

LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT RULES

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Exhibitors shall observe the following rules for all market and breed livestock species.

All animals will be checked by the Veterinarian appointed by the Fair Board before entering the Fair. The Veterinarian will make the determination if the animal's health meets the standards and are not showing clinical signs of disease.

1. Tagging of all livestock shall be done by ownership deadlines using the tag numbers assigned to the individual families. Each exhibitor will sign a statement agreeing to follow the rules set forth in the Fair Book, and that they are the owners of the tagged animals.

Species	To Be Tagged	To be Entered	Range/Pounds	Deadline
Beef Breeding	RFID Tags	1 each class		May 1
Market Steers	Total of 4 steers one must be a Dairy steer	2 live Steers 1 Carcass Steer	900# and up	Dec. 31
Beef and/or Dairy				
Feeder Calf: Beef and/or Dairy	3 (Beef and/or Dairy)	2 (Beef and/or Dairy)	250# to 674#	May 1
Sheep Breeding	1 each class	1 each class		May 1
Market Lambs	Total of 4	2 each 1 carcass lamb	84# and up	May 1
Swine Market Hogs	RFID Tags required Total of 4	2 live hogs 1 carcass hog	220# to 300#	May 1
Dairy Ownership Record				May 1
Van Buren Born & Raised				Dec. 31

2. Advanced entries for all animal exhibits shall be made on or before June 15th. **Beginning in 2022 all registration forms must be completed online. Go to the Van Buren Youth Fair website: www.vanburenyouthfair.com. See p. 8 for instructions.** Exhibitor tag #'s need to be on entry forms.

Any exhibitor entering large livestock (Beef/Dairy Steers, Beef/Dairy Feeders, Swine, Sheep, and Producing Dairy Cows) will be required to fill out a W-9 Form and turn it in with their June 15th Pre-registration forms. A 1099 will be mailed to all exhibitors who earn more than \$600.00 as required by the IRS.

3. All exhibitors in the large livestock areas will be assessed a \$20.00 exhibit fee per animal exhibited. This includes beef, feeders, swine, sheep, dairy and breeding stock for all species. The \$20.00 exhibit fee will be collected as follows:
 - A. All animals sold through the auction will have the \$20.00 per animal deducted from the auction checks along with the 3% commission and other fees as stated in the Fair Premium Book. If an exhibitor chooses the option not to sell through the auction, the \$20.00 exhibit fee is required

- to be paid no later than the stated deadlines for choosing the option not to sell as stated in the Livestock Exhibit Rules #11.
- B. Dairy exhibitors will have the \$20.00 exhibit fee deducted from the "Gallon of Milk" auction check. The total number of dairy animals exhibited times \$20.00 will be deducted from the auction proceeds before the profits are distributed according to the schedule stated in the Fair Premium Book.
 - C. Breeding stock in all species will be required to pay the \$20.00 exhibit fee per exhibitor per animal with the June 15th registration form.
4. Animals exhibiting any of the following conditions, symptoms, or behavior shall not be permitted to enter the shows.
 - A. Animals (Steers, Beef Breeding, Feeders Calves, Dairy Jr. Calf and older and sheep) shall have no horns or any growth on head more than 3/4" long or they will be sent home. Dehorning should be done 4 to 6 weeks before the fair.
 - B. All male livestock species must be castrated 4 to 6 weeks prior to the fair. This includes swine, beef, dairy, beef/dairy feeders and Sheep. Male livestock born during the current fair may remain for fair week.
 - C. External parasites, lice, ticks, mange or other obviously disease or unthrifty animals (all species) bleeding, open sores & wounds will not be allowed to enter.
 - D. Failure to lead or be handled by the exhibitor in or out of the show ring (all species at halter, collar or lead strap).
 5. As part of the entry process, exhibitors shall report to the species superintendent upon arrival at the arena or stabling area. The Beef, Feeder, Swine, Sheep and Dairy Superintendents shall be responsible for ruling on qualifications of animals to be entered in their respective divisions. An exhibitor wishing to challenge a superintendent's decision shall do so in writing to the Fair Management before 10:00 p.m. Monday of fair.
 6. At weigh in a panel consisting of large livestock superintendents shall identify the market animals not eligible to sell in the finish market animal sale and explain their reasons to the exhibitor.
 7. Market and Non-Market Livestock Record Books shall be turned in to the Division Superintendents. All interviews will be held on Friday.

8. All Beef, Sheep and Dairy need to be stabled or penned on Saturday, July 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Swine and exhibitors participating at the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE) will check in on Sunday, July 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. MLE exhibitors must provide proof of participation at MLE. MLE Exhibitors must complete the additional paperwork due on June 15 with entry forms.

Swine that have been exhibited at MLE or any other exhibition that has occurred less than 14 days prior to swine check-in will not be permitted to exhibit at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

9. All State Health and Sanitation requirements must be met by all exhibitors. Refer to Health Regulations website at www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
10. All market animals will be weighed upon arrival at the designated times:
 - Beef/Dairy Steers, Feeders and Sheep: Saturday, July 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Dairy Cows and Heifers: Saturday, July 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Swine and MLE Exhibitors: Sunday, July 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

All animals will be weighed one time only. If all of an exhibitor's animals of a species do not make weight, the exhibitor may choose one of their animals to show in showmanship provided there is space available, but they will not be allowed to participate in market classes or Large Livestock Auction.

