

## 2025 BUTTE COUNTY FAIR LOCAL RULES – adopted 1/6/2025

Please carefully read all rules and regulations. If rules are not complied with, premium awards shall be withheld.

### ENTRIES:

1. Entries may be made online at [www.buttecountyfair.org](http://www.buttecountyfair.org). If you have any questions, please call the office at 530-846-3626.
  - Entries are accepted online only unless an exception has been given by Fair Staff. If you do not have access to the internet you may come to the fair office for assistance to complete entries.
  - LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE.
  - Online entries: All signatures and information necessary to determine the exhibit eligibility must be done online.
  - All entries must be submitted by the entry closing deadline. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
  - Exhibitor Handbook & Online entry information are available at [www.buttecountyfair.org](http://www.buttecountyfair.org) by **February 1, 2025**.
  - Entry closing dates are for submission of online entry forms & fees only, not for submission of exhibits. See Department information for entry submission dates & times.
  - Entry fees (if applicable) must be made at the time of online entry. Entry fees may differ for Departments and Classes. See specific Department, Division & Class information for entry fees. **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.** If you enter the office, checks must be made payable to: Butte County Fair.
2. Livestock Exhibitors are responsible to submit required proof of ownership documentation online (to ShoWorks, through your portal) by the stated deadlines.
3. Exhibitor's online signature on the entry form signifies their acceptance of the rules and regulations governing the Butte County Fair as printed in the official Exhibitor's Handbook. By signing online, the exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the fair, the county, and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from, or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any exhibitors or exhibits at the Fair. The exhibitor (or parent/guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or acceptance of all conditions and rules of the State of California and the Butte County Fair.
4. The management reserves the right to eliminate divisions unless sufficient entries are received to afford competition.
5. An item eligible for entry should be entered in the most appropriate Department, Division and Class. Any exhibit not properly entered may be transferred to the proper class by Fair Management, whose decision may be changed only by the Judge. Fair Management is NOT responsible for locating entry errors. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award, which has been disallowed as a result of his/her own error. Exhibits that are not entered in appropriate Dept., Division and Class may be disqualified by the Judge.
6. All exhibits displays not claimed by 5:00 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday following the Fair will become property of Butte County Fair and disposed of at the Fair's discretion.
7. A penalty of \$50.00 must be paid if a check paid to the Butte County Fair is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified check or money orders are acceptable for penalty payments. Nonpayment of original money or penalty may result in cancellation of entries. Over payments of \$2.00 and less will not be refunded. Over payments for over \$2.00 will only be refunded if a written request is made to the Butte County Fair". Refunds are given at the discretion of Fair Management. Entry fees are non-refundable
8. **CLOSING DATES: Entry forms must be in the Fair Office or postmarked no later than the dates listed below. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
  - ☐ Junior Market Animals – See Department for closing dates.

### PARKING:

9. All vehicles must be removed from the grounds by 8:00 a.m. each day. This rule shall be strictly enforced.

### COMPLIANCE WITH RULES:

10. State Rules, Health and Specie Rules, and Score Cards for Judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to all entries of the fair.
11. Exhibitors failing to comply with the rules and regulations will not be paid premiums awarded for their exhibits, may be disqualified from selling in the Junior Livestock Auction, and may be banned from participation in future Fairs.
12. **Exhibitors, their immediate family or agents thereof causing public disturbance, are verbally abusive, are uncooperative and/or unsportsmanlike, are not following good animal welfare practices as determined by Fair Management, or those found in violation of rules or practices inadmissible with the Fair program and/or policies/procedures shall be penalized. Penalties shall include forfeiture of awards, premiums, and sale proceeds.**
13. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** In the event an entry or exhibitor is disqualified for any rule or policy violation any or all of the following actions may take place:
  - a. The entry or exhibitor that is disqualified will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premium money and/or any sale proceeds. Further, the exhibitor shall be responsible for payment of any fees, fines due, or costs incurred by the Fair as a result of the disqualification.

b. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent Butte County Fairs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair Management.

14. Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or any other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to RV's, parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, unsportsmanlike conduct and/or animal care will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately. Further, if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's adult supervisor, parent or family member's actions are deemed to be illegal, inhumane, or unethical the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation.

15. The management reserves the right to interpret the rules and regulations and to settle questions and disputes.

16. All entries are shown at the owner's risk. The management is not liable for any theft, loss, or damage while exhibits are on the grounds. All precautions possible will be taken for the protection of exhibits.

17. Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet or record constitutes the final placement. The Judge's decision is final.

18. It is the intent of Fair Management to award all Special Awards and/or donated prizes to exhibitors as published in the Exhibitors Handbook, as per judging results. Fair Management will not be held responsible for prizes not received from sponsors.

19. The Fair reserves the right to reject and/or not display an entry if it is deemed objectionable or inappropriate for display at a family fair.

20. By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge and agree that they:

- Understand and have read these Local Rules and State Rules and agree to abide by them.
- Certify that all information on the entry form is true and accurate; and
- Agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the State or Local Rules
- In the event that it is determined there has been unethical treatment of animals or violation of state or federal regulations or of state or local fair drug policy rules, exhibitor names will be forwarded to F&E as well as given to the Network of California fairs and to appropriate government agencies.
- The Butte County Fair reserves the right to publish, for its intended use, any and all photographs taken of exhibits entered in the Butte County Fair by official Fair Photographer &/or Fair Staff. Participants, Advisors, Leaders, Teachers, etc. approve the use of any photo taken on the fairgrounds upon signature of entry.

