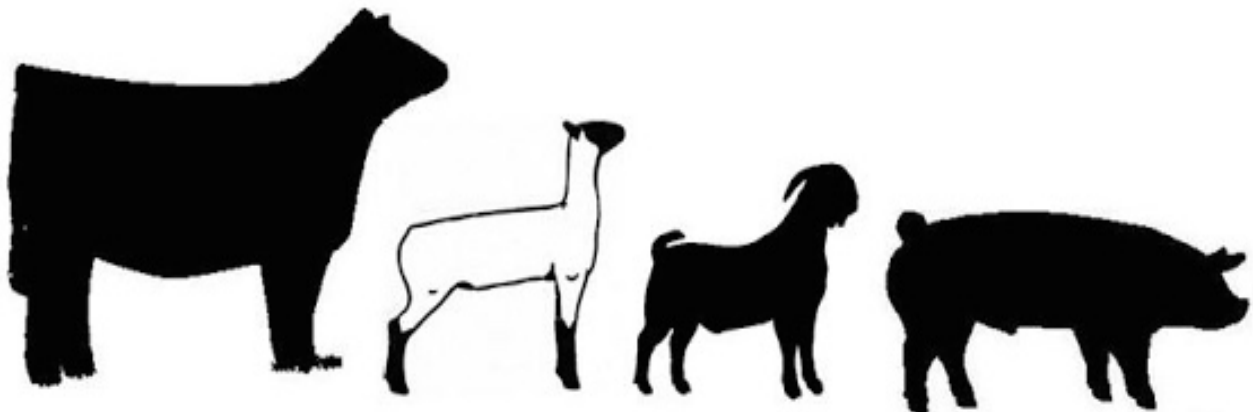




2017 Hertford-Northampton 4-H Livestock Show and Sale

General Rules and Regulations



PURPOSE (MISSION)

The mission of the Hertford-Northampton County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale is to teach youth about the livestock industry. The show provides all participating youths with an experience that teaches skills and instills confidence while encouraging responsibility. The sale will generate funds as a reward for progress and a successful effort in training, grooming and showing a hog, sheep, goat, steer or heifer.

THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge:

my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM OVERALL OBJECTIVES

1. To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities
2. To experience the pride of owning livestock and to be responsible for its management.
3. To be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting community livestock educational projects and activities.
4. To learn skills in livestock production and gain an understanding of the business of breeding, raising, and promoting livestock and their end products.
5. To increase knowledge of safety precautions needed to prevent injury to yourself and others while working with livestock.
6. To promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
7. To teach good sportsmanship through a friendly, competitive atmosphere,
8. To increase knowledge of animal agricultural by-products and how animal by-product usage touches our lives each and every day.



HERTFORD-NORTHAMPTON 4-H SHOW GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

General Policies:

1. Youth ages 5-18 years old with current 4-H enrollment of Northampton, Hertford or Bertie counties are eligible to participate in the show and sale.
2. Exhibitors are limited to participation in only one county 4-H show per calendar year.
3. Exhibitors must be 5-18 years of age and actively enrolled in school during the current calendar year. The exhibitor's age for showing is determined by their age as of January 1st of the calendar year.
4. The show will be for hogs, lambs, goats, steers and heifers of recognized meat breeds and crossbreeds.
5. All animals must be approved by the Cooperative Extension Agent in the county in which the exhibitor resides before application for entry is made. Approval must be secured before the deadline for ownership.
6. Entries must be approved by the show and sale committee at the time of delivery to the show barn.
7. All animals must show positive weight gain from beginning of project until day of show in order to participate in the show. This will be monitored by extension agents.
8. No animal is eligible to compete in more than one market class.
9. The show judge and livestock agent will have the discretion to remove an uncontrollable animal from the ring for the safety of the youth and spectators.
10. Each exhibitor or buyer assumes all liability in the the event of injury, sickness or death to his/her animal.
11. Animals must be on the premises no later than 10:00am on the day of the show to be eligible for competition.
12. All sales and buyers are subject to approval by the Show and Sale Committee.
13. Show sponsors assume no responsibility for personal injury or property damage.
14. Each child is required to complete a record book and submit it and copies of thank you notes sent to buyers by 5:00p.m. on the designated due date. Failure to do so will result in withholding the child's check until the book is turned in.
15. Exhibitors must attend 50% of training workshops and committee meetings to participate in the show. Exhibitors who participate in than 50% of the training workshops and committee meetings will be eligible for and incentive program executed by the Cooperative Extension Agent and committee members.
16. Exhibitors participating in the Show for the first time must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) class. Participants who have participated must complete a MQA class at minimum once every two (2) years.
17. Exceptional cases will be handled by the Show and Sale Committee and their decision will be final.

Organizational:

1. All who participate in the Hertford-Northampton 4-H Show & Sale are members of the Livestock committee and the 4-H livestock program. That makes them members of the 4-H programs in their respective counties. All who are interested in the

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2. Participants must be residents of Hertford, Northampton or Bertie Counties or sign a Non-resident participation form.
3. The executive committee of the Hertford-Northampton 4-H Show and Sale is comprised of the Livestock Committee officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and the 4-H & Livestock Agents).
4. The Hertford-Northampton 4-H Show & Sale Committee plans and conducts the show, maintains the facilities and handles the accounting aspects of the show. Solicitation of exhibitors and buyers is the responsibility of participants, not the committee.
5. Every family is asked to sell a minimum of 20 raffle tickets in support of the show. Participants that have not turned in their raffle ticket money will have \$20 deducted from their checks. Participants are to turn in their raffle ticket money at weigh-in to the Committee Treasurer. Tickets will be sold during the day until 7p.m. The drawing will be held during the auction.
6. Each participant is given dinner tickets for the buyer's supper. These tickets are to be given to prospective buyers as encouragement to come and support the show and sale. This is an incentive to get them there for the actual auction. Please discourage picking up plates to go. The purpose of this is to get the buyers there for the auction. That is why we give them a free meal!!!
7. Each exhibitor is responsible for pen clean-up following the Show & Sale to be assessed a \$10.00 clean-up fee by the Show Committee.
8. Checks will be issued to participants within sixty days of the Show. Any money that has not been received by the Treasurer will be deducted from the participants check. A check will be issued for the remaining amount upon receipt of the funds.
9. Any child that borrows funds from any source throughout the Livestock project must inform their county Extension agent and the Livestock Committee Treasurer of their Actions. This includes funds borrowed for purchase of feed, equipment, or care of their animal. All money must be paid in full to the lender(s) before the child will be eligible to enter the following year's Livestock Show and Sale (money will be taken from the child's check received for the sale of their animal and the child would receive the remaining balance).
10. Any suggested changes to the by-laws must be made prior to the Livestock Committee Annual Meeting held on the day of the Livestock Show and Sale. The changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting and, if accepted, go into effect for the following year's Livestock Show and Sale.
11. All Livestock Committee officer positions will be opened each year. Ideally, the President will be from a different county each year. The Vice President will ideally be from a different county as the President. If no nominees from a different county are presented, the positions may be filled from the same counties as previous years and/or by officers from the same county.
12. A review of the financial records of the Livestock Show and Sale should be conducted each year.

13. The Hertford-Northampton Livestock Show and Sale Committee meeting will follow Robert's Rule of Order.

Sale and Marketing of Animals:

1. Each participant reserves the right to carry his or her animal home after the show and not sell to the stockyard. If a participant chooses to carry their animal home they must make this known at weigh in on the day of the show. They may still walk their animal in the auction and will collect bid money, but will not collect support price money for their animal (see below for clarification).
2. The sale order will be according to show placing. The first species sold will be rotated among species each year.
3. All animals, with the exception of heifers, will be sold. Buyers at the sale are people and local business that support the 4-H Livestock principles. Participants are encouraged to recruit bidders and buyers for the sale. We encourage all buyers to come to the sale.
4. If a business or individual does not feel it is able to buy an animal, suggest that several businesses or individuals join together to purchase an animal. If you have secured a definite buyer or consortium of buyers who plan to take the animal home with them, please make this known at weigh-in.
5. There are two types of bids for an animal. The first is the "support price" for an animal that is established by the packer or buyer of all animals of that species consigned to the market. The Hertford-Northampton 4-H Livestock Show & Sale committee is responsible for contacting and procuring bids from packing companies and custom-order buyers. These bids are opened prior to the sale and the high bidder purchases all of that species assigned to market.
The second type of bid is the "auction price" paid by a person or business at the sale. For every participant, this bidding starts at zero dollars and ends wherever the high bid ends for that participant. The winner of this bidding, while rewarding the participant for their effort in the Livestock program, has purchased the right to the animal, but this must be made known at weigh-in the day of the show. If the high bidder does not want the animal, it is assigned to the packer or custom-order buyer who bought that species. If the high bidder wishes to take that animal home, the high bidder must also pay the same support price for that animal as the purchase of the support price.
An example:
 - a) Smithfield Foods bids 50 cents per pound for the hogs.
 - b) A business bids \$300 on a particular participant's hog that weighs 250 pounds.
 - c) If the business wanted to take that hog and have it processed for their freezer, its total bill would be \$425 ($\$300 + (250\# @ 0.50 \text{ per } \#)$).
 - d) If the business did not want the animal, the bill would be \$300.
6. A Sponsor Recognition sheet (formerly the "Add-On Sheet") needs to be completed by each participant, with names of sponsors, addresses of sponsors, and amounts given by sponsors. At the latest, this Sponsor Recognition Sheet needs to be turned in at weigh in on the day of the Show. We will encourage checks to be written directly to the child. Any check that a sponsor wants to make payable to the Hertford-Northampton 4-H Livestock Show and Sale, instead of to the individual child, will

need to be turned in with the Sponsor Recognition Sheet. No billing for money, other than that bid during the auction, will be done after the Show.

7. A commission will be charged on the sale of all animals if needed to cover show expenses. This will be at the discretion of the Show and Sale Committee.