The first two animals of each species per exhibitor that make weight will be the animals that stay on the fairgrounds. Any other animals of that species brought by that exhibitor will not be weighed,

11. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals (Beef, Lamb, Swine) must be sold at the Market Livestock Fair Auction. All other eligible exhibitors with Market Livestock shall have the option to sell or not sell. They must notify and turn in the Non-Market Animal Form with the exhibitor's fee to the respective superintendent no later than Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. except for sheep. Sheep must notify the superintendent and turn in the Non-Market Animal Form no later than Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. if they choose to not sell. If any exhibitor chooses to sell at the auction, the animal becomes the property of the buyer at the time the auctioneer recognized the buyer. Any animal pulled from the sale will become the responsibility of the exhibitor to arrange for necessary trucking.

The exhibitors of beef, swine, sheep and beef/dairy feeders or gallon of milk sold through the Livestock Auction bought by any buyer (including exhibitor buy backs) is required to pay a \$20.00 exhibitor's fee and a 3% commission fee to the Large Livestock Auction. The commission fees will be deducted from the gross amount of each exhibitor's auction check. The commission fee includes accounting costs, advertising, awards, auctioneer gift cards, large livestock scholarships, herdsmanship awards, office supplies, printing of sale bill, and trucking. In addition, the following items will be deducted from each exhibitor's auction check: Chuck Wagon, Beef, Lamb, and Swine check-off and photographs, amounts to be determined.

All auction bills are expected to be paid in full within 60 days of July 20, 2023. After that date, a fee of 2% will be added monthly to unpaid balances and financial collection proceedings will be sought.

Failure of any buyer to make payment in full, including accrued interest, by June 1, 2023 will result in ineligibility to participate in the 2023 auction.

All out of state buyers must provide a Bank Letter of Credit or have payment approved by the fair prior to the commencement of the auction.

A maximum of one re-sale is permitted per animal.

A gallon of milk will be sold during the auction. The profits will be divided as follows:

- 25% goes to the Grand Champion Dairy Cow
- 15% goes to the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Cow
- 10% goes to the Grand Champion Heifer
- 5% goes to the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

42% will be divided with the non-champion dairy animals with 3% going to the Milk Exhibitor's Fund. If there are less than 9 non-champion animals, each exhibitor will receive 4% with the remaining amount being donated to the Milk Exhibitor's Fund.

If there is no exhibitor in the above categories, the amount will be donated to the Milk Exhibitor's Fund, which is used to purchase supplies and milking equipment.

Up to two (2) 8" x 10" photographs will be provided free of charge to the buyer(s) of the Gallon of Milk. If more photographs are required, the cost of the photographs and plaques will come from the purchase price of the gallon of Milk prior to splitting it among the dairy exhibitors.

12. Exhibitor must be 9 years old to exhibit a mature dairy female. No animals other than those shown in the market classes shall be sold at the Fair Auction.
13. All animals in the livestock classes must be properly cared for throughout the entire period of the Fair. All morning chores will be completed by 9:00 a.m. Animals need to be fed in the evening between 5:30 and 7:00, with the exception of the Dairy cattle, who will determine their schedule based on the milking schedule. All evening chores should be completed by 7:00 p.m. Exhibitors must wear appropriate foot attire during chores and when working with their animals.
14. TB Testing for cattle are to meet the movement requirements in the State of Michigan as per the current MDA Health Regulations. Information can be found at www.michigan.gov/mdaexhibitorinfo.

All Sheep are required to have a USDA Ear Tag or Tattoo.
15. All bovine must have a RFID ear tag before leaving the producers facility.
16. All Swine must have an RFID ear tag to be entered as an exhibit at the Van Buren Youth Fair.
17. NATIVE MICHIGAN SWINE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A PSEUDORABIES TEST TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR. OUT OF STATE SWINE—SEE THE CURRENT MDA HEALTH REGULATIONS ON FILE IN THE COMPUTER OFFICE.
18. Livestock checks will be sent out as soon as incoming funds are available, but no later than August 31st. Sunday Clean-Up is expected to be done by the exhibitors or a superintendent approved representative. Exhibitors or representative must be at the livestock barn at 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning. A clean up charge of \$25.00 per animal will be charged to any exhibitor who fails to assist with the barn and grounds cleanup as recorded by the species superintendents.
19. Showmanship classes are required for all species. The exhibitor must show the animal tagged in their name for the showmanship class. The exhibitor must comply on a species basis. If they do not, they will be deemed ineligible to participate in any and all activities for that particular species. i.e. Market Classes and Auction Sales.
20. All animals must remain housed on the fairground and shall be taken care of by the exhibitor until the scheduled exhibit release times as outlined in rule #28. The removal of the animal at the time is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
21. Showmanship Age Divisions are: (Age as of January 1 of the current calendar year)
Pee Wee I Division — 6 to 7 (born 7/1-12/31) years of age
Pee Wee II Division — 7 (born 1/1 – 6/30) to 8 years of age
Young I Division — 9 to 10 years of age
Young II Division — 11 to 12 years of age
Junior Division — 13 to 14 years of age
Senior I Division — 15 to 16 years of age
Senior II Division — 17 to 19 years of age