21. For specific department rules and requirements, please see department information.

## **PROTESTS:**

Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules that have not been enforced. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, breed callers, tail dock officials and timers cannot be protested and are final.

All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to the Butte County Fair). The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. See State Rules, Section V for complete rule information.

The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging. All protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest and before conclusion of fair. See State Rules, Section V for complete rule information.

Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management and/or members of Board of Directors.

**Refer to CDFA State Rules, Section V for complete Protest rules.**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS:**

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

23. The Management reserves the right to immediately remove any exhibitor from competition and/or the Junior Livestock Auction, as well as withhold premiums (cash and awards), and revoke exhibiting privileges for a period of 13 months from the date of the infraction for "unacceptable conduct".

Examples of "unacceptable conduct" are, but not limited to:

- Possession and use of alcoholic beverages by a minor, under the age of 21.
- Possession and use of all tobacco products, including E-Cigarettes and Vapors, under the age of 21.
- Smoking or vaping in the barns.
- The use of any drugs other than prescription medication.
- Tampering with fire extinguishers, fire alarms, or any other emergency equipment.
- Violation of the **MIDNIGHT** curfew without permission.
- Obscene language or gestures directed to any judge, employee, or official of the Butte County Fair.
- Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct determined detrimental to the show.

## ADMISSION AND PASSES:

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. Parents/guardians of Junior Livestock exhibitors may purchase one (1) additional wristband pass and one (1) additional parking pass at the Livestock office **at the posted time** on the day of weigh-in. This pass 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.**
25. All other passes/credentials will be purchased at the regular rate determined by Fair Staff each year.
26. Carnival Passes will be offered at a discounted rate to exhibitors only during the specific time designated by fair staff.
27. Trailer and Camper Spaces by reservation only. **RESERVATION INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER May 1, 2025.**
28. Junior Livestock exhibitors will be allowed to stay overnight in trailers under the direct supervision of approved chaperones. Names of chaperones & junior exhibitors should be provided to the FAIR ADMINISTRATION OFFICE at the time reservation forms are submitted. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must be in their beds by 12:00 midnight each night, or management may withdraw the exhibitor's animal from the Junior Livestock Auction.
29. Note: Vehicle Parking Permit only permits vehicles on grounds. All occupants of a vehicle must have passes/credentials.

## LIVESTOCK – GENERAL

30. Breeding Livestock entries are open to residents of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, Sutter, Tehama & Yuba Counties, unless otherwise noted. **Entry Fees are non-refundable.**
31. Animal projects must be owned solely by and under the exhibitor's care and management and under the supervision of the organization in which the project will be shown as specified below. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor. The days are counted prior to the opening day of the fair. Ownership must be maintained through show date(s) of the fair or event.
  - a. Market animals: Beef – 120 consecutive days; Swine, Sheep, Goats, ~~and Turkeys~~ – 60 consecutive days
  - b. Breeding and feeder animals: 30 consecutive days
  - c. All small market animals (rabbits & ~~poultry~~): 30 consecutive days
32. At Manager's discretion, livestock department entries can be limited. Management reserves the right to return entries when facilities are filled.
33. Breeding animals shall be identified by a permanent number (ear tag, tattoo, photo or drawing, brand, ear notching or microchip) on the animal which matches the number recorded on the entry form. Market animals will have a tag attached to the animal prior to the animal arriving at the fair. Ear Tag/permanent ID must remain on the animal at all times. The Butte County Fair reserves the right to check an animal's ID at any time once the animal is on the grounds. Sheep and Goats require official Scrapie identification tags. Dairy Goats may have legible registration tattoos and/or RFID tags when accompanied by registration papers and RFID reader.
34. Livestock will not be accepted on the grounds before 6:30 a.m. **Monday, August 18, 2025**, and must be in place **by 5:00 PM Tuesday, August 19, 2025** as set by Fair Management, unless otherwise stated on Department pages. Please see Departments for specific information.
35. Absolutely no livestock allowed beyond the north end of the cattle show ring.
36. Breeding Livestock & non-market animals will not be released prior to stated release time on the closing day of the Fair without official permission from Fair management. Exhibitors who remove animals without official permission prior to the scheduled approved release time are considered in violation of rules and subject to sanctioning which may include disqualification of entries, awards returned, premiums not paid and/or exhibitor not being allowed to show at future Butte County Fairs.
37. All animals must be removed by **9:00 p.m. on the posted day of release as set by Fair Management.** Tack and/or Decorations must be removed before 7:00 a.m. Wednesday following the conclusion of the fair. Unclaimed items may be disposed of at the Fair's discretion.
38. Junior livestock divisions for large animals will be open to 4-H members who have turned 9 by January 1, 2025, and are no older than 19, and to FFA, Grange and Junior Exhibitors who meet the age requirements as defined in the State Rules. Special needs participants who are older than 19 may be enrolled in 4-H special education programs with the approval of the county 4-H program staff. Youth in these programs may participate until they are 22 years of age as per the State Education code.
39. Grange exhibitors will compete only in the 4-H divisions. Independent exhibitors who are 14 years of age and older, as of January 1st, will compete against FFA. All other exhibitors younger than 14 years of age, as of January 1st, will compete against 4-H.
40. **"INDEPENDENT"** junior exhibitors participating in the Junior Livestock Auction and/or Livestock classes must meet requirements set out in the Local Rules and are subject to State Rules, Section VII. An Independent Exhibitor is defined in the State Rules for California Fairs as an "Exhibitor not eligible to compete in a certain category as a member of 4-H, Grange or FFA junior

organization". Requirements for Independent Exhibitors follow and must be met in order to show as an Independent Exhibitor at the Fair. All State and Local Rules apply.

- a. **Be a resident of Butte County.** Proof of residency in Butte County must be submitted with entry form (current utility bill, cell phone bill, etc.)
- b. **Attend a school in Butte County.** Proof of attendance in a Butte County School must be submitted with entry form. Proof of attendance will be verified within one week of the fair. Exhibitors not meeting this requirement one week prior to fair will have their entries removed from the fair and will NOT compete or sell in the junior livestock shows and auction. If the independent exhibitor has graduated from high school and meets the age requirements as specified in the State and Local Rules, they must provide proof that they graduated from a High School in Butte County. Youth enrolled in on-line or home school must provide documentation of school enrollment. Fair Management will determine eligibility on an individual basis.
- c. Independent Exhibitors must be at least 9 years old by **January 1, 2025**, to compete in large animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Market & Fiber Goats) competitions at California Fairs.
  1. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. Independent exhibitors may only compete one year after graduating from high school providing, they were entered as a Butte County Fair livestock exhibitor the previous year & meet age requirement.
  2. Youth may be ineligible to participate as Independent if documented disciplinary action involving project(s) has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange organizations. The Fair may revoke exhibition privileges for a period of 13 months from the date of documented disciplinary action taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange. Examples of documented disciplinary actions are, but not limited to:
    - expulsion
    - suspension
    - or any other action as determined by Fair Management.
- d. Must own and grow or construct their own exhibits. Animal(s) must be under exhibitor's care and management for length of time required in Local Rule #30. Must provide bill of sale showing date of ownership for large animal entries (cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats & dairy goats) and permanent tag, tattoo &/or hog ear notch information by ownership/entry deadline.
- e. Have a responsible adult supervisor named on entry form, provide phone number where supervisor can always be reached, and provide on ground supervision during Fair.
- f. Provide project management records and proof of supervision as to length of project to Fair Staff. The Project Record Form & Independent Exhibitor Affidavit may be found on our website or is available in the Fair Office. **The Project Record & Independent Exhibitor Affidavit must be submitted to and approved as acceptable to the Livestock Office no later than 5:00 pm Monday, August 18 or entries will be disqualified.**
- g. **All Junior Livestock Exhibitors are required to participate in a certified QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS AWARENESS TRAINING or complete YQCA training and provide current certificate of completion no later than 5:00 p.m. July 22, 2025. See Rule #40.**
- h. Juniors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for market beef) prior to the fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent juniors or enter project(s) under a different organization.
- i. Independent exhibitors who are 14 years of age and older, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, will compete against FFA. All other exhibitors younger than 14 years of age, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, will compete against 4-H.
- j. Uniform requirements for an Independent Livestock Exhibitor consist of a white, collared shirt, white pants, or white jeans and boots or closed toe shoes. Pants and/or jeans must be hemmed and untornd.

**In addition to the above, Independent Junior Exhibitors entering market animals must submit the following documentation:**

- a. **Bill of Sale with the exhibitor's name and date of purchase of animal**
- b. **A photograph of the exhibitor with the animal including any brands, ear tags, or ear notches that would uniquely identify that animal (See Rule #75)**
- c. **Verification of the animal's permanent tag and/or tattoo.**

**This documentation must be submitted to the Fair based on the following schedule per species exhibited by the exhibitor:**

- a. **Market Beef – 120 days prior to the opening day of Fair**
- b. **Market Lambs, Goats, Turkeys, & Swine – 60 days prior to the opening day of Fair**
- c. **Rabbit Meat Pens, Poultry, and ALL breeding animals – 30 days prior to opening day of Fair.**

**40. ALL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS are required to participate in a certified QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS AWARENESS TRAINING or complete YQCA training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) and provide current certificate of completion no later than 5:00 p.m. July 22, 2025 or entry will be disqualified. Certification will be verified and if it is not current or valid the entry will be disqualified. YQCA is a national multi-specie assurance program for youth. See YQCA.org for information and certification.**

41. Management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from competition and/or the Junior Livestock Auction & disallow premiums for jeopardizing the welfare of an animal on the Fairgrounds, including the application of artificial stimulus. Management to determine violations. Violations of this rule can prevent exhibitors from showing at future fairs.

42. Livestock exhibited at the Butte County Fair must be cared for and treated in a humane and ethical manner. Butte County Fair and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions is uniting with other member fairs in an effort to support ethical and humane treatment of all animals exhibited at Fairs as well as reinforcing educational emphasis of competitive programs for animals and maintaining the highest integrity standards of all participants. **The Butte County Fair has adopted the IAFE Code of Show Ring**

**Ethics Guidelines for our Livestock Shows and reserves the right to disqualify any animal or exhibitor that has violated those specific guidelines. IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics can be found on pages following Local Rules.**

43. Artificial means of filling animals is prohibited. Drench guns, stomach pumps and/or any mechanism used to artificially fill or provide a liquid diet (drench) are not allowed. Any exhibitor in violation of this rule will be subject to disqualification and/or loss of premiums/auction proceeds.

44. The management reserves the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations. Exhibitors that violate the IAFE &/or the Fair's Local Rules and/or Animal Welfare Policies will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

45. A veterinarian will be on site for inspection during livestock check-in & weigh-in. Any animal exhibiting any contagious disease will be sent home. Vet checks on the market and unregistered animals will be done at the scale. Registered animals will be done at the stalls. If an animal does not pass vet check the exhibitor may be fined a \$100 per animal.

46. Animals showing any stage of prolapse will not be allowed.

47. All pens and stalls must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day. The exhibitor is expected to use bedding as needed to keep pens & animals clean. Livestock pens/stalls must be suitable for public display & maintained in a clean condition. Animals must be cared for to the satisfaction of Fair Management for exhibitor to be eligible for premium awards & participation in the Junior Livestock Auction. Aisles & public walkways must be kept clean and clear of tack and/or equipment. Exception: animal fitting allowed as per Management permission. Bedding removed from pens & stalls must be placed in waste receptacles (bins) provided by the fair.  **AISLES MUST BE KEPT FREE OF BEDDING WASTE.**

48. Use of muzzles on any sheep is prohibited at all fairs.

49. Exhibitors showing livestock must have a stall card providing their name and club. Signage must remain on pen until after auction for market animals.

50. All stalls, displays and booths are subject to inspection by the State Fire Marshal in regard to fire hazards. Non-Flammable materials must be used for all decorations. No decorative electrical lights will be allowed in livestock barns for pen or display decoration. Background materials for pen decorations must not be of a solid material such as plastic or plywood. Pens behind and to each side of you must be visible and the view of neighboring pens must not be blocked. If materials do not meet flammability compliance, they must be removed.

51. Electrical cords will not be allowed to lay on the ground outside of exhibitor's stall/pen/ tack space or in public walk spaces. The number of fans may be limited per exhibitor/animal based on space & electrical service available. SEE ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD & POWER STRIP SAFETY in Handbook. No generators will be allowed to operate in the livestock barns.

52. No "For Sale" signs may be posted on the fairgrounds.

53. Exhibitors who are NOT eligible to sell in the auction are not allowed to attend the Buyers Breakfast or make private sales on the fairgrounds.

54. **BREEDING LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS:** Display & educational materials, tack, feed, supplies, etc. may not be removed prior to time stated by Management. Butte County Fair may withhold premium money for exhibitors removing display material and/or animals prior to stated release time and exhibitors may be prevented from showing in future Butte County Fairs. **Removal of breeding livestock will begin Sunday following the loading of market animals and will be allowed until Noon.** NO trailers or stock removal will take place from Noon to 7 PM on Sunday. See local rule #9. **Breeding animal exhibits must have signage identifying exhibitor name & Club/Chapter until breeding is released on Sunday.**

**MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITS:** Display and educational materials may not be removed prior to the conclusion of the Junior Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 23, 2025. Butte County Fair may withhold premium money for exhibitors removing signage prior to that time. No vehicles will be allowed on the grounds to remove these items. Local rule #9.

55. REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE CHECKED THE DAY PRIOR TO JUDGING OF EACH INDIVIDUAL SPECIES.

56. **Animal Grooming Rules:** Junior exhibitors are expected to fit their own animals with no professional assistance. The Junior Exhibitor's Leaders, instructors, parents, other club or chapter member(s), or other immediate family members exhibiting at the Junior Livestock Show (brother or sister) may give assistance. Junior exhibitors must be present when the animal is being fitted.

57. Exhibitors will be required to fit and groom their animals in fitting areas designated by the fair. Blocking Chutes and/or Fitting Stands (Trim Tables) will be moved or removed by fair staff without warning if they are placed in an area not designated by the fair or there are safety concerns. Approved fitting areas will be noted on penning charts.

58. Exhibitors are ONLY allowed to groom and fit livestock in or around the barns. NO exhibitor should be grooming and/or fitting near or in their trailer sites.

59. If an exhibitor has more than one breeding animal entered in a class, another current Butte County Fair livestock exhibitor may show the additional animal(s). These exhibitors must meet dress requirements as specified in Local Rule #61.

60. FFA shows first in even years, 4-H in odd years, excluding swine which rotates days.

61. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must wear the appropriate uniform of their respective organization when showing and selling livestock. All Livestock Exhibitors must wear boots or closed toe shoes with an enclosed heel. Pants must be hemmed and untorn. Junior Exhibitors who help show in group or pen classes must also wear the official show uniform while showing.

Butte County Fair requires the following:

A. The recognized 4-H show uniform to be worn by all 4-H exhibitors and by helpers in individual and club groups while showing livestock shall consist of long white pants or jeans and white sleeved (long or short) shirt with collar. 4-H requires exhibitors wear the 4-H tie or scarf and the 4-H Hat branded with the UC ANR and the 4-H clover logo (youth may wear current green hat with only the 4-H clover logo and/or white hat for the remainder of their 4-H career).

B. The recognized FFA show uniform to be worn by all FFA exhibitors and by helpers in individual and chapter groups while showing shall consist of white pants, white shirt (short or long sleeved), the official FFA Jacket and the official FFA four-in-hand necktie or scarf. Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing.

C. The Grange uniform shall consist of dark blue denim pants; white long sleeved (short sleeved allowed in hot weather), button-front dress shirt with collar; the official red waist vest with National Grange emblem on the back; black or brown belt with appropriate buckle.

D. The approved attire for Independent Exhibitors while showing shall consist of long white pants or jeans and white sleeved (long or short sleeve) shirt with collar.

62. NO hoverboards, motorized boards, or electric scooters are allowed. No drones without prior approval from the CEO.

63. RED TAG POLICY

A. Purpose: To ensure that livestock exhibited at the Butte County Fair are cared for and treated in a humane and ethical manner and that the livestock pens/stalls are suitable for public display.

B. Policy: Livestock exhibitors are solely responsible for the care of their animals while on exhibit at the Butte County Fair. If the livestock superintendent becomes aware of any livestock exhibit that is not being cared for in an ethical, humane manner; or situations where an acceptable state of pen cleanliness, as determined by the livestock management staff, is not being maintained, the following will occur:

C. The livestock superintendent will determine the name and affiliation of the responsible exhibitor.

D. A Red Tag, with the following information, will be affixed to the exhibitors pen/stall.

E. The exhibitors name.

F. The observed problem.

G. The date and time of the citation.

H. Signature of the livestock superintendent.

I. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to respond to the Red Tag by contacting the livestock superintendent within 6 hours of the citation being issued. The exhibitor will formulate and initiate a plan of correction approved by the livestock superintendent. Reasonable efforts will be made by the livestock superintendent to contact the exhibitor's FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, parent or designee and advise them of the situation resulting in the Red Tag citation.

J. Any exhibitor failing to make contact with the livestock superintendent within 6 hours of issuance of the citation may be issued an automatic second Red Tag citation.

K. Any exhibitor receiving two Red Tag citations during the Fair will be declared ineligible for further competition, including participation in the Junior Livestock Auction. The exhibitor will forfeit all fair premiums, awards earned and are required to remove the animal exhibit from the fairgrounds.

L. Any exhibitor that is required, under the provisions of the Red Tag Policy, to remove their animal entry from the fairgrounds, must do so within 6 hours from the time of notification.

64. 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.

## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION – LIVESTOCK & ELIGIBLE JR. AG EQUIPMENT AUCTION PROJECTS:**

65. Juniors who are residents, students or members of a recognized Butte County 4-H or Grange Club, Butte County FFA Chapter, and/or Independent Exhibitors, who are residents of Butte County and enrolled in a Butte County School may exhibit and sell one (1) market animal (beef, sheep, swine, goat, ~~turkey~~, one (1) Meat Pen of Rabbits, one (1) Broiler Meat Pen, and one (1) Ag Equipment Auction item as approved by Fair Management; if they have not sold a market animal at a county or district fair in the same calendar year, excluding the Butte County Fair, the California State Fair and National Shows. Independent Exhibitors see Local Rule #39 for complete requirements. Youth with residence outside of Butte County, enrolled in a Butte County Club/Chapter, see Local Rules #66-67 for complete requirements.

66. In the event that an animal is a “no sale” (the exhibitor gets no bids on the animal) Small animals will be “resold” at an amount decided by the board of directors and livestock committee. Large animals will be resold at the market price for that week. **COMMISSION & FEES WILL STILL BE TAKEN OUT OF YOUR CHECK EVEN IF THE ANIMAL IS SOLD AT RESALE PRICE.**

67. All exhibitors are required to turn in a Thank you letter that has been stamped and addressed to their buyer when their auction check is collected, AND a Thank you letter to whomever sponsored ANY and ALL awards they received during the livestock shows.

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

69. By signing the entry form, the exhibitor/seller in the Junior Livestock Auction agrees to abide by and be responsible for all the rules set forth concerning the Junior Livestock Auction. The exhibitor/seller agrees that it is a requirement for the market animal to be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction destined for harvest. There will be no live animal pickup of Auction animals. NO EXCEPTIONS. Once an animal has been shown in a market class and determined by the judge to be “market ready” or “market acceptable” it is consigned to the Auction and cannot be withdrawn by the exhibitor or the buyer. The exhibitor/seller guarantees that the animal they are selling through the auction, on the day of the sale, to be healthy, sound, disease free, and in compliance with all State and Federal animal health regulations concerning the use of pharmaceuticals and withdrawal period. See Local Rules #81 & 82.

Once an Ag Equipment Auction project has been judged eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction, it is consigned to the auction and cannot be withdrawn by the seller.

70. Youth with residence outside of Butte County that are a member of a recognized Butte County chapter or club and enrolled in a Butte County School that wish to enter a Market Animal or an Ag Equipment Auction Project in the Butte County Fair must submit a letter to the Fair Manager stating the following:

- their intention to enter and show a market animal or an ag equipment auction project at the Butte County Fair.
- certify they will not enter, show, and/or sell a market animal or ag equipment auction project at any other fair, other than Butte County Fair or those allowed in Butte County Fair Local Rules.
- Submit proof of current enrollment in a Butte County School (progress report, etc.) Proof of enrollment will be verified one week prior to fair.
- submit the letter no later than 5:00 p.m. of the entry closing date for the species they wish to enter. (120 days for steers, 60 days for hogs, lambs and goats, 30 days for rabbit meat pens, or the entry deadline for ag equipment auction project)

Youth with residence outside of Butte County are not eligible to show a market animal or an ag equipment auction project at the Silver Dollar Fair until they are granted written approval from the Fair Manager. Approval is at the Butte County Fair Manager’s discretion.

71. Youth who have entered a market animal in other County or District fairs will not be permitted to enter, show and/or sell a market animal at the Butte County Fair for the period of January 1 – December 31 of the current fair year. (Exceptions are Silver Dollar Fair, State Fair, California Youth Ag Exposition, and National Shows.)

72. **Opening dates** for market animal entries are 9:00 a.m. on the dates below:

A. Steers, Hogs, Lambs, Goats, Turkeys, Rabbits, & Chickens: March 1, 2025

**Closing dates** for market animal entries are by 5:00 p.m. on the dates below:

B. Steers: April 26, 2025

C. Hogs, Lambs, Goats, & Turkeys: June 23, 2025

D. Rabbits & Poultry: July 22, 2025

73. If breeding entries exceed barn capacity then space will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis with Butte County exhibitors receiving priority over out-of-county exhibitors. If an exhibit is cut, due to lack of space, all entry fees will be refunded for that exhibit.

74. Replacement (back-up) animals of the same specie will be allowed as approved by Fair Management only if the ownership information is submitted prior to entry closing (photos, breeder information, bills of sale, etc.) within an immediate family, and is not another exhibitor’s primary animal. If an exhibitor has more than one market animal, they must declare a “primary” and a “back-up” animal prior to entry closing (of the same species). Photos and identification information must be marked accordingly. No exhibitor may enter or show a backup animal that is another exhibitor’s primary animal entry. Under no circumstances, can a backup animal be shared outside an immediate family or with a group of exhibitors. For ownership deadlines see Local Rule #30. **Processing Fee must be paid for each back-up animal entered and is non-refundable. Back up animals are not eligible to be entered in any other Division.**

75. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP must be provided to the fair within the time frames listed in rule #68 (120 days prior to the opening day of fair for steers, 60 days prior to opening day of fair for turkey, hogs, goats and lambs, 30 days for rabbits and poultry).

Photo Requirements:

a) Photographs of all market animals with the exhibitor:

- Steers, Hogs, Lambs & Goats: Photo #1: Must be a side view of the animal with the exhibitor, showing the entire animal, as close & clear as possible to identify the animal & exhibitor.
- Lambs & Goats Photo #2: Must be of exhibitor & animal showing scrapie tag.
- Hogs Photo #2: Must be of exhibitor & animal showing any ear notches.

- b) Submit photos **electronically online** of each animal with the exhibitor individually. If the exhibitor has a back-up animal, all proof of ownership photos & documents must be provided. The Fair reserves the right to refuse submissions and request another photograph(s).
- c) Market Lamb & Market Goat entries must provide a copy of the bill of sale(s) for both primary & replacement animals showing scrapie identification number and name of breeder, by the 60-day ownership deadline.
- d) Market Hog entries must provide a copy of the bill of sale(s) for both primary & replacement animals by 60-day ownership deadline.

***If all Proof of Ownership documentation is not submitted and accepted by 5:00 pm on the date of entry deadline, the entry will be canceled. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

**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 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.**

77. Market Steer exhibitors must provide a Bill of Sale or Brand Inspection slip for primary & back-up (replacement) animals. A brand inspection or out billing from a sales yard must be made out to the exhibitor, showing 120-day ownership, or signed statement that animal was dropped from exhibitor's cow & raised by exhibitor.

78. Rabbit Meat Pen entries must be identified by permanent ear tattoos. Individual tattoo numbers must be submitted by the 30-day ownership deadline, and must match tattoo in rabbit's ear when checked in. Bill of Sale showing 30-day ownership and exhibitor's name must be submitted at the 30-day ownership deadline.

79. Market steers only. No heifers or bulls are allowed as market animal entries.

80. Market swine are barrows and gilts only.

81. Market hogs eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction will be tattooed at a time of Fair Management's discretion. Tattooing will be done after market judging is completed.

82. Replacement of injured or deceased animals: If a market animal is seriously injured or dies after the ownership deadline and prior to the fair, a report with cause of death & death certificate must be completed by a licensed veterinarian. The exhibitor must contact the CEO, who will determine whether an ownership variance will be granted. The exhibitor must have possession of a replacement animal and provide proof of ownership within 7 days of the report to the Fair CEO. **Animals that are granted a variance WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN CHAMPION CLASSES/ CHAMPION DRIVE.**

83. Exhibitors are required to submit a completed **Livestock Declaration of Medication** Form for market animals. Form must be submitted before the animal is shown in market classes. Fair Management may extend the deadline, if necessary, but no later than 12:00 noon Thursday prior to the Auction. No animal will be allowed to sell at the Junior Livestock Auction unless the form has been submitted and any withdrawal periods have been met. If drug residue is found in an animal carcass during processing, the exhibitor may be held responsible for repayment to Junior Livestock Auction Buyer and may be responsible for any additional costs.

84. The Butte County Fair reserves the right to remove any animal from the Junior Livestock Auction that is found in violation of State or Federal animal health regulations concerning the use of pharmaceuticals. Animals suspected of this violation can be detained and tested. During this period, the fair will hold all auction proceeds from the sale of the animal. If the carcass tests positive for any abnormal residue, the proceeds for that animal must be returned to the buyer and the carcass will be destroyed.

85. Market Lamb and Goat entries will be inspected by the Fair Veterinarian prior to weigh-in.

- Any animal exhibiting Club Lamb Fungus, or any contagious disease will be sent home.
- Lambs must show lamb's teeth. All lambs will be mouthed at the scale.
- All market lambs must have been slick shorn from the knee and hock up 7-10 days before official weigh-in. Fleece not to exceed ¼" in length. Lambs with excessive wool will not be weighed until shorn to meet the satisfaction of the weighmaster.
- Lambs showing any stage of prolapse will not be allowed.
- All market lambs must have official USDA scrapie ear tags at weigh-in.
- **TAIL DOCKING:** Market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible. See State Rules.
- Market lambs are wethers and ewes only.
- Market Goat entries will be inspected by the Fair Veterinarian prior to weigh-in.
- Any animal exhibiting contagious disease will be sent home.
- Either horned, tipped or de-horned animals are permissible.
- Market goats must show milk teeth.
- All market goats must have official USDA scrapie ear tags at weigh-in.
- Market goats are wethers and does only.

**86. Market animals will be weighed in on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at times to be stated in the Exhibitor Handbook, at [www.buttecountyfair.org](http://www.buttecountyfair.org). Clubs, Chapters & Independent Exhibitors will be assigned times to bring animals for weigh-in. Animals must be on the grounds by the stated conclusion weigh-in time.**

Certified Weigh Masters will be provided by the fair. No pre-weighing will be permitted.



87. No private scales will be allowed on the grounds.

**88. No wet, blanketed, or muddy animals will be allowed to be weighed.**

**89. Market Animal Weight Requirements:**

| Species         | Min Weight | Max Weight | Pay Weight  |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Market Steers   | 1100 lbs.  | No Max     | 1350 lbs.   |
| Market Lambs    | 110 lbs.   | No Max     | 150 lbs.    |
| Market Swine    | 210 lbs.   | No Max     | 270 lbs.    |
| Market Goats    | 65 lbs.    | No Max     | 105 lbs.    |
| Market Turkeys  | 20 lbs.    | 35 lbs.    | 35 lbs.     |
| Market Rabbits  | 3.5 lbs.   | 5.5 lbs.   | Sold as Pen |
| Market Chickens | 3.5 lbs.   | 6.0 lbs.   | Sold as Pen |

90. Disputed Weight Procedure: Re-weighing of market animals will only be allowed when the first weight taken is below minimum or above maximum weight allowed. The exhibitor must state to the Weigh Master immediately after the initial weight that they request a re-weigh. The animal and exhibitor must remain in the immediate scale area in view of the weighmaster. The scale will be re-balanced, and the animal weighed again. The second weight becomes the official weight. If the animal is removed from the immediate scale area and then returned to the scale for a re-weigh, no re-weigh will be allowed. All disputes will be settled at the scales. An exhibitor is allowed 1 animal at weigh-in. If you have a back-up animal, choose your market animal at home. **Only one market entry will be allowed on the fairgrounds. 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).**

91. Once a market animal has been weighed in and has met weight requirements, the animal will not be released to exhibitor except for the following:

- The animal is determined by the Judge as “not market acceptable” or “not market ready” and thereby disqualified from Junior Livestock Auction.
- The animal has been released by Judge or Fair Management for safety or health purposes.
- An exhibitor has been disqualified by the Fair for rule violations.
- An animal has been released by Fair Management for approved purposes.

Under no circumstances shall a Junior Livestock Animal leave the grounds without an official release signed by Fair Management. Once an animal(s) has been released, the animal(s) is NOT ELIGIBLE for the Junior Livestock Auction. Exhibitors that remove animals without official permission are considered in violation of rules and subject to sanctioning which may include disqualification of entries, awards returned, premiums and/or auction proceeds not paid and/or exhibitor not being allowed to show at future Butte County Fairs.

92. **All sifted animals not participating in Showmanship must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately after weighing.** Animals sifted for Health reasons or those released for safety reasons must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately.

93. STATE RULE SECTION VII: #25: **Animals shown in showmanship must be owned by the exhibitor, entered by exhibitor, and shown in an appropriate market or breeding/conformation class.** If the exhibitor has a market animal that is weight sifted and as a result may not show in an individual market class, the exhibitor may use this animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the Fair. **Should an exhibitor whose animal has been weight sifted choose to show in Showmanship, the exhibitor must remove their animal from the Fair by 8:00 a.m. the morning following their showmanship class. Exhibitor must obtain release from Livestock Management. Animal is NOT eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction.**

94. All participants must present their own animal in the Show Ring for market animal judging and in the Auction Ring for the Junior Livestock Auction. Special permission may be granted by a quorum of a committee consisting of the Jr Livestock Auction Chairman, Fair Board President and Fair Manager to use a substitute handler for showing or selling the animal only if the exhibitor is unable to show or sell their own animal. Substitute handler must be a current Butte County Fair livestock exhibitor and must be approved by Fair Management. Requests must be made in writing. A substitute handler option does not apply to Showmanship classes. Assistant handlers will only be allowed if the exhibitor is unable to show &/or sell their own animal and has been given written approval by Fair Management. Assistant handler must be a current Butte County Fair livestock exhibitor and must be approved by Fair Management.

95. Auction animals must be presented in the auction ring and returned to the pens or stalls designated by the Fair

Management or auction committee. Seller must care for animals as long as the animal remains on the Fairgrounds.

96. **All animals eligible for the sale must have been shown as individuals in their respective classes. Market steers, lambs, hogs, goats, ~~turkeys~~, and ~~chicken~~ and rabbit meat pens must have been determined by Judge to be “market ready” or “market acceptable”. Any animal determined by the Judge to be “not market ready” or “not market acceptable” is not eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction and must be removed from the Fairgrounds by 8:00 a.m. the morning following their market class. Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release from Fair Management.**

97. Once a market animal has been shown in a market class and determined to be “market ready” or “market acceptable” it is consigned to the Auction and cannot be withdrawn by the Exhibitor. The animal must be sold unless released by Fair Management.

98. If an exhibitor misses their assigned market class, the entry may be disqualified at the Fair Manager’s discretion.

**99. If an exhibitor misses their auction sale lot, it is up to the Fair Manager’s discretion when/if the animal will be sold in the auction.**

100. The Fair Management will arrange the Sale Order based on the American System placings of the Champions and Reserve Champions. If entries exceed limitations, the management reserves the right to name the entries eligible for the sale.

101. The Butte County Fair reserves the right to publish, for its intended use, all photographs taken on the Butte County Fairgrounds of livestock exhibitors and/or livestock entries taken by the Official Fair Photographer(s). Exhibitors must make themselves and their livestock available for photographs. The official photographs become property of the Butte County Fair. Exhibitors may purchase photographs from the Official Fair Photographer. All Market Animal Champions are required to have a photograph taken by the official photographer. Participants and their families, advisors and leaders approve the reprinting or publishing of any photo taken on the fairgrounds upon signature of entry.

