



# TYLER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

*“Better Living, Through Competition”*

## Tyler County Fair Association Livestock Shows & Market Livestock Sale Handbook

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<http://livestock.tylercountyfair.org/>

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## I. General Rules

1. Tyler County Fair Livestock Rules and Competition Committee herein referred to as "TCFLRC".
2. Tyler County Fair Association herein referred to as "TCFA".
3. Tyler County Fair Market Livestock Show and Sale herein referred to as "TCFML Show and Sale".
4. All livestock exhibitors are required to buy a fair pass for the week and must show pass to Livestock Committee Chair or you will not be allowed to show and sell.
5. No poultry or other birds will be exhibited.
6. All animals must remain loaded until they pass a veterinary inspection prior to admittance onto the fairgrounds, unless they have been directed differently from the veterinarian in charge.
  - a. All animals that will be housed at the Tyler County Fairgrounds for the week of the fair must be delivered to the Tyler County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 28, 2024, between 8am and 12pm to be inspected and considered for the TCFML Show and Sale.
  - b. All market animals, including secondary animals, that pass the veterinary inspection will be weighed at time of drop off, at final weigh-in the same day.
  - c. Animals will be weighed only once at final check-in.
    - (i) Underweight animals will be backed off the scales and the scales checked for balance.
      1. Exhibitor can choose to re-weigh primary animal or weigh their registered secondary animal but cannot weigh both.
      2. Secondary animal must have the proper tags and must be on the fairgrounds at time of initial weigh-in. Exhibitors may not leave the fairgrounds to retrieve secondary animal.
    - (ii) Underweight animals will not be admitted to the barn. They will not be eligible to show or be sold.
  - d. Except under extenuating circumstances, all animals checked in must stay until released by Fair officials.
  - e. All animals are entered free with the exhibitor's purchase of a fair membership which must be shown to the TCFLRC on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at fair weigh-in.
  - f. Any animal that is in direct contact with a market swine that does not pass veterinary inspection WILL NOT be allowed to be offloaded.
  - g. Any animal considered unthrifty, unhealthy, or otherwise unfit for public view, regardless of weight or prior commitment, will not be allowed to be offloaded onto the fairgrounds or enter the TCFML Show and Sale.
7. All animals must present with the proper paperwork, including Premise Id ear tag(s), for admittance onto the fairgrounds.
  - a. All out-of-state animals must adhere to the state regulations involving interstate transport of livestock into the State of West Virginia. These animals must have, but are not limited to, a Certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI) from a federally licensed veterinarian AND the animals must have a Premise ID tag.
  - b. The CVI must have been performed within 30 days of the first day of the fair.
  - c. The CVI must list TB and brucellosis information, if applicable.
  - d. Furthermore, these animals must still have an acceptable rectal temperature and no evidence of disease or external parasites (such as ticks and/or lice) before being offloaded.
8. A 4% commission fee will be charged on the sale price of each market animal as determined by the first sale of the animal, not the resale of the animal.
9. The TCFML Show and Sale is open to any youth who lives in Tyler County and who attends Tyler County Schools and who has reached the age of 9 years or older (or is in the third grade) but has not reached the age of 21 years. For 4H and FFA members, please contact your advisor. Please visit <http://livestock.tylercountyfair.org> to complete an application for the show and to get dates and times of the initial market animal weigh-in.

