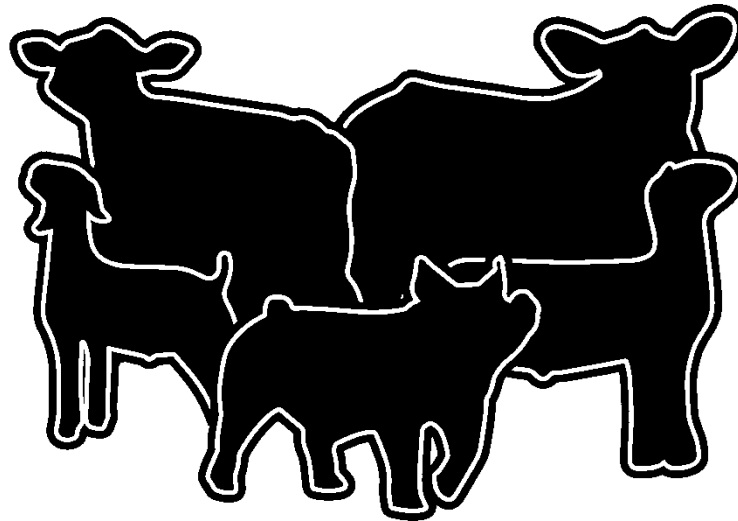




# 2026 - 2027

## Georgia 4-H and FFA State Livestock Shows

### RULES AND REGULATIONS



**October 7-11, 2026**  
**Market Lambs, Market Goats**

**February 17-20, 2027**  
**Market Hogs, Breeding Heifers, Market Beef, Dairy Heifers, Breeding Ewes, Breeding Does**

#### **Mission/Vision Statement**

*The Georgia 4-H and FFA youth livestock program provides opportunities to develop life skills and enhance knowledge in an ethical manner.*

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## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Market Lamb, Market Goat, Breeding Ewe, Market Hog, Breeding Ewe, Breeding Doe, Dairy Heifer, Breeding Heifer, Prospect and Market Beef Shows

1. All exhibitors must be Georgia 4-H or FFA members and must meet state requirements and local school, chapter or club regulations.
2. The State Junior Livestock Shows are open to 4-H and FFA members who pre-entered and registered their animal with their local county agent or agricultural education teacher by the specific entry deadline.
3. Age Requirements
  - a. State Market Beef, Heifer, and Commercial Dairy Heifer Shows - An exhibitor must be in the 4th grade or older on September 1, 2026 and cannot have completed high school.
  - b. State Market Hog – An exhibitor must be in the 3rd grade or older on September 1, 2026 and cannot have completed high school.
  - c. State Market Lamb, Market Goat, Breeding Ewe and Breeding Doe Shows – An exhibitor must be in the 1st grade or older on September 1, 2026 and cannot have completed high school.
4. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from the time of entry until show day. **THE ANIMAL CANNOT BE SHOWN IN ANY SHOW OR PLACE IN ANY OTHER NAME OTHER THAN THE EXHIBITOR'S FROM TIME OF ENTRY TO DATE OF SHOW.**
5. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal unless the exhibitor has more than one in the same class or permission is given by the chairmen of the show. (Dairy exhibitors please refer to rule 13 under the Commercial Dairy rules.) All substitute show persons must be 4-H or FFA members and must be approved by the show chairmen. No one other than exhibitors or show officials are allowed in the ring during the show except during group classes such as county groups and breeder's groups.
6. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must show his/her own animal in the showmanship classes.
  - a. Exhibitors' animals that are eliminated from the show due to any reason are not eligible to be shown in showmanship. If the exhibitor has another animal entered in that show that is eligible, the exhibitor is required to show the eligible animal in showmanship.
  - b. Exhibitors in showmanship will not be allowed to change their animal once the showmanship class starts. Animals cannot be changed between qualifying within a heat and the final drive.

7. All decisions made by the executive committee for each show regarding rules and regulations will be final. Once an animal is disqualified from the show, that animal will not be allowed back into the check-in area.
8. All animal projects will be shown at the owner's risk. Each exhibitor must assume liability in case of death or injury to their livestock. Replacing sick, injured or dead animals after the entry deadline is not allowed.
9. Any animal exhibiting signs of an infectious or contagious disease/condition/sickness (confirmed by an on-site, designated veterinary individual) must be removed from the barn (and tie-out area) and will be removed from all competitive classes.
10. Loss of official ear tag must be reported to the office of State Show Manager within 7 days. Hogs, steers, market heifers, commercial beef heifers, dairy heifers, market goats, commercial does, commercial breeding ewes and market lambs must have an official ear tag to check in to the show.
11. Tattoos must be readable and conform with tattoo listed on official entry cards and registration papers. Registered breeding animals must have the original registration papers with the animal registered in the exhibitor's name at check-in.
12. Exhibitors must keep their occupied area neat and attractive in appearance. This will prove a strong factor in impressing each individual exhibit upon the minds of visitors. Ribbons won at this, and other shows may be used to decorate the quarters. No commercial or farm signs may be displayed in the stalling area during the Junior Show.
13. There will be no reweighs once the lambs, goats, steers, beef heifers, or dairy heifers leave the scale area. All exhibitors questioning weights should voice concern at the time the animal weight is announced. When weights are declared, the show committee may reweigh animals that are questionable in regard to minimum weight.
14. All first, second, and third place class winning entries must compete for Division Championships where applicable. All Division Champions (or class winners where applicable) must compete for Grand or Reserve Champion. All breed champions must compete for Championship competition respectively.
15. No dogs or other pets are allowed on the fairgrounds except service dogs during Junior Show. Any dog/pet found in the livestock barns or show arena will be subject to removal by Agricenter Security or Animal Control, and the exhibitor may be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums.
16. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds during Junior Shows.
17. No camping or overnight sleeping is allowed in barns or tieouts during Junior Shows.

18. County group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Breeders are groups of three animals bred by the same breeder. Breeders must be from Georgia. Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups. See individual species rules for more information. No more than two county groups from a county.
19. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
20. RULES COMPLIANCE - Anyone failing to comply with any rules of the State Junior Livestock Show will forfeit any prize money and trophies and the right to show at future State Shows. (For more specifics see #21 Violations)

## 21. VIOLATIONS

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

**PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the show management.

- i. Forfeiture of prize money;
  - ii. Forfeiture of sale money;
  - iii. Forfeiture of titles, trophies and awards;
  - iv. Banned from future livestock competition at the Georgia National Fair and Georgia Junior National Stock Show.
  - v. Subject to investigation by federal, state, and local authorities for criminal prosecution.
  - vi. Violation of these rules may result in disqualification from other 4-H and/or FFA activities.
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- a. Failure to properly enter all species on dates assigned to a particular show according to official rules and regulations of that show.
  - b. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
  - c. Swapping (exchanging) any animal after it is officially entered (according to entry deadline) as rules apply to that particular show.
  - d. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body or hide other than surgical dehorning.
  - e. Insertion of foreign material under the skin other than registered approved growth implants.
  - f. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
  - g. Minimizing the effect of unsoundness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants, or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
  - h. Interfering with the judge, exhibitors, classifiers, breed committees, grievance committees, weigh committees and other show officials or other conduct detrimental to the show.

- i. Failure to properly care for animals while at the show grounds. (Proper care includes feeding, bedding, and handling deemed appropriate by show species committee and veterinarian, if needed.)
- j. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.
- k. Failure to comply with Policy on Drug Use and Testing.

**22. Late Grievance Process:** In the event an animal is not entered by the specie-specific online entry deadline, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher may submit a written appeal to the grievance committee within 14 days following the entry deadline. Appeals can be only submitted by the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher of the exhibitor. A written appeal (email preferred) must be submitted to State Show Manager within 14 days of the entry deadline. **NO LATE ENTRY APPEALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 14 DAYS.** Submission of appeals does not guarantee acceptance.

**23. Protests:** Any protests against eligibility or adherence to these rules and regulations must be filed as a written, signed statement with the show chairman accompanied by a \$50.00 cash deposit. If the protest is not sustained by the grievance committee the deposit shall be forfeited to the Junior Livestock Show. Protests will be accepted from 4-H or FFA exhibitors, county agents or agricultural education teachers only. Protest must be filed by 5:00 pm on the Monday following the show. (Exception: protests concerning registration of commercial dairy heifers must be filed on or before January 3 following the show.)

**24. Grievance Process:**

1. ONLY 4-H or FFA exhibitors, county agents or agricultural education teachers may submit a grievance.
2. Each species Grievance Committee consists of four members which will be equally represented by Extension and Agricultural Education: two Extension members and two Agricultural Education members.
3. The two show superintendents (one from Extension and one from Agricultural Education) will serve on the grievance committee, in addition, two other members will be appointed each year by the State 4-H Leader and the State Agricultural Education Director.
4. Each species grievance committee will review and make decisions regarding grievances (protests) before, during and after the show. All grievances (protests) must be made in writing along with the grievance fee by 5:00 pm on the Monday following the show.

**Appeal of Grievance Committee Decision:**

1. In the event the student, teacher or agent does not agree with the decision of the grievance committee, an appeal can be made to the Master Grievance Committee.
2. The Master Grievance Committee will equally consist of Extension and Agricultural Education superintendents with a representative from each of the Species Grievance Committees. The appeal must be made in writing at the show by 5:00 pm on the Monday following the show.
3. The decision of the Master Grievance Committee is final.

## Policy on Drug Use and Testing

Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules, the term “drug” shall mean any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of any animal. The use of any diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood, milk, tissue and/or urine samples for analysis. Any animal entered is subject to testing.

The administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally for the treatment of a disease or injury must be done in accordance with regulations established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Any animal exhibited in a market or breeding class being treated with a prescription or over-the-counter medication (**the use of any diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited**) that has not completed its recommended withdrawal time must be accompanied by an original, complete veterinary prescription. This prescription must be provided to management upon request at any time during the show and will be required at the time of residue testing if that animal is selected. The prescribed medication(s) must be approved for the use on the treated animal.

The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of the animal(s) exhibited, regardless of the acts of a third party. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival on the show grounds.

Should testing and inspection procedures show the presence of a foreign substance or drug that exceed established tolerance levels, is not medically necessary, is deemed to provide a competitive advantage, or is not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor’s family or any other person shown to have had care, custody, or attendance of the animal in any way, at the discretion of show management, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in these rules.

When testing and inspection procedures identify a positive sample, the exhibitor will be provided with the opportunity to send the second sample (if available) to a laboratory of their choice and at their own expense. In addition, the exhibitor will be provided with the opportunity to submit a written appeal to the Residue Review Committee.

Following investigation by the appropriate agencies, the exhibitor is subject to the following penalties at the discretion of show management:

- The animal in question will be disqualified from the show and will be banned from competing at any future Georgia Junior National Livestock and Georgia National Fair Shows.
- The exhibitor may be banned from competing at future livestock competitions for all species at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) from rule infraction.
- After twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) suspension has been completed, the exhibitor may then be placed on probation for twenty-four (24) months or two show years (whichever is greater). During this probation period, management reserves the right to residue test any/all entries of the individual on probation that are entered at either the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and/or the Georgia National Fair. The exhibitor is responsible for full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples. Residue tests will be sent to a laboratory of show management's choice.

If, at any time following the first ban, any market animal shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any residues, the exhibitor may be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.

If, at any time following the first ban, any breeding animal shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any unapproved drugs, prohibited drugs or drugs that are not under the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor may be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.

Every exhibitor that participates in any of the Georgia 4-H and Georgia FFA State Livestock Shows and Georgia National Fair are subject to residue testing.

Refusal to submit animals for testing or cooperate in completion of minimum testing requirements will result in disqualification and subject the exhibitor to the same penalties provided for exhibitors whose animals test positive for drugs.

*This policy was made in partnership between the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, Georgia FFA, Georgia 4-H, and the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science Department.*

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK IN GEORGIA

*Note: These rules were current as of May 1, 2026. State Health Regulations are under review and may change before the show. Check Georgia Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Webpage (<http://agr.georgia.gov/animal-health.aspx>) for current intrastate health requirements.*

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

All livestock exhibitions must apply to the Department of Agriculture for an exhibition permit. The management of the exhibition is responsible for obtaining the permit. For information call (404) 656-366. Equine exhibitions/shows are exempt from obtaining an exhibition permit; however, equine on the premise must comply with equine health requirements.