22. Grooming of livestock during the fair week is the responsibility of the exhibitor with minimal assistance from their immediate family, leader, or fellow exhibitor for guidance. *Any outside professional groomers will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.*
23. All animals shown at the Van Buren Youth Fair must be properly cared for or the premium money will be withheld. This includes animals being fed and watered at least twice a day. The stall and animals should be kept clean. If the requirements are not met, there will be two warnings issued. After the third warning, the exhibitor will be asked to remove the animal from the fair and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year. Final dismissal shall rest with the Species Superintendent, Barn Superintendent and the Large Livestock Committee. This process will be documented with the exhibitor's signature as acknowledgement. The exhibitor will be asked to leave if he/she refuses to sign.
24. During livestock shows, there **MUST BE AT LEAST TWO AND NOT MORE THAN FOUR ADULTS** in the show ring (not the parents of the exhibitor), unless determined by the species superintendent more are needed for safety reasons. As a safety precaution the superintendents are requesting the following:
 - Swine:** The superintendents would like all parents to sit in the stands and not be in the staging area.
 - Beef:** The superintendents would like one adult per animal in the staging area. Then once the exhibitor and animal are in the ring, we ask that the adults meet the exhibitor and animal at the exit gate to go back to the barn.
 - Feeders:** The superintendents would like to have one adult in the staging area with exhibitors, especially the Pee Wee Classes. Then please meet your exhibitor at the exit gate to help return the animals to the barn.
 - Sheep:** The superintendents will notify parents if they need to leave the staging area.
 - Dairy:** The superintendents will notify parents if they need to leave the staging area.
25. The following "age" rules shall apply for all Market Livestock:
 - A. Market Lambs: Born Dec.1 or after the year of fair.
 - B. Market Steers: under 24 months of age at Fair Time
 - C. Beef & Dairy Type Feeder Calves: Born Jan. 1 or after the year of the fair.
 - D. Swine: 220# to 300#
26. Breed or weight classification champion rosettes, trophy, or banners will not be awarded when in the opinion of the judges the exhibit animal does not merit the award.
27. No youth exhibitor, except that authorized by Division Superintendents and the Fair Management, is permitted to stay overnight in the barn.
28. Exhibit release times for all animal exhibits are:
 - BEEF/DAIRY STEERS, FEEDERS, SHEEP & SWINE:
Saturday, July 22nd from 11:01 p.m. to Sunday at 3:00 a.m.
 - BEEF, DAIRY, SHEEP BREEDING ANIMALS:
Saturday, July 22nd from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - BUYER PICK UP
Sunday, July 23rd from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
29. Beef-type feeder calves may be crossbred beef and dairy, straight bred beef or crossbred beef. All calves must be off the cow by June 15th and tagged by May 1st.
30. Gates between feeder calves are optional. Gates will be required for dividing clubs.
31. When showing more than 1 animal in a class—the person assisting the exhibitor must be a current exhibitor at the Van Buren Youth Fair.
32. All exhibitors are responsible for making sure their market animals meet the acceptable withdrawal deadlines to avoid drug residue.
33. Generators will not be allowed around the livestock barn unless specifically approved by the Fair Board.
34. Appropriate show attire, i.e.: Dress type shirt or blouse. No midriff and/or cleavage showing. Dark or light-colored dress pants or dark jeans with no holes. No shorts or sweat- pants. Leather or safety type shoes are required. No Hats. Fair volunteers are welcome but are expected to set an example regarding dress code and foot attire.
35. At the Awards Program, Exhibitors that receive trophies and banners will only receive their trophies with the exchange of a Thank You Card, stamped and addressed to the sponsor of that award.
36. All animals must be clearly identified with a sign above the pen before Monday morning of fair week. Exhibitors can obtain an identification sign at weigh-in or from a superintendent. All signs must remain above the pen until Sunday at 6:00 a.m. during cleanup of the barn.
37. The Fair has legal authority to require drug testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended in Section 40(3): "A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition or show." See complete rules and instructions on Page ?? under "Exhibitor Rules" Item 36.
38. Exhibitors or immediate family must attend exhibitors' meeting the first Sunday of the fair at 4:00 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. MLE participants must notify the Large Livestock Committee if they are going to be late or unable to attend.
39. Exhibitors shall be advised the fair environment can lead to increased disease susceptibility. Please read the attached MSU Extension bulletin #2841 entitled Biosecurity for Livestock Exhibitors. The Fair Board recommends the suggestions found in this bulletin be utilized for the benefit of both exhibitors and the general public.

All animals shown in the market classes and/or sold through the livestock auction may NOT leave at this time. Animals are to be released only with Superintendent's continued approval and acknowledgement. All sale destinations are final at noon on Saturday. No exceptions.