10. Youths must exhibit their project animals. In the event an individual is not able to exhibit due to extenuating circumstances (illness, death in family, injury) another registered youth exhibitor may show the animals with prior approval of the TCFLRC.
11. All exhibitors who wish to participate in the TCFML Show and Sale MUST have their animals registered with the TCFA prior to the deadline as determined each year by TCFLRC.
12. All exhibitors who wish to market their animal(s) in the TCFML Sale must show their animal(s) in the designated class/division and participate in the showmanship class as well. Exhibitors are not allowed to change their affiliation from 4H or FFA to Open after Livestock application process has closed on May 1, 2023.
  - a. All exhibitors who wish to sell their animal(s) at the TCFML Sale will be required to participate in the skill-a-thon designed for the species of animal that the exhibitor brings. The skill-a-thon will be administered on Sunday after veterinary inspection and final weigh-in has been completed.
  - b. In addition, ALL exhibitors, (4H, FFA, Open), who wish to show and sell their Livestock Market animal(s) must complete a Quality Assurance class prior to fair week. For this information, please contact the TCFLRC or visit <http://livestock.tylercountyfair.org>
  - c. All exhibitors (4H, FFA, Open) must, at a minimum, maintain and complete a logbook or record guide on the livestock that is to be shown. This book must be brought to final weigh-in and be checked for completion by a member of the TCFLRC or the animal will not be included in the livestock sale.
  - d. All 4H and FFA members must follow their organization requirements regarding their books.
  - e. Open class exhibitors can obtain a logbook from the TCFLRC or a record guide from 4H. Completed logbooks/record guides MUST be turned in on Sunday to the TCFLRC chairman prior to final weigh-in.
13. All OPEN class exhibitors participating in the TCFML Show and Sale are required to wear a light-colored or white collared shirt with dark pants or slacks for the Show and Sale.
  - a. Exhibitors will be provided with a harness and number to wear for identification purposes during the Livestock Show.
  - b. Exhibitors who participate in FFA and/or 4H are required to wear a collared shirt and must follow their organization's dress code for both the Show and Sale. Should your organization not have a dress code, then you must follow the Open class dress code as outlined above.
14. All animals, including breeding stock animals, need to be vaccinated/dewormed per the rules of the individual breed.
15. The Tyler County Fair Breeding Animal Show is open to persons of all ages, granted the exhibitor can show the animal around the show ring with no help. Breeding class animals are not allowed to be marketed in the Tyler County Market Livestock Sale.
16. ALL exhibitors must fill out an application for each species to be exhibited. This application must be completed online at [www.livestock.tylercountyfair.org](http://www.livestock.tylercountyfair.org) by the deadlines that will be set with each new year.
  - a. Each Market animal exhibitor is limited to two species of animal to be shown and sold at the TCFML Show and Sale.
  - b. Breeding show participants can exhibit as many species as the classes allow.
17. EXHIBITORS BRINGING ANIMALS NOT MARKETED IN THE TCFML SALE (including horses, feeder/dairy and beef cattle, breeding sheep, goats and rabbits) must complete the online application process to notify the TCFLRC and to insure housing for the livestock by July 15th. Any questions please contact the TCFLRC chairman.
18. Any exhibitor found to be turning animals loose from their pens or untying animals from their stalls without permission of the owner or TCFLRC chairman, or who are found to be in neglect of animal welfare, will be subjected to discipline that can include, but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Forfeiture of money won or earned during the TCFML Sale
  - b. Disqualification from the TCFML Show and Sale
19. The TCFA and/or TCFLRC reserves the right to change these rules if there is proper time to allow all exhibitors the opportunity to abide by those changes. The only exception is the following, in which case, rules can be changed without proper notification:

- a. Rules must be amended or changed due to state of WV veterinarian direction; and/or
  - b. Zoonotic disease risk involving possible transmission of disease from animals to humans or from humans to animals.
20. TCFA reserves the right to withhold payment of the sale money or class winnings (premiums) if the exhibitor does not clean up his/her area after his/her animal is removed from the pen or space.
- a. All Market Animal exhibitors are required to clean up their pens or areas prior to leaving the fairgrounds at the end of the week.
    - i. Any person who does not clean up his/her animal's area/pen will be subjected to his/her Livestock market check being withheld until reconciled with the committee chairperson.
    - ii. Buyers assume responsibility for all animals purchased at the point of sale.
    - iii. Any animal can be removed from the fairground after the TCFML sale with prior notification and approval of TCFLRC.
    - iv. All animals that remain on the fairgrounds following the sale are to be cared for by the individuals who showed/sold the animals, until those animals are removed from the fairgrounds.
  - b. Sale money will be distributed within three weeks of the TCFML sale if the above criteria are met.
    - iii. Prior to leaving the fairgrounds, please make sure your address and contact information is correct with the TCFLRC chairperson. Otherwise, you might not receive your check.
21. The TCFA is not responsible for the care of the animals, nor the accidents that may be caused by the animals.
22. The livestock barn will be closed to the public each night from 11 pm to 10 am the following morning.
- a. Furthermore, certain parts of the livestock barn will be closed to the public for only the time necessary to accommodate the livestock events that are held during the week.
  - b. The TCFLRC reserves the right to cancel or postpone the livestock shows in the event of an adverse weather condition or an immediate emergency without prior notification of the exhibitors.
23. For any concerns, questions, or feedback, please contact any of the TCFLRC members.
24. All applications for livestock exhibits must be completed online. Applications can be found on the TCFA Facebook page and on their website: <http://livestock.tylercountyfair.org>
25. TCFLRC members include: Toni VanCamp (Treasurer & TCFA), Derrick Rine (TCFA), Julie Bolin (WVU Extension Agent), Annie Erwin (FFA Advisor), Dr. Shaun Meckley (TCFA Veterinarian).

## II. Market Steers

1. It is recommended for safety reasons, that youth should have 2 years' experience in bovine projects (feeder calf, beef heifer, dairy, etc.), or be 14 years old before taking the project.
2. Age
  - a) Must be born on or after January 1, of the prior year in which the fair is held.
  - b) Must be born on or before April 1st, of the prior year in which the fair is held.
3. Steers have initial weight taken in November of the year preceding the attending fair; All exhibitors will be given proper notice of that date. If you cannot make the date, you must contact TCF livestock chairperson to discuss your options. All attempt will be made to find a date that accommodates everyone.
  - a) Minimum weight of 450 pounds is recommended for initial weigh-in.
    - i) All steers, primary and backup, should be brought for initial weigh-in.
    - ii) All market steers must have proper state identification ear tags.
  - b) Minimum weight for final weigh-in for entry into the TCFML Show and Sale is 900 pounds. Underweight steers will be disqualified from showing and will be ineligible to be sold.
  - c) No maximum weight is enforced at the TCFML Show and Sale.
    - i) Recommended maximum weight is 1400 pounds.
  - d) All exhibitors are expected to bring their Market Steers clean and clipped to the veterinary check-in on Sunday of Fair Week.

i) Any cleaning, fitting, and/or clipping that is to be done during the fair week must be completed with exhibitor present. Exhibitors can be assisted by family members and/or current and past advisors/members of the 4H and FFA.

