



NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES AND GUIDELINES



Members of the Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Board are excited that you are planning to participate in this year's Fair! Plans have been made well in advance in hopes of making this the best year ever! As with every event involving youth, safety is the number one concern. During your time in the livestock barn, please stay aware of your surroundings.

We have added to and changed some of the following information regarding the shows and contest. Please read the next paragraph, General Rules and information on the Division you wish to enter.

We look forward to see you and your livestock project at the Fair. Best of luck!

- ◆ Coordinators are Bob Bridges - Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits, Jason Duggin - UGA Animal & Dairy Science - Livestock Judging Contest and Kurt Sutherland - Gordon County 4-H Youth Livestock Coordinator - Market Goat, Market Lamb, Breeding Heifer, Market Steer and Market Hog.
- ◆ Exhibitor's Pass - Each exhibitor will receive a total of three entrance and one vehicle pass; vehicles must park in regular parking area once animals are unloaded.
- ◆ Health Regulations (Requirement for the Exhibition of Livestock in Georgia) -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). This certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition - with the exception of 4-H and FFA shows. See the current year Georgia 4-H and FFA State Livestock Shows Rules and Regulations for specific information for 4-H and FFA health certificates. All other livestock exhibitors must follow rules and regulations as outlined in the "Health Requirement for Exhibition of Livestock in Georgia," revised October 7, 2003, from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. No animals will be allowed entry onto the fairgrounds without the proper health records and test requirements.
- ◆ Entry form is a link to the web page and shown as *Livestock Entry Form*.

General Rules (Applicable to all Livestock)

- ◆ All entries shall be classified immediately upon arrival and classification cannot be changed.
- ◆ All livestock and poultry must conform to Health Regulations as outlined above.
- ◆ All livestock may be subject to health inspection by an Official State Veterinarian.
- ◆ The livestock barn will be open during fair operation hours.
- ◆ See *Barn Schedule* for check-in and show times.
- ◆ Livestock may be removed at 9:30 p.m. following the species show unless otherwise specified.
- ◆ An exhibitor may enter as many animals to show as they choose, but may not have more than two entries in any one class in competition for prize money.
- ◆ The contestants must be present at time of judging or make prior arrangements to have their animals shown due to an excuse approved by the show committee.
- ◆ Ribbons will accompany premium awards.
- ◆ All premiums will be paid by the Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Treasurer.
- ◆ All livestock must have a creditable showing in order to qualify to receive a premium.
- ◆ Where there is no competition in a class and champion showing, either second prize or reserve champion money may be given.
- ◆ Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed, feed pan, water pail and show supplies. The fair will furnish the bedding, electric power and water supply. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to feed, water, clean-up after their animals and provide the general care for their animals while at the fair. Waste must be disposed of in a timely matter at the designated site behind the right side of the livestock barn.
- ◆ Veterinarian service for all animals while at the fair will be made available at the owner's expense.
- ◆ The fair will not be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit and will give the best care and attention to prevent loss or damage.



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General Rules (Applicable to all Livestock)
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- ◆ There will be showmanship classes.
- ◆ We shall honor the Statement of Relation (Memorandum of Understanding) between Vocational Education and the Cooperative Extension which is considered the official agreement. This agreement guides 4-H and FFA participation in events. The intent of the agreement is to support youth participating in both organizations with different project areas and to disallow a young person competing in both organizations with the same project area in the same year.
- ◆ Application for all livestock entries must be postmarked no later than August 28, 2015.
- ◆ Entry fees are non-refundable; this includes the livestock judging contest.
- ◆ Mail all market goat, market lamb, breeding heifer, market steer, market hog and livestock judging contest entry forms to Fair Livestock Shows, 1282 Highway 53 Spur, SW - Calhoun, Georgia 30701. Checks for the aforementioned events should be made payable to Gordon County 4-H. To enter poultry or rabbit, contact Bob Bridges at 706-602-1358 - P. O. Box 1131, Calhoun, Georgia 30703.
- ◆ All animals must be registered (or registration must be applied for) in the name of the exhibitor prior to fair time.
- ◆ Coordinators reserve the right to disqualify any animal on the basis of health concerns due to fungus, warts, etc.

DIVISION A - MARKET GOAT SHOW

Check-in will be from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11th; the market goat show will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12th.