- No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.
- A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.
- An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.
- No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.
- Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. Failure to remove suspect animals from the show facility will result in disqualification of all the exhibitors' entries.

### **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS:**

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exceptions will be the following:

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (or less if specified by show management).
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued by a veterinarian and must be updated and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent, or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate:

**“To the best of my knowledge, the flock of origin and the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”**

Identification requirements are outlined below.

3. Market swine and market cattle will not require a certificate of veterinarian inspection or any testing provided no breeding livestock are on the exhibition premises. Sexually intact market lambs and market goats will require a certificate of veterinary inspection and official individual identification as outlined in the section below entitled “Farm Animal Livestock Requirements”. Market sheep and market goat wethers are not required to be officially identified for exhibition but are required to have an owner applied ear tag to be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. In addition, all market animals must either be consigned directly to slaughter with no animals from the show grounds returning to a farm or be consigned to another market show with confinement at the original show facility until movement. If market animals will be returning to a farm or if show management requires such, all animals on the show grounds must have proper certificates of veterinary inspection and must satisfy the appropriate test and identification requirements described below in the section “Farm Animal Livestock Requirements”.
4. Georgia equine participating in Georgia equine shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete equine requirements described below.)
5. Animals affected with or suspected of having an infectious or contagious disease will be removed from the show facility. Failure to remove or to return affected animals to the barn will disqualify all the exhibitor’s entries.

## FARM ANIMAL LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

### I. Georgia Cattle (Intrastate Movement)

- a. Brucellosis: Georgia cattle moving within the state have no brucellosis test requirements.
- b. Trichomoniasis: Georgia bulls moving within the state have no Trichomoniasis test requirements.
- c. Tuberculosis: Georgia cattle moving within the state have no tuberculosis test requirements.

### II. OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Brucellosis:
  - i. No brucellosis test is required from cattle entering Georgia from Brucellosis Free States that have been Free for more than 24 months.
  - ii. Cattle coming from Idaho, Montana and Wyoming Designated Brucellosis Surveillance Areas must be tested negative for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry if 18 months of age or older unless the animal(s) originate from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd. If so, herd number and date of last complete herd test must be recorded on the CVI. Animals coming from these states must have an entry permit from the Department of Agriculture {call (404) 656-3667 – Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm}.
- b. Tuberculosis:
  - i. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for tuberculosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin – call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations)
  - ii. No tuberculosis test is required for BEEF animals entering Georgia from Tuberculosis Free States.

- iii. ALL Dairy cattle require a negative tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry if six (6) months of age or older regardless of the status of the state.
  - iv. Beef cattle entering Georgia from Designated Tuberculosis Surveillance Areas must have a negative tuberculosis test within sixty (60) days prior to entry if six (6) months of age or older.
- c. Trichomoniasis – Bulls from ALL states – Beef or Dairy Breeds
- i. All virgin and non-virgin bulls 18 months of age and older entering Georgia must be tested negative for Trichomoniasis within thirty (30) days prior to entry. Bulls may be tested by 3 negative official cultures collected at least 7 days apart or one official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. Bulls must not have contact with female cattle between the test and importation into Georgia. Bulls comingled with cows after testing are required to be retested as outlined above. All bulls must be identified with a USDA approved ear tag, registry brand, or registry tattoo. The collect of samples must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian and animals must be identified on an official test chart.
  - ii. The State Veterinarian may exempt certain bulls from Trichomoniasis test requirements when it is determined that such animals do not pose a risk for introduction of Trichomoniasis into Georgia.
  - iii. The following bulls are exempt from Trichomoniasis testing prior to entering Georgia:
    - 1. Exhibition and rodeo bulls that are temporally in the state for an event with no comingling of female cattle and will be leaving immediately after the event.
    - 2. Bulls going directly to slaughter or being sold to go directly to slaughter.
    - 3. Bulls being transported through Georgia in interstate commerce and not offloaded and comingled with female cattle.
    - 4. Virgin bulls under 18 months of age, as determined by breed registry records or the absence of permanent central incisor teeth in ware, which must be accompanied by a breeder's certificate signed by the owner, owner's representative, or an accredited veterinarian. The breeder's certificate must include the animal's age, official identification, and a statement that the bull(s) has not comingled with female cattle.

### III. Swine

#### a. Georgia Swine

- i. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:
  - 1. Swine originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

#### b. Market Swine

- i. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- ii. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification

number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

- iii. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the “Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions” section described above.

c. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as “Georgia Swine” requirements above.

d. Any exhibition of out-of-state swine must have an entry permit number from the Department of Agriculture. Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30pm or visit <https://forms.agr.georgia.gov/SBPermits/Permits.aspx>

#### IV. Sheep

a. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with a USDA scrapie ear tag or other USDA approved individual animal identification. Wethers are required to be individually identified with an official scrapie ear tag or an unofficial farm ear tag. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: ***“To the best of my knowledge, the flock of origin and the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of foot rot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”***

b. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

c. Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

#### V. Goats

a. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with a USDA scrapie ear tag or other USDA approved individual animal identification including breed registry tattoo. Wethers are required to be individually identified with an official scrapie ear tag or an unofficial farm ear tag. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: ***“To the best of my knowledge, the flock of origin and the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of foot rot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease.”***

- b. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.
- c. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

VI. Exotic Animals and Non-Traditional Livestock

- d. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.
- e. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.
- f. All antelope entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag and an entry permit number must be obtained by contacting the Animal Health Section in Atlanta, Georgia at (404) 656-3667. All antelope six (6) months of age and older must test negative to an official brucellosis test within thirty (30) days prior to entry and test negative to a single cervical tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days prior to entry.
- g. All other cloven hoofed *bovidae* including bison, water buffalo, and exotic cattle breeds must meet the same interstate movement health requirements as domestic cattle to enter Georgia.

VII. Cervidae (Deer, Elk, Moose, Caribou, and Reindeer)

Georgia no longer allows the importation of Cervidae into the state.

VIII. EQUINE REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Equine exhibited must have a negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test within the past 12 months. The original EIA test form, a legible photocopy of that form, or a color digital test form must accompany the animal. Nursing foals less than 5 months of age traveling with their dam which has a current negative test for EIA will be exempt from the test requirement. Nursing foals are the only exception to the EIA test requirements. AGID & ELISA test accepted.
- b. Georgia equine do not require a certificate of veterinary inspection.
- c. Out-of-state equine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry and must meet Georgia import requirements for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the EIA test results, testing lab name and address and accession number. (No entry permit is required on equine).

- d. Accepted forms of the EIA test records are the original EIA chart (yellow) or a legible photocopy of that form or a digital EIA test form that must be in color (this form has actual pictures of the horse). Black and white digital EIA forms are not acceptable.

For complete and current regulations, call (404) 656-3667.

2026 STATE MARKET LAMB AND MARKET GOAT SHOWS  
October 7-11, 2026  
Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter Perry, GA

**Wednesday, October 7, 2026**

4:00 p.m.                      Barns open for goats, sheep & cattle (tack & livestock)  
10:00 p.m.                     Barns close

**Thursday, October 8, 2026**

8:00 a.m.                      Barn opens for goats (early arrival for sheep available)  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.      Market Goat weigh-in - New South Arena  
                                      GNF Wether Dam Breeding Ewe Check-in - Swine/Sheep #2  
2:00 p.m.                      All Market Goats must be in the barn  
5:00 p.m.                      Market Goat Showmanship (6<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> grade) – New South Arena  
                                      Master 4-H and Supreme FFA Showmanship  
8:00 p.m.                      Lamb and Ewe Barn closed, no arrivals after 8:00 pm

**Friday, October 9, 2026**

8:00 a.m.                      Barn opens for lamb and ewe arrival  
8:00 a.m.                      Market Goat Showmanship (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) – New South Arena  
                                      County Groups/Breeders Groups  
                                      Market Goat Show - Wether Classes – New South Arena (to begin 15 minutes  
                                      after the completion of showmanship and group classes)  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.      GNF Breeding Ewe check- in – Swine/Sheep #2  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.      Market Lamb weigh-in – Swine/Sheep #2  
2:00 p.m.                      All Market Lambs & Breeding Ewes must be in the barn.  
5:00 p.m.                      GNF Breeding Ewe & Junior Wether Dam Breeding Doe Show - New South  
                                      Arena


**Saturday, October 10, 2026**

8:00 a.m.                      Market Goat Show (continued with Doe Classes) - New South Arena  
Noon                             Market Lamb First Year Exhibitor Show – New South Arena  
2:00 p.m.                      Market Lamb Showmanship (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – New South Arena  
                                      Master 4-H and Supreme FFA Showmanship  
                                      County Groups/Breeders Groups

**Sunday, October 11, 2026**


9:00 a.m.                      Market Lamb Show (ewes followed by wethers) – New South Arena

**2026 STATE MARKET LAMB SHOW**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All lambs must be owned by the exhibitor and tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before August 1, 2026. If a lamb loses an ear tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager no later than seven days after the ear tag is lost.
2. Entries must be made online by the County Agent for 4-H entries or by the Agriculture Teacher for FFA entries by August 1, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by August 8, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check for all of the entries from that county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. All ewes and wethers must have a scrapie tag. Name and location of the breeder must be included on the entry form for the lamb to compete in Georgia Born. Georgia Born entries must include the scrapie tag number from the birth flock.
4. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of five (5) market lambs, regardless of sex. Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of three (3) market lambs regardless of sex. Entry fees are \$30 per market lamb for the first 3 market lambs entered and \$35 for the 4th and 5th market lamb entered. An exhibitor can bring no more than three (3) market lambs to the Georgia Junior National Market Lamb Show.
5.  Tent space will be assigned to each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter based on the number of entries per group. Tents spaces will only be allowed for 4H and FFA groups and no tents will be allowed outside of the assigned space. Tent space assignments will be completed along with penning assignments and emailed out from the office of the Show Manager.
6. Entries must be wethers or ewe lambs. No ram lambs will be allowed.
7. Ewes and wethers will be shown separately. A top 5 will be selected from the ewes and a top 5 will be selected from the wethers. Ewes WILL NOT be allowed to show in both the State 4-H and FFA Market Lamb show and the GNF Breeding Ewe Show.
8. The lamb must have an official health certificate (health paper), according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations. It is important that this requirement be met; without health papers, lambs will not be unloaded.
9. Lambs will be weighed at check-in by show officials. The weights will be recorded, and the lambs will show by those weights. No weigh cards will be used. There will be no weigh backs. The scales will only be used for weigh-in by show officials.

10. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds, EXCEPT for hair sheep. Hair sheep must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds.
11. Lambs must be housed in the barn and remain in the barn, or the interior fence located between the barns and trailers from check-in until the animal has completed showing. Housing in trailers is not allowed.
12. All lambs must be trained to show and be properly groomed.
13. Any entry may be mouthed for age and must have their milk teeth.
14. Electric prod use is prohibited.
15. Showmanship classes will be divided by grade in school. If there are more than 40 entries in one class, it may be divided into heats.
16. An exhibitor, or anyone assisting an exhibitor, is not allowed to aggressively or loudly pop, slap or strike their sheep at any time during the show. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification.
17. A minimum of ten (10) animals is required to constitute a breed classification. If there are less than ten (10) they will be shown in Other Breeds. The number of divisions for each breed will be determined by the number of entries.
18. All lambs will be classified during check-in using the following categories:
  - a. **Black Face** - This includes breeds such as Hampshire, Suffolk and their crosses
  - b. **Natural** – At least 50% of lambs fleece, excluding face and legs, must be dark fiber.
  - c. **White/Speckle Face** - This includes white face breeds and their crosses with predominately white faces and dark speckles.
  - d. **Hair** - This includes hair breeds like Katahdin and Dorper and their crosses.
  - e. **Southdown** – Lambs should be hornless and have white wool with mouse to white colored wool on the face, ears, and legs and be compact and blocky bodied.
  - f. **Other Breeds** - This includes other breeds that do not fit the above classifications.
19. Painting/altering the natural appearance/color of a lamb with any substance before check-in/classification is not permitted. Any animal that has been altered in any way will be disqualified.
20. Blankets or other covers must be removed during classification. Decisions of the classifier are final and are not subject to appeal.
21. The Show Management reserves the right to change, combine or delete classes with insufficient entries.