4. Sex

a) No heifers allowed, only castrated males. No exceptions.

5. All males must be castrated or have the band in place at time of initial weigh-in.

a) No crimped or uncastrated males will be allowed to be weighed in at November's initial weigh-in.

b) No intact males or stag males will be allowed into the fair as determined by the TCFA veterinarian.

6. Horns/scurs

a) No horns are permitted. If dehorned, the wounds must be healed with hair overtop prior to entrance into the fair.

b) Scurs must not be any longer than 1" from the line created by the scur and the skin.

c) The scur must be movable and not attached to the skull bone.

d) All exhibitors that have market steers with scurs/horns are encouraged to contact their veterinarian for proper determination of whether the buds are scurs or horns at least 60 days prior to entrance into the fair.

e) TCFA Veterinarian's decision is final. The TCFA and TCFLRC cannot be held responsible for inaccurate determination.

7. All steers must be broken to lead to be shown at the fair.

a) A good rope halter and neck rope are required to be on the animals when stalled.

b) When showing or selling a good rope halter or a show halter is required. No nose rings are permitted in the show ring.

c) All market steers, both primary and backup, are recommended to be halter broke prior to initial weigh-in as well.

8. All market steers must be owned and weaned by November 1 of the prior year in which the fair is held.

a) This helps to prevent this animal from getting or spreading viral diseases such as shipping fever as well as stress diarrhea and rumen acidosis.

9. Each exhibitor must make application to the TCFLRC by the designated date, which is set with each new year to be eligible for the TCFML Show and Sale.

10. Exhibitors can start and raise two steers.

(a) Both animals must be weighed at the initial weigh-in to be considered possibilities for the TCFML Show and Sale.

(b) Both the primary and backup steer must make application and be vaccinated to be considered possible fair animals.

(c) Only ONE steer can be chosen to be shown and sold in the TCFML Show and Sale. As stated in General Rule 6-c, animals will be weighed only once at final check-in.

(i) Underweight animals will be backed off the scales and the scales checked for balance.

(ii) Exhibitor can choose to re-weigh primary animal or weigh their registered secondary animal but cannot weigh both. Secondary animal must have the proper tags and must be on the fairgrounds at time of initial weigh-in.

(iii) Exhibitors may not leave the fairgrounds to retrieve secondary animal.

(iv) Underweight animals will not be admitted to the barn. They will not be eligible to show or be sold.

11. Out-of-state animals must adhere to the regulations regarding interstate transport of livestock into the State of West Virginia. Contact your veterinarian for information.

12. All market steers used as show animals must have a proper Premise ID tag placed in the left ear as required by the APHIS animal identification system. A TCFML Show and Sale identification tag will be placed in the animal's ear(s) at initial weigh-in.

- a) If for any reason these tags are lost during the raising of the animal(s) contact the TCFLRC immediately to arrange replacement. These tags must be in place at final check-in and weigh-in.
13. Each market steer will be vaccinated/dewormed in November at initial weigh-in with the following:
- a) Blackleg (Clostridia) vaccine
  - b) Shipping fever vaccine
  - c) CD and T vaccine (overeating and tetanus vaccine)
  - d) Deworming
14. All exhibitors must be able to produce the following vaccine information upon request.
- a) Name of vaccine used
  - b) Dates on which vaccine was administered
  - c) Serial numbers and expiration dates of the vaccine used.
15. Class alignment will be based on the birthdate of the animal. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
16. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$17; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$17; 4<sup>th</sup> 11; 5<sup>th</sup> & below \$8

### III. Dairy Cattle

1. All animals, regardless of age, sex, or location of origin, must be ear tagged with a proper state identification tag.
- a. All dairy animals must be vaccinated/dewormed with the following:
    - i. Shipping fever vaccine.
    - ii. Blackleg (clostridia) vaccine.
    - iii. Dewormed within 60 days prior to entrance into the fair.
  - b. The vaccine schedule can be found in the general health regulations for bovine breeding class animals.
  - c. Exhibitor must present the following vaccine information upon request:
    - i. Dates of vaccination
    - ii. Dates of administration.
    - iii. Name of vaccine used.
    - iv. Serial numbers and expiration dates of the vaccine used.
      - 1) All out-of-state dairy animals must have proof of TB test and brucellosis test or vaccination as described by the WV State regulations regarding transport of animals into and out of the state of WV.
2. Classes will be determined during fair week and will be based on the age, weight, and sex of the animals that are registered to exhibit at the fair. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
3. Animals must be registered using the Non-Market Livestock portal July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$17; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$17; 4<sup>th</sup> 11; 5<sup>th</sup> & below \$8

### IV. Feeder Calves

1. Weaned or unweaned calves will be accepted. No calves shown in the breeding section will be allowed to be shown in this section.
- a. All exhibitors showing unweaned calves who arrive just for Wednesday's show are not allowed to bring the calf's mother to the show.
  - b. Any exhibitor wishing to bring the mother with the calf must be admitted on Sunday and stay until 1:00 pm Saturday unless released earlier by Fair Officials.
  - c. Any exhibitor showing feeder calves must arrive with their exhibit prior to 5pm the day of the show to register.

- d. Weaned calves must have been weaned at least 3 weeks and be started on a solid ration.
  - e. No bull calves will be allowed to be shown.
    - i. All male calves must have been castrated prior to admittance to fair and castration wounds must be healed and scrotal sacs gone.
  - f. Dairy calves that are shown in the dairy class are not allowed to be shown in these classes.
2. All calves, including steers, must be vaccinated as described below:
    - a. Shipping fever vaccine.
      - i. Given first injection at weaning.
      - ii. A 2<sup>nd</sup> booster given at least 2 weeks after the first injection AND at least one week prior to first day of the fair.
    - b. Blackleg (clostridial disease)
      - i. Booster given at least 3 weeks prior to entrance into the fair.
    - c. Exhibitor must present the following vaccine information upon request:
      - i. Dates of vaccination.
      - ii. Type of vaccine used.
      - iii. The serial numbers of the vaccine used.
  3. All calves must have official state identification ear tags.
  4. All calves must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of which the fair is held.
  5. Classes will be determined during fair week and will be based on the age, weight, and sex of the animals that are registered to exhibit at the fair. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
  6. Animals must be registered using the Non-Market Livestock portal July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>
  7. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$17; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$17; 4<sup>th</sup> 11; 5<sup>th</sup> & below \$8

#### **V. Breeding Beef Cattle Show (sexually intact)**

1. Breeding show is open to persons of all ages that can lead/show the animal without help from another person.
2. All animals must have official state identification ear tags and, if required, certificates of Veterinary Inspection.
3. All breeding class animals must be vaccinated/dewormed as described below.
  - a. Must have been vaccinated against shipping fever no longer than 60 days prior to entrance to fair and no sooner than 14 days before the fair.
  - b. Must have two doses of vaccine at least 14 days apart.
  - c. The only exception is those presenters that do yearly shipping vaccines (9-10-way shots). These animals must be given a booster only, at least 2 weeks before the entrance into the fair.
  - d. Calves of cow/calf pairs must be vaccinated as described in the Feeder Calf section.
  - e. All exhibitors must have the following information regarding vaccination:
    - i. Serial numbers and expiration dates of the vaccine used.
    - ii. Name and manufacturer of the vaccine.
    - iii. The dates on which the vaccine was administered.
4. No market animals can be shown in this class.
  - a. Feeder calves shown in this section cannot be shown in the feeder calf show.
5. Classes (shown next section) will be determined at the time of the show and will be dependent on the number of exhibits and sex and age of the animals to be shown. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
6. Animals must be registered using the Non-Market Livestock portal July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>

## VI. Breeding Beef Cattle Show Classes

*Any recognized beef cattle breed or their crosses. All entries will be considered for grand & reserve champion. Classes will be grouped by ages and not by breeds.*

- Class 1. Summer Heifer Calves, calved May 1, 2024 and after
- Class 2. Late Junior Heifer Calves, calved March 1-April 30, 2024
- Class 3. Early Junior Heifer Calves, calved January 1-February 28, 2024
- Class 4. Late Senior Heifer Calves, calved November 1-December 31, 2023
- Class 5. Early Senior Heifer Calves, calved September 1-October 31, 2023
- Class 6. Late Summer Yearling Heifer Calves, calved July 1-August 31, 2023
- Class 7. Early Summer Yearling Heifer Calves, calved May 1-June 30, 2023
- Class 8. Late Junior Yearling Heifer Calves, calved March 1-April 30, 2023
- Class 9. Early Junior Yearling Heifer Calves, calved January 1-February 28, 2023
- Class 10. Late Senior Yearling Heifer Calves, calved October 1-December 31, 2022
- Class 11. Early Senior Yearling Heifer Calves, calved August 1-September 30, 2022
- Class 12. Bred Heifer, older than March 1, 2022
- Class 13. Cow Calf Pairs (All females older than August 1, 2022 with calf at side)
- Class 14. Cows (All females older than August 1, 2022 without calf at side)
- Class 15. Champion Female
- Class 16. Reserve Champion Female
  
- Class 17. Summer Bull Calves, calved May 1, 2024 and after
- Class 18. Late Junior Bull Calves, calved March 1-April 30, 2024
- Class 19. Early Junior Bull Calves, calved January 1-February 28, 2024
- Class 20. Late Senior Bull Calves, calved November 1-December 31, 2023
- Class 21. Early Senior Bull Calves, calved September 1-October 31, 2023
- Class 22. Late Summer Yearling Bull Calves, calved July 1-August 31, 2023
- Class 23. Early Summer Yearling Bull Calves, calved May 1-June 30, 2023
- Class 24. Late Junior Yearling Bull Calves, calved March 1-April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Class 25. Early Junior Yearling Bull Calves, calved January 1-February 28, 2023
- Class 26. Late Senior Yearling Bull Calves, calved October 1-December 31, 2022
- Class 27. Early Senior Yearling Bull Calves, calved August 1-September 30, 2022
- Class 28. Two-Year Old Bulls, calved before August 1, 2022
- Class 29. Champion Bull
- Class 30. Reserve Champion Bull

Premium money in all classes, except champion classes (15, 16, 29, 30) will be - 1st -\$20, 2nd-\$17, 3rd-\$14, 4th-\$11, 5th – and below \$8

## VII. Market Swine

1. Each exhibitor must make application to the TCFLRC by the designated date, which is set with each new year to be eligible for the TCFML Show and Sale.
2. All swine exhibitors must fill out TCFA paperwork regarding certificate of origin for each animal presented.
  - a) All paperwork must be presented at initial vaccination clinic/weigh-in AND at entrance into the TCFML Show and Sale final check-in and weigh-in.
  - b) Animals must be in the possession of the exhibitor by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair year.
3. Exhibitors can start and raise two swine.

- a) Both animals should be brought to the vaccine clinic/weigh-in to be considered possibilities for the TCFML Show and Sale.
  - b) Both the primary and backup swine must make application and be vaccinated to be considered possible fair animals.
  - c) Only ONE swine can be chosen to be shown and sold in the TCFML Show and Sale. As stated in General Rule 6-c, animals will be weighed only once at final check-in.
    - i) Underweight animals will be backed off the scales and the scales checked for balance.
    - ii) Exhibitor can choose to re-weigh primary animal or weigh their registered secondary animal but cannot weigh both. Secondary animal must have the proper tags and must be on the fairgrounds at time of initial weigh-in.
    - iii) Exhibitors may not leave the fairgrounds to retrieve secondary animal.
    - iv) Underweight animals will not be admitted to the barn. They will not be eligible to show or be sold.
4. The Tyler County Fair Market Swine show is a Market Show as defined by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and will comply with current WVDA Fair, Festival, & Purebred Sale Regulations and Recommendations.
- a) Any market swine that passes a veterinary inspection AND has the proper paperwork to get into the Tyler County Fair Market Livestock show that encounters a problem that prevents it from showing may leave the fair within 50 hours of arrival onto the fairgrounds, which is approximately Tuesday of fair week at 12pm noon, if this swine is not exhibiting any disease and does not have a fever. Any non-eligible swine still on the fairgrounds after this time will be designated for slaughter at the end of the week with the rest of the swine but WILL NOT be allowed to be sold in the sale.
5. No breeding swine will be allowed onto the grounds.
6. Market swine can be gilts or barrows.
7. All swine must pass a veterinary inspection before being offloaded onto the fairgrounds for the initial weigh-in and fair week final weigh-in.
- a) Any swine possessing a fever AND signs of nasal discharge will not be allowed to be offloaded onto the fairgrounds.
  - b) Any swine with diarrhea AND a fever will not be allowed to be offloaded.
  - c) Any animals, including market steers, lambs, rabbits, and equine, etc., that are accompanying the swine in question also WILL NOT be allowed to be offloaded onto the fairgrounds.
8. All swine from out-of-state breeders must be accompanied with a health certificate from that breeder/seller that includes the following statement: The pigs listed above come from a Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) virus-free premise and have not been exposed to PED or Swine Influenza within the last 30 days.
- a) If PED-vaccinated, the dates must be listed on the TCFML Show and Sale Certificate of Origin for Swine paperwork.
  - b) All swine must be held on the exhibitor's premise for at least 14 days prior to being comingled for initial weigh-in to prevent the transmission of PED, swine influenza, Bordetella, and shipping fever.
9. Tyler County Fair Market Livestock Show fair initial livestock animal weigh-in/vaccination clinic: . No minimum weight is required. However, the recommended beginning weight is 100-125 pounds by May 1st.
- a) Recommended birthdate range of the show pig is to be the middle of February to the middle of March of the same year as the fair.
  - b) All market swine will be vaccinated for swine influenza and dewormed at time of initial weigh-in.
  - c) Minimum weight for entrance into the TCFML Show and Sale is 200 pounds as determined by the final weigh-in on Sunday of Fair Week. Underweight swine will be disqualified from showing and will be ineligible to be sold.
    - i) No maximum weight is enforced on the animals that will be shown and sold in the TCFLM sale.
    - ii) The recommended maximum weight of each market swine is 295 pounds at TCFML Show and Sale

final weigh-in.

