo, etc.) to alter color and conformation.
   8. Clipping SWINE is allowed in the barns; however, snaring will not be allowed.

B. ABSOLUTELY NO DRENCHING WILL BE ALLOWED.

C. THE USE OF COLORING AGENTS ABOVE THE HOOF LINE INCLUDING SHOW FOAM, PAINT, POWDER, WHITEWASH, ETC. IS PROHIBITED. THIS INCLUDES THE USE OF BLACK PAINT ON BLACK ANIMALS, POWDER ON WHITE ANIMALS, ETC. THE USE OF TRANQUILIZERS AND DIURETICS IS ALSO STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

ATTENTION: All Animals are subject to random examination by Show Management. If any alterations of animals are found including color alteration, the animal and exhibitor will be disqualified.

D. These rules shall not prohibit removal of warts, teats or horns, clipping or dressing of hair, trimming and polishing of hooves or other recommended management practices.
E. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry's being accepted by the Livestock Show, agrees to submit any animal so entered to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the livestock show management or superintendent and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests designated and requested by the veterinarian and/or the management. The exhibitor further agrees that the decision of the superintendent and/or appointed veterinarian as to whether the animal is unethically fitted or of improper age for the class entered shall be final and conclusive, without recourse against the livestock show or management.
F. Livestock show management reserves the right to perform drug tests (urine and/or blood) and/or DNA analysis on any animal on a random basis or for probable cause.
G. If an exhibitor's animal is in violation of the Code of Ethics rules and regulations, in the opinion of the livestock show management, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards, premiums and sales for the animal (district and state shows). Furthermore, the exhibitor will be barred from participation in showing/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event or program for a period of one (1) year's show season. Second Violation - If an exhibitor has a second violation of the Code of Ethics rules and regulations, the exhibitor will be barred from participating in showing/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event or program for a period of three (3) years.
H. If an exhibitor is barred from exhibiting at an LSU AgCenter Sponsored Show or The State Fair of Louisiana for violation(s) of rules, the exhibitor will also be prohibited from showing in all LSU AgCenter Livestock Shows until the suspension is revoked.

RULE 17: GROOMING ASSISTANCE RULE

A. LSU AgCenter (4-H/FFA) exhibitors are expected to care for, feed, water, exercise, groom, fit, and show their own animal(s) while on the grounds at LSU AgCenter Livestock Shows. These exhibitors will be allowed to receive assistance from LSU AgCenter Agents, Louisiana FFA advisors, current and former LSU AgCenter exhibitors and their family members (parents, legal guardians, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles). All volunteer leaders providing assistance must be approved and documented through state 4-H and FFA programs.
B. Animal(s) being cared for, fed, exercised, groomed or fitted by anyone other than listed above will be disqualified and the exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in LSU AgCenter livestock shows for a one-year period. Where incidents of violation of the above rule occur, exhibitors, family members, agents, FFA advisors and leaders may report the violation with proof of its occurrence without an official protest to the show management.

RULE 18: ANIMAL DRUG TESTING

A. All Market Champions and other animals selected by management will be tested for behavior, performance, conformation and weight-altering drugs. Failure to submit control of an animal for testing immediately after selection will be grounds for disqualification. **A zero-tolerance policy will be enforced for the 2027 Market shows; all market animals being exhibited should be free of all drug residues at time of exhibition. (Any treatment for medical purposes that may make an animal violate the zero-tolerance policy must receive written approval from State Show Manager and Extension Veterinarian prior to administration of treatment.)**
B. Management reserves the right to test any animal at the district and state levels. Failure to submit control of an animal for testing will be grounds for disqualification.
C. If an exhibitor's animal is found to be in violation of drug use rules and regulations in the opinion of the Livestock Show Management Council, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards, premiums and sales for the animal (district and state shows). Other animals' show placings will not change. Furthermore, the violating exhibitor will be barred from participating in showing/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event or program for a period of one (1) year's show season. Upon returning as an exhibitor after suspension, he/she will be required to submit all market animals for drug testing and be responsible for the expense incurred.
Second Violation - If an exhibitor has a second violation of the drug use rules and regulations, or a member of the exhibitor's family violates the rules, the entire family will be barred from participating in showing/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event or program for a period of three (3) years.
If an exhibitor is barred from showing in an LSU AgCenter sponsored show or The State Fair of Louisiana due to drug policy violations; he or she will also be prohibited from showing at the LSU AgCenter Show until the suspension is revoked.