Obtaining animals:

1. Participants may purchase their animal from any person or business they wish.
2. The committee may also purchase a group of animals from which you may draw an animal. Drawing of such group purchased animals will be on a random allotment basis.
3. Participants may pay for their animal immediately upon delivery or may take out a loan from their county Livestock Program. The loan amount will automatically be deducted from their sale check.
4. Participants should have their animals tagged by the farmer or business from which they purchase the animal. *If you purchase an animal without a tag, or if they lose their tag, you should contact your extension agent immediately as they must be tagged prior to show and sale day.*

Swine

1. Entries must have been owned and in the care of the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to date of the show.
2. Eligible hogs will be barrows or gilts that grade US No. 1 or No. 2.
3. Exhibitors can enter a maximum of two (2) hogs. All additional hogs will be sold to the stockyard only. All hogs are required as according to law to be tagged or ear notched prior to the show to be eligible for showing.
4. Hogs will be divided into weight groups with lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight classes for the show. If numbers warrant it, the committee may divide the entries into Junior and Senior divisions.
5. Weight groups will be determined at the show at the discretion of the Show Committee.
6. All hogs in each weight class will be placed. The Champion and Reserve Champion individuals will be selected from these placings.

Sheep

1. Lamb entries must have been owned and in the care of the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show date.
2. Lambs must be tagged prior to the show date by and Extension Agent.
3. Entries will be wethers (castrated and healed) or ewe lambs (non-bred or lactating), must have tails docked, and be halter broken.
4. Exhibitors may bring and enter on lamb.
5. Lambs will be divided into weight groups for the show. Weight groups will be determined at the show and may be combined as necessary at the discretion of the Show Committee.
6. All lambs in each class will be placed. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from these placings.
7. Fitting and clipping preference for lambs will be decided by each individual exhibitor. It is recommended that lambs be shorn prior to the show.

8. All sheep must have all of their baby teeth at the time of the show.
9. All sheep must comply with state and federal identification programs. All sheep are required, according to law, to have scrapie tags from the farm or business with whom they purchased the animal already in place as they are not being transported directly to slaughter at the time of purchase.

Goats

1. Goat entries must have been owned and in the care of the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the show date.
2. Goats must be tagged prior to the show date by an Extension Agent.
3. Entries will be wethers (castrated and healed) or does (non-bred or lactating) and be halter broken.
4. Exhibitors may bring and enter one goat.
5. Goats will be divided into weight groups for the show. Weight groups will be determined at the show and may be combined as necessary at the discretion of the Show Committee.
6. All goats in each class will be placed. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from these placings.
7. Fitting and clipping preference for goats will be decided by each individual exhibitor.
8. Only does and wethers with all their baby teeth and weighing 30 pounds and over will be allowed to show.
9. All goats must comply with state and federal identification programs. All goats are required, according to law, to have scrapie tags from the farm or business with whom they purchased the animal already in place as they are not being transported directly to slaughter at the time of purchase.

Steers

1. Steer entries must have been under the supervision of the exhibitor and in their care at least 90 days prior to show date.
2. Steers must be dehorned, halter broken and castrated and healed.
3. Entries will be divided into weight groups for the show. Weight groups will be determined at the show and may be combined as necessary at the discretion of the Show Committee.
4. All steers in each class will be placed. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from these placings.
5. Fitting and clipping preference is up to the participant.
6. Steers must be tagged prior to the day of the show by an Extension Agent.

Heifers

1. Heifer entries must have been under the supervision of the exhibitor and in their care at least 90 days prior to show date.
2. Exhibitors may enter only one heifer in the show.
3. Heifers will be divided into age groups for the show. Age groups will be determined at the show and may be combined as necessary at the discretion of the Show Committee.

4. All heifers in each class will be placed. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from these placings.
5. Heifers must be tagged prior to the day of the show by the Extension Agent.
6. Fitting and clipping preference is up to the participant.
7. Heifers are not sold.

Noncompetition for 5-8 Year Olds

1. Youth under the age of 9 will participate in educational classes of showmanship only for market lambs, market hogs, and meat goats.
2. Animals of youth under 9 will not be judged in conformation classes.
3. Each child in this category will be allowed to sell his/her animal at auction as usual. Record books and thank you letters will be required.
4. Each child in the noncompetitive classes will be recognized with a quality ribbon.

Showmanship

1. The showmanship contest for each species will be divided into Junior (ages 9-13) and Senior (ages 14-18) divisions. Junior and Senior classes may be combined at the discretion of the Show Committee. Junior Achievers will participate in Showmanship, but will not be eligible for competition, per 4-H state guidelines.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per species class and must show their own animal with the exception of swine
3. Participants in all showmanship classes must participate in fitting and grooming animals as individuals or with family assistance.

Showmanship Entries Will Be Judged On:

1. Condition and cleanliness of animal
2. Neatness of individual – dress code is to be a collared white shirt, denim pants or overalls, belt when appropriate and boots.
3. Ability to handle animal
4. Courtesy towards other exhibitors in the ring
5. Attentiveness towards the judge
6. Ability to display the animal in its most structurally correct form
7. Being cooperative and prompt

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