10. Class alignment will be based on the birthdate of the animal. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
11. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$17; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$17; 4<sup>th</sup> 11; 5<sup>th</sup> & below \$8

### **VIII. Market Lambs**

1. Market Lambs must be born after January 1 of the current fair year and be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current fair year.
2. Each exhibitor must make application to the TCFLRC by the designated date, which is set with each new year to be eligible for the TCFML Show and Sale. If animal(s) are registered as market animals on application, they are not permitted to be shown in breeding classes.
3. All lambs must pass a veterinary inspection prior to unloading at the Tyler County Fair.
4. Market lamb can be male or female.
  - a. Males must be castrated or have band in place by the initial weigh in.
  - b. All market animals must have a scrapie tag of the farm of origin in place by the time of weigh-in. Any animal without a scrapie tag cannot be offloaded at weigh-in.
  - c. Market animals do not have to meet a minimum or maximum weight requirement for the initial weigh-in/vaccination clinic.
  - d. Minimum weight for final weigh-in for entry into the TCFML Show and Sale is 80 pounds. Underweight lambs will be disqualified from showing and will be ineligible to be sold.
5. No lamb shown in the breeding show can be shown in the Market Lamb section.
6. Each exhibitor can raise up to two lambs.
  - a. Lambs must be present at vaccination clinic/optional weigh-in to be considered as a possibility for inclusion into the TCFML Show and Sale.
  - b. Both the primary and backup animal must make application and be vaccinated to be considered possible fair animals.
  - c. Only ONE lamb can be chosen to be shown and sold in the TCFML Show and Sale. As stated in General Rule 6-c, animals will be weighed only once at final check-in.
    - i. Underweight animals will be backed off the scales and the scales checked for balance.
    - ii. Exhibitor can choose to re-weigh primary animal or weigh their registered secondary animal but cannot weigh both.
    - iii. Secondary animal must have the proper tags and must be on the fairgrounds at time of initial weigh-in.
    - iv. Exhibitors may not leave the fairgrounds to retrieve secondary animal.
    - v. Underweight animals will not be admitted to the barn; they will not be eligible for show or sale.
7. All lambs may be shown with their tails docked or undocked.
  - a. The tail docking measurement rule has been discontinued. An exhibitor may show his/her lamb with a tail or without a tail. However, if the lamb has a rectal or vaginal prolapse either at check-in or found during the fair week, that lamb will be disqualified from the TCFML Show and Sale, any official tags removed, and the animal removed from the premises. You MAY NOT exchange your backup lamb for the prolapsing one.
  - b. If an exhibitor is showing a female lamb, the WV 4-H Program and the WV Association of Agricultural Educators Program Policy Committee recommend that lambs' tails be docked at the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold.
    - i. This recommendation is to prevent vaginal, uterine, and rectal prolapsing in those female lambs

that are bought to be used as breeding ewes.

- c. Since many of the sheep are bought by breeders who take the sheep home or are bought and donated back to the exhibitor, all sheep are required to be vaccinated/dewormed with the following:
  - i. Shipping fever
    1. Two doses, 1 month apart and no sooner than 2 weeks prior to the first day of the fair.
  - ii. Clostridial vaccine
    1. Two doses, 1 month apart and no sooner than 2 weeks prior to the first day of the fair.
  - iii. Overeating and tetanus vaccine
    1. Two doses, 1 month apart.
    2. Recommended to be given prior to starting lamb on feed.
  - iv. Dewormed around 60-90 days prior to entrance into the fair but no sooner than 45 days prior to entrance into the fair.
  - v. All vaccines/deworming will be administered during initial weigh in for all exhibitors of market lambs.
  - vi. All exhibitors must be able to produce the following vaccine information upon request:
  - vii. Dates of vaccination.
  - viii. Vaccine name and manufacturer.
  - ix. Serial numbers and expiration dates of the vaccines.
8. All market lambs must be full body clipped and/or show sheared within 30 days of the first day of the fair. Any market lamb not properly sheared can be denied admittance into the TCFML Show and Show.
  - a. Any cleaning, fitting, and/or clipping that is to be done during the fair week must be completed with the exhibitor present. Exhibitors can be assisted by family members and/or current and past advisors/members of the 4H and FFA.
  - b. Class alignment will be based on the number of lambs and the birthdates of the animal. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
9. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$17; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$17; 4<sup>th</sup> 11; 5<sup>th</sup> & below \$8

#### **IX. Breeding Lamb/Purebred Sheep Show**

1. No market lambs are to be shown in this section if they are exhibited as Market lambs.
2. This is a breeding show. No castrated males can be shown.
3. An exhibitor may show his/her lamb/sheep with a tail or without a tail; however the WV 4-H Program and the WV Association of Agricultural Educators Program Policy Committee recommend that lambs' tails be docked at the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold.
4. All Purebred sheep are to be vaccinated as described in the Market Lamb section with the following exception:
  - a. Owners who vaccinate yearly with these vaccines only need to booster the vaccines 2-3 weeks prior to entrance into the fair.
  - b. All lambs should be vaccinated as described in the Market Lamb section.
  - c. All sheep that are not vaccinated on a yearly schedule need to be vaccinated prior to entry into the fair as described in the Market Lamb section.
  - d. All exhibitors must be able to produce the following vaccine information upon request:
    - i. Vaccine name.
    - ii. Vaccine serial number and expiration dates.
    - iii. Dates of vaccination.
  - e. All entries must be of recognizable breeds.
5. Classes will be determined during fair week and will be based on the age, weight, and sex of the animals that are registered to exhibit at the fair. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.

