



Washington County Fair Livestock Show Rules

The Washington County Fair Livestock Show is a program that encourages the people of all ages to become more involved and informed about animals and the livestock industry. Special focus is put on the education of youth, using the animal project as a tool to teach not only animal husbandry, but work ethic, responsibility, presentation skills and much more. People of all ages are welcome to participate. Youth are encouraged to associate 4-H and FFA to learn more and work with other youth and knowledgeable mentors to improve their skills.

General Rules:

- Each entry is \$5 (lamb Jackpot is \$10)
- You may show/enter up to three entries.
 - (example: 2 chicken entries (6 animals) & 1 rabbit entries (one rabbit))
- Animals and Exhibitors must check in by 4 pm at the Fairgrounds show area, on their specified show date.
- All exhibitors must be ready to present their animal(s) and answer questions from the judge.
- Cash prizes, ribbons, and premiums will be awarded.

Dress Code

Exhibitors must show in appropriate Attire. All Exhibitors must wear dark pants, white button down dress shirt and closed toe shoes. 4-Her's should wear a patch on their left sleeve or shirt pocket. Vest or tie optional. FFA members must wear their FFA Jackets.

Age Classes

The various species will be broken into age classes as follows:

- K-5 grade
- 6-8 grade
- 9-12 grade
- Open show (all ages) – Exhibitors may show in their age group and the open show if they desire. Each is considered a separate entry.

Ownership

All Livestock to be shown at the County Fair must be in possession of the owner at least 60 days prior to the show date. For this year no tagging, banding or tattooing will be required. These practices will be implementing in the future.

Chickens (Broilers): Fair entry = 3 birds

An Exhibit is comprised of your best three meat birds. They will be placed all in the same cage. Birds must be no older than 12 weeks old for the show. We will provide 25 pens, first come first serve. If you wish to bring your own pen, it must be big enough to hold the three birds, but not so large as to take a lot of space (24"x36"x18").

Meat Goats: Fair entry = 1 goat

Meat goats include any animal that is intended for consumption by others and must be under 12 months or age. They may be of any breed, but should be selected for their carcass quality. Horns must be removed or blunted for the show. We will not be doing breed classes until the show is big enough to warrant them. We will provide pens for your animals.

Meat Rabbits: Fair entry = 1 rabbit

Rabbits may be of any breed, but should be selected for their carcass quality. We will provide 25 pens, first come first serve. If you wish to bring your own pen, it must be big enough for the rabbit to move around, but not so large as to take a lot of space (18"x24"x14").

Jr. Lamb Jackpot – 1 animal

Animals need to meet state show requirements. Money from the entry fees will be jackpotted back out to the winners.

Sifting

The Washington County Fair Livestock Board reserve the right to dismiss any animals that appear to be unhealthy or pose any undue harm or risk to exhibitors, livestock, or patrons of the show, as well as, animals that do not conform to the rules of the show.

Schedule

Wednesday

- 4pm Chickens will begin to arrive at the fair grounds
- 6pm Chicken show
- 7pm (After Show) Presentation on Chickens and poultry
(Chickens will remain on site till Thursday evening)

Thursday

- 4pm Goats begin Arriving
- 6pm Goat Show
(Goats will remain on site till Friday evening)

Friday

- 4pm Rabbits will begin to arrive at the fair grounds
- 6pm Rabbit Show
(Rabbits will remain on site till Saturday evening)

Saturday

- 3pm Sheep will begin to arrive at the fair grounds
- 5pm Lamb Jackpot Show

NOTE: This year is our kick off year so we are keeping the rules simple. Future years will see more guidelines on animal age, breeds, and additional classes. We welcome your input and support of this new program. If you would be interested in attending Board meetings, or volunteering at the show, please contact the extension office at 634-2693.