



**Southern New Mexico State Fair
September 29 – October 4, 2026**

Livestock General Rules

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LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL TIMES

Livestock must arrive and be in place on Tuesday of the fair week from 7:00am – 12:00pm.

All Livestock will be inspected by the SNMSF&R Screening Committee upon arrival. Any animals found to be unfit for show or do not meet the current health requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. The decision of the Screening Committee is final with the approval of the Livestock Committee.

Introduction

1. Governing Rules and Regulations:

The rules of the Southern New Mexico State Fair govern all competitions in the Junior Division. General Exhibitor Information is considered a part of Southern New Mexico State Fair Junior Division General Rules and Regulations. All rules listed in a specific division apply where entry is made into that division. All exhibitors must read and abide by these rules. Exhibitors who do not abide by these rules are subject to the penalties stated in these rules.

2. Interpretation and/or Administration of Rules and Regulations:

The Southern New Mexico State Fair reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine fairly and impartially. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules or regulations may forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalties as the Fair may order and other such penalties as prescribed by law.

3. Loss, Damage or Injury:

The Southern New Mexico State Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage or injury to exhibits or animals exhibited, or for any article of any kind that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned by any person whomsoever, by an animal owned or exhibited by him or her.

Exhibitor shall indemnify the Southern New Mexico State Fair against all claims, demands, suits or judgments of any kind or nature, including attorney's fees and costs that may grow out of an injury, damage or loss occasioned by any animal owned or exhibited by him or her, or arise from any person in charge of any such animal. All animals exhibited in this show will be exhibited entirely at the owner's risk.

The Southern New Mexico State Fair will not be responsible or liable for any injury sustained in any way to exhibitors or spectators.

4. Requirements Regarding Disease:

All animals presented for exhibition at the Southern New Mexico State Fair shall be free from contagious and infectious diseases and shall be subject to examination on arrival at the fairgrounds and to daily inspection during the fair. Should any animal be found to be infected with any contagious, infectious or communicable diseases, it shall immediately be removed to a place of quarantine. The show pens or stalls in which such diseased animals were kept must immediately be cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of the official veterinarian.

5. IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics:

The International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics are incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Southern New Mexico State Fair rules shall supersede.

6. Dress Code for Exhibitors:

Exhibitors should be clean and appropriately dressed for the show ring. This is to include a collared shirt with at least the outer shirt tucked into pants. **Exhibitor number MUST be worn at all times in the show ring.**

Exhibitor Eligibility

1. FFA & 4-H Membership Requirements:

All contestants must be bona fide 4-H Club members enrolled in projects they are exhibiting or FFA Members for the current school year, as certified by their County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor. Contestants are to be members in good standing and have received an overview of the SNMSF rules. All exhibitors must be residents of Bernalillo, Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra, Socorro, or Valencia Counties in New Mexico or El Paso County in Texas.

2. Age:

Only exhibitors who have not reached their 20th birthday as of the close of fair are eligible, and they must be members of the youth organization as certified by an official of the organization they represent. 4-H members must follow the age requirements set forth by the 4-H organization.

Showmanship:

Novice - Ages 9 to 11 - youth exhibitor must have passed his/her 9th birthday or be 8 years old in the third grade but cannot be in 6th grade and not have passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

Junior - Ages 12 to 13 - youth exhibitor must have passed his/her 12th birthday or be 11 years old in the 6th grade but cannot be in 8th grade and not have passed his/her 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

Senior - Ages 14 to 19 - youth exhibitor must have passed his/her 14th birthday or be 13 years old in the eighth grade but not have passed his/her 20th birthday prior to September 21st of the current year.

Entry Requirements

1. Entry Eligibility:

All entries must be certified as to eligibility by the County Agent or FFA Advisor. No individual entries or entries without certification will be accepted. The sponsoring Agent or Advisor will be held accountable and may be requested to appear before the Southern New Mexico State Fair Commission and/or designated committee to inform the Southern New Mexico State Fair as to the sponsoring Agents' or Advisors' efforts to educate its members. A W-9 must be turned in with entries to be eligible to show. All entries will be made online. There is no limit on the number of Jr. Market Division entries any one exhibitor can make, However, there are limits within species. Please see species rules for published limits. Exhibitors must provide their YQCA certificate number during the online process (this replaces the Jr. Market Certificate Form.)

2. Ownership:

Animals must be owned by the exhibitor submitting the entry. All documents (bills of sale, lease agreements, and certificates of registration) establishing ownership shall be in the name of the exhibitor. No market animals may be owned or exhibited in a partnership or jointly owned; however, animals may be transferred between immediate family members (i.e., brothers and sisters) at the time of classification. Any animal (except Market Beef) shown must continuously have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 30th of the current year. Market Beef must continuously have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since May 1st of the current year. Proof of ownership must be made available if requested by SNMSF officials. Vo Ag Instructors and 4-H Agents will be responsible for verifying that ownership meets the required length of time. SNMSFR will require all animals to be tagged with 840 tags. Exhibitors in violation of ownership requirements will be subject to the penalties outlined in these rules. Any animal that has been sold in a non-premium sale CANNOT be entered or shown for any purpose at the SNMSF&R Livestock Show. Furthermore, these animals CANNOT be brought to the SNMSF&R to be placed on the packer truck.

Care and Custody:

All animals must remain in continuous possession of the exhibitor and be personally cared for by the exhibitor during the feeding period.

3. Weighing of livestock:

There will be no giving or taking on weights. Animals must meet the weight limit on the first weighing by the department official. Animals not meeting weight requirements will be excluded from the show and may be removed from the grounds at the discretion of the superintendents.

4. Packer Animals:

The Fair Management will arrange transportation of animals designated as "packer animals" to a packer. The Livestock Department will deduct 5% from the proceeds of each non-sale packer consignment to help defray the cost of transportation and paperwork.

Entries

1. All entries Must be completed online by 10:59pm (MST) on the first Friday of September. Late entries will be accepted online through September 15th (10:59PM MST), with a late entry fee of \$25 per animal. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

2. Entry fees will be charged as follows:

Jr. Market Swine	\$15
Jr. Market Goat	\$15
Jr. Market Sheep	\$15
Jr. Market Beef	\$15
Jr. Breeding Heifer	\$15
Jr. Replacement Dairy Heifer	\$15
Dairy Heifer Fitting Contest	\$ 6
Rabbit	\$ 8
Poultry	\$ 8
Egg Class	\$ 8
Open Breeding Goats	\$11
Showmanship (each species)	\$ 5
Additional adult wristbands	\$35
Additional youth wristbands	\$25
Additional parking pass	\$40 (max of 2 per family)

3. Animals entered in the Jr. Market Division may not be entered in any Breeding Division.
4. Each exhibitor will receive one (1) exhibitor pass plus one (1) additional exhibitor pass per family. If an exhibitor purchases grounds admission to enter a walk-in gate, the Livestock Office will not refund the fee. If a pass is lost, an additional pass may be purchased in the Fair Office. Additional week passes may be purchased in the Fair Office after the online entries have closed.
5. Each family will receive two (2) gate passes. Additional gate passes may be purchased during entry (max of 2 additional per family) or in the Fair Office.
6. Vehicle passes, gate passes, and exhibitor numbers will be available to be picked up from the Livestock Office starting at 7:00am Tuesday of fair week. T-Shirts will also be picked up at this time. Exhibitors with multiple species will use the same exhibitor number for all entries.
7. No t-shirts, wrist bands or parking passes will be issued to pee-wee showmanship entries. Pee-wee showmanship entries will not be made online and are at no cost.

Show Rules

1. **Exhibitor Showing Requirements:** Exhibitors will be required to show and sell their own animals. Exhibitors may, however, obtain assistance if they have more than one animal in a class. Any person assisting in showing in the Junior Market Livestock Division must be an exhibitor in any section of the Junior Market Livestock Division. In the event of illness or sickness, a substitute showman may be used at the Superintendent's discretion. Superintendents should be notified as soon as possible.
2. **Exhibitor Responsibilities (Animal Care & Delivery):**
Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his or her own animals until the superintendent has issued a release. Each exhibitor must be present and involved in show day preparations. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that sale animals are delivered to the buyer or correct packer. If livestock is not properly cared for, labor, feed requirements and other necessary items will be supplied, with all costs thereof charged against such exhibitor. Any sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld under such circumstances to apply toward any expenses incurred. An exhibitor's failure to

provide proper care to his or her animals will be subject to the penalties outlined in these rules.

3. Animal Inspections:

As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, FDA, USDA/FSIS, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and/or New Mexico Department of Health and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian or fair official.

The SNMSFR specifically reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against SNMSF&R or any of its officers.

In addition, during the fair, every exhibitor agrees to allow SNMSFR officials to collect hair follicles. These hair follicles may be used to perform analyses to verify identification of an entry in the show using the DNA sample collected at the time of enrollment. All samples collected are the property of SNMSF and may be compared with samples collected by other fairs in order to confirm entry identification.

4. Winners Eligibility to Show:

Winners of first and second place in each class will be eligible to show for the Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed they represent, except for goats, they will show for Division and Reserve Division Champion. Only Breed/Division champions and Reserve Breed/Division Champions will be eligible to show for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion and Top 5 placings.

- 5.** All animals brought to the Fairgrounds must be intended for exhibition and thereby comply with all applicable rules. Violators of this rule will be subject to a hearing by the Livestock Committee and liable to immediate suspension from current and future fairs and forfeiture of all privileges and monies received. (Appeals may be made to the SNMSF&R Executive Board.)

- 6.** Exhibitors of livestock are required to furnish livestock for the Livestock Judging Contest. Exhibitors may not refuse the use of any animal in the contest when

the request is made by the official in charge of the contest or by any superintendent.