6. Animals must be registered using the Non-Market Livestock portal July 1st – July 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$17; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$17; 4<sup>th</sup> 11; 5<sup>th</sup> & below \$8

#### **X. Market Goats**

1. Market Goats must be born after January 1 of the current fair year and be in the possession of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current fair year.
2. Each exhibitor must make application to the TCFLRC by the designated date, which is set with each new year to be eligible for the TCFML Show and Sale. If animal(s) are registered as market animals on application, they are not permitted to be shown in breeding classes.
3. All goats must pass a veterinary inspection prior to unloading at the Tyler County Fair.
4. Market goats can be male or female.
  - a. Males must be castrated or have band in place by the vaccination clinic/weigh-in.
  - b. All market animals must have a scrapie tag of the farm of origin in place by the time of weigh-in. Any animal without a scrapie tag cannot be offloaded at weigh-in.
  - c. Market animals do not have to meet a minimum or maximum weight requirement for the initial weigh in/vaccination clinic.
  - d. Minimum weight for final weigh-in for entry into the TCFML Show and Sale is 50 pounds. Underweight goats will be disqualified from showing and will be ineligible to be sold.
5. No goat shown in the breeding show can be shown in the Market Goat section.
6. Each exhibitor can raise up to two goats.
  - a. Both animals should be weighed at the initial weigh-in to be considered possibilities for the TCFML Show and Sale.
  - b. Both the primary and backup animal must make application and be vaccinated to be considered possible fair animals.
  - c. Only ONE swine can be chosen to be shown and sold in the TCFML Show and Sale. As stated in General Rule 6-c, animals will be weighed only once at final check-in.
    - i. Underweight animals will be backed off the scales and the scales checked for balance.
    - ii. Exhibitor can choose to re-weigh primary animal or weigh their registered secondary animal but cannot weigh both. Secondary animal must have the proper tags and must be on the fairgrounds at time of initial weigh-in.
    - iii. Exhibitors may not leave the fairgrounds to retrieve secondary animal.
    - iv. Underweight animals will not be admitted to the barn. They will not be eligible to show or be sold.
7. Market Goats are required to be vaccinated/dewormed with the following:
  - a. Two doses, 1 month apart and no sooner than 2 weeks prior to the first day of the fair.
  - b. Clostridial vaccine
    - i. Two doses, 1 month apart and no sooner than 2 weeks prior to the first day of the fair.
  - c. Overeating and tetanus vaccine
    - i. Two doses, 1 month apart.
    - ii. Recommended to be given prior to starting goat on feed.
  - d. Dewormed around 60-90 days prior to entrance into the fair but no sooner than 45 days prior to entrance into the fair.
  - e. All vaccines/deworming will be administered during initial weigh in for all exhibitors of market lambs.
  - f. All exhibitors must be able to produce the following vaccine information upon request:
  - g. Dates of vaccination.

- h. Vaccine name and manufacturer.
  - i. Serial numbers and expiration dates of the vaccines.
8. Any cleaning, fitting, and/or clipping that is to be done during the fair week must be completed with the exhibitor present. Exhibitors can be assisted by family members and/or current and past advisors/members of the 4H and FFA.
  9. Class alignment will be based on the number of goats and the birthdates of the goats. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
  10. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1st \$20; 2nd \$17; 3rd \$17; 4th \$11; 5th & below \$8

## **XI. Breeding Goats**

1. No market goats are to be shown in this section if they are exhibited as Market Goats.
2. Any goat breed or crosses will be accepted into the open show.
3. No intact male goats can be shown.
4. Goats must be 1 year old or older.
5. All goats must adhere to the following:
  - a. All goats must be free of abscesses, foot rot, or other contagious diseases.
  - b. All milking goats must be free of mastitis or diseases of the udder.
  - c. Any goat considered unthrifty or unhealthy will be disallowed from showing at the fair.
6. All goats must be vaccinated with the following:
  - a. CD and T-booster must be given at least 1 month prior to the first day of the fair.
  - b. Must be upper respiratory disease vaccinated within 45 days of the fair, but no less than 2 weeks before.
  - c. Must be dewormed within 30 days of the first day of the fair but greater than 7 days before the start of the fair.
7. Breeding goats can be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday morning and may leave after the show is complete.
8. All goats need to be broken to lead.
9. Animals must be registered using the Non-Market Livestock portal July 1st – July 15<sup>th</sup>.
10. Classes will be determined during fair week and will be based on the age, and breed animals that are registered to exhibit at the fair. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
11. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1st \$20; 2nd \$17; 3rd \$17; 4th \$11; 5th & below \$8

