

LIVESTOCK



IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Registration deadline: July 31, 2026

Ownership deadline: May 15 for steers and July 15 for all other livestock

Check in: Monday, September 14, 2026

Livestock will be released on Friday, September 18, 2026

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. Although not required at the county level, the board would like to make it known that if an exhibitor plans to take a steer to district fair, it will require a healed tattoo.

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.
4. All rabbits should have an identifying tattoo in their left ear.

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 all species. Four and under shows will be at the top of the show for that respective species.
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/entry
Sheep	\$5.00/entry
Swine	\$8.00/entry
Cattle	\$10.00/entry
Horses	\$10.00/entry

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. **All livestock 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 animals 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. **On the day of the premium sale, any equipment may be packed up or stalls cleaned out until 11am. At 11am all activity must cease and may not resume until the conclusion of the premium**

sale. There will be an announcement made following the poultry auction when animals will be released. Any animals loaded and leaving before this time will forfeit premiums.

30. Only exhibitors, animals, staff, judges, and judge's assistants will be allowed in the show ring during the show.
31. No sitting in the show ring area.
32. No feed or equipment will be allowed in the aisles that restricts the free movement of livestock and exhibitors.
33. Precautions will be exercised in caring for livestock, but neither 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.
34. Livestock owners are required to bring water containers, grain, feed and hay for their animals. All animals must be fed daily, or exhibitors will be asked to take animals home and forfeit premium money.
35. The Perry County Fair Association reserves the right to prohibit the exhibiting of any animal that is classed as unworthy or detrimental to public safety.
36. There will be no dogs allowed in the barns.
37. 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.
38. 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 done 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.

YOUTH DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Ages</u>
Peewees	5-8
Juniors	9-13
Seniors	14-19

1. Pee-Wees ages 5-8 will not compete against juniors and seniors in showmanship.
2. When there are not enough entries to have a category for showmanship in the junior division (9-13), it will be allowed for the junior member to compete in the senior division (14-19) if they choose to.
3. Senior members (14-19) may not compete in junior division (9-13); however, if there is only one in a senior competition, juniors who did not win the junior showmanship can show in the senior showmanship.
4. In order for a showmanship buckle to be awarded, there must be a minimum of 2 exhibitors.
5. At no time will a buckle be awarded when there is no competition.
6. Rules may be changed per the Perry County Youth Livestock Foundation Buckle Committee as the need arises.

AWARD FOR CARE OF LIVESTOCK QUARTERS AND MOST DECORATED

Awards will be given for the following awards: the exhibitor who keeps their livestock area the cleanest throughout the week and the exhibitor who decorates their stall area the best to coincide with the theme of the fair. Any youth livestock exhibitor, with any species, is eligible for this award and will be announced at the end of the week.

Adult Livestock Showmanship

1. Showmen must be 19 years or older, If there are a large number of exhibitors, there will be multiple divisions.
2. There can be divisions for all species.
3. Showmen are encouraged to dress according to the theme of the fair.
4. Entry fee: \$20.00

POSTERBOARD COMPETITION

1. The theme will be "Stars, Stripes, and Livestock".
2. Must be turned in by posted date at the appropriate area.
3. Awards will be given. Divisions and number of awards will be decided upon after all entries are submitted.
4. Name and age must be printed **on the back**.
5. Must include a title on the board.
6. No identifying photos of the exhibitor allowed. If there are any identifying photos, the exhibitor will be disqualified immediately.
7. Must be on one sheet of poster board or a tri-fold.
8. May use paint, colors, pencil, ink, photos, fabric, magazines, paper, etc. to tell your story.
9. Must tell one livestock project story per board.
10. Only one (1) entry per exhibitor in each division: rabbit, poultry, goats, sheep, swine, cattle, and horses.

11. Judging will be based on the creativity (eye appeal & attractiveness) of the poster; as well as, the informative portion (the facts that were stated and the educational portion – does the judge learn something from the poster?)

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

1. All youth exhibitors are eligible to participate.
2. There will be three age divisions:

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Ages</u>
Peewees	5-8
Juniors	9-13
Seniors	14-19

3. This contest is closed to everyone except contestants, superintendents, and livestock personnel.
4. The county extension office runs this event and will possibly post contest phases prior to the event.
5. After all classes have been judged, the contestants' cards will be graded and winners announced at the Robert Parish Memorial Premium Sale.
6. Awards will be given for first, second and third place in each division.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

Round Robin Showmanship will be open to the top showmen, in both junior and senior categories, in the following species: cattle, swine, sheep, and goat. These showmen will compete by showing all species of livestock and the judge will pick an overall winner. The rules are as follows:

1. For safety reasons, representatives from the Perry County Fair Board will select the animals that will be shown in the Round Robin Showmanship, with each animal's owner and parent granting permission.
2. Coaching by an outsider will result in disqualification.
3. Showmanship dress code will be encouraged.
4. Contestants will be required to walk the different species around the ring and demonstrate control and set the animals up except for swine.
5. Scoring will be based on the following:
 - The showman's ability to properly show the animal.
 - The performance and control of the animal
 - The sportsmanship of the showman
 - The knowledge the showman has of the species
6. A 4H member may only enter in with one species. If the top showman is the same in more than one species, the reserve will take their place in one category.
7. There will be a rubric provided for the judges during this event.