Showmanship Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be shown by grade levels providing there is a minimum of five exhibitors to each grade; otherwise, grades will be combined. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$25.00	2nd place \$20.00	3rd place \$15.00	4th place \$10.00	All Other Placements \$5.00
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Market Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be comprised according to weight range and then by number of entries received in that range. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$35.00	2nd place \$30.00	3rd place \$25.00	4th place \$20.00	5th place \$15.00	All Other Placements \$10.00
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Division Market Classes:

- ◆ Providing enough entries are received, there will be a division class following every third market class. Premiums are as follows:

Division Champion \$20.00	Reserve Division Champion \$15.00
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Grand and Reserve Grand Champions:

- ◆ Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected from class, or if applicable, division winners. Premiums are as follows:

Grand Champion \$50.00	Reserve Grand Champion \$40.00
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DIVISION B - MARKET LAMB SHOW

Check-in will be from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13th; the show will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14th.

Showmanship Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be shown by grade levels providing there is a minimum of five exhibitors to each grade; otherwise, grades will be combined. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$25.00	2nd place \$20.00	3rd place \$15.00	4th place \$10.00	All Other Placements \$5.00
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Market Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be comprised according to weight range and then by number of entries received in that range. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$35.00	2nd place \$30.00	3rd place \$25.00	4th place \$20.00	5th place \$15.00	All Other Placements \$10.00
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Division Market Classes:

- ◆ Providing enough entries are received, there will be a division class following every third market class. Premiums are as follows:

Division Champion \$20.00	Reserve Division Champion \$15.00
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Grand and Reserve Grand Champions:

- ◆ Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected from class, or if applicable, division winners. Premiums are as follows:

Grand Champion \$50.00	Reserve Grand Champion \$40.00
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DIVISION C - BREEDING HEIFER AND MARKET STEER SHOW

Check-in will be from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14th; the show will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15th.

In the Junior Beef Cattle Show, five or more of any breed will constitute a division.

Showmanship Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be shown by grade levels providing there is a minimum of five exhibitors to each grade; otherwise, grades will be combined. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$25.00	2nd place \$20.00	3rd place \$15.00	4th place \$10.00	All Other Placements \$5.00
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Heifer Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be categorized between registered, which will be shown by birthdate, and commercial, being shown by weight range and then by number of entries received in that range. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$35.00	2nd place \$30.00	3rd place \$25.00	4th place \$20.00	5th place \$15.00	All Other Placements \$10.00
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DIVISION C - BREEDING HEIFER AND MARKET STEER SHOW

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Steer Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be shown by weight range and then by number of entries received in that range. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$35.00	2nd place \$30.00	3rd place \$25.00	4th place \$20.00	5th place \$15.00	All Other Placements \$10.00
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Division Classes:

- ◆ Providing enough entries are received, there will be a division class following every third market class. Premiums are as follows:

Division Champion \$20.00	Reserve Division Champion \$15.00
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Grand and Reserve Grand Champions:

- ◆ Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected from class, or if applicable, division winners. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected for Heifer (Registered), Commercial and Steer. Premiums are as follows:

Grand Champion \$50.00	Reserve Grand Champion \$40.00
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DIVISION D—LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Contest is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m.

- ◆ Contest Committee - Jason Duggin - UGA Animal & Dairy Science, Allie Griner - Gordon County 4-H Agent and Kurt Sutherland - Gordon County 4-H Youth Livestock Coordinator.
- ◆ The contest is limited to enrolled 4-H and FFA members. **Please have all registered contestants arrive by 3:30 p.m. on the day of contest as we will start as close to 4:00 p.m. as possible.**
- ◆ Team scores will be calculated using the top three individuals' scores from a given club or chapter. A team consists of a minimum of 3 to a maximum of 10 participants. There will be both a Junior and Senior Division.
- ◆ Members will judge one class of swine, three classes of beef cattle and two classes of sheep. Classes are subject to change and may include a class of Boer breeding does as a replacement if other classes are not suitable. There will also be one EPD class of breeding animals for placing and one set of questions. No reasons will be required on any class.
- ◆ 4-H and FFA show animals will be used sparingly. Every effort will be made to assemble fair classes of animals that have not been previously exhibited.
- ◆ Ten minutes will be allowed for judging each class.
- ◆ All clubs and chapters must pre-register using the entry form provided. No phone-in, faxