

2024 SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA LIVESTOCK EXPO RULE BOOK



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Greetings, Livestock Families!!

The Southeastern Arizona Livestock Expo (EXPO) Board is excited to host our fifth annual Youth Livestock show and auction in Willcox, Az!! The 2024 EXPO will be held on **Thursday, September 5th** through **Saturday, September 7th** at Quail Park in Willcox. This year, we will also host a jackpot show the weekend before EXPO (August 31st and September 1st) and request help with setup for this show.

The goal of EXPO is to help foster and develop youth with strong values in leadership, integrity and an emphasis in education while connecting people to agriculture through community projects and events. Our creed is “Growing. Learning. Giving Back.” A portion of the 2024 commissions that the EXPO organization receives from the 2024 auction will be donated to the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens in Scottsdale, Arizona.

At the 2024 EXPO, we look forward to offering you delicious food vendors, retail vendors, games and fun for the whole family! We welcome all youth livestock exhibitors and families to the Southeastern Arizona Livestock EXPO, the #best3daysinseptember!



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2024 EXPO SHOW SCHEDULE

April 1, 2024 - Enrollment deadline for all large market and small stock Youth Exhibitors

OWNERSHIP DEADLINES:

April 8, 2024 Dog and Market / Carcass Beef ownership deadline (150 days)
June 7, 2024 Market / Carcass Swine, Sheep, Goat ownership deadline (90 days)
July 17, 2024 Small stock ownership deadline (60 days)
July 23, 2024 Meat rabbit and poultry ownership deadline

LARGE LIVESTOCK TAGGING DATES:

March 23, 2024 Initial Beef tagging date
April 13, 2024 Final Beef tagging date
June 1, 2024 Initial Swine / Sheep / Goat tagging date
June 22, 2024 Final Swine / Sheep / Goat tagging date

*** Large livestock entry forms and fees are due by the final tagging date of the given species ***

July 15, 2024 - Small stock, Dairy, Horse, Breeding* and Pee Wee entry forms due
*See separate EXPO Breeding Rule Book *

Sunday August 25, 2024 – Carcass show Live Judging (all species)

Wednesday August 28, 2024 – Carcass Show Viewing & Results Announced

Thursday September 5, 2024

6:00 am – 9:00 am Large stock animal weigh-in
6:00 am – 9:00 am Small stock animal check-in
9:30 am All Exhibitor Meeting in the show ring
2:00 pm Horse Show
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Small Stock Showmanship / Breed Judging to follow
5:00 pm Dog Show
7:00 pm Family Games and Dance / Entertainment

Friday September 6, 2024

9:00 am Dairy Goat: PeeWee / Showmanship / Breeding
Pygmy Goat: PeeWee / Showmanship / Breeding
10:00 am Sheep: Pee Wee / Showmanship / Breeding / Market
12:00 pm Beef: Pee Wee / Showmanship / Breeding / Market
2:00 pm Goat: PeeWee / Showmanship / Breeding / Market
5:00 pm 2024 EXPO Carcass Results Announced
Swine: PeeWee / Showmanship / Breeding / Market
Adult Showmanship and Parade of Champions (immediately following)
7:00 pm Sale Notifications Due / Entertainment

* All Showmanship order will be Senior novice, Senior, Junior novice, Junior *

Saturday September 7, 2024

8:00 am Round Robin Showmanship
12:00 pm Buyers Luncheon
1:00 pm Opening Ceremonies, Round Robin Showmanship winners announced,
Southeastern Arizona Livestock EXPO small and large livestock auction
7:00 pm Clean up, All Animals Out of Barns

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EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Youth exhibitors participating in the Southeastern Arizona Livestock EXPO (hereinafter “EXPO”) will follow the rules contained in this Rule Book in order to exhibit and sell in the EXPO Junior Livestock Auction. Youth Exhibitors must be 8 years of age **by January 1 of the show year in order to sell in the EXPO large and small stock auction(s) and must not have reached his/her 18th birthday by Jan 1** of the show year. Pee Wee showmanship classes are offered for all species for youth under the age of 8 by January 1 of the show year. Pee Wee Exhibitors do not sell in the auction.

The 2024 EXPO project categories include the following:

Dog

Horse

Large animal: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat goat, Dairy goat

Small animal: Pygmy, Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Waterfowl, Landfowl

Youth Exhibitors with animals that wish to participate in the EXPO large or small stock auction must meet or exceed the following qualifications;

Follow all general livestock and small stock rules contained in this Rule Book.

Meet all ownership and tagging deadlines.

Have entries submitted and paid on time.

Must reside in the state of Arizona, or neighboring counties in New Mexico (this includes Grant and Hidalgo Counties) and must exhibit an animal that is housed in the state of Arizona, or eligible New Mexico counties.

Must not have sold (or plan to sell) an animal in another auction during the 2024 calendar year at a county-level show. State and National shows are separate and Exhibitors are eligible to have sold or participate at a national or state-level auction.

Attend mandatory tagging.

All large livestock Exhibitors must attend at least one jackpot show or clinic associated with the animal they plan on showing and submit proof (receipt) by September 1

Have a current Youth Quality Assurance certificate by **September 1** (submit to seazexpo@yahoo.com).

Have a current AZ Department of Agriculture Seasonal pass for all animals. New Mexico residents must check all import/export requirements for livestock.

Create an educational display associated with their projects.

All market animals having met the judging criteria, are expected to sell at auction.

Fill out all forms needed to participate in the EXPO Livestock Auction.

Exhibitors are required to help set-up and break down pens and equipment for the 2024 EXPO and 2024 EXPO Jackpot Show.

Participate in at least two community projects throughout the year organized by EXPO to include: Willcox Ag Day (Feb 2024), Willcox West Fest (April 2024), Memorial Day Flags (May 2024) Buyer Appreciation Day (Aug/Sept 2024) and 2024 EXPO Labor Day Jackpot Show (August 2024).

The 2024 Bred & Fed category for market livestock is expanded to include breeders in the state of Arizona.

EXPO tags CANNOT BE REMOVED from any large livestock for any reason. If a tag comes out, contact the Superintendent immediately for a replacement.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING MARKET LIVESTOCK AT EXPO

QUALITY ASSURANCE: All Youth Exhibitors must have a current quality assurance certification in order to exhibit at the EXPO. The online class is available at <http://www.yqca.org>.

SEASONAL PASS / INSPECTION: A Seasonal Pass is required for exhibition of all cattle, sheep, goats, and swine owned by Arizona residents and exhibited in Arizona according to state law and rule (ARS § 3-1346, R3-2-703). To receive a Seasonal Pass, the exhibitor must complete an application. An Arizona Self-Inspection Certificate OR an Arizona Livestock Inspection Certificate number is required. Instructions and an application can be downloaded online at <https://agriculture.az.gov/seasonal-passes>. For questions, please call the self-inspection staff at (602) 542-6407.

WHOLESOME MEAT CERTIFICATION: Health Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture require *that animals treated with drugs, pesticides or any other chemical must go through the prescribed withdrawal period as listed on the label*. Therefore, it is important that exhibitors determine the type of treatments used if the animals must be dipped or treated prior to leaving the point of origin. Exhibitors of market animals will be required to present a signed Wholesome Meat Certification for each market and carcass animal to EXPO Superintendents at time of check-in. Both the exhibitor AND parent/guardian/responsible adult must sign the Certification. The EXPO participant must certify that the animal is not adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or the Wholesome Meat Act. Only animals of United States origin are eligible to be entered in a Market Division. Market animals must be bred, born and raised in the United States.

ELIGIBILITY: The EXPO is open to youth within Arizona and neighboring counties in New Mexico (Grant and Hidalgo). Exhibitors who have reached the age of eight (8) by January 1 of the year the EXPO will be held, are eligible to sell their project animal(s). All Youth Exhibitors are expected to meet or exceed all of the requirements and mandatory tagging dates listed in this Rule Book. *Due to limited space and resources, entries may be limited. Preference will be given to previous EXPO Exhibitors.*

PARTICIPATION IN EXPO AUCTION: The EXPO Board has adopted the Arizona tradition of only allowing a Youth Exhibitor to sell in one county fair, expo, community event, or other livestock-related sale per calendar year. This includes large and small stock animals and these sales are at a county-level. Animals cannot have been offered for sale at a market auction at any other community or county livestock show. Violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal and disqualification of entry.

PREMIUMS & AWARDS: Premiums shall be awarded exclusively on the basis of exhibit merit, and sole entries shall not be entitled to an award unless they meet judging standards. The EXPO Board reserves the right to modify or replace awards without notice, at our sole discretion.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: The Youth Exhibitor must be enrolled by April 1. There is NO FEE to be enrolled as a Youth Exhibitor. Forms are available online at <http://www.championsaz.org>, or by emailing seazexpo@yahoo.com. An Exhibitor is encouraged to enroll in every project area they may be interested in.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Items to be submitted by 5:00 pm on the due date unless otherwise stated.

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: Number of days prior to the Wednesday before the start of EXPO:

Market and Carcass Beef:	150 days – April 9, 2024
Market/Carcass Hog, Lamb, Goat:	90 days – June 8, 2024
Small stock:	60 days – July 7, 2024
Meat rabbit and poultry:	July 23, 2024

Youth livestock projects are to be owned, fed and cared for by the Youth Exhibitor. Exhibitor must be in physical possession of and the individual and continuous owner of animals entered from the above listed dates through the day it is shown at the EXPO. Proof of ownership (showing date of purchase) and any required registration and inspection papers **must be in Exhibitor's name**. Ownership is to be verified by each Superintendent.

ENTRY FEES: The entry fee will be \$30 per head for each market and carcass livestock exhibit. All large livestock exhibits must be paid for at the time of the final tagging date for that species. Small stock fees are \$4 each entry, and due by **July 15. No exceptions, and fees are not refundable.** Fees are payable to Southeastern Arizona Livestock Expo, P.O. Box 814, Willcox, AZ 85644. Payments may be made through PayPal, Venmo, cash or check. There is no charge for Pee Wee Showmanship.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All large livestock exhibits must be entered and paid for at time of the final tagging for that species. Small stock entries and fees are due by July 15. **There are no late fees or exceptions.** Youth Exhibitors and their parents/guardians are responsible for checking that their entries are correct

March 9, 2024	Commercial Calf tagging date
March 23, 2024	Initial Beef tagging date
April 13, 2024	Final Beef tagging date
June 1, 2024	Initial Swine / Sheep / Goat tagging date
June 15, 2024	Final Swine / Sheep / Goat tagging date

All Youth Exhibitors will be required to show control and handling ability of their animal(s) at tag-in dates. If this is not exhibited, the animal may not be tagged and will consequently not be allowed into the show/sale due to safety precautions. Tags will be provided by the EXPO Board.

Each Youth Exhibitor may tag up to 4 animals per species but may only enter and show 1 carcass animal per species and 2 market animals per species at the EXPO.

Each Youth Exhibitor will be expected to show and sell his/her own animal unless the Superintendent and EXPO Board member makes an exception because of unusual circumstances (i.e. two animals in the same weight class). If an exception is granted, the animal may be shown by any other EXPO Youth Exhibitor, 8 to 18 years of age.

Minimum-maximum weight ranges for market livestock are as follows:

Market Hogs:	220 lbs. to 300 lbs.
Market Lambs:	100 lbs. to unlimited

Market Goats: 70 lbs. to unlimited
Market Steers: 1,000 lbs. to unlimited

LARGE ANIMAL CARCASS AND MARKET MINIMUM DAYS ON FEED:

Steer: 120 days
Hog, Lamb, Goat: 90 days

EXHIBITOR ATTIRE: Youth Exhibitors exhibiting animals in either or both the market and carcass livestock divisions will be expected to enter the sale and show ring in clean clothing that is deemed to be proper attire for the occasion. Youth Exhibitors must wear a collared, button-down long sleeved shirt, and dark pants. Belts must be worn. Official FFA dress is welcomed. No t-shirts or sleeveless shirts, hats or caps. Cowboy hats are acceptable in the show ring.

DAIRY GOAT EXHIBITOR ATTIRE: Dairy whites, white pants or skirt and white long or short-sleeve shirt will be worn.

CHECK-IN / WEIGH-IN TIMES: All livestock must be on the grounds by 9 am on Thursday of the start of EXPO. Refer to the schedule on page 3. The Youth Exhibitor must be present at the time of weigh-in.

Testing

NON-SALE ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION: All animals not going through the sale but being transported to packers must be signed up and paid for by 7:00 pm on Friday, September 6th. Forms will be available at check-in.

LIVESTOCK JUDGE SELECTIONS: The Livestock judge will be selected by the EXPO Board and announced on July 15, 2024.

GRAND AND RESERVE AWARDS. Both the grand and reserve champion will be selected in all the livestock species providing the judge has awarded blue ribbons to the animals in the various classes within the department and in their estimation deems the animal to be of championship quality.

RELEASE TIME: Release time for all exhibits is set by the EXPO Board. Normal release time for all livestock is 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 7th.

LOSS OR DAMAGE: Every animal entered for exhibition will be in the charge of the species Superintendent; but the EXPO and City of Willcox (COW) will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur, and entries are made and accepted on this condition. As such, an entry for exhibition in the EXPO will release liability and hold EXPO and COW harmless. Youth Exhibitors are cautioned to keep equipment stored where it will not be lost or stolen. The EXPO Board and COW accepts no responsibility for loss or damage of such equipment.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY: Each Youth Exhibitor is required to submit an educational display to accompany their EXPO project. The display should provide educational material for the public and can be about their project with pictures and what they learned from the experience. Displays should be able to be hung up and be of neat and clean appearance with spelling and grammar

appropriate for the given age group. Age groups will be from 8-10, 11-13, 14-18. Cash prizes will be awarded.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES: A grievance addresses decisions or actions that can be reversed or changed. Before filing a Grievance, a Youth Exhibitor must first try to resolve the issue informally by seeking the help of a Parent/Guardian or Superintendent (hereinafter “Adult”). The Youth Exhibitor and Adult should decide if filing the grievance is the best way to approach the situation. If the situation occurs during the EXPO, try to resolve it with the species Superintendent. If the situation occurs prior to the EXPO, try to resolve with it with the EXPO President prior to filing a grievance. The grievance committee will consist of the EXPO Executive Board. Please follow these steps for filing a Grievance:

- 1) Youth Exhibitor / Adult completes the Grievance Form (found online at <https://championsaz.org>).
- 2) Within 24 hours of an incident (or ASAP if a physical or emotional safety issue), provide a copy to the EXPO President or any Executive Board member.
- 3) The Grievance Form will be presented to the grievance committee.
- 4) The committee conducts investigation and decides on resolution.
- 5) The resolution is written on the Form, then it is sent/given to Youth Exhibitor, Adult, species Superintendent, and a copy to the EXPO Secretary for filing.
- 6) Decisions of the grievance committee will be final.

GENERAL ANIMAL CARE

Unruly Animals: As a member of public safety, all animals must be gentle and easily handled. At the discretion of the livestock superintendent, any unruly animals may be moved or sent home. There will be a special area designated for the unruly/sick animals.

Pens: All pens will be assigned and available for market animals. The expectation is that your animal will remain in that pen for the duration of the EXPO. If for any reason it becomes necessary to move your animal to a different pen, you must have permission from the superintendent prior to moving pens.

Cleaning of Pens: Youth Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, and the litter disposed of before 8:30 am. Passageways must be kept clean and clear at all times. Pens must be cleaned daily and pans must be removed after feeding.

Bedding of Animals: Youth Exhibitors must supply their own bedding. All sheep, goats and hogs are to remain bedded in their assigned pens day and night, and cannot be housed in trailers. Beef may be bedded down at the tie-outs. Neck ropes are recommended for all beef animals. Animals may be taken to tie-outs after 8:00pm and must be returned to the barns by 8:00am.

Drenching: Drenching is permitted. Oral drenching will be allowed with drench guns. Youth Exhibitors take full responsibility for any adverse effects and are advised to consult with a veterinarian for recommendations and administration. Drench at your own risk.

Muzzles: Muzzles are allowed, if necessary, for sheep and goats. An educational poster/sign must be posted by the youth exhibitor near the pen where these animals are stalled to explain to the public why they are being used.

Feed and Water: Watering containers will be provided for beef only. Youth Exhibitors must furnish feed and water containers for other small and large species.

Care and Attention: Youth Exhibitors will be required to attend to their own animals while on exhibition. They will be kept well-groomed and in show condition. The superintendent will have charge of barns and pens in the departments. While at the EXPO grooming and fitting is a learning experience for the Youth Exhibitor. The exhibitor must be present when animal is being groomed/fitted. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of, but not limited to, any product administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of an animal. Supervised drenching is acceptable. Each Youth Exhibitor must exhibit and take care of his/her own animal unless excused by the Superintendent for reasons that are deemed sufficient.

Death of an Animal: If a Youth Exhibitor's *only* animal dies within two weeks of the EXPO. That Youth Exhibitor is eligible to replace it with another animal. The EXPO Board must be notified of this circumstance within 24 hours of the event. This circumstance will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Animal abuse, in any manner, on the premises **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Any person(s) doing so will forfeit premiums at the discretion of the Superintendent and will leave.

EXPO MARKET SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

* All market showmanship order will be Pee Wee, Senior novice, Senior, Junior novice, Junior *

MARKET SHOWMANSHIP CLASS: There will be two age divisions for small livestock and large market showmanship entries, age determined as of Jan 1 of the EXPO year:

Class #1 Junior (8-13 years of age)

Class #2 Senior (14-18 years of age)

Classes may be combined at the discretion of the EXPO Board. Showmanship classes will be held for each species and the showmanship class will be separate from the conformation/market class. The top two novice winners in each division will proceed to the regular classes for final competition. Each species will have a junior and senior showmanship class with no minimum number of exhibitors. Showmanship buckles will be awarded for Grand and Reserve winners. All showmanship entries are due by August 1. Youth Exhibitors participating in Showmanship classes must have a market animal entered in order to be eligible for awards. Borrowing an animal from any other person will only be permitted in the Pee Wee division. Judge will provide verbal feedback to the audience and participants with the results at the end of each class.

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP: A special Pee Wee Showmanship class is offered for those too young to participate in the Youth Exhibitor Livestock Projects. Eligible participants are to be under the age of 8 as of January 1, 2024. Pee Wee participants may use a market animal entered into the EXPO by a Youth Exhibitor, or may bring their own. Arrangements for use of an animal must be made with the owner prior to start of the Pee Wee show. There is no fee for Pee Wee Showmanship and the Pee Wee division will award its own prizes.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP RULES: A Round Robin Showmanship Class for large livestock and small stock will be held. The Round Robin Committee will select judges prior to the EXPO. All animal species will be set up after EXPO - animals can or will be brought in to help build classes as needed. Champion showmanship (Grand and Reserve) market winners from each species are eligible to participate. Youth Exhibitors who may be eligible to compete in more than one species must select the species they wish to compete with in the Round Robin Class. Immediately after each show, the Champion Showman (junior and senior) must notify the Superintendent of the species whether or not he/she will participate in the Round Robin. Participants will take a knowledge quiz during the round they sit out. Proper attire will be worn. Scorecards will be used, and scores tallied. The highest score determines the champion for the Round Robin. Parents are not allowed to tabulate scores if they have a family member in the competition being scored. Round Robin awards will be given during Opening Ceremonies of the EXPO auction on Saturday.

ARIZONA BRED & FED CLASS:

The Arizona Bred and Fed Steer, Lamb, Hog and Goat class is a special championship class awarded to animals bred, born and raised in Arizona. The intent of the award is to recognize quality breeding programs and encourage the selection of animals available within Arizona. The class will be composed of the highest placing blue animal that was bred and raised in Arizona in each of the four market classes. The Arizona Bred and Fed class will be held unless grand or reserve is also Bred and Fed.

Eligibility for "Arizona Bred and Fed Class"

The animal being shown MUST have been born in Arizona. The dam of the animal being shown MUST be a "resident" of Arizona 30 days prior to the conception of the animal being shown. The definition of "resident" shall be: The dam of the animal being shown shall either be incorporated into an established Arizona herd or owned by an individual who resides in Arizona. The sire of the animal being shown must have physically been in Arizona at the time of conception or AI must have been used. The dam cannot have been taken out of the state to be bred.

- 1) Artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer are recognized methods of herd improvement. Rules 1 and 2 still apply. Embryo needs to be flushed from a resident dam of the Arizona breeder and implanted in one of their herd recipient dams.
- 2) Proof of eligibility forms for this competition must be completed by the exhibitor, parent, leader, and the breeder and submitted at the time of tagging for that species. Bred and Fed forms will not be accepted after the final tagging dates. Forms are available online at <http://www.championsaz.org> under Southeastern Arizona Livestock EXPO. There is one form for all four species. One form per animal required and must be completed with all signatures and turned in at time of tagging (Breeder, Youth Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian).

EXPO AUCTION RULES – SMALL AND LARGE LIVESTOCK

Any Youth Exhibitor who has satisfactorily completed his/her livestock project requirements to date and whose animal places in the blue or red ribbon color group may be eligible to sell at the EXPO Auction. At the judge's discretion any market animal that he/she feels might not be ready for slaughter or is of inferior quality will be awarded a white ribbon and will not be eligible to be sold in the EXPO market livestock auction. An animal that is eliminated or disqualified will not be eligible for sale.

All large livestock Champions - Grand, Reserve and Arizona Bred and Fed **must sell at auction.**

A Youth Exhibitor with **only small stock** exhibits can sell their choice of **two (2) of** any species of small stock entries that received a Champion, red or blue ribbon. Small stock Champions are encouraged to sell but are not required.

A Youth Exhibitor with **both small and large stock** exhibits can sell **one (1) small stock** entry of choice that received a Champion, red or blue ribbon, *and one (1) large stock* entry that received a red or blue ribbon. If an exhibitor has a Champion large animal, **it must sell as their one large stock entry.** If an Exhibitor has multiple large stock champions, **all are eligible and must sell.**

A Youth Exhibitor with **only large stock** exhibits may sell one (1) large stock entry that received a Champion, red or blue ribbon. If an Exhibitor has multiple large stock champions, **all are eligible and must sell.**

Sale may be limited.

If a Youth Exhibitor is found to have exhibited and sold any animal in any other county fair, expo, community event or any other livestock-related sale within a calendar year (January 1 – December 31), they will be ineligible to exhibit or sell through the EXPO auction. **Any fees paid will be forfeited.** If a Youth Exhibitor exhibits and sells through the EXPO auction, then exhibits and sells through any other county fair, expo, community event or livestock-related sale within a calendar year, the Youth Exhibitor and any immediate family members will be prohibited from participating in any subsequent EXPO events. Immediate family members include siblings, step-siblings and half-siblings. In addition, auction proceeds could be returned to the Buyer and the Youth Exhibitor will receive the floor price for the animal.

All sales are final. No exhibitor or agent shall attempt to buy-back an animal after it has sold at auction. If an exhibitor is found to have done this, the sale will be void and the Youth Exhibitor and any immediate family members will be prohibited from participating in any subsequent EXPO events. Immediate family members include siblings, step-siblings and half-siblings.

SALE NOTIFICATION: Youth Exhibitors with multiple animals must declare which animal(s) to sell and not sell no later than 7 pm on Friday by indicating on the draft Auction Sale order. If a Youth Exhibitor has not notified the appropriate Superintendent, the Superintendent has the authority to decide which animal will be sold.

POLICY FOR SELLING ANIMALS AT THE EXPO: “For Sale” signs will not be permitted to

be placed on the animal's pens nor should any open business transactions for breeding or market livestock take place prior to the EXPO auction on Saturday afternoon, with the exception of dairy goats. "For Sale" signs for small stock animals that were not sold in the auction are permitted, after the conclusion of the EXPO auction on Saturday afternoon. Youth Exhibitors found to be in violation of these rules will not be permitted to exhibit or sell livestock in the next year's EXPO.

No small stock animals can leave the EXPO grounds until 7:00 pm on Saturday, except for those purchased at the auction, and with permission of the small stock Superintendent. All small stock private treaty sales must have the Youth Exhibitor present in order to release animals.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXPO AUCTION:

1. Sellers will be in correct show dress as set forth in the rules governing the exhibition of that market species.
2. Sellers missing their assigned sale position, shall be pulled from the sale order, then reinserted at the end of that ribbon group. If the seller or animal is deemed to still not be within standards, they may be moved to the end of the sale order or may be excluded from the sale. The final decision will rest with the EXPO Board President and his/her committee.
3. NO exhibitor shall solicit a buyer or group EXPRESSLY for an individual's project. Invitation to participate in the EXPO auction shall be broad based. Any person found in violation, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the EXPO Board. These guidelines are set forth in the spirit of maintaining our high-quality sale, while encouraging a pride and professionalism in our youth.

AUCTION SALE ORDER: The EXPO auction will combine small and large animals, all animals except beef will be sold on a per head basis and alternated by species. Beef will be sold by the pound. Species will be rotated in the following order for 2024: Waterfowl, Cavy, Hog, Rabbit, Pygmy goat, Meat Goat, Beef, Poultry, Landfowl, Lamb. Champions will sell first, then proceed with the blue ribbon animals continuing with the rotation until all animals are sold. Actual placings will be listed on the sale order.

EXPO YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION PROCEDURES:

1. A five percent (5%) commission will be deducted from both the purchase price of the animal and the Add-ons.
2. Add-ons must be received by September 30, 2024.
3. All Youth Exhibitors are expected to send a Thank you note to their buyer(s) and donors. Notes must be hand-written by the Exhibitor and mailed by November 15, 2024. A copy of Thank you notes, and indication that all notes are completed by the Youth Exhibitor, must be sent to the EXPO Board (seazexpo@yahoo.com). The EXPO Treasurer will not send a check to a Youth Exhibitor until they have received payment from the buyer(s) and have received confirmation that a copy of the Thank you notes are completed. The list will be updated weekly.
4. Youth Exhibitors are encouraged to cash checks as soon as possible; checks are void after 90 days. Premium checks will NOT be issued or re-issued after December 31, 2024.

CARCASS SHOW DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Shaun Thompson 520-400-8515

Market livestock rules also apply to carcass animals unless specified differently below. The objective of this Carcass Contest is to promote the raising of beef, sheep, swine and goats that will economically yield superior carcasses, and to provide education regarding carcass merit. Carcasses will be evaluated and placed on the basis of quality and cutability. Animals entered in the carcass context cannot be entered in the market contest unless the animal does not make weight.

Carcass animals will be judged live on Sunday, August 27, 2024. Animals will be dropped at the Willcox Packing House located at 3266 N Fort Grant Road.

Youth Exhibitors **MUST** be present at both the live judging and at carcass results, otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified. Animals must be halter broken, must be led from the hauling trailer to the scale and to the ring. Animals must be easily managed and “showable” by the exhibitor. Unruly animals will not be accepted for the show. Exhibitor must be present to show animal. Definition of showable: animal must be shown in the ring and posed, just as shown at the EXPO. The carcass Superintendent will be selected to handle determinations of unruliness. All animals will be inspected before admitting, and no diseased, insect infested, or unsightly specimens will be admitted at the Superintendent’s discretion.

Proper attire is required for the live animal evaluation, and results portion of the carcass contest. After the live judging, animals will be taken to slaughter. The Champion and Reserve Carcasses will be sold at auction by the head. Lambs must be shown slick sheared. Shearing shall take place no more than three days before the contest.

CARCASS DIVISIONS:

- Carcass Hog – 250lbs (recommended) to 300lbs
- Carcass Lamb – 100lbs (recommended) to 135lbs
- Carcass Steer – 1,000lbs (recommended) to unlimited
- Carcass Goat – 80lbs (recommended) to 120lbs

Qualification for Carcass Steer of Merit

- a. Weight limits: Minimum recommended live steer weight is 1,050 lbs.
Required minimum hot carcass weight is 600 lbs.
- b. Ribeye Size: At least 1.6 sq. inches of ribeye per 100 lbs.
- c. Yield Grade: Grade not to exceed 3.9. Yield Grade = $2.5 + (2.5)(\text{fat thick. 12th rib}) + (.0038)(\text{hot carcass wt.}) + (.2)(\% \text{KPH}) - (.32)(\text{ribeye area})$
- d. Final Carcass Grade: Minimum of Select-70.
- e. Carcass steers will be placed on a value pricing system (grid system) per 100 weight. The value pricing will be calculated using USDA base prices on the day of slaughter with premiums and discounts for yield grade, quality grade and carcass weight.

Qualifications for Carcass Hog of Merit

- a. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live hog weight is 220 lbs., maximum of 300 lbs.
Required hot carcass weight 150 lbs (minimum) to 222 lbs (maximum).

- b. Carcass muscle score is to be equal to or better than the Intermediate (2.0) pictured in the 2000 “Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures.” National Pork Board.
- c. Requirements for back fat thickness at the last rib and loin muscle area will be based on values adjusted to a 150 pound hot carcass weight (approximately 220 pound live weight). These requirements are:
 - Maximum back fat thickness at last rib - 1.1. inches
 - Minimum loin muscle area at 10th rib 0 5.0 inches squared
 - Minimum average backfat thickness of .40
 - Minimum fat depth at 10th rib of 0.30 and maximum of 0.80 (0.10 will be added to the hog measurement when the animal has been skinned.)
 Adjustments of individual carcasses up to a 185-pound carcass weight are made using formulas developed from the National Swine Improvement Federation and NPCC guidelines. Per pound of hot carcass weight - Carcass length changes approximately 0.045 inches; Back fat at the last rib changes approximately 0.007 inches; and Loin muscle area changes approximately 0.016 square inches.
- d. Carcass meat quality will be subjectively evaluated for the following using the 2000 “Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures,” National Pork Board.
 - Color score: greater than 1 and less than 6
 - Firmness & wetness score: greater than 1
 - Belly at least slightly thick with a minimum of 0.6 inches of thickness at any point.
 - Abnormalities (soft, oily fat; steatosis) Carcasses failing to meet two or more of the minimum quality standards as outlined will be disqualified.
- e. Carcasses that yield less than 55.0 percent fat-free lean based in 170-pound carcass weight as determined by the following fat-free lean (FFL) equation will be disqualified:

$$[(88.307) - (.036 \times \text{HCW}) - (18.574 \times \text{10th rib fat depth}) + (3.734 \times \text{REA})] \div 170 \times 100$$
- f. Other disqualifications:
 - Cryptorchids
 - Carcass that requires more than 1% trim due to “old” bruises or infection at injection site, abnormalities cysts, abscesses, diseased joints, etc.
- g. It is preferred to have the hogs de-haired rather than skinned.
- h. The length will be measured for each carcass to provide this information to producers.
- i. It is recommended to line up at least top 5 in order of placing for review by participants
- j. Hogs meeting the above minimum standards will then be ranked on percentage muscle. The carcass judge will select and place the carcasses on overall carcass merits from among the carcasses with the highest percent muscle.

Qualifications for Carcass Lamb of Merit

- a. Weight Limits:
 - Minimum recommended live lamb weight 100 lbs, maximum of 135 lbs.
 - Required hot carcass weight 50 lbs (minimum) to 80 lbs (maximum).
 - Southdown & Cheviot breeds required hot carcass weight 40 lbs (minimum) to 70lbs (maximum).
- b. Minimum fat thickness: 0.10; Maximum fat thickness: 0.25
- c. Maximum USDA Yield Grade, 2.9. The USDA Yield Grade will be determined according to USDA (1994) grading standards. $YG = 0.4 + (10 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches})$
- d. Estimated "Percent Boneless, Closely Trimmed Retail Cuts (BCTRC)" is used to predict cutability and used in ranking. The formula for BCTRC is:

$$\%BCTRC = 49.936$$

- (0.0848 x hot carcass weight, pounds)
- (4.376 x adjusted fat thickness, 12th rib, inches)
- (3.530 x body wall thickness, inches)
- + (2.456 x ribeye area, inches²)

- e. Minimum Carcass Quality Grade: Choice-minus
- f. Carcass shall be free of serious bruises (“old”, not recent), free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts - leg, loin, rack, shoulder (neck excluded) - and free of any evidence of surgical altering of the live lamb.