RULE 19: PARISH GROUPS

A. A parish group of market animals shall consist of six market animals either male or female. A parish group of breeding animals (beef, dairy, sheep, goats and swine) shall consist of four breeding animals either male or female. In the breeding shows, parish groups will be shown by breed immediately following the showing of the regular classes for each breed.
B. At least two exhibitors must be represented in all parish groups. Two handlers will be allowed to help set up each parish group.
C. All animals shown in parish groups must have been shown in individual classes.
D. A parish may compete either as a 4-H group, FFA group or combination 4-H and FFA.

RULE 20: JUDGING SYSTEM, PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

A. The decision of the judges is final, and no appeal will be considered.
B. Judging in all departments will begin at the time specified in the schedule of events.
C. The judges in all departments will be appointed by the livestock show management. No one will be allowed to serve as a judge or ring man in a class or ring in which they exhibit.
D. In paying premiums, no evidence of award will be recognized except from the official judging sheets approved by the superintendents.
E. Judges shall place all classes according to the schedule in the catalog. If any animal is disqualified during the show, the animal(s) awarded the next lower prize(s) shall be moved to the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judge, the animals are worthy of such prize(s), and if the manager of the show so rules.
F. The Livestock Show is not responsible for awards offered other than those premiums listed in the catalog. Special awards are the responsibility of the donor identified with those awards.
G. Monetary awards for Market Division Champion & Reserve and Overall Market Champion, Reserve Champion, & Third Best may be adjusted dependent on the availability of sponsorship funding.
H. NEW Third Best will be selected from first and second place class winners only.

RULE 21: PROTESTS AND APPEALS

A. All protests must be made to the Livestock Show Office in writing within five business hours after the cause and accompanied by a deposit of $50, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the livestock show manager immediately upon access to the show office. Official protest will be accepted only from agents, FFA advisors, parents or legal guardians.
B. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal will be considered.
C. Appeals arising from situations occurring during the show must be made in writing to the livestock show manager within five business hours after the cause for the protest and must contain at least one specific charge stating all facts relied upon or the rules violated and name witnesses and their addresses.
D. The livestock show manager has the authority to settle all disputes and protests if all parties agree. Otherwise, the protests or appeals shall be referred to the Management Council, which will set the date, time and location to hear the protest. Its decision shall be final. Protested awards will be held in abeyance until final action by the Management Council.

RULE 22: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AT THE STATE SHOW:

A. Any breed organization offering special class trophies or awards must make arrangements with the state livestock show manager 45 days prior to the show.

LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show leather banners will be awarded to:

1. Sponsored by Meraux Foundation – Supreme Champion Breeding Animals (Heifer, Bull, Mini Heifer, Mini Bull, Dairy Heifer, Meat Doe, Meat Buck, Dairy Doe, Dairy Buck, Ewe, Ram, Gilt)
2. Sponsored by Meraux Foundation – Exhibition Poultry Best of Show
3. Sponsored by Price LeBlanc, Sunshine, and Mosaic – Champion, Reserve, and 3rd Best Market Animals (Steer, Brahman Steer, Goat, Lamb, Hog, Broiler Pen)
4. Sponsored by Nutrien – Showmanship Division Champions and Reserve Champions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) in each LSU AgCenter sponsored/co-sponsored showmanship (Beef, Mini Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Market Goat, Exhibition Poultry, Broiler, Sheep, Swine)

LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show vinyl banners will be awarded to:

1. Breed Champions and Reserve Champions (Beef Breeding Bulls and Heifers, Dairy Breeding, Goat Breeding Bucks and Does, Sheep Breeding Rams and Ewes, Swine Breeding Gilts)
2. Commercial Champions and Reserve Champions (Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine)
3. Exhibition Poultry Class Winners

Additional, awards as follows:

A. Beef Breeding
   1. Angus - Trophies for the Champion and Reserve Champion and Champion and Reserve Champion La.-bred, plaques for 1st LA-bred in each class by Louisiana Angus Association.
   2. Any Other Breed-Brahman Influence - Two sets of trophies to the Champion and Reserve Champion bull and female by the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge.
   3. Beefmaster - Buckles to the Champion, Reserve Champion bull and female and the La.-bred Champion, Plaques to Reserve Champion bull and female by the LBBA.
   4. Braford - Trophies to the Champion and Reserve Champion bulls and females by the Louisiana Jr. Braford Association.
   5. Brahman - Trophies to the Champion and Reserve Champion bulls and females by the Louisiana Brahman Association members.
   6. Brangus - Trophies to the Champion and Reserve Champion bulls and females by the Louisiana Brangus Breeders Association.
   7. Charolais - Champion bull trophy donated by Bobby and Kate Watts in memory of Marietta Suttles.
   8. Hereford - Trophies for the Champion and Reserve Champion Hereford bulls and females by Louisiana Hereford Association.
   9. Polled Hereford - Trophies to the Champion bull by Herman Ray Hill, Reserve Champion bull by Jeansonne Farms, Champion female by Vaughan Farms, Reserve Champion female by Wellman Polled Herefords and trophies to all La.-bred champions by Louisiana Polled Hereford Association.
B. Steers
   1. The J. B. Francioni, Jr., Award to the Grand Champion Steer by Louisiana Cattlemen's Association.
   2. W. T. Cobb Memorial Trophy to the Champion Steer by G. H. Shaw and Son.
   3. W. M. Babin Award to the Reserve Grand Champion Steer by Louisiana Cattlemen's Association
   4. Oscar Evans Memorial Perpetual Trophy to the Grand Champion La.-bred Steer by the John Evans Family. *
C. Commercial Replacement Heifer
   1. Award to Champion Brahman Influence Heifer sponsored by Road Runner Farm (Homer & Dottie Knost).
   2. Award to Reserve Champion Brahman Influence Heifer sponsored by Road Runner Farm (Homer & Dottie Knost).
   3. Award to Champion Non-Brahman Influence Heifer sponsored by Road Runner Farm (Homer & Dottie Knost).
   4. Award to Reserve Champion Non-Brahman Influence Heifer sponsored by Road Runner Farm (Homer & Dottie Knost).
D. Sheep Breeding
   1. Awards to all Champion rams and ewes by Downtown Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge.
   2. Plaques to Champion La.-bred rams and ewes (all breeds) by La. Sheep Producers Association.
E. Market Lambs
   1. Daigle Memorial Buckle (Glen, Jill, Megan) to Champion Market Lamb by Cassidy Law Firm.
   2. W. H. Hughes, Jr., Memorial Buckle to Reserve Champion Market Lamb by Eddie Eskew and Terry Dumas.
   3. Trent Guidry Memorial Buckle to Champion LA Bred Market Lamb.
   4. Garrett Goutierrez Memorial Buckle to Reserve Champion LA Bred Market Lamb.
F. Market Goats
   1. Trophies to Champion & Reserve Champion by Downtown Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge.
G. Dairy
   1. Holstein
      a. Award to the Grand Champion Holstein by Roll-N-Hills Dairy Farm.
      b. Award to Best Fitted Holstein by Louisiana Holstein-Friesian Association.
   2. Jersey

a. Ribbons (blue, red and white) for each individual female Jersey class; rosette for Grand Champion Jersey Female; special award for each 1st place Jersey Showmanship winner by American Jersey Cattle Association.
b. Award to Grand Champion Jersey by the Hargis family in memory of their son, Chad Hargis.
c. Award to the Best Fitted Jersey.

3. Ayrshire
   a. Award to Grand Champion Ayrshire.
   b. Award to Best Fitted Ayrshire.
4. AOB
   a. Award to Grand Champion AOB.
   b. Award to Best Fitted AOB.
5. Brown Swiss
   a. Award to Grand Champion Brown Swiss
   b. Award to Best Fitted Brown Swiss
6. Commercial Dairy
   a. Award to Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer by Charles and Anita Hutchinson.
   b. Award to Grand Champion Commercial Dairy Cow by Charles and Anita Hutchinson.
   c. Award to Best Fitted Commercial Dairy Animal by Allan and Tracy Hogan.

H. Market Hogs
1. Award to Champion Market Hog by TBA.
2. C. J. “Diddy” LeBlanc Memorial Award to Champion Market Hog by friends of C. J. “Diddy” LeBlanc.
3. Trophy to Reserve Champion Market Hog by Capital City Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge.
4. Mark Hayes Memorial Parish Group by Moorman’s Feed.

I. Poultry
1. Trophies to Grand and Reserve Champion for each APA class by Louisiana Poultry Federation.
2. Stella Jones Poultry Award (Trophy) to Best Bird in Show by Martha and Rush Biossat, Baton Rouge, La.
3. The Burl Watts Memorial Trophy to Grand Champion Pen of Broilers by Louisiana Poultry Federation.
4. Award to Champion Pen of Broilers by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Charpentier, Houma, La.
5. Award to Reserve Champion Pen of Broilers by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Charpentier, Houma, La.