

NEW FOR 2026

Species Specific Rules:

Dogs:

1. Exhibitors are not required to own their dog for showmanship. Exhibitors must have a signed lease agreement in place with the dog's legal owner in order to show the dog. The dog does not need to be owned by the exhibitor, and entry in an obedience class is not required.

Beef:

1. All cattle are required to have neck ties on while in stalls.
2. No panel pens are built inside cattle barn. Only allowed in the tie out area.

Rabbit:

1. Breeding rabbit show will return for 2026. Please review the individual species rules once they are published.
2. Exhibitors are NOT allowed to use metal containers to display rabbits during the sale.

General Rules:

12. DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS: Auction checks will be released to FFA Leaders and to the 4-H, Independent and Grange members individually three (3) weeks after all add-ons close. Exhibitors are responsible for mailing thank you letters. Auction checks will not be mailed.

24. Each livestock exhibitor will be issued an exhibitor pass, one adult pass, and one parking pass after his/her animal is in place on the Fairgrounds and has met necessary weight requirements. THIS PASS ALLOWS EXHIBITORS TO ENTER THE GROUNDS TO CARE FOR THEIR LIVESTOCK. Passes will be good for the duration of the fair and MUST be presented at the gate to be admitted to the fair. No refunds will be issued.

109. Champion Market Animal exhibitors are permitted one youth assistant in the ring to help handle Butte County Fair awards, banners, and other special awards during the animal's sale. The assistant must be a current livestock exhibitor at the Butte County Fair and in the proper uniform of their organization.

Reminders

22. Exhibitors or guests found swimming in the canal or pool during the week of fair will be placed on a 13 probation from participating in any livestock events.

68. Exhibitors are allowed to enter ONE Livestock and ONE Ag Mechanics project into the auction(s).

64. (pre-existing rule) NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS unless they are service dogs or are exhibiting in the fair on the day of their show, LEASHED OR OTHERWISE; THIS INCLUDES THE LIVESTOCK AREA without prior approval from the CEO.

76. Market Animals must remain in the exhibitor's CONSTANT care for the duration of their project (Steers 120 days, Sheep, Goats, Turkeys, and Pigs 60 Days, Poultry and Rabbits 30

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Days). These animals may NOT be shown by another person at ANY other show/jackpot regardless of the other show's rules. Any exhibitor found to be in violation of this rule will have their animal disqualified from the Butte County Fair.

90. (pre-existing rule) Rabbit and chicken Meat Pens are allowed to bring only the 3 animals to be weighed in. No backup animals will be allowed on the grounds (INCLUDING SMALL ANIMALS).

62. (pre-existing rule) NO hoverboards, motorized boards, or electric scooters are allowed. No drones without prior approval from the CEO.

65. NO STRAW BEDDING on grounds. ONLY SHAVINGS.