 22. All first, second, and third place class winning entries must compete for Division and Championship Drive competition. There will be a selection of the top five (5) ewes and top five (5) wethers. The Top Five (5) ewes and wethers will be selected from the Division Champions, Reserves, and thirds.

23. Rules for the Georgia Born division can be found on page 53.

24. There will be a County Group of five competition following showmanship. A county may enter only 2 groups. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.


25. There will be a Breeder's Group of three competition following County Groups. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups.


 26. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

### **2026 FIRST YEAR FEEDER MARKET LAMB SHOW**

1. The purpose of this show is to recognize First Year participants in the State Market Lamb Show and is intended for novice exhibitors. Each first-year feeder will be recognized. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded. Placings will be determined by lamb quality.
2. This show will be held in conjunction with the State Market Lamb Show in Perry, GA.
3. All lambs must register and meet the requirements of the State Market Lamb Show in order to qualify to show.
4. Exhibitors who show in the First Year Feeder Market Lamb Show are eligible to compete in State Market Lamb competition.
5. All exhibitors may show only one of their own lambs in this show. Lamb must be designated at weigh-in.
6. No substitute showmen will be allowed in this show.

**2026 STATE MARKET GOAT SHOW**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All market goats must be owned by the exhibitor and must be ear tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before August 1, 2026. If a market goat loses an ear tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager no later than seven days after the ear tag is lost.
2. Entries must be made online by the County Agent for 4-H entries or by the Agriculture Teacher for FFA entries by August 1, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by August 8, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check for all of the entries from that county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of five (5) market goats, regardless of sex. Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of three (3) market goats regardless of sex. Entry fees are \$30 per market goat for the first 3 market goats entered and \$35 for the 4th and 5th market goat entered. An exhibitor can bring no more than three (3) market goats to the Georgia Junior National Market Goat Show.
4. All market goats (does and wethers) must have a scrapie tag.
5.  Tent space will be assigned to each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter based on the number of entries per group. Tents spaces will only be allowed for 4H and FFA groups and no tents will be allowed outside of the assigned space. Tent space assignments will be completed along with penning assignments and emailed out from the office of the Show Manager.
6. Market goats (does and wethers) must not have hair greater than ½” in length above the hock or knee. Goats found to have hair longer than ½” above the hock or knee may be disqualified.
7. Does **WILL NOT** be allowed to show in both the State 4-H and FFA Market Goat show and the GNF Junior Wether Dam Breeding Doe Show.
8. Exhibitors are eligible from the state of Georgia only. Classes are open only to 4-H and FFA members through the 12th grade in school (plus pre-club age children in grades 1-4). Animals entered in the GNF Breeding Doe Show or the GNF Dairy Goat Show are not eligible to show in the Junior Market Goat Show. This show is open to any breed or crossbred wether or doe.
9. Market goats will be weighed by show officials. Market goats will be divided into wethers and does and shown by weight with number of market goats per class based on number of entries and at the discretion of show management. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 40 lbs. Animals not making minimum weight will be sifted from the show and returned to the exhibitor. No entry fee refunds will be given for market goats that are sifted from the show.

10. Market goats must have an official health certificate (health paper), according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations. It is important that this requirement be met; without health papers, market goats will not be unloaded.
11. Market goats must be housed in the barn from check-in to completion of showing. Housing in trailers is not allowed.
12. All market goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped. Horns not tipped at time of weigh-in will be tipped by a show official. It is recommended that market goats be disbudded early in life for exhibitor safety reasons.
13. No washing or grooming of market goats allowed outside the barn.
14. No farm or association names or logos other than 4-H & FFA will be allowed on clothing in the show ring. Only show officials and exhibitors are allowed in the show ring.
15. All first, second, and third place class winning entries must compete for Division and Championship Drive competition. There will be a selection of the top five (5) for market wethers and market does.
16. A Grand and Reserve Champion Market Doe and a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Wether will be selected. There will be a selection of the Top Five (5) Market Wethers and Top Five (5) Market Does. The top five (5) will be selected from the division champions, reserves, and thirds. The selection of the Overall Top 5 may be made by selecting three (3) from each class and three (3) from each division to move on to the next level of recognition.
17. Rules for the Georgia Born division can be found on page 53.
18. There will be a County Group of five competition following showmanship. A county may enter only 2 groups. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.
19. There will be a Breeder's Group of three competition following County Groups. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups
-  20. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

## 2027 GEORGIA NATIONAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

February 17-20, 2027

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter – Perry, GA

### Tuesday, February 16, 2027

4:00-10:00 p.m. All barns open full move in (animals and tack)

### Wednesday, February 17, 2027

8:00 a.m. All barns open

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Unloading and penning of market hogs

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pick up weight cards for hogs, check-in registered hogs

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Beef Heifer and Market Beef check-in – Sutherland Arena

4:00 p.m. Stock Show U Beef Fitting Clinic followed by Beef Fitting Contest - Practice Ring #3

4:00 p.m. All hogs, heifers, and steers must be weighed and in place

### Thursday, February 18, 2027

8:00 a.m. Swine Showmanship (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – New South Arena  
Supreme FFA and Master 4-H Showmanship

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Turn in Market Barrow weight cards – New South Arena

8:00 a.m. Cattle Showmanship (Heifer and Steer Combined) (4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades, odd grades – Ring 1, even grades – Ring 2, 2 judges) - Sutherland Arena  
Master 4-H & FFA Supreme Showmanship  
County Groups/Breeders Groups  
Beef Heifer Show (breeds will be announced after entry deadline; show will not begin before 2pm)

8:00 a.m. Stock Show U Doe Fitting Clinic followed by Doe Fitting Contest – Practice Ring #2

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Breeding Doe check-in/weigh-in – Practice ring #2

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dairy Heifer check-in (registered and commercial)/ weigh-in – Foster Rhodes Arena

2:00 p.m. Breeding Doe Showmanship (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Supreme FFA and Master 4-H Showmanship  
County Groups/Breeders Groups

4:00 p.m. Stock Show U Dairy Fitting Clinic followed by Dairy Fitting Contest – Practice Ring #3

TBA GDYF Dress-A-Cow Contest- Foster Rhodes Arena

7:30 p.m. Student Spotlight Recognition at Rodeo

**Friday, February 19, 2027**

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show (Purebreds followed by Crossbreds) – New South Arena  
Beef Heifer Show resumes – Sutherland Arena

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Turn in Market Gilt weight cards – New South Arena

8:00 a.m. Breeding Doe Show – Perdue Arena

8:00 a.m. Stock Show U Breeding Ewe Fitting Clinic followed by Ewe Fitting Contest –  
Practice Ring #2

9:00 a.m. Dairy Heifer Showmanship (4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Foster Rhodes Arena  
Master 4-H and Supreme FFA Showmanship

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Breeding Ewe check-in – Practice ring #2  
30 min after Doe Show Breeding Ewe Showmanship (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Master 4-H and Supreme FFA Showmanship  
County Groups/Breeders Groups

**Saturday, February 20, 2027**

8:00 a.m. Market Gilt Show (Purebreds followed by Crossbreds) – New South Arena

8:30 a.m. Breeding Ewe Show- Perdue Arena  
Showmanship (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) followed by breed/weight classes

8:00 a.m. First Year Market Beef Show– Sutherland Arena



10:00 a.m. Invitational Prospect Market Beef Show *followed by* Market Beef Show  
(Heifers followed by Steers)- Sutherland Arena

8:00 a.m. Dairy Heifer Show (*Registered heifers will begin at 8 followed by commercial  
heifers 15 min after the conclusion of Registered*) – Foster Rhodes Arena  
County Group of 5

**Sunday, February 21, 2027**

9:00 a.m. Georgia Bred Show Pig Association Show – New South Arena

All animals must be out at the conclusion of the show.

**2027 STATE MARKET HOG SHOW**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All hogs (purebred and commercial) must be owned by exhibitors and must be tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before December 5, 2026. If a market hog loses an ear tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of the State Show Manager no later than seven days after the ear tag is lost.
2. Entries must be made online by the County Agent for 4-H entries or by the Agriculture Teacher for FFA entries by December 5, 2026, giving official state ear tag number, description of the pig, sex, ear notch, color patterns, registration number (purebreds only), etc. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by December 12, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check for all entries from said county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Entry fees are \$30 for the first three (3) market hogs entered and \$35 for the 4th – 10th market hog entered. Exhibitors can enter up to ten (10) market hogs but will only be allowed to bring TWO (2) to the Georgia Junior National Market Hog Show.
4. Entries may be barrows or gilts. All breeds and crosses are eligible.
5. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their swine project from the time of entry until the entry has completed showing at the Junior Market Swine show. The animal cannot be shown in any show or place in any other name other than the exhibitor's name from time of entry to date of show.
6. All hogs must have ear notches recorded on the swine entry form. Pigs with no ear notches would be listed as 0-0. A clear picture of the ear notches would be acceptable in place of listing the ear notches on the entry. The ear tag AND ear notch should be visible in picture. Ear notches may be checked during the show and ear notches that do not match entries may be disqualified.
7. All registered barrows and registered gilts are required to have a registration number that is assigned by the Breed Association prior to December 5, 2026. Any barrows or gilts entered in the registered show that do not have a valid registration number entered into the online registration system by December 5, 2026 will be disqualified and ineligible to show.
  - a. All exhibitors are encouraged to bring original registration papers to check in. In place of original papers, an exhibitor can log onto the breed association website to verify registration of an animal as long as all required information is visible. Photos or copies of papers will not be accepted. Animals without proper registration information that leave registration WILL NOT be allowed to return later to check in.
8. Entries that are (1) bruised; (2) cut late; (3) unsound or lame, (4) not of show caliber, (5) show signs of stress, or (6) not matching entry form information may be disqualified. Any animal

removed from the show will be marked as an out pig and penned with animals making the show. Out pigs will not be allowed to show in showmanship.

9. Grooming: Water and oils without dyes will be the only substance permitted for coat dressing. Clipping is allowed in the barns; however restraining pigs will not be allowed. No color grooming compounds are allowed. If found, the exhibitor is subject to disqualification. No adhesives are allowed. Added hair or other material, natural or man-made, may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Pigs should be able to pass a towel wipe test if checked at any point in the showing process. Portable fitting pens must be outside the show barns.
10. This will be a NON-TERMINAL show. All animals will be required to have health papers for admission onto the Georgia National Fairgrounds. The individual counties and chapters will be responsible for making arrangements for the transportation of their animals to and from the fairgrounds.
11. A weigh back system will be used for the Market Hog show. The following procedures will be utilized.
  - a. Each exhibitor will be required to check in the pigs they are showing in the show on Wednesday between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM and will receive a weight card for each animal at that time. When the weight card is picked up, the exhibitor will be responsible for checking in for showmanship. Only exhibitors who check in will be allowed to show in showmanship.
  - b. Purebred animals will need to be brought to the check in area so that entry form information can be verified with registration papers. Ear notches must match the registration paper and entry form. Registration number must match the entry form. Any information that does not match may result in the animal being disqualified.
  - c. Exhibitors must declare a weight for each entry. Exhibitor declared weights must be between 215 and 290 pounds.
  - d. The card must have the exhibitor's signature and parent/guardian/Ag Teacher or Agent signature. Show staff reserves the right to use paper cards or an electronic alternative.
  - e. Barrow weight cards are due by 12:00 (noon) on Thursday. Once turned in, the declared weight card cannot be retrieved or changed.
  - f. Gilt weight cards are due by 12:00 (noon) on Friday. Once turned in, the declared weight card cannot be retrieved or changed.
  - g. The top three hogs, as designated by the judge, in each class will be weighed in the show ring. Entries weighed in the show ring must weigh within 15 pounds (plus or minus) of the weight declared on the weight card. If an entry weighs out, the next highest placed animal will be moved up and weighed. This process will continue until the judge's designated number of hogs weighed within 15 pounds of the

declared show weight. Each animal weighed will be weighed once (1) unless the showing official is unable to obtain a weight on the first try.

- h. The number of entries weighed within a class may be increased at the request of the judge.
  - i. Once an entry has been weighed in class, there will be no further weigh back needed for that particular entry.
12. A minimum of seven (7) purebred market hogs per breed per sex will be required to constitute a breed. Any breed that has 7 or more animals checked in will be recognized. If the minimum is not met, breeds may be combined to create "All Other Breeds". If there are not 7 animals to make up "All Other Breeds", those market barrows or market gilts will show in the Crossbred Divisions.
13. Hogs will be assigned to pens by County or Chapter group prior to the show. Pens will be assigned based on the number of pigs expected and the number of pens available. Agents and Teachers need to notify show management five (5) days prior to the show as to the number of hogs they expect to bring to the show. Counties and Chapters wishing to pen together need to notify show management at least five (5) days prior to the show. When you enter the unloading area at the show, have the health papers and hogs checked by the Department of Agriculture Inspectors and then pen your pigs. Please move trailers to the parking area as quickly as possible.
14. Market hogs must be housed in the barn and remain in the barn, or the interior fence located between the barns and trailers from check-in until the animal has completed showing. Market hogs cannot be reloaded and/or transported on the grounds until that animal has completed showing. Once the animal has completed showing it can be loaded and removed from the facility. Housing in trailers is not allowed.
15. All barrows being exhibited in the show must be physically castrated (immunocastration is not acceptable) and completely healed prior to the show.
16. The ring committee will supervise the ring and ask for help whenever they see fit to do so. All spectators will be asked to stay out of the ring and holding area while the show is in progress.
17. The decision of the judges and other show officials will be final.
18. Classes to be judged:
- a. All purebred market barrows will be split by breeds that have at least (7) head check in. All purebred market gilts will be split by breeds that have at least (7) head check in. All breed Champion, Reserve Champion and 3rd will compete in the Final Drive for Top 5 Market Barrow (Gilt). The remaining divisions for each sex will be Crossbred Divisions. Each breed will be broken into classes based on weight. A champion,



reserve, and 3rd place will be selected for each breed. These breed champions, reserves, and 3rd places will compete for Top 5 Market Barrow (Gilt).

- b. Crossbred pigs will be divided into Light Cross and Dark Cross and broken into classes/divisions based on weight. Dividing hogs into classes will be left up to the discretion of show management. If possible, classes will be limited to 35 entries per class. All barrow classes will be shown on Friday. All gilt classes will be shown on Saturday. The selection of the Overall Top 5 may be made by selecting three (3) from each class and three (3) from each division to move on to the next level of recognition. Division winners, reserve division winners, and 3rd place in each division of each sex will be brought back at the end of their respective show for selection of Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd Overall Light Cross and Dark Cross. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd Overall Light Cross and Dark Cross will be brought back for the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion Market Barrow, 3rd, 4th and 5th place overall or Grand and Reserve Champion Market Gilt, 3rd, 4th and 5th place overall. (Note: There will be no supreme champion and reserve supreme chosen.)

- i. Light Cross - Any hog with white and/or blue only.

- 1. Light Cross market hogs will need to be brought to the check-in area so that entry form information can be verified. Light Cross market hogs at the State Show will be classified by a committee of three classifiers who will view the animal. If two or more disagree with the declared Light Cross designation on the entry form, the entry will automatically be moved to the Dark Cross division. Light Cross animals that do not go before the classifiers will automatically be moved to the Dark Cross division. The decision of the classifiers is final and no appeals will be allowed.

- ii. Dark Cross- Any other colors (black, red, and sandy), excluding white or blue.


20. Swine showmanship classes will be separated by grade in school. Showmanship will start with 3rd grade and go up to 12th. The exhibitor may show any one of his/her entries in the showmanship contest. Any market hog which is removed for any reason from the show CANNOT be shown in showmanship. Both the exhibitor and the animal MUST be checked into the show to be eligible to show in showmanship. Heats will be limited to ~15 exhibitors per heat. There will be semi-final drives every 3-5 classes if there are more than 75 exhibitors.

21. Show management strongly discourages the use of all "hard", inflexible showing implements such as canes and fiberglass rods and encourages flappers on whips to minimize bruising of pigs. Any exhibitor observed abusing a pig is subject to dismissal.

22. Premiums will be determined by the availability of funds and the number of entries.

23. LOAD OUT. Hogs may be loaded out at the ends of the barn once they have completed showing. Every effort should be made to move hogs going to load out in such a manner as to

not disrupt hogs going to and coming from the show ring. The mechanical loading chute on the east side of Sheep/Swine 1 may not be used while the show is in progress and no semi-trailers may be loaded until after all other pigs have been loaded out of the barn.



-  24. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

Georgia Bred Program – The Georgia Bred Show Pig Association will sponsor a Georgia Bred Program. Rules and entry forms can be downloaded at [www.gjsb.org](http://www.gjsb.org).

**2027 STATE BREEDING HEIFER SHOW**  
(General Rules on page 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All heifers must be owned by the exhibitor on or before November 1, 2026. Entries must be made online by the county agent for 4-H entries and the agricultural education teacher for FFA entries by November 1, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by November 8, 2026 for the entry to be complete.
2. Entry fees are \$30 per heifer. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check or money order for all of the entries from that county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. No breed changes will be allowed after the entry deadline.
4. No more than two heifers can be entered per class by an exhibitor and not more than four heifers in the entire show.
5. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from the time of entry until show day. The animal cannot be shown in any show or place in any other name other than the exhibitor's name from time of entry to date of show.
6. Heifers must meet the health regulations as stated on pages 7-10, according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations. The heifer committee strongly recommends that heifers be calfhood vaccinated for brucellosis.
7. All exhibitors will be pre-stalled with their county groups. 4-H and FFA groups from the same county will be stalled together. Tack space will be equitably allocated based on available barn space.
8. Management reserves the right to mouth heifers as needed. All heifers younger than September 1, 2025 must have their milk teeth. All heifers between January 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025 may not have more than 2 permanent teeth.
9. It is up to the discretion of the exhibitor to bring calves with cows (during the cow/calf class evaluation.) Nurse cows will not be allowed on the grounds at any time. The calf must be cow's most recent natural calf and be no more than 280 days of age on the day of the show.
10. Premiums will be awarded based upon available funds.
11. Force filling of heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example – electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench guns must be no larger than 150cc. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration

by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.

12. Heifer and steer exhibitors will compete together in showmanship. Classes will be broken by grade in school. The classes will be judged on 100% showmanship. Cattle may be fitted at the exhibitor's discretion. Refer to the General Rules for additional showmanship rules.
13. Any heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three times while in the show ring will be disqualified. Nose rings, tongs and/or leads are prohibited in the show ring.
14. There will be only one County Group of five competition combining heifers and steers. A county may enter only 2 groups with any combination of heifers and/or steers. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.
15. There will be only one Breeder's Group competition combining heifers and steers. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups with any combination of heifers and /or steers.
-  16. Access Restriction: Only the exhibitor and their animal are permitted in the holding area. No additional individuals are allowed in this space. The holding area is an extension of the ring and will serve as a buffer between the show ring and makeup area.
17. Panels are allowed to be set up as pens in tie-outs for cattle. Maximum pen space per animal should not exceed 12x12. Pens are encouraged to be set up along the chain link fence. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the pens/animals are secured. GJNLS Show Management will monitor and remove panels if rules are not followed. No electric fence is allowed in tie-outs.
18. Heifers cannot be reloaded and/or transported on the grounds until that animal has completed showing. Once the animal has completed showing, it can be loaded and removed from the facility.
19. There will be an Overall Supreme Champion, Reserve Supreme Champion, Third Overall, Fourth Overall and Fifth Overall heifer selected at the conclusion of the show. The top five (5) will be selected from the Breed Champions and Reserves.
20. New breeds will be shown by breed, but if less than seven (7) are entered, entries will be combined with All Other Breeds.
-  21. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

#### **REGISTERED HEIFERS**

- A. The original registration certificate must be presented at the time heifers are checked in the show and tattoos will be checked. In place of original papers, an exhibitor can log onto the

breed association website to verify registration of an animal as long as all required information is visible. No copies or duplication of the original registration certificate will be accepted. Registration certificate must be made out in the exhibitor's name only. Farm names and multiple owners will not be acceptable. Tattoos will be checked and must match the registration certificate and the entry form. No fresh tattoos are allowed at heifer check-in. Animals without proper registration information that leave registration WILL NOT be allowed to return later to check in.

- B. Registration papers on registered heifers should be applied for by October 1, 2026. All registered heifers are required to have a registration number that is assigned by the breed association prior to November 1, 2026. Any heifers entered in the registered show that do not have a valid registration number entered into the online registration system by November 1, 2026 will be disqualified and ineligible to show.
- C. Registered beef heifers with a Georgia 4-H/FFA Verification Stamp or a Verification Stamp from a recognized National Breed Association on the registration papers may choose to bring the registration paper to check in. The previously verified animal is not required to be present at check in. Georgia 4-H/FFA Show Management will stamp registration papers at the Georgia Junior Beef Futurity and Georgia National Fair cattle shows.
- D. CLASSIFICATION OF REGISTERED HEIFERS
  - 1. Class I Spring Heifer Calves born April 1, 2026 and after
  - 2. Class II Junior Heifer Calves born January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026
  - 3. Class III Winter Heifer Calves born November 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
  - 4. Class IV Senior Heifer born September 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025.
  - 5. Class V Summer Heifers born July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025.
  - 6. Class VI Spring Yearling born April 1, 2025 through June 31, 2025.
  - 7. Class VII Junior Yearling born January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025.
- E. Show officials reserve the right to split large classes into smaller workable classes and to combine smaller classes and/or divisions into larger classes.
- F. The first and second place heifers in each age class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the respective breed.
- G. Registered heifers will be shown by breed and breeds with less than seven (7) entries will be combined to All Other Breeds class.
- H. There will be a "Composite Other Breeds" division which will include any percentage registered breeds with less than seven (7) head present at the show (Low Percentage Simmental, Chi-Influence, and Charolais Record).


#### BREED SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Simmental – Registered Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are seven (7) or more checked-in for the show. If there are less than seven (7)

Fullblood (Fleckvieh) Simmentals, they will show in All Other Breeds. Registered percentage Simmentals will have a separate breed show if there are seven (7) or more checked-in for the show. If there are less than seven (7) registered High Percentage Simmentals, they will be combined with the purebred Simmental. Percentage Simmental heifers must be at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  Simmental genetics to compete in the High Percentage Simmental Show. Any registered Percentage Heifer that is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  Simmental genetics will show in the Low Percentage division IF there are seven (7) or more head entered in the show. If there are less than seven (7) Low Percentage heifers, they will show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.

2. Limousin and Lim-Flex- Registered Limousin must be orange papered and 75% or higher to compete in the Limousin Show. All Lim-Flex heifers must be purple papered and 25% or higher to compete in the Limousin Show. Limousin and Lim-Flex females will show together in one show.
3. Registered Shorthorn Plus (those with green papers) will be shown separately from purebred shorthorns (those with red papers) provided there are at least seven (7) head check in at the show. If there are less than seven (7) registered checked in they will show with the purebreds.
4. Charolais – Only purebred Charolais will be allowed to compete in the Charolais Show.
5. Charolais Record – Charolais Record animal will be shown separately if there are seven (7) or more checked in. If there are less than 7 they must show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.
6. Gelbvieh – Balancers will have a separate breed show if there are seven (7) or more checked in for the show. If there are less than seven (7) registered Balancers, they will be combined with the purebred Gelbvieh.
7. Chi- Influence Heifers- Chi Influence heifers must be a minimum of 6.25% Chi to show as Chi Influence. If less than seven (7) check in, they show in the Composite Other Breeds Division.
8. Maine – High % Maine, Maintainer and Main Angus females will show together in one show. Registered High % Maine heifers must be brown-papered and 75% or higher. All Maintainer heifers must be green-papered and  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{5}{8}$  Maine-Anjou. Maine Angus cattle must be blue-papered and  $\frac{3}{8}$  –  $\frac{5}{8}$  Maine blood and  $\frac{3}{8}$  –  $\frac{5}{8}$  registered Angus or Red Angus to show.
9. Composite All Other Breeds – Composite All Other Breeds is designed for composite (percentage) breeds with less than seven (7) head checked-in to show. GJNLS officials will follow breed composite recommendations set in the rulebook.

## COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

1. All commercial heifers must be TAGGED with an official state ear tag and TATTOOED BY November 1, 2026. This tag will be the State Show number. (Order form for ear tags and entry form is located in the back of the rule book). If a heifer loses a tag, you must notify the office of State Show Manager within seven days. Tattoos will be checked at check-in and must match entry forms. No fresh tattoos are allowed at check-in.
2. Calves that already have a readable tattoo need not be tattooed again. If calves do not have a tattoo, it is suggested that you use the numbers on their official state ear tag as the calf's tattoo.
3. Commercial heifers should be born on or after January 1, 2024.
-  4. There will be a 500 lb. minimum weight requirement. Heifers weighing less than 500 lbs. at the time of check-in will be disqualified from the show.
5. Commercial heifer classes will be determined by weight. Commercial heifers will be weighed by the Show Committee and there will be no weigh-back requirements. There will be no reweighs after a heifer is checked in.
6. Commercial heifers will be broken into divisions based on the number of classes. Division Champions and Reserves will compete for Commercial Champion and Reserve. Commercial Heifer classes will have no more than 150-pound weight spread.

**BRED AND OWNED ANGUS HEIFER SHOW FEBRUARY 19, 2027**  
**SPONSORED BY THE GEORGIA ANGUS ASSOCIATION**

1. The Bred and Owned heifer show will take place immediately following the Georgia National Junior Angus Heifer Show. The first and second place Bred and Owned heifers in their respective classes will be requested to stay in the make-up area.
2. After the judge picks that Grand and Reserve Champion in the Georgia National Junior Angus Heifer Show, the first place Bred and Owned winners will go back into the ring for the judge to pick the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female. The second place Bred and Owned winner from that respective class will be brought into the line-up to pick a Reserve Bred and Owned female. (Please note that it is possible that the Champion and/or Reserve in the Georgia National Junior Angus Heifer Show will be a Bred and Owned female. It is also possible that there will not be a Bred and Owned female in some of the Georgia National Junior Angus Heifer Show classes.)
3. Heifers that are considered to be Bred and Owned will be eligible for additional premiums. Exhibitors in this show must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. The name and member code of the exhibitor must appear on the entries registration certificate to compete. Grand Champion Bred and Owned will receive \$250.00 and Reserve will receive \$125.00.
4. Exhibitors must be members of the Georgia Junior Angus Association in order to receive these additional premiums by February 1, 2027. For membership information contact Holly Alford at [alfordlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:alfordlivestock@gmail.com) or 706-270-3994


**2027 GEORGIA JUNIOR NATIONAL LIMOUSIN HEIFER SHOW**  
February 19, 2027

1. All heifers must comply with the current Georgia State Heifer Show Rules.
2. The Georgia Limousin Association will award \$250 to the exhibitor of the Champion Limousin Heifer and \$125 to the exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer.
3. Georgia Junior Limousin exhibitors are required to have annual dues paid by January 1, 2027 for junior exhibitors to be eligible for the premiums offered. Contact Jodi Sizemore for additional information at 770-235-489 or [Jodisi@bellsouth.net](mailto:Jodisi@bellsouth.net)


**BRED AND OWNED HEREFORD HEIFER SHOW FEBRUARY 18, 2027**  
**SPONSORED BY THE GEORGIA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION**

1. The Bred and Owned Hereford Heifer Show will take place immediately following the Georgia National Junior Hereford Heifer Show. The first and second place Bred and Owned heifers in their respective classes will be requested to stay in the make-up area.
2. After the judge picks the Grand and Reserve Champion in the Georgia National Junior Hereford Heifer Show, the first place Bred and Owned winners will go back into the ring for the judge to pick the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female. The second place Bred and Owned winner from that respective class will be brought into the line-up to pick a Reserve Bred and Owned female. (Please note that it is possible that the Champion and/or Reserve in the Georgia National Junior Hereford Heifer Show will be a Bred and Owned female. It is also possible that there will not be a Bred and Owned female in some of the Georgia National Junior Hereford Heifer Show classes.)
3. Exhibitors in this show must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. The name and member code of the exhibitor must appear on the entries registration certificate to compete. Grand Champion Bred and Owned will receive \$100.00 and Reserve will receive \$75.00.
4. Exhibitors must be members of the Georgia Junior Hereford Association in order to receive these additional premiums by January 1, 2027. Membership is \$10. For additional membership information contact Shelly McQuaig 229-402-7232 or [spatton08@gmail.com](mailto:spatton08@gmail.com).

**2027 STATE MARKET BEEF SHOW**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All market steers and market heifers must be owned by the exhibitor, tagged with an official state tag and tattooed by November 1, 2026. This tag will be the State Show number. If a market beef animal loses a tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager within seven days. Tattoos will be checked at check-in and must match the entry forms. No fresh tattoos are allowed at check-in.
  - a. Calves that already have a readable tattoo need not to be tattooed again. It is suggested that steers that do not already have a tattoo number be tattooed with the same number that is on their official state ear tag.
  - b. Tattoo number and description of calf (ear holes, etc.) must be listed on the entry card
2. Entries must be made online by the county agent for 4-H entries and the agricultural teacher for FFA entries by November 1, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by November 8, 2026, for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check or money order for all the entries from said county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Entry fees are \$30 per market beef animal.
-  4. Access Restriction: Only the exhibitor and their animal are permitted in the holding area. No additional individuals are allowed in this space. The holding area is an extension of the ring and will serve as a buffer between the show ring and makeup area.
5. Steers and market heifers must meet the health regulations according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations.
6. No more than two market beef animals can be entered per class by an exhibitor and not more than four (4) market beef animals can be entered in the Georgia Junior National Market Beef Show.
7. Show management suggest that calves be born after August 1, 2025.
8. It is highly recommended that the Agent or Advisor do the tagging and tattooing in each county or chapter.
9. Minimum weight for Market Steers is 950-pounds and 850-pounds for Market Heifers.
  - a. Weight classes will have not more than a 150-pound weight spread

10. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from the time of the entry until show day. The animal cannot be shown in any show or place in any other name other than the exhibitor's name from time of entry to date of show.
11. The Market Beef Show will be structured so that divisions will be separated by sex (steers and heifers), then into breeds which will be further divided into classes based on weight. The divisions will be composed of:
  - a. Market Heifer Division- This division will consist of all market heifers regardless of breed.
  - b. Slick Steer Division – This division will consist of steers that adhere to the slick steer guidelines in Rule #11 (below).
  - c. Crossbred Division- This division will consist of steers of varying percentages of British and Continental breeds.
  - d. Breed Divisions- Any breed with a minimum of seven (7) steers (including Brahman influence steers) after check-in and classification at the State Show will be considered a breed division.
  - e. All Other Breeds Division- Any breed division with less than seven (7) steers will show in the All other (AOB) Division
11. Slick Steer Guidelines: Classes within the slick shear division will be broken by weight, there will be no breeds recognized.
  - a. Steers must be shorn, leaving no more than ¼” of hair on any part of the body (this includes ears, legs, and feet) except the tail switch. The tail switch should not extend beyond 12 inches above the end of the tail cartilage. Recommend Clipper Blades: Andis #5FC, Oster A5 #5 Skiptooth, or a Narrow Blade with a guide size of ¼ inch length.
  - b. The use of various materials such as painting, powdering, artificial coloring, adhesives, and similar substances is strictly forbidden. Application of graphite, hair, cotton twine, or any similar elements is also prohibited.
  - c. An exhibitor may choose to move their steer to the slick division if it meets the hair requirements of a slick steer during check-in.
12. Breed steers at the State Show will be classified by a committee of three classifiers who will view the animal. If two or more disagree with the breed declared on the entry form, the entry will automatically be moved to the crossbred division. Animals that do not go before the classifiers will automatically be moved to the crossbred division. The decision of the classifiers is final and no appeals will be allowed. Registration papers will not be considered in the classification process.
13. Steers will be classified based on the “Georgia 4-H and FFA State Steer Breed Classification Guidelines”. Classifiers will be given a copy of these guidelines and instructed to utilize them in their decisions.
14. Exhibitors will not be allowed to change a heifer from the Market Heifer Show to the Breeding Heifer Show or vice-versa.


15. Breed Associations are invited to support their respective breed classification shows.
16. There will not be a sale at the State Show. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be residue tested.
17. Steers and market heifers may be sold at the County Show and brought to the State Show provided the exhibitor does not accept the money until after the final show.
18. All steers and market heifers entered in the individual class must be halter broken and shown at halter. No other forms of restraint, such as nose rings, tongs and/or nose leads are permissible.
19. All steers and market heifers must be dehorned. Any re-growth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for show.
20. Do not bring straw into the barn at the State Show; cattle will be tied on shavings. Straw can be used in tie-outs.
21. There will be no singeing or burning of the hair on show calves.
22. Force filling of steers/market heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example – electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench guns must be no larger than 150cc. All steers/market heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
23. Any steer/market heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show ring will be disqualified.
24. Steers/market heifers cannot be reloaded and/or transported on the grounds until that animal has completed showing.
25. Steer, market heifer and breeding heifer exhibitors will compete together in showmanship. Classes will be broken by grade in school. The classes will be judged based on 100% showmanship. Cattle may be fitted at the exhibitor's discretion. Refer to the General Rules for additional showmanship regulations.
26. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each division. A Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected from the Division Champions and Reserve Champions. In addition, a third, fourth and fifth overall Market Beef Animal will be selected from the Division Champions and Reserve Champions.
-  27. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

### **FIRST YEAR MARKET BEEF SHOW**

1. A person eligible for the First Year Exhibitor Market Beef Show is anyone participating in the State Market Beef Show for the first time.
2. All market beef must register and meet the requirements of the State Market Beef Show in order to qualify to show.
3. All exhibitors may show only one of their own market beef in this show. Market Beef must be designated at weigh-in.
4. 1st year market refers to both steers and heifers. Once a student exhibits a market beef at the state show they are no longer eligible to compete in first year market beef again.