7. All sale and packer monies will be withheld from any exhibitor whose entry fee, RV space fees or other fees are not paid by the close of the show on Sunday of fair week.
8. Premiums will be paid in Open and Jr. Breeding Divisions only. There will be no premiums paid for Jr. Market classes. Premiums will be paid based on sponsorship money collected for that division.

9. In Case of Animal Death:

If an exhibitor's animal dies while at the Southern New Mexico State Fair, the exhibitor is responsible for either disposing of the carcass properly or for paying the disposal fee. Please notify the department superintendent or the livestock office immediately. The animal should be moved to a remote location or covered until it can be removed. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should an animal be placed in a trash can or dumpster.

10. Barn:

All exhibitors staying past the day of their respective show, may be asked to move to a designated layover area as directed by the superintendent within four (4) hours of completion of each species show.

11. Penning:

Exhibitors will only be given space for the number of animals that are brought to the fairgrounds, not the number entered.

12. Release:

Animals will be released on Sunday according to the schedule of events.

Conduct

1. Conduct:

Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify the exhibitor from the contest, and the owner shall forfeit his entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties, or who shall make any false statement regarding any animal exhibited

or shall interfere with clerk's and judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.

2. Delinquent Acts:

If an exhibitor is caught having any involvement in any delinquent act, they may be removed from the grounds forfeiting any further competition, awards, premiums, sale slots and/or proceeds. Fees will not be reimbursed, and the exhibitor may be barred from future competition at the Southern New Mexico State Fair. Delinquent acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.

3. Protest:

The decision of Classifiers, Weigh Masters, Judges and Veterinarians shall not be subject to protest or appeal.

Prohibited Acts

The following are Prohibited Acts:

- A. The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law.
- B. The injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise appears. No stomach pumping allowed.
- C. The administration, use of, or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- D. The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception.

- E. Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of bovine, sheep, swine or goat carcass or for deception.
- F. Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act.
- G. Violations of the Southern New Mexico State Fair ownership requirements or care and custody rules listed in this premium book. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statement as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at Southern New Mexico State Fair.
- H. Violations of Southern New Mexico State Fair animal care and fitting regulations as listed in this premium book.

Exhibitor Responsibility:

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all the rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor regarding the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.

Penalties

An exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to:

- a. May permanently bar such animal from competition at the Southern New Mexico State Fair.
- b. May bar the exhibitor from entering and/or participating at the Southern New Mexico State Fair.
- c. May bar the exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the Southern New Mexico State Fair.
- d. May submit name and address of exhibitor and action taken against exhibitor to other cooperating livestock exhibitions, shows and sales, affecting eligibility.
- e. Awards may be withheld. In the event any awards shall have been given by the Southern New Mexico State Fair to an animal in violation of these rules, the

exhibitor will, upon demand by the Southern New Mexico State Fair, immediately return all awards given to such animal.

- f. The exhibitor may forfeit all money derived from the Southern New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Sale. Exhibitor will be liable to the Southern New Mexico State Fair and shall indemnify and hold the Southern New Mexico State Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred because of violations of Southern New Mexico State Fair rules and regulations. If any substance is found, a 2nd sample will be sent to lab at the exhibitor's expense.

Person's Involved in Prohibited Act:

Any person that in any way performs any prohibited act, with or without the owner's permission, may be forever barred from showing at the Southern New Mexico State Fair. In addition, the case will be turned over to an appropriate authority.

Any sponsoring agent, advisor or person associated with the sponsoring agent, advisor, leader, parent or guardians who are found to be involved with the encouragement of prohibited acts may be barred from future participation at the Southern New Mexico State Fair.

Right of Decision Review:

If an exhibitor is subject to any penalty or violation under these rules, the exhibitor has the right to have the decision reviewed by the Southern New Mexico State Fair. The exhibitor must contact the livestock manager to obtain the procedure for review. Please note there are specific deadlines and notification requirements that are strictly adhered to.

SUPERINTENDENTS, PROTESTS, QUESTIONS AND DISPUTED MATTERS

1. Each Livestock Species Superintendent is responsible for events in his/her department and oversees all assistants, judges, affairs, happenings, rules, protests, allegations or problems within his/her Livestock Department. It is the duty of all species Superintendents to uphold the rules as written.
2. Any protests, problems, or allegations that originate within a department shall first be addressed to and by the Superintendent of that department who shall judge and govern within the rules as published in the Jr. Livestock Premium Book. If the general situation is not resolved, the exhibitor/family may appeal to Livestock Superintendent whose decision will be final, and no further action

will be available. The situation will be heard by the Livestock Superintendent with the individuals involved as well as the Superintendent of that department present. All protests to the Livestock Superintendent must be written and accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee. If the protest is ruled in favor of the Exhibitor, the fee will be returned. If the Livestock Superintendent rules against the Exhibitor, the fee will be retained and placed in the scholarship fund.