

# DEPARTMENT VI – LIVESTOCK LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

## HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All animals entering the grounds, including those for display only, **must** meet the requirements for their particular species and will be inspected by the superintendent or his representative.
2. Any animal showing evidence of infections or contagious disease, or of external parasitism, and animals with active ringworm lesions (with the resulting loss of hair), multiple warts easily visible with close examination, or atrophic rhinitis, **WILL NOT** be permitted to exhibit, and will be sent home immediately. Superintendent has the right to disqualify any animal that does not meet health standards.
3. Livestock (except for sheep, goats, horses, and steers) **must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 90 days prior to exhibition.** “Certificate of Veterinary Inspection” refers to a legible record (made on an official form) by an accredited veterinarian.
4. All cattle and pigs are required to have an 840 RFID tag per state rules.
5. The following are health requirements broken down by species:

### FOR CATTLE

1. All heifers that are 4 to 12 months of age shall be vaccinated before entering show.
2. Females over 12 months of age must be calf hood vaccinated or from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd. Exhibitor must provide certificate.
3. Steers shall be subject to a health inspection on exhibition grounds and must have proof of baby teeth.
4. **Steers are required to have a tattoo. It must be permanent and cannot be wet. It must be four digits that can be any combination of letters and numbers. This tattoo must be submitted during registration.**

### SWINE

1. All swine must have an official premise identification.
2. Animals 6 months old or older to be tested negative for Brucellosis within 90 days prior to the exhibition or originate directly out of a validated herd, with validation number and date of last herd test shown on certificate. (Barrows are exempt).
3. Animals to be tested negative for Pseudorabies within 90 days prior to the exhibition on a test approved by the State Veterinarian or originate directly out of a Qualified Pseudo rabies Free Herd.
4. Free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases (erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, etc.); otherwise they will not be allowed to show and will be released from the fairgrounds.

### SHEEP

1. Sheep will be inspected on fairgrounds.
2. Absolutely no sheep showing sign or symptoms of disease particularly ring worm, foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, or scrapie, will be allowed to show.
3. Any sheep not tattooed must have a scrapie tag.

### GOATS

1. Goats will be examined on grounds by fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel.
2. No goats showing evidence of abscesses and certainly draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released from the fairgrounds.
3. Goats showing evidence of any other disease may also be released.
4. Any goat not tattooed must have a scrapie tag.

## **ARKANSAS RABBITS**

1. Rabbits will be inspected on grounds.
2. No rabbits showing symptoms of disease will be allowed to show.
3. No rabbits under 6 weeks of age allowed.

## **ARKANSAS HORSES**

1. Negative EIA test required within the past 12 months for all animals over 6 months of age.
2. Nursing foals under 6 months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams.
3. Photocopies of the test papers will not be accepted; carbon copies are acceptable.

## **ARKANSAS POULTRY**

1. Pullorum-Typhoid: All poultry, including domesticated game birds, quail, pheasants, pea fowl, guineas, turkeys, and water fowl shall have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of the fair.
2. All poultry chain will be tested. There will be NO exemptions.
3. Any poultry showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or insect infestation (mites, body sores, etc.) will not be permitted to exhibit. A body check will be done before registering.
4. No poultry under 6 weeks of age allowed.

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Animals **must** be pre-registered. If online registration is not an option, there will be a paper registration form. All deadline dates will be posted for exhibitors. There will be no late registration.
2. The Livestock Department is open to both youth and adults. Adults will register their animals in the adult division and youth will register their animals in the youth division.
3. All exhibitors age 5-19 must show animals without assistance.
4. There will be a four year old and under show in poultry and rabbit divisions only.
5. Exhibitors may need to show that they are able to control their animals prior to the show.
6. No animal classes will combine. There will be open and youth exhibitors.
7. Entries in the Youth livestock are open to boys and girls with primary residence in Perry County between ages of 5-19, or who are a member of a Perry County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
8. Each exhibitor will receive an exhibitor number and parking pass. These will be given to the exhibitor at check in when entry fees are paid. Entry fee payment and check-in will be at the arena in the livestock barn. Every participant entering any livestock will pay the following entry fees for open and/or junior division shows:

Poultry	\$3.00 single entry/pen OR \$5.00 trio entry/pen
Rabbits	\$3.00 single entry/pen OR \$5.00 trio entry/pen
Goats	\$5.00/head
Sheep	\$5.00/head
Swine	\$8.00/head
Cattle	\$10.00/head
Horses	\$10.00/head

9. Money collected from these fees will be used to make improvements on the barns. Perry County Fair Association reserves the right to make any changes without notice, to any rule pertaining to the county fair and livestock show.
10. Youth entering any exhibit must meet the necessary age requirement by the opening day of the current year's fair. Exhibitors may exhibit in this show no later than the fall after graduating from high school.
11. Exhibitors will be expected to keep bedding and animals in a presentable condition at all times.
12. Cattle and calves are to be shown with halter, broke to lead, well-groomed and presented in the best possible manner.
13. Sheep, goats and swine exhibits should be trained for showing, well-groomed and presented in the best possible manner.
14. All livestock must have been owned by the exhibitor by the ownership deadline set forth by the Perry County Fair Association unless otherwise specified in the rules and regulations listed under department headings.
15. All registered animals **MUST** be registered in the **EXHIBITOR'S NAME** and registration papers must be provided.
16. An animal may be shown in one class plus showmanship with the exception of female market goats, lambs, and hogs which can also be entered in breeding classes.
17. Exhibitors will be expected to show their own animals during shows and premium sale unless they have more than one animal in a class, then another **youth exhibitor, whether that be a senior (age 14-19), junior (age 9 -13), or peewee (age 5 – 8)** should exhibit the animal. When there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the owner from showing the animal, no less than four members of the livestock committee will make the final decision as to whether or not the extenuating circumstances warrant someone else being able to show the animal.
18. Separate classes will be established for each breed. Registration papers should be available for inspection upon request of livestock superintendent. If there are less than three animals entered in a breed, breeds of similar origin may be combined for show purposes.
19. A night watchman will be on duty; therefore, bunking in the livestock barn will not be necessary, or permitted.
20. Livestock (other than dairy cattle, rams and bucks) must remain on exhibit until the posted time of release at which time all livestock will be expected to leave the fairgrounds.
21. ALL bulls 6 months & older (on date of show) **MUST** be shown with a nose ring – temporary or permanent.
22. No clipping in any barn entry areas.
23. Fitting, Grooming, and Animal Care: The primary care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed **by the exhibitor** whose name appears on the entry form. The exhibitor must be present at all times during the fitting when assistance is being provided except such times as the exhibitor may be exhibiting livestock in another class
24. Poultry Chain exhibitors will show 1 chicken per 5 they receive and will show in pens of 3.
25. There will be a **MANDATORY** market animal weigh-in prior to the show. Exhibitors will weigh their animals in and then turn in weight cards. The time and date that weight cards will be due will be posted for all exhibitors to see. The exhibitor or the person they designate **MUST** be present at weigh-in. There will be **NO** weigh-ins after this. If there is a question in regards to the weight of an animal, the fair board reserves the right to have that animal reweighed.
26. During the market shows, animals may be weighed again. Their weight must be within a 5% margin of the weight recorded on their weight card.
27. Each exhibitor is responsible for his/her stall/pen. The stalls and pens for ALL livestock must be cleaned out at the conclusion of the fair. If the stalls or pens are not cleaned out when your animals are removed from the grounds, your premiums will be forfeited.
28. All exhibitors are expected to remain on the grounds until released at the posted date and time. Exiting the fairgrounds prior to that date and time will result in premiums being forfeited.
29. Only exhibitors, animals, staff, judges, and judge's assistants will be allowed in the show ring during the show.

30. No sitting in the show ring area.
31. No feed or equipment will be allowed in the aisles that restricts the free movement of livestock and exhibitors.
32. Precautions will be exercised in caring for livestock, but the Perry County Fair Association nor any of its members, any cooperating agency nor individual, will not be held responsible for ANY accident or damage that might occur to the livestock while en route or on display at the fairgrounds.
33. Livestock owners are required to bring water containers, grain, feed and hay for their animals. All animals must be fed daily or exhibitor will be asked to take animals home and forfeit premium money.
34. The Perry County Fair Association reserves the right to prohibit the exhibiting of any animal that is classed as unworthy or detrimental to the public safety.
35. There will be no dogs allowed in the barns.
36. There will be no animal sales conducted in the barn. You may not put for sale signs on your animal cages or pens. You will be asked to remove them.
37. No alcohol will be allowed in the barn. If it is suspected you have alcohol, you will be asked to exit the barn and possibly the premises.

### **LIVESTOCK NOTICE**

The Fair Board of any county, district, or the state reserves the right to have a blood and urine analysis made for any animal at their fair.

Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of the animal will be required to return ALL premium money and could be banned from further competition. Their name and the lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA & FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution.

**DISCLOSURE:** Any animal receiving medication for any life threatening disease or illness must be registered at the time they are entered in the fair.