Qualifications for Carcass Goat of Merit

- a. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live goat weight is 80 lbs, maximum of 120lbs. Required hot carcass weight 40lbs (minimum) to 65 lbs (maximum).
- b. Minimum Adjusted fat thickness at the 12th rib: 0.05 inches
- c. Estimated "Percent Semi-boneless Closely Trimmed Primals" (leg, sirloin, loin, rack & shoulder) (SBTP) will be calculated and considered during final evaluation:

$$\%SBTP = 60.69330$$

- (0.23174 x hot carcass weight, pounds)
- + (1.96202 x ribeye area, in²)
- (1.57832 x body wall thickness, inches)

- d. Fat thickness adjusted by .05 for each percent KP over 1%.
- e. Carcasses must show no evidence of spool joints on the fore shanks.
- f. Carcasses shall be free of serious bruises, free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts (leg, sirloin, loin, rack, and shoulder, neck excluded), and free of any evidence of surgical alteration of the live goat.

BEEF DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Shane Thompson 520-507-2602

MARKET STEER: Market steers must be on feed a minimum of 120 days before the EXPO. It is recommended that the steer should not exceed two years of age by show time and they must be dehorned. Any Beef showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, abscesses, ulcerations or abnormality will be disqualified and must be removed from the grounds.

DIVISION A - BEEF CATTLE - ANY RECOGNIZED BREED

Class #1 Market steer – minimum weight of 1,000lbs

Class #2 Commercial Calf – minimum weight of 1,000lbs

Class #3 Lowline – minimum weight of 900lbs

COMMERCIAL CALF: The Commercial Calf Class is designed to highlight local breeding programs from ranches within Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties. Calves must be Spring born steers, six months of age or older by October (400-500lbs) and be from a cow-calf ranch operation in Cochise, Greenlee or Graham County with a minimum of 80 head. Ranchers must use live cover bulls (no Artificial Insemination) and buy-in to the Commercial Calf Program prior to September 1 of the prior year. Youth Exhibitors will report to ranchers quarterly with weights and feed efficiency data, attend three Commercial Calf workshops / events throughout the year, and submit a final feed/gain report by start of the 2024 EXPO. Youth Exhibitors must meet all Enrollment deadlines, pay entry fees on time, agree to pay \$1,300 for the calf, and follow all other EXPO market livestock rules. Calves for the 2024 EXPO will be acquired in October of 2022, when they will be tagged, weighed and entry fees collected. **Entry fees are non-refundable.** Failure to complete any requirement in the Commercial Calf Class will disqualify the Youth Exhibitor from exhibiting at the 2024 EXPO. Commercial calves will be exhibited washed/cleaned and slick sheared (hair within ½”). No products, paints or implants are to be used. Commercial calves are eligible to be used for showmanship classes. Premiums and other awards will be earned. Commercial calves will compete in their own class and in the market class by weight to determine sale order. Commercial calves must meet a minimum weight of 1,000lbs, calves are expected to be market-ready and grain-fattened. Ranchers and Youth Exhibitors will be paired up by random draw, unless the calf is to be exhibited by a relative of an enrolled rancher. Commercial Calf Class participants must meet or exceed all eligibility requirements, conduct, general livestock care and auction requirements contained in this Rule Book. Commercial Calves must be sold at the EXPO Auction and calf cannot be sold or transferred. EXPO eartags are required and cannot be removed. Calves cannot be tagged for any other Fairs or EXPO's. Contact Patina Thompson at 520-507-2220 with any questions.

SWINE DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Katelyn Thompson 520-507-2032

Swine Health – Youth exhibitors should check with the Department of Agriculture Animal Services Division for the latest information at <https://agriculture.az.gov/show-swine> or by calling 602-542-4293.

MARKET HOG: Barrows or gilts may be shown in market classes. Barrows must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles or scrotum present whatsoever. Hogs shown at the EXPO should not exceed eight months of age. Oil is not to be used on hogs for the day of the auction. Oil holds in body heat and will add stress to your pig. Any swine showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, abscesses, ulcerations or abnormality will be disqualified and must be removed from the grounds. Hogs will be classified at weigh-in.

DIVISION C – MARKET SWINE - ANY RECOGNIZED BREED

Class #3 Lightweight Market

Class #4 Middleweight Market

Class #5 Heavyweight Market

LAMB DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Sandy McDonald 602-316-2915

Superintendent – JC McDonald 602-828-0582

All non-neutered exhibition sheep and goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture 1-602-542-6407.

MARKET LAMB:

All market lambs are to be slick shorn prior to weigh-in, no more than 1/4 inch from below the ear to the hock and knee. Wethers or ewes may be shown in the market classes. Lambs showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, abscesses, ulcerations or abnormality will be disqualified and must be removed from the grounds. Wethers must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles or scrotum present whatsoever. Lambs being exhibited at the EXPO in the market lamb division must still have their lamb teeth and be under one year old. An individual will be checking for teeth at weigh-in. No aerosol painting is allowed.

DIVISION E – MARKET LAMB- ANY RECOGNIZED BREED

Class #6 Market lamb – 100 lb to unlimited

Class #7 Hair lamb – 85lbs – 100lbs

MEAT GOAT DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Vacant

All non-neutered exhibition sheep and goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture 1-602-542-6407.

MARKET GOAT: Meat Goat Breeds include: Boer, Spanish, Tennessee Meat Goat, Kiko and their crosses. Only animal approved products can be applied to animals. Goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, abscesses, ulcerations or abnormality will be disqualified and must be removed from the grounds. Youth Exhibitors will be allowed to use collars or chains in the show ring. No pinch collars. Pinch collars are intended as a training tool only. Wethers or does may be shown in the market classes. Wethers must scalpel castrated so that there are no testicles or scrotum present whatsoever. Goats need not be purebred. At the time of weigh-in, goats must be slick shorn above the hocks and knees with hair not exceeding a length of 3/8 inch. All Market goats may be polled, disbudded or dehorned. No dehorning will be allowed on the show premises. Market goats must have their milk teeth. They should not exceed one year of age. It is recommended that the market goats be 5-8 months of age.

DIVISION G – MARKET MEAT GOAT - ANY RECOGNIZED BREED

Class #7 Market Goat - 70lbs to unlimited

DAIRY GOAT DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Tina Mascarenas 520-253-0005

All non-neutered exhibition sheep and goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. Tattoos are acceptable identification for dairy goats and will comply with AZ Department of Ag scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture 1-602-542-6407. Any breed recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association, or dairy goat crosses can be shown. Goats must be disbudded or dehorned (small scurs acceptable). Classes will be shown in dairy whites. Classes are open to does and wethers of any age. Both are to be penned at the EXPO for the entire time. NOTE: When entering the ring, exhibitors are expected to know the goat's age and the date of last freshening, if applicable. Dairy bucks will not be shown. Goats must be show clip ready. Dairy goats may be sold private treaty during the EXPO and are eligible for Add-Ons. All dairy goats must be milked out between 6 and 7 pm the evening before the dairy goat show. Classes may be combined at judge's discretion.