102. There will be a **5%** commission on cattle and **8%** on all other species and ag equipment auction projects sold through the Junior Livestock Auction, to be automatically deducted from the exhibitor’s gross sale price.

103. Champions MUST sell.

104. **THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION IS A TERMINAL SALE.** Animals sold at the Junior Livestock Auction shall be sent to a contracted processing plant for harvest. There will be no Live Animal Pickup of Auction animals. NO EXCEPTIONS. See Rule #88. No registration papers will be provided by the seller. Buyer of animals through the auction shall not negotiate resale of animals during the sale and transfer of animals from one buyer to another will not be permitted through the sale office. When soliciting new buyers inform them of the terminal sale rule prior to sale day.

105. All resale livestock will go to be processed through the designated processing facility or auction yard and will not be resold after the auction to private individuals.

106. The Junior Livestock Auction Auctioneer will not read or announce any information presented by the Exhibitor and/or agents of exhibitor during the Butte County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

107. During the sale of their animal, exhibitor may display only items awarded, presented, and/or approved by the Fair Management (ribbons, banners, buckles, special awards, etc.). Champion Market Animals may have a floral “blanket” provided by and at the expense and decision of the exhibitor.

108. Champion Market Animal exhibitors may have only ONE youth assist in the ring with the handling of Butte County Fair awards, banners, and other special awards during the sale of the animal. The assisting youth must be a current livestock exhibitor at the Butte County Fair and be in the uniform of their organization. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by Fair Management.

109. Other Market Animal exhibitors (not champions) requiring assistance during the sale of their animal must obtain permission from Fair Management prior to the sale.

110. Fair Management reserves the right to hold an exhibitor’s Junior Livestock Auction check, for any reason, for up to 60 days after checks are published.

111. Junior Livestock Auction checks must be cashed within 60 days from the date of distribution, which is determined by fair staff. ***Any lost premium or auction check will only be re-issued less the \$50.00 bank service charge.***

112. Independent Exhibitors parents/guardians will NOT receive a leader pass. They are considered a parent/guardian of their exhibitor and will ONLY receive passes issued to the exhibitor.

## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION BUYER INFORMATION:**

1. **THE BUTTE COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION IS A TERMINAL SALE.** (TERMINAL SALE: A sale in which the market ready animals exhibited at the fair are to be sent to a processing facility and harvested following the conclusion of the auction/fair.) Animals sold at the Auction shall be sent to a contracted processing plant for harvest. No live animal pick-up of Auction animals. NO EXCEPTIONS. Once an animal has been shown in a market class and determined by the Judge to be "market ready" or "market acceptable" it is consigned to the Auction and cannot be withdrawn by the exhibitor or the buyer.
2. No registration papers will be provided by the seller. Buyer of animals through the Auction shall not negotiate resale of animals during the sale. Transfer of animals from one buyer to another will not be permitted through the sale office.
3. Market animals must meet weight requirements to show and must be judged "market ready" or "market acceptable" to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Exhibitors will be paid to top weight as listed in the Exhibitor Handbook. Buyers pay to the top "pay to" weight for steers, swine, lambs & goats as follows:
  - Steer – 1350 lbs.                      ●Hog – 270 lbs.                      ●Lamb – 150 lbs.                      ●Goat – 105 lbs.
  - Rabbit Meat Pens - Each rabbit must weigh 3.5 - 5.5 lbs. Meat Pens are sold by the pen.
  - ~~Chickens - 3.5 lbs to 6.0 lbs. Meat Pens are sold by the pen.~~
  - ~~Turkeys – 35 lbs.~~
4. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION PURCHASES: As per the Butte County Fair Board of Directors, the following wording appears on the Junior Livestock Auction Bill of Sale: **"By signing this bill of sale the signer agrees to accept the responsibility of payment for the entire amount of the purchase regardless of how many individual buyers are involved in the purchase of the animal."**
5. Buyer agrees to pay processing fees as determined by Fair Management. Processing fees will be included in bill from the Fair.
6. Each animal will be sold to the highest bidder without reserve.
7. **All exhibitors selling animals through the auction shall be assessed: 8% for goats, sheep, swine, poultry, turkeys and rabbits, and 5% for steers, of the selling price to offset auction expenses and provide an auction contingency reserve for bad debts. A \$5 fee will be assessed by all sellers in the auction to offset buyers' lunch. An additional auction fee will be charged to cover auctioneer costs. It will be split equally between all the exhibitors in the sale.**
8. When a buyer purchases a Rabbit Meat Pen and chooses custom processing, the buyer agrees to receive 3 rabbits that were shown at the Butte County Fair, judged market acceptable/market ready and sold at the Junior Livestock Auction. The fair does not guarantee the buyer will receive the specific 3 animals purchased.
9. All Small Animals (Rabbits, ~~Chickens & Turkeys~~) have no resale option. Buyers can elect to donate their product to the Oroville Rescue Mission.
10. Minors are not permitted to sign sales agreements.
11. ***Payment is due in full within 30 days from the date of the Auction. If not paid within 30 days, 1.5% interest will be accrued monthly.***
12. DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS: Auction checks will be released to FFA Leaders and to the 4-H, Independent and Grange members individually on the Third Week of September. Exhibitors are responsible for mailing thank you letters. Auction checks will not be mailed.
13. Further instructions and information is available from the Fair Office. Please feel free to contact us at 530-846-3626.

**THANK YOU**  
***to the businesses & individuals who generously***  
***support the Junior Livestock Auction.***  
***Your support is genuinely appreciated!***  
**Please join us Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**for the 2025 Junior Livestock Auction.**