**2027 Invitational Prospect Market Beef Show**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All Prospect steers and heifers must be owned by the exhibitor, tagged with an official state tag and tattooed by January 5, 2027. This tag will be the State Show number. If a market beef animal loses a tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager within seven days. Tattoos will be checked at check-in and must match the entry forms. No fresh tattoos are allowed at check-in.
  - a. Calves that already have a readable tattoo need not be tattooed again. It is suggested that steers that do not already have a tattoo number be tattooed with the same number that is on their official state ear tag.
  - b. Tattoo number and description of calf (ear holes, etc.) must be listed on the entry card
2. Entries must be made online by the county agent for 4-H entries and the agricultural teacher for FFA entries by January 5, 2027. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by January 8, 2027 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check or money order for all the entries from said county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
  - a. Entry fees are \$30 per prospect market beef animal.
3. This will be a prospect market beef show, steers and heifers will show together regardless of breed. Classes will be broken by weight only.
4. Steers and heifers must meet the health regulations as stated on pages 6-9, according to State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations.
-  5. Access Restriction: Only the exhibitor and their animal are permitted in the holding area. No additional individuals are allowed in this space. The holding area is an extension of the ring and will serve as a buffer between the show ring and makeup area.
6. No more than two prospect beef animals can be entered per class by an exhibitor and not more than four (4) prospect beef animals can be entered in the Georgia Junior National Prospect Beef Show. An exhibitor may enter (4) prospect calves and bring (4) prospect calves to the show.
7. Show management suggests that calves be born after June 1, 2026
8. It is highly recommended that the Agent or Advisor do the tagging and tattooing in each county or chapter.
9. The minimum weight limit is 400 pounds, and the maximum weight limit is 949 pounds for steers and 849 pounds for heifers.
  - a. Cattle must be entered in the show, cattle that do not make the minimum weight in the mkt beef show will not be automatically moved to the prospect show. If you think your

calf is not going to make weight in the market show, enter the animal in the prospect show

b. Weight classes will have not more than a 150-pound weight spread

10. All exhibitors must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from the time of the entry until show day. The animal cannot be shown in any show or place in any other name other than the exhibitor's name from time of entry to date of show.
11. All cattle being shown in the prospect show will be shown strictly by weight. Prospect heifers will be shown with the steers
12. There will not be a sale at the State Show. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be residue tested.
13. All steers and market heifers entered in the individual class must be halter broken and shown at halter. No other forms of restraint, such as nose rings, tongs and/or nose leads are permissible.
14. All steers and market heifers must be dehorned. Any re-growth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for show.
15. There will be no singeing or burning of the hair on show calves.
16. Force filling of steers/market heifers with any substance, water included, is prohibited. This includes use of pumps, drenches, tubes, hoses, etc. Drenches are acceptable when using products to help the animal (example – electrolytes, calming, and bloat guards). Drench guns must be no larger than 150cc. All steers/market heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and hooves. No graphite, hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied.
17. Any steer/market heifer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show ring will be disqualified.
18. Steers/market heifers cannot be reloaded and/or transported on the grounds until that animal has completed showing.
19. Steer, market heifer and breeding heifer exhibitors will compete together in showmanship. Classes will be broken by grade in school. The classes will be judged on 100% showmanship. Cattle may be fitted at the exhibitor's discretion. Refer to Rule 6 page 3 for other showmanship regulations.
20. For the Prospect Show:
  - a. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected for each division. A Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will be selected from the Division Champions and Reserve Champions.

Awards will be as follows:

Grand Champion- \$500 & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion - \$250 & Banner

**2027 STATE BREEDING DOE SHOW**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All does must be owned by the exhibitor and Commercial Does must be tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before December 5, 2026. If a goat loses an ear tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager no later than seven days after the ear tag is lost.
2. Entries must be made online by the county agent for 4-H entries or by the agricultural education teacher for FFA entries by December 5, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by December 12, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check for all entries from said county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Entry fees are \$30 per doe for the first 3 does entered and \$35 per doe for the 4th and 5th doe entered. Exhibitors can enter up to five (5) does but will only be able to show three (3) does. An exhibitor can bring no more than three (3) to the Georgia Junior National Breeding Doe Show.
4. Goats must have an official health certificate (health paper), according to the State Department of Agriculture Health Regulations. It is important that this requirement be met; without health papers, goats will not be unloaded. All does must have a Scrapie tag.
5. Exhibitors are eligible from the state of Georgia only. This show is open to 4-H and FFA members through the 12th grade in school (plus pre-club age children in grades 1-4 as of Sept. 1, 2026).
6. Registration papers are not required for Commercial Breeding Does.
7. Commercial does will be shown by weight with number of does per class and number of classes based on entries at the discretion of show management. Goats that weigh less than 40 pounds or more than 180 pounds will be disqualified.
8. Does must have not kidded prior to the show. Goats must be housed in the barn from check-in to completion of showing. Housing in trailers is prohibited.
9. All goats must be dehorned or have horns tipped and rounded.
10. Shearing and length of hair is left to the discretion of the exhibitor.
11. Only show officials and exhibitors are allowed in the show ring.
12. A Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd Place will be selected in each Division. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Division Champions and

Reserve Champions. In addition, a third, fourth, and fifth place overall goat will be selected from Division Champions, Reserve Champions, and 3rd Places.

13. Rules for the Georgia Born Division can be found on page 53.
21. There will be a County Group of five competition following showmanship. A county may enter only 2 groups. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.
14. There will be a Breeder's Group of three competition following County Groups. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups.
- ➔ 15. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

### **Registered Breeding Does**

1. Registered Does are NOT required to have an official state tag from the office of the show manager. All registered does are required to have a scrapie tag and a registration number that is assigned by a valid breed registry prior to December 5, 2026. Any does entered in the registered show that do not have a valid registration number entered into the online registration system by December 5, 2026, will be disqualified and ineligible to show in any division of the show.
  1. Moving an animal from the Registered Division to the Commercial Division WILL NOT be allowed after December 5th, 2026.
  2. Percentage Boer Does must have a registration certificate and a minimum of 25% Boer genetics to be eligible for the Registered Doe Division.
2. Breeding does will be divided into six (6) Divisions: (1) All Registered Does and five (5) divisions of Commercial Does.
3. The original registration certificate must be presented at the time does are checked in to the show. No copies or duplications of the original registration certificate will be accepted. Registration certificate must be made out in the exhibitor's name only by December 5, 2026. Farm names will not be acceptable.
  - a. All exhibitors are encouraged to bring original registration papers to check in. In place of original papers, an exhibitor can log onto the breed association website to verify registration of an animal as long as all required information is visible. Photos or copies of papers will not be accepted. Animals without proper registration information that leave registration WILL NOT be allowed to return later to check in.
4. Tattoos will be checked and must match the registration certificate and the entry form or the animal will be disqualified. No fresh tattoos are allowed at doe check-in. Animals with fresh or

illegible tattoos will be disqualified. Microchips of any kind will not be accepted in place of a tattoo. Disqualified animals will not be allowed to show in any division of the show.


5. Registered does will be broken into classes based on birthdate.
6. Breeding does must be born on February 1, 2025 or later. Breeding does older than two years on February 1 will not be allowed to show.
7. There will not be a minimum number of Purebred does required to have a show. Purebred does will show in a division separate from crossbreds.
8. Teat structure evaluation will be at the judge's discretion. No doe will be disqualified based on teat structure.
9. Show Management reserves the right to change, combine or delete classes with insufficient entries.
10. Registered Doe Classes:
  - a. 18-24 months
  - b. 12-17 months
  - c. 8-11 months
  - d. 7 months and younger

## 2027 STATE BREEDING EWE SHOW


(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All ewes must be owned and the sole property of the exhibitor or before December 5, 2026. Commercial ewes must be tagged with an official state ear tag obtained from the office of State Show Manager on or before December 5, 2026. If a commercial ewe loses its tag, the County Agent or Agriculture Teacher must notify the office of State Show Manager not later than seven days after the ear tag is lost. Ewe tags are the same as those used for Market Lambs. Ewes shown in the registered divisions are not required to have a state ear tag. Purebred ewes must have an ear tag (flock tags are permissible) or tattoo that matches the registration papers.
2. Entries must be made online by the county agent for 4-H entries or by the agricultural education teacher for FFA entries by December 5, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees by December 12, 2026 for the entry to be complete. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check or money order for all the entries from said county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted.
3. Entry fees are \$30 per ewe for the first three (3) ewes entered. Entry fees increase to \$35 per ewe for the 4th and 5th ewe entered. Exhibitors can enter up to five (5) ewes but will only be allowed to show three (3) ewes. An exhibitor can bring NO MORE than three (3) ewes to the Georgia Junior National Breeding Ewe Show.
4. All sheep must have an official certificate (health paper) according to health regulations of the State Department of Agriculture. Sheep without health papers will not be unloaded. Ewes will not be allowed to cross the scales and check in to the Breeding Ewe Show without verification that health certificates were checked by a Department of Agriculture inspector.
5. Blankets must be removed during check-in and classification.
6. Show management reserves the right to change, combine or delete classes with insufficient entries.
7. Ewes may be shown with lambs at side.
8. A Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd Place will be selected in each Division. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Division Champions and Reserve Champions. In addition, a third, fourth, and fifth place overall ewe will be selected from Division Champions, Reserve Champions, and 3rd Places.
9. Rules for the Georgia Born Division can be found on page 53.



10. Showmanship will be open to all exhibitors. Showmanship classes will be broken by grade in school. Grades may be combined based on numbers.
11. All breeding ewes must be housed in the barn and remain in the barn or interior fence located between the barns and trailers from check in until the animal has completed showing. Housing in trailers is prohibited.
12. There will be a County Group of five competition following showmanship. A county may enter only 2 groups. County Group of five classes must contain entries from at least three exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA). Any animal disqualified for any reason is ineligible to compete in county group or breeder groups.
13. There will be a Breeder's Group of three competition following County Groups. Breeder must be from Georgia. A breeder may enter only 2 groups.
-  14. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

15. All Commercial Ewes will be classified during check-in using the following categories:



1. **Commercial-Black Face** - This includes breeds such as Hampshire, Suffolk and their crosses
2. **Commercial-Natural** – At least 50% of lambs fleece, excluding face and legs, must be dark fiber
3. **Commercial-White/Speckle Face** - This includes white face breeds and their crosses with predominately white faces and dark speckles
4. **Commercial-Hair** - This includes hair breeds like Kadahdin and Dorper and their crosses
-  5. **Commercial-Southdown** - Lambs should be hornless and have white wool with mouse to white colored wool on the face, ears, and legs and be compact and blocky bodied.
6. **Registered** (within the registered division there will be breed subdivisions)

### Registered Ewes


16. Purebred ewes are NOT required to have an official state tag obtained from the office of the show manager but must have the original registration certificate with the animal registered in the exhibitor's name at check-in. Purebred ewes without the original registration certificate will not be allowed to show.
  - a. All exhibitors are encouraged to bring original registration papers to check in. In place of original papers, an exhibitor can log onto the breed association website to verify registration of an animal as long as all required information is visible. Photos or copies of papers will not be accepted. Animals without proper registration information that leave registration WILL NOT be allowed to return later to check in.

15. Moving a ewe from the Registered Division to the Commercial Division WILL NOT be allowed after December 5, 2026.
16. Purebred ewes must have an ear tag (flock tags are permissible) or tattoo that matches the registration papers.
17. No more than two sheep can be entered in a purebred class by an exhibitor.
18. Breed shows will be provided for purebred ewes that have a minimum of seven (7) ewes at check in. Those breeds with less than seven (7) entries at check in will be shown in the “All Other Breeds” classes. Classes may be combined or divided based on the number of entries. A wool breed class will be provided if there are more than seven (7) entries.
19. Purebred Ewe Classes:
  - a. Senior Ewes and Yearling Ewes (older than 14 months)
  - b. January/February Ewe Lambs (born in 2026)
  - c. March/April Ewe Lambs (born in 2026)
  - d. May and Younger Ewe Lambs (born in 2026)

**2027 STATE DAIRY HEIFER SHOW**  
(General Rules on pages 3-6 apply to this show)

1. All heifers must be in possession of the exhibitor and tagged on or before November 15, 2026. Entries must be made online by the county agent for 4-H entries and the agricultural teacher for FFA entries by November 15, 2026. An entry form signed by the parent, agent/teacher and the exhibitor must be mailed with the correct entry fees and calf photo by November 22, 2026 for the entry to be complete.
2. Entry fees are \$30 per heifer. All entries from a county or chapter must be mailed together with one check or money order for all the entries from said county or chapter. No individual checks will be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of five (5) heifers (a combination of registered and commercial). An exhibitor can bring no more than three (3) total (registered and commercial) heifers to the state show.
4. Heifers must be checked in and stalled by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2027.
5. Showmanship classes will be based on grade in school and include both registered and commercial heifer exhibitors.
6. Do not bring straw into the cattle barn. Heifers must be bedded with shavings.
7. An exhibitor will not be permitted to enter the show ring with another student's calf unless the calf belongs to an exhibitor with two entries in the same class (or they are showing an animal in another species).
8. A maximum of two county groups of 5 animals from 3 exhibitors (4-H and/or FFA) may be shown. Registered heifers are not eligible to compete in County Group of 5, only commercial heifers are eligible. All exhibitors and heifers must be from the same county to be eligible.
-  9. All heifers must be dehorned. Heifers not dehorned will be disqualified. Any regrowth should be rasped flat and should not exceed one inch in length.
-  10. Inhumane or abusive treatment of animals may result in disqualification at the discretion of the show management and/or judges.

## COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

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11. All commercial dairy heifers must have a “Commercial Dairy Heifer Agreement” found on page 51 that should be mailed to the state show manager with the signed entry forms by November 22, 2026.
  12. Heifers must be tagged with an official state ear tag and photographed on or before November 15, 2026. Photographs must clearly show the animal from the side, and ear tags must be readable in the picture. Tattoos are required on solid color calves regardless of breed by November 15, 2026. Solid colored calves without a tattoo or an obviously recent tattoo will be disqualified. Place tattoo in left ear in center with green ink, if possible. Tattoo number need not correspond to ear tag number. Agents and advisors can order ear tag numbers using the form at the end of this book. If a heifer loses a tag, you must notify the office of State Show Manager within 7 days.
  13. Heifers shall meet the following requirements to be eligible:
    - a. Heifers must be born between March 1 and September 30, 2026.
    - b. Commercial dairy heifers may be of mixed dairy breed or any dairy breed that are not registered at the time of entry. The animal cannot be registered or shown as a registered animal through December 31st of the current year following the State Commercial Dairy Heifer Show. Violation will result in disqualification and subject to penalties according to rule 20 of the general rules.
    - c. Heifers weighing less than 250 pounds and more than 850 pounds at the time of weigh-in at the show will be disqualified and considered under or over conditioned for their age. These heifers will not be eligible for showmanship. There will be no reweighs once heifers leave the scale area.
  14. Heifers will be sorted into classes by weight. There will be no reweighs once heifers leave the scale area.
  15. Top Five (5) - Weight classes will be divided into Divisions. First and second from each weight class will make up the Division drive. The judge will select a Grand and Reserve from each Division to make up a final drive. Top Five (5) will be selected from final drive.
  16. Heifers shown in the Commercial Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to be shown in any other division at the Georgia National Stock Show. If a violation is observed, a grievance needs to be submitted according to show rules.

## 17. REGISTERED HEIFERS:

- a. Registered heifers must be registered in the exhibitor’s name by November 15, 2026 **OR** have a current lease agreement found on page 50.

- b. All exhibitors are encouraged to bring original registration papers to check in. In place of original papers, an exhibitor can log onto the breed association website to verify registration of an animal as long as all required information is visible. Photos or copies of papers will not be accepted. Animals without proper registration information that leave registration WILL NOT be allowed to return later to check in.
- c. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from the Registered Heifer Division. They WILL NOT compete for overall top five (5).
- d. Classes will include:
  - i. Fall Calf: 9/1/26 – 11/30/26
  - ii. Summer Yearling: 6/1/26 – 8/31/26
  - iii. Spring Yearling: 3/1/26 – 5/31/26
  - iv. Winter Yearling: 12/1/25 – 2/28/26
  - v. Fall Yearling 9/1/25 – 11/30/25



# Registered Dairy Heifer

## L-E-A-S-E

## A-G-R-E-E-M-E-N-T

This will certify that the animal named below has been leased to a member in good standing of a 4-H or FFA Dairy Show team. The intent of the lease is to provide the student identified below with a project animal for local and state livestock competitions.

Name of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Tattoo Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ear Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Animal \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Exhibitor: .....

Date Lease Begins: .....

Date Lease Ends: .....

**\*The project will be supervised by the County Agent or FFA Advisor identified below**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent/Advisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent/Advisor Name (print)



# Commercial Dairy Heifer



## Animal Responsibility and Exhibition Agreement

The purpose of this document is to clearly outline a requirement specific for a “commercial dairy heifer” participating in the State Commercial Dairy Heifer Project for the exhibitor, the owner (if different from the exhibitor), and the exhibitor’s agent or teacher. Specifically, this document refers to Commercial Heifer Show rule 13 b:

- The animal cannot be registered or shown as a registered animal through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year following the State Commercial Dairy Heifer Show. Violation will result in disqualification and subject to penalties according to rule 20 of the general rules.

*Animals currently registered or planning to be registered and sold or shown as a registered animal within the calendar year of the 2027 State Dairy Heifer Show should be entered and exhibited as a registered dairy animal. See rules page 48-50.*

Signing below indicates an agreement to adhere to rule 13 b, described above, of the Commercial Dairy Heifer Project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent/Advisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent/Advisor Name (print)

## **GEORGIA DAIRY YOUTH FOUNDATION DRESS-A-COW CONTEST**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

1. Participants must be an exhibitor and entered in the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. There is no additional entry fee.
2. Adult assistance is permissible.
3. Age Divisions:
  - a. Junior Class: 8-10 years old
  - b. Intermediate Class: 11-13 years old
  - c. Senior Class: 14 and over
4. Classes will be judged as follows:
  - a. Animal Costume 50 points
  - b. Showman Costume 25 points
  - c. Originality 25 points
5. Premiums for the top three costumes in each division will be distributed by the Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation.

### **Georgia Born Guidelines for the Georgia Junior Livestock Sheep and Goat Shows**

- The objective of these programs is to highlight Georgia-born animals, in hopes that it will increase the awareness of all Georgia producers.
- We welcome all sponsors who would like to unconditionally support this objective. No stipulations can be made based on organizational memberships.
- Procedure:
  1. Exhibitors will indicate if an animal is Georgia Born (GB) when registering for the state show.
  2. The GB status will be confirmed at check-in by the animal's scrapie tag (sheep and goats).
  3. During the show, the top three GB animals will be identified in each class as the three highest-placing animals. If these are not the first, second, or third place animals, the clerk will tell the exhibitor (e.g. if it is the fourth, fifth, and seventh placed exhibitors) before leaving the ring that they are one of the top three GB and need to come back at the division drive.
  4. During the division drive, if the grand champion is GB, it will automatically serve as the champion GB. If not, it will pass to the reserve division champion. If the reserve division champion is not, it will pass to the third overall. If none of these are GB, the champion drive will be "reloaded" with first, second, and third place GB from each class. From this point, the judge will be asked to select a grand, reserve, and third GB.
  5. If an overall top five is selected, and the grand and reserve are not GB, but one or more of the remaining top five are GB, these will not automatically serve as the GB champion and/or reserve. After the top five are selected, all divisional GB champions, reserves, and thirds will be brought back in for the selection of the Top 5 GB animals. If the third, fourth, or fifth overall are GB, they will be included in the drive for GB champion and reserve.
  6. There will be a Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and third selected from each Division and a Grand and a Top 5 selected Overall.
  7. All GB selections will take place after the selection of the overall division drives and champion drives.
- All management and organization will be performed by the staff of the Georgia Junior National Livestock program. Sponsors are not permitted to organize or manage the eligibility or selection of GB animals in any way.
- All sponsors are invited to the show and encouraged to come. No sponsors are allowed in the ring until after selections are made.

## **STOCK SHOW U FITTING CONTESTS**

Sponsored by Sullivan Show Supply

Beef Fitting Contest - Date and Time: TBD

Dairy Heifer Fitting Contest - Date and Time: TBD

Doe Fitting Contest - Date and Time: TBD

Ewe Fitting Contest – Date and Time: TBD

1. Contest is open to any exhibitor who has an animal entered in the contest's respective state show. Contest will be broken into two divisions (depending upon entries).
  - Junior Division – Junior Team competition (3 per team), grades 8 and below.
  - Senior Division – Senior Team competition (3 per team), grades 9-12.

NOTE: \* Teams may consist of 4-H, FFA or 4-H/FFA from different counties or chapters.

\* The Senior Division may have member(s) from lower grades, but that team must compete in the division in which the oldest member qualifies.

2. Contestants and/or teams must pre-register for the Fitting Contest 30 minutes prior to start time.
3. Contestants must begin with a clean, dry, undressed animal. Animal must be owned and entered in the Georgia State Show by a member of the team.
4. Contestants may use any legal grooming aid and/or equipment, including but not limited to: grooming chutes, blowers, clippers, brushes, combs, adhesives, foams, etc. \*\*\*\*\*Power will be limited! Contestants may need to supply a generator that will run their grooming equipment. \*\*\*\*\*
5. Contestants may not receive help or advice from anyone during the contest. They cannot have any communication with anyone except the judges or their team members during the contest.
6. Judging will be done by volunteer judges selected by the show committee.
7. Judges may question contestants regarding their knowledge, abilities, equipment, procedures, etc.
8. Judging is based on 100% grooming (no showmanship).
9. Contestants will have a maximum of 45 minutes.



## Georgia 4-H Master Showmanship

The intent of this special award is to recognize those livestock exhibitors that excel in showmanship classes grades 6-12 at the State Livestock Show (Market Lamb, Market Goat at the Georgia National Fair-October and Market Hog, Beef Cattle, Breeding Ewe, Breeding Doe and Commercial Dairy Heifer-Georgia Junior National Livestock Show-February).

This special competition will be held immediately following the conclusion of the specific specie showmanship. The highest placing 4-H'er in the top ten (10) will be invited to come back and compete for Master Showman recognition. The top individual from the 4- H Master Showman Class will be recognized as that specie's 4-H Master Showman.

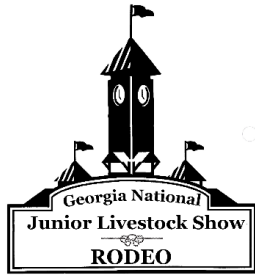
The recognized 4-H Master Showman is eligible to compete in future 4-H Master Showman competitions as long as they qualify as stated above.

The 4-H Master Showmen will be eligible for Master 4-H'er status and participate in the recognition of Special Events Winners at State 4- H Congress. The banquet meal will be paid for the individual and coach; however, mileage, lodging and other travel costs are not covered.



## FFA Supreme Showman

The top FFA exhibitor in 6th - 12th grade showmanship will have the opportunity to return to the ring to participate in the FFA Supreme Showmanship class, following the completion of showmanship classes. One showman is selected in each species show (Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Hogs, Breeding Ewes, Breeding Does, Commercial Dairy Heifers, and Beef). The FFA Supreme Showman award is sponsored by the Georgia FFA Foundation. Participation in the FFA Supreme Showmanship competition is not required.



# 2027 Georgia National Junior Livestock Show

## Herdsman Competition

*Sponsored by the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter*

### **About:**

The Herdsman Competition is designed to encourage and acknowledge the good work ethic of 4-H and FFA chapters from across the state of Georgia as they care for their livestock at the show. Along with working effectively and cooperatively with your show team members and advisors as well as demonstrating good sportsmanship and being a helping hand to others.

Each chapter/county herdsman exhibit will be judged each day of the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show by judges who are selected by the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter Livestock Show Management. Herdsman prizes will be awarded to the following species: **Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, and Swine**. There will be a Top 5 Herdsman named from each species listed above with the appropriate awards and premiums.

### **Herdsman Premiums**

**1<sup>st</sup> – \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> – \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> – \$125, 4<sup>th</sup> – \$100, 5<sup>th</sup> – \$75**

### **Registration:**

Individuals can register for the herdsman competition during species check-in from when check-in starts until the conclusion. Once check-in has closed the herdsman registration closes, **No Exceptions**. Competitors can sign up during check-in times through the QR code or at the species barn office. County 4-H and FFA chapters may combine their herdsman exhibits to be judged as one exhibit. Unless stated otherwise, each herdsman exhibit registered will be judged separately.



*Herdsman  
Sign-Up*

### **Judging Criteria:**

1. **Appearance & Cleanliness – 50 points**
  - a. Aisles and stalling/bedding areas should be kept clean and tidy
  - b. Animals should be kept clean and well-groomed
  - c. County/chapter banners and additional decorations will accrue points
2. **Educational Value – 25 points**
  - a. Educational information about the species, breeds, animal history, agricultural importance and the youth livestock program will accrue points
3. **Conduct – 25 points**
  - a. Exhibits should be well represented and have someone present at the area
  - b. Courtesy to exhibitors, spectators and show officials will accrue points. Roughhousing, foul language, excessive loud noise, violation of facility rules and regulations will result in deducting points

**Total points – 100 points**

**ORDER FORM FOR EAR TAGS**  
(To be ordered by County Agents or Agriculture Education Teachers)

Please send the order below to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY/ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: 4 - H or FFA

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UPS ADDRESS (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW NAME	NO. TAGS REQUESTED	AMOUNT DUE
SMALL TAG (Blue) – this is for market lambs, market goats, breeding ewes, breeding does, and market hogs. \$1.50 each		
LARGE TAG (Green) – this tag is for dairy heifers, beef heifers, and market beef. \$1.50 each		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		

**Animals must be tagged on or before the entry deadline!**

SPECIES	TAGGING DEADLINE
Market Lambs and Market Goats	August 1
Breeding Heifers and Market Beef	November 1
Commercial Dairy Heifers	November 15
Breeding Ewes, Breeding Does, and Market Hogs	December 5
Prospect Market Beef	January 5

Mailing Address: State Show Manager  
Rhodes Animal & Dairy Science Center  
University of Georgia  
Athens, GA 30602 – 2771

Make checks or money orders to **Georgia Junior Livestock Shows** (DO NOT SEND CASH).

ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN.

## GEORGIA JUNIOR STATE LIVESTOCK SHOWS ENTRY DEADLINES

Last Day to have Lamb & Goat Tags Shipped	July 23, 2026
2025 State Market Lamb & Goat Shows Entry Deadline	August 1, 2026
Last Day to have Market Beef & Heifer Tags Shipped	October 22, 2026
2026 State Market Beef Show Entry Deadline	November 1, 2026
Last Day to have Dairy Tags Shipped	November 5, 2026
2026 State Commercial Dairy Heifer Show Entry Deadline	November 15, 2026
Last Day to have Hog, Ewe, Doe Tags Shipped	November 23, 2026
2026 Market Hog, Breeding Ewe, Breeding Doe Shows Entry Deadlines	December 5, 2026

### State Ear Tag and Registration Number Requirements

		State Ear Tag	Registration Number	When do I need it by?
Hogs				
	Crossbred Barrow/Gilt	YES	NO	December 5, 2026
	Registered Barrow/Gilt	YES	YES	December 5, 2026
Beef Cattle				
	Steer	YES	NO	November 1, 2026
	Market Heifer	YES	NO	November 1, 2026
	Registered Breeding Heifer	NO	YES	November 1, 2026
	Commercial Heifer	YES	NO	November 1, 2026
	Inv. Prospect Market Beef	YES	NO	January 5, 2027
Dairy Cattle				
	Commercial Dairy Heifer	YES	NO	November 15, 2026
	Registered Dairy Heifer	NO	YES	November 15, 2026
Sheep				
	Market Lamb	YES	NO	August 1, 2026
	Commercial Breeding Ewe	YES	NO	December 5, 2026
	Registered Breeding Ewe	NO	YES	December 5, 2026
Goats				
	Market Goat	YES	NO	August 1, 2026
	Commercial Breeding Doe	YES	NO	December 5, 2026
	Registered Breeding Doe	NO	YES	December 5, 2026

\*Any registered animal showing in a commercial/crossbred division MUST have a state ear tag. Only registered breeding heifers, registered dairy heifers, registered breeding ewes, and registered breeding does showing in the registered divisions are not required to have a state tag.\*

## **GEORGIA 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ETHICS POLICY**

(Updated May 2023)

This ethics policy applies to any 4-H/FFA member planning to exhibit animals at all State Livestock Shows in Georgia. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock event are included: Cattle (Beef and Dairy), Goats, Sheep, Swine, and any other livestock classes offered. This “Georgia 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy” will be enhanced with additional rules and guidelines which individual fairs and livestock shows adhere to on the local, county, state, regional, and national levels.

4-H and FFA livestock project exhibitors are under the supervision of an Agricultural Education Teacher or County Extension Agent who serves as the advisor for that project. The Livestock Shows of Georgia support the educational content and leadership provided by the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and the Georgia Agriculture Education Department. Also, the Georgia Livestock Shows fully support the administrative authority of Agricultural Education Teachers and County Extension Agents to certify the fulfillment of all validation protocols and appropriate paperwork between the exhibitor, Georgia 4-H / Georgia FFA, the livestock shows and the supervising educator. Exhibiting livestock is a privilege, and exhibitors must comply with this document and respect the authority granted to his/her supervisor.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drug is prohibited. Any practice used to alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited. Proof of any animal being subjected to illegal and/or unethical practice(s) and/or procedure(s) described herein subjects the animal to immediate disqualification. If a violation is found of any of the following rules, this may result in immediate disqualification.

The following is a listing of rules all 4-H/FFA exhibitors must follow to enter livestock at organized competitive events.

1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in the state of Georgia and care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Education Teacher. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Georgia. Exhibitors must meet the age requirements to be eligible to compete in Georgia 4-H/FFA State Livestock Shows.
2. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to prove the length of time animals have been owned. Market and Breeding Animals must be owned and under exhibitor’s daily care by the following deadline dates: August 1 – All State Show Market Lamb & Goat. November 1 - State Show Breeding Heifer, Market Steer, Market Heifer and Commercial Dairy Heifer. December 5 - State Market Hogs, Breeding Ewes and Breeding Does; to be eligible to participate at any State Livestock Shows within Georgia. For registered breeding animals, the official ownership date is the date reflected on the registration papers. This date is the specific date for each breed of record as recognized by the validation program. (Individual show rules may determine ownership requirements for non-market animals.) Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal on the breed association papers or certificates. Breeding animals with

additional registration papers within the breed association of validation record or in another breed association may be evaluated for multiple ownership. If additional registration papers are found active within an association indicating ownership information conflicting with the exhibitor's sole ownership designation, the breeding animal may be considered multiple-owned and subject to disqualification.

3. To gain the life skills developed through the livestock projects, exhibitors must be closely engaged in the feeding, maintenance, training, grooming and overall welfare of his/her animals. Exhibitors are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of livestock projects throughout the validation period. 4-H and FFA livestock project exhibitors are under the supervision of an Agricultural Education Teacher or County Extension Agent who serves as the advisor for that project. Third party involvement interfering with the County Extension Agent and Agricultural Education Teacher's ability to properly supervise the livestock project may result in the disqualification of all state livestock projects. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of online entry. Prior approval must be granted by the respective State Organization designee of the appropriate organization that the 4-H or FFA member belongs to in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor. Failure to notify the supervising Agricultural Education Teacher/County Extension Agent and the appropriate State Organization designee of the previous may result in the disqualification of all state livestock. By signing this document, the exhibitor and parent/guardian, recognize his/her responsibilities for the primary and continuous care of livestock projects throughout the feeding period and hereby authorize the designated representatives and/or supervising Agriculture Education Teacher/County Extension Agent the right to inspect your livestock project(s) along with any other state livestock projects on premises at any time during the feeding period with or without prior notice. Any exhibitor in violation of the primary and continuous daily care rule is subject to disqualification.
4. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered a violation of the rules and guidelines.
5. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is a violation of the rules and guidelines.
6. Surgery, injection, oral or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes but is not limited to injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet (this does not include medically necessary treatments for injured hooves or feet); as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.).
7. The use of unethical fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices compromising animal welfare shall not be tolerated.
8. Livestock exhibitors must adhere to the Georgia Policy on Drug Use and Testing.
9. Livestock exhibitors will be held accountable for each species in which they exhibit as a livestock project. Livestock exhibitors will also be held accountable for the rules and guidelines for each livestock show in which they exhibit at the species State Livestock Show.

10. The Administration of the Georgia 4-H and/or FFA Programs reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to “Georgia 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy”.

Any violation of the “Georgia 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy” and/or associated guidelines, as well as specific rules and regulations as designated by individual fairs and livestock shows may result in disqualification and/or probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and/or national levels. All rule violations will be dealt with on an individual basis by the respective State Organization and/or appropriate livestock show officials.

I, the parent/guardian, and exhibitor, by signing the entry form, am verifying that I have read the “Georgia 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy” and understand the consequences of and penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices in livestock competition. I am also verifying knowledge that my family and I may be prohibited from future participation in organized programs in the State of Georgia and could face possible criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties if implicated in any of the afore mentioned acts.

*The 2026-2027 Georgia 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy is used in addition to the 2026-2027 Georgia 4-H and FFA State Livestock Show Rules and Regulations.*

*Adapted from the Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy.*



## Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter Rules & Regulations



**\*SECURITY CAMERAS ARE IN USE\***

### Policies

1. **Leash Law Enforced:** Pets allowed and must be on a maximum 6' leash. Pets must always be under control by the owner. Bathing pets in restrooms & showers is prohibited. Absolutely no pets are allowed in the livestock barns/arenas while livestock are present. **(NO PETS during the Georgia National Fair)**
2. A **VALID DRIVERS LICENSE** is required to operate motorized vehicles of any kind i.e., cars, trucks, 4-wheelers, ATVs, golf carts, motorcycles, electric bicycles, etc. There are absolutely no motor vehicles in the barns, ADA scooter exception. Reckless use of motor vehicles will result in suspension from the grounds. **(NO Vehicles Including Bicycles during the Georgia National Fair). This is a zero-tolerance policy, if you are caught breaking this policy you will be asked to leave the property.**
3. Obey all posted signage and the 15 MPH speed limit.
4. **Starting January 1, 2025**, all golf carts, crickets, and side by sides will be required to have a permit while on the fairgrounds. **Insurance will be required.**
5. Hover boards, segway type transportation, roller blades, roller skates, skateboards, and similar mechanical equipment **ARE PROHIBITED.**
6. Bicycles are prohibited in the barns and at surrounding loading/unloading zones.
7. Consumption or use of alcoholic beverages or intoxicants is unlawful and prohibited.
8. Unruly, disruptive, offensive, dangerous, or destructive behavior is prohibited on the fairgrounds and may result in removal from the premises.
9. Vehicles parked in fire lanes, loading zones, RV sites, and handicapped sites or outside designated parking areas will be towed at the owner's expense.

### RV/Camping

10. RV reservations can be made 24/7 at [www.gnfa.com](http://www.gnfa.com)
11. RV sites will be assigned by reservation date and the current conditions of the grounds.
12. Generators & Tent Camping **PROHIBITED** in the RV park.
13. Only one extra vehicle is permitted at the RV site. Guests and any additional vehicles must be parked in the designated areas. **Drop trailers are NOT permitted to be parked at the RV sites.**
14. "Full hookups" include water/electricity, and some sites include sewage. A dump station is located East of the Covered Horse Arena on Rodeo Drive.
15. If you have sewer at the RV site, the "HONEY WAGON" **WILL NOT** pump you.
16. All RV's must be parked butt to the box.
17. Ground fires are prohibited. Campfires are allowed only in a self-contained, off-the-ground firepit. Any outdoor grilling must be done on a self-contained grill.
18. All cancellation requests must be emailed to [rvreservations@gnfa.com](mailto:rvreservations@gnfa.com)
19. Check-out time is 12:00 PM (Noon) on the final day of the scheduled stay, unless specified otherwise.
20. **NO livestock** in RV sites. Horses should not be tied out in RV areas for an extended period. Temporary horse pens of any kind are prohibited.
21. GNFA reserves the right to refuse occupancy.

### Livestock

22. No Early Arrivals will be allowed on the grounds due to maintenance crews working in the barns, short turnover times between events and the need to have health papers checked. This includes bringing in tack, tents, or any other equipment. Violators will be asked to leave the property.
23. Bagged shavings such as white and yellow pine as well as pellets are available for purchase online at [www.showshavings.com](http://www.showshavings.com) or on the grounds between 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM during the events.
24. The use of heaters in the barns is discouraged. Any heater with an open flame is prohibited on the grounds.
25. Cooking inside the barns is strictly prohibited.
26. The use of generators is not allowed in barns or arenas.
27. **No Butt Fans Allowed:** No fans on a fan stand or fan cart are allowed in the alleyways. All fans must be attached to the tie panel in the stalling area and cannot be attached to an extension to hang beyond 42" from the tie panel.
28. **Tie-Outs:** Outside tie spaces located in the Tie-Outs are available on a "first come, first served" basis. Cattle are the only species allowed in the tie-out area. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type of bedding they desire (natural products only). No equipment of any kind is allowed such as fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set up along the chain link fence. Vehicles are permitted in tie-outs for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.

**GNFA reserves the right to change or add any rule without notice.**

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