DIVISION I - DAIRY GOATS – ANY RECOGNIZED BREED

The following classes apply to all dairy goats with age determined by date of show, September 7, 2024:

Class #8 Kid - under 1 year old, never freshened

Class #9 Yearling - 1 year old but under 2 years old, never freshened

Class #19 Junior Doe - 2 years old and older, never freshened

Class #11 Milker - under 3 years old, and in milk

Class #12 Mature Milker - 3 years old but under 6 years old, and in milk

Class #13 Aged Doe - 6 years old and older, in milk

Class #14 Dry Doe - any age, has freshened at least once, not in milk

Class #15 Wethers - any age

GENERAL SMALL STOCK DIVISION RULES:

Superintendent – Jena Thompson 520-471-3652

Superintendent – Annette Segovia 520-732-6322

These small stock division rules apply to all small stock. All small stock must be on the grounds by 9 am on Thursday of the start of EXPO. Refer to the schedule on page 3. Early check-in for all species will start at 5pm on the Wednesday start of EXPO. The Youth Exhibitor must be present at the time of check-in. Small stock species categories for the 2024 EXPO are; pygmy, rabbit, cavy, poultry, waterfowl and landfowl.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: Youth Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project area they intend to exhibit at the EXPO by **April 1**. The maximum number of entries per species is 10 entries (a pen of 3 is 1 entry).

ENTRY DEADLINE AND FEES: All small stock exhibits must be entered and paid for no later than July 15. No exceptions or late fees. Entry fees for small stock are \$4 per animal entry and are **non-refundable**. Fees are to be made payable to Southeastern Arizona Livestock Expo, P.O. Box 814, Willcox, AZ 85644.

OWNERSHIP DEADLINES: Animals shown at the EXPO must be in the ownership of the exhibitor showing the animal by July 11 of that year. If the animal was born or hatched after July 11, then the exhibitor must have had the animal(s) dam in their ownership by July 11. Deadline for ownership for poultry and rabbit meat pens is July 25. In the case of a hardship (loss of animal) between July 11th and September 1st, a hardship form must be submitted to the EXPO Board for approval to replace the animal. Only one hardship per species will be considered. A copy of the completed form must be submitted to the EXPO Secretary. Form is available online at <https://www.championsaz.org>. No hardships will be considered or animals replaced after September 1st.

GENERAL CARE: If you have multiple animals to be shown at the same time, you will need to have multiple people to assist you with your animals. If the Youth Exhibitor cannot be there, they must make arrangements for an alternate individual(s) to be there. The exhibitor or alternate will be required to carry the exhibits to and from the judging table. Superintendents will not carry the animals to the tables. If the exhibitor or alternate is not present, the exhibit will not be judged and therefore, ineligible to sell in the auction.

JUDGING: All exhibits will be judged under a modified Danish system. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merit against a recognized standard and awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon. The judge may award as many blues, red, or whites as the exhibits merit. Champion or Reserve Champion awards may be made from among the blue-ribbon exhibits. The top five exhibits in a class will be selected and ranked 1st through 5th and awarded premiums based on their placing. Must be a blue or red ribbon to be eligible for premium placing. Exhibitors having no competition in a class or section will be awarded premiums based on the exhibit's individual merit. All market livestock will be placed in rank order by ribbon group to assist with placing in the sale order.

JUDGES DECISIONS: The decision of judges in all events shall be final in all cases, except

where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make the decision, or with his/her approval, the matter may be referred to the EXPO Board, from whose decision there is no appeal. No exhibitor or person will be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with judge(s) during their adjudication, or to offer any criticism of an exhibit or another exhibitor; and any exhibitor or person who shall attempt to interfere with them in any manner, whether verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded immediately from the ring and from competition. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor has, in any ungentlemanly and public manner, taken exception to the findings of the judge(s), the Superintendent may exclude said exhibitor or person so offending from competing for a premium or exhibiting on the grounds.

FEED AND WATER: Youth Exhibitors are responsible for providing food and water containers for their small stock animals.

GENERAL HEALTH: All small stock will be inspected before admitting, and no diseased, insect-infested, or unsightly specimens will be admitted at the small stock superintendent's discretion; if insects have been detected on bird(s) they may only be brought back into the barn for inspection once after being dusted, if insects are still present on the animal(s) they will not be admitted into the barn for the remainder of the EXPO. The Superintendent will remove diseased or unsightly animals from the small stock barn during the EXPO.

SMALL STOCK BREED JUDGING: All poultry, waterfowl and turkeys will be judged in their cages in the barn and not carried to the table. Notable comments will be made on the cage tag and the judge will be available for questions at the completion of judging.

Animal abuse, in any manner, on the premises **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Any person(s) doing so will forfeit premiums at the discretion of the Superintendent and will leave.

RABBIT DIVISION RULES

Rabbits must be legibly tattooed in left ear. No nursing bunnies or those due to birth will be admitted into the barn. Make sure to know the sex of your animal when submitting your entry. Classes may not be changed after the official entry deadline on animals over the age of 6 months. Cages should be kept clean at all times. All rabbits will be carried to the breed show tables for judging and will be shown by breed and variety.

MEAT PENS: Rabbit meat pens will consist of three (3) rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Entries must be tattooed, and tattoos recorded on entry form. Age limit will be a minimum of 6 weeks but not over 10 weeks. There is a weight limit of not over 5 lbs. per rabbit. Rabbits are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities.

DIVISION K – RABBITS

The following classes apply to all rabbits:

Class #16 Senior Buck, over 6 months

Class #17 Senior Doe, over 6 months

Class #18 Junior Buck, under 6 months

Class #19 Junior Doe, under 6 months

CAVY DIVISION RULES

Cavies must have a monel metal (a corrosion resistant alloy metal) ear tag (size 001 or 003) permanently placed in the left ear. No nursing cavies or those due to birth will be admitted into the EXPO. The ear tags and variety of the animals must match the EXPO entry form, or they will not be eligible for exhibition. Make sure to know the sex of your animal when submitting your entry. Classes may not be changed after the official entry deadline on animals over the age of 6 months. All cavies will be carried to the breed show tables for judging and will be shown by breed and variety.

DIVISION K – CAVY

The following classes apply to all cavies:

Class #20 Senior boar, over 4 months, 30 oz. or more

Class #21 Senior sow, over 4 months, 30 oz. or more

Class #22 Junior boar, up to 4 months, max weight 22 oz.

Class #23 Junior sow, up to 4 months, max weight 22 oz.