## **XII. Equine *(There will be no Equine events at the 2024 Tyler County Fair)***

1. All equine must pass veterinary inspection prior to entrance into the Tyler County Fair.
2. All equine must have a negative EIA test (either ELIZA or Coggins) prior to admittance into the fair.
3. All out-of-state participants must have a health certificate performed within 30 days of the first of the fair.
4. All equine participants are required to be at the fair by noon of Sunday of fair week and stay until the following Sunday with one exception:
  - a. All participants in the Sunday Show are exempt from the weekday requirements unless they too are staying for the weekday show.
5. No equine will be permitted to enter the weekday Equine Show unless they are already admitted onto the Tyler County Fairgrounds and are registered for the show.
6. All equine must be vaccinated with the following:

- a. Flu/rhino or a comparable 5-way vaccination.
- b. Rabies vaccine.
7. All exhibitors must be able to produce the following vaccine information upon request:
  - a. Dates of vaccination.
  - b. Types of the vaccine.
  - c. Expiration dates of the vaccination.
8. All equine is recommended to be dewormed at least 60 days prior to entrance into the Fair.
9. All 4-H youth participants must wear protective headgear that meets or surpasses current applicable ASTM or SEI certification. Any 4-H member caught riding outside the ring without protective headgear may be disqualified from further participation in show.
10. All owners of equine that are participating in the Equine Show need to contact the Livestock Chair.

### **XIII. Market Rabbits**

1. Each exhibitor must make application to the TCFLRC by the designated date, which is set with each new year to be eligible for the TCFML Show and Sale.
2. The exhibitor must own the mother of the market pen by January 15 of the current fair year, breed her, and raise the litter at their home.
3. 4-H exhibitors are required to show the mother of the market pen in a breeding class. It is recommended that FFA and Open exhibitors show the mother of the market pen at the show in a breeding class.
4. You can register four market rabbits by the registration deadline. You must submit a photograph of the market rabbits, including the doe at the time of registration. Each year, the official date will be determined and listed on the official application to the TCFA. All participants are required to have a (laundry) basket to participate in the Tyler County Fair Market Livestock Sale and Show.
5. Recommended age range for market rabbits is April 15th through May 15th of the same year as the fair to which the exhibitor is attending.
6. Fair Week Weigh-in
  - a. All rabbits need to weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and no more than 7 pounds.
  - b. The pen of 3 rabbits will be weighed for final weigh-in purposes. The pen of 3 rabbits must weigh no less than 9 pounds and no more than 21 pounds.
  - c. Exhibitor must choose the best 3 rabbits to bring to fair/show final weigh-in and has the option to bring a fourth animal. Should any/all animals not make weight, you will be able to swap out ONE rabbit from the pen of four but all four must be brought to the fairgrounds and must pass the health inspection. Exhibitor cannot leave fairgrounds to retrieve another animal.
7. Class alignment will be based on the number of rabbits and the weights of the rabbits from TCFML Show and Sale weigh-in on Sunday of fair week. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
8. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1st-\$5, 2nd-\$4, 3rd-\$3, 4th-\$2, 5th-\$1.

### **XIV. Breeding Rabbits**

1. Each exhibitor should make application to the TCFLRC by the designated date, which is set with each new year. See general rules section for information about the application process.
2. All breeding rabbits that will be housed at the Tyler County Fairgrounds for the week of the fair must be delivered to the Tyler County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 31st between 8am and 12pm to be inspected and considered for entry.
3. Exhibitors are requested to be present during judging. Judging will start approximately at 6pm on August 1st and continue until complete.

4. Please read the General Rules at the beginning of this handbook for anything else that may be pertinent to your class.
5. Classes will be determined during fair week and will be based on the age, weight, and sex of the animals that are registered to exhibit at the fair. The class alignment will be set by the TCFLRC.
6. The premium money in all classes except Champion and Reserve Champion classes will be: 1st-\$5, 2nd-\$4, 3rd-\$3, 4th-\$2, 5th-\$1.

**XV. Premier Showman**

1. Each species of animal will have a Junior and Senior Premier Showman Awarded
  - a. Seniors are those exhibitors that have reached the age of 14 or older by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair Year.
  - b. Juniors are those exhibitors that are under the age of 14 based on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Fair Year.
2. Combined scores from the three events of the fair determine the award winner. Each event is worth up to 50 points.
  - a. Skill-a-thon
  - b. Showmanship
  - c. Class Place of Animal

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 Dr. Shaun Meckley  
 3919 Veterans Highway  
 New Martinsville, WV 26155  
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 Veterinary Fair Week Hours (estimated times only)  
 Sunday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, or until all animals are checked in.  
 Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm