

## **LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS**

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**\*\*READ AND SAVE\*\***

1. To be eligible to show or sell an animal as a 4-H member in the Trinity County Fair, a 4-H member **must attend a minimum of 80% of PROJECT and COMMUNITY CLUB meetings held.** A member **must also be enrolled in an animal project in a local 4-H club by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year** in order to sell or show an animal at the Trinity County Fair as a 4-H member.
2. A 4-H member must keep an ongoing and accurate up-to-date record of their market animal project in the form of an Annual Project Report.
3. Any 4-H member living with someone other than his/her legal parent(s) is required to contact the 4-H Program Representative before obtaining a loan to purchase a market animal.
4. A 4-H member is not eligible to **SELL** a market animal through the Jr. Livestock Auction Sale at the county fair if he/she will be gone from home more than 15 days of the 60 days prior to the fair. The member is responsible for the care and management of the project animal for the required ownership time period. Organized 4-H activities are excluded from the 15 day rule, providing the member satisfies the responsibility for care and management of the project with approval of the project leader.
5. Any unruly animal that requires special equipment in order to be handled or restrained must not be brought to the fair. If an animal is unruly or the 4-H'er does not show he/she can control the animal deemed unruly, it must be removed from the fairgrounds as soon as possible. **The Barn Superintendent and/or the Livestock Superintendent will make decisions regarding removal of animals from the fairgrounds.**
6. A butchering training class is required for all first-time small animal sellers, and those selling small animals who have never attended the class before.
7. **Trinity County residence, or enrollment in a Trinity County 4-H Club is required.**
8. **FEEDING TIMES FOR ANIMALS DURING THE FAIR ARE:**

MORNING.....6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
EVENING.....6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

During the hours the animal barns are open to public viewing, **feed pans** may **NOT** be left in the pens of the large animals. **Water pans or containers may be left in the pens at all times.** **Feed and water containers are to be kept clean at all times that your animal is at the fair.**

9. It is the 4-H member's sole responsibility to see that his/her animal pens are kept clean and neat at all times. During the fair week, 4-H livestock leaders along with a chairman appointed by the 4-H council will make up the committee to act on any matters pertaining to the cleaning of animal pens.
10. Clean pen awards shall be judged in club groups for the large animals, and individually for the small animals.
11. All 4-H market animal exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship with their animal if a class is available for their species.
12. All sale animals (large) must participate in the carcass contest.
13. Beef projects must be accompanied by a brand inspection certificate. Proof of ownership must be shown by either a bill of sale, outbidding from a sale yard, or a statement that the animal was calved by the exhibitor's cow and raised by the exhibitor.
14. Market Lambs must not carry more than one inch of stretched fleece at any point on their bodies. Lambs must be from certified scrapie free flocks and have scrapie ear tags.
15. **Residues in Show Animals:** The USDA/FSIS is sampling carcasses from fairs looking for residues—not only for antibiotics, but also for tranquilizers and sedatives. Carcasses that are positive will be condemned, and the FDA and the CDFA notified so enforcement action can be taken. California AB489 places the seller liable for triple civil damages, plus a fine.
16. **Showmanship:** Divisions will be divided into age groups: 9-13 and 14-19. Each animal participating in Showmanship must also be entered as an individual animal in a Senior or Junior Division and shown in that Division by the same Junior exhibitor who uses it in Showmanship.
17. The category of **Novice** refers to a showman who has never competed in showmanship with any small or large animal at Trinity County Fair as an Independent, 4-H member, FFA member, or Grange member.
18. Sick or injured animals shall be removed from the fairground as per State rules. Decisions as to the fitness of an animal will be made by a committee with the members composed of at least three of the following: Large and Small Animal Superintendents, 4-H Project Leader and the Fair Manager.
19. Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA, or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for horse and market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete with that project as Independent juniors, or enter the same type of project under a different organization.

**THE ABOVE LIVESTOCK RULES ARE NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE.**

**PLEASE READ THE PREMIUM BOOK FOR OTHER LOCAL RULES**

**MARKET LIVESTOCK WEIGHTS – EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2015 FAIR**

BEEF	Minimum Weight – 1100 lbs.
SHEEP	Minimum Weight – 110 lbs.
GOAT	Minimum Weight – 70 lbs.
SWINE	Minimum Weight – 210 lbs.
RABBIT	Minimum Weights (per pen of 3 animals) 3 lbs. each – 9 lbs. total (Meat Pen) – 15 lbs. total (Fryer Pen)
POULTRY	Weights (per pen of 3 animals) Up to 21 lbs. (Fryer Pen) – Greater than 21 lbs. (Roaster Pen)
TURKEY	Judge to Determine Market Readiness

**Any complaints pertaining to Livestock should be in the form of a signed letter naming the person, animal, and kind of problem. Mail or deliver copies to: 4-H Program Representative, 4-H Council, and the Junior Livestock Committee.**