POULTRY / WATERFOWL / LANDFOWL DIVISION RULES

The American Standard of Perfection, published by the American Poultry Association, will be used as a reference for purebred varieties of standard poultry and bantam breeds. Judging will commence at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 10. All birds must be identified by easily readable, numbered leg bands attached by the owner. These bands should be of sturdy plastic or metal. Leg band numbers are to be on entry blanks for each bird. Birds exhibited in trios may not compete for single prizes, and birds exhibited singly may not compete for trio prizes, but all birds are eligible for Championship Award. Many varieties of poultry have both large and bantam subdivisions. Be sure to state whether large or bantam on your entry blank.

POULTRY MEAT PENS: Raise three (3) live chicks from day-old chicks to 6 to 10 weeks old. Entries must be leg banded and number recorded on entry form. Fryers must weigh 3 ½ to 5 lbs. each, broilers 5 to 8 lbs. each, and roasters 8 to 10 lbs. each. Birds within the pen must weigh no less or more than the amount specified. If any bird is under or over minimum and maximum weights the pen will be disqualified. The heaviest weight bird determines the class. Birds are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities. Birds will be divided into sub-classes upon check in. Mixed breeds are not eligible for champion classes or the auction. Birds exhibited in a trio or pen may not be exhibited both individually and as a trio or pen. In the case of loss of an animal after entry the remainder may be shown individually. Notify the EXPO Board within 24 hours. Champion and Reserve hen or rooster cannot be taken from a trio. Breeds must be indicated on entry form.

DIVISION L – POULTRY

The following classes apply to all poultry:

Class #24 Cock, Male bird, over 1 year

Class #25 Hen, female bird, over 1 year

Class #26 Cockerel, under 1 year

Class #27 Pullet, under 1 year

Class #28 Old trio, one male, two females, same variety, over 1 year
Class #29 Young trio, one male, two females, same variety, under 1 year

COMMERCIAL POULTRY

The following classes apply to all commercial poultry:

Class #30 Laying hen, whether purebred, mixed or crossbred
Class #31 Lay trio, any trio of laying hens whether purebred, mixed or crossbred.

DIVISION M – WATERFOWL – DUCKS

The following classes apply to all ducks:

Class #32 Young drake, under 1 year
Class #33 Young duck, under 1 year
Class #34 Old drake, over 1 year
Class #35 Old duck, over 1 year

DIVISION N - WATERFOWL – GEESE

The following classes apply to all geese:

Class #36 Young gander, under 1 year
Class #37 Young goose, under 1 year
Class #38 Old gander, over 1 year
Class #39 Old goose, over 1 year

DIVISION O – LANDFOWL - TURKEY

The following classes apply to all turkeys:

Class #40 Young tom, under 1 year
Class #41 Young hen, under 1 year
Class #42 Old tom, over 1 year
Class #43 Old hen, over 1 year

PYGMY GOAT DIVISION RULES

Open to does and wethers. Must be dehorned and show ready. Up to one pygmy goat may be sold in the EXPO auction that has received a Champion, red or blue ribbon. No private treaty sales of pygmy goats are allowed during the EXPO.

DIVISION J - PYGMY GOATS - ANY RECOGNIZED BREED

The following classes apply to all pygmy goats:

Class #44 Pygmy Goat wether
Class #45 Pygmy Goat doe

EXHIBITOR ETHICS

THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF PRACTICE: I believe that my participation in the Junior Livestock program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skill as a feeder and fitter of livestock. I will do my own work and only accept advice and support from others. I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animals. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when fitting them for show. I also will not allow my parents, my leader/advisor, or any other adult to employ such practices. I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and leader/advisor of my project animal not break the rules or make exceptions on my behalf. I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer -good and bad- and how to live with the outcomes. I realize I am responsible for: the proper care and treatment of my animals, the production of wholesome food, and the development of sound moral character in myself and others.

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS): Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of policies for all Youth Exhibitors and all junior livestock in competitive events:

- 1.** All exhibitors must present, upon request of livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2.** Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide acceptable proof of ownership and origin, upon request by livestock show officials.
- 3.** Youth Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at livestock shows.
- 4.** Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event which culminates with the animal

entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. Animals receiving performance-enhancing drugs (i.e. including, but not limited to, anabolic steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) are ineligible to show.

7. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, EXPO or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

10. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read this IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and

penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

JUDGES DECISIONS: The decision of judges in all events shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make the decision, or with his/her approval, the matter may be referred to the EXPO Board, from whose decision there is no appeal. No exhibitor or person will be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with judge(s) during their adjudication, or to offer any criticism of an exhibit or another exhibitor; and any exhibitor or person who shall attempt to interfere with them in any manner, whether verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded immediately from the ring and from competition. If it is ascertained that any exhibitor has, in any ungentlemanly and public manner, taken exception to the findings of the judge(s), the Superintendent may exclude said exhibitor or person so offending from competing for a premium or exhibiting on the grounds.

DRUG TESTING:

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the EXPO. The Statement is as follows:

- * The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA, is a violation of federal law.
- * Food animals must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.
- * Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.
- * Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.
- * Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation. Drug withdrawal periods must be completed prior to arrival at the show.

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES:

1. Champion Testing: Grand, Reserve, and Bred & Fed Champions *may be tested* at the discretion of the EXPO Board and Superintendents. If tested, the veterinarian, Youth Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian must be present and sign the sealed sample along with the veterinarian. If the animal has previously been selected and tested, it will be the Veterinarian/Tester's option to collect an additional sample.
2. The veterinarian/tester will be in charge of their own protocol for collecting and handling samples and will be the veterinarian/tester's option if the sample is urine and/or blood.
3. The EXPO Board and Superintendents reserve the right to do testing on any animal entered in the EXPO for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives.
4. Test samples must be free of any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There can be **no** presence of any performance-based drugs and/or derivatives thereof in test samples.
5. Animals that test positive for an unapproved foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals,

feed additives, performance-based drugs or derivatives of any of these substances will be disqualified and ineligible for premiums or sale proceeds and the youth exhibitor will forfeit any awards. If an animal is disqualified, changes will not be made to the placings of other animals. The disqualified animal's carcass will be disposed of and the person owning the animal will be responsible for the expense of drug testing, including lab and collection fees.

6. The owner of the disqualified animal, their 4-H leader, FFA Advisor and his/her immediate family members may be reported to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database. If an individual is twice found to be in violation of these rules, the individual(s) responsible for the action causing disqualification will be barred from participating in any future EXPO Junior Livestock Shows.
7. If residues from foreign substances, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, are found in the carcass tissue of an animal sold through the EXPO, the Champions for Youth doing business as Southeastern Arizona Livestock EXPO will NOT be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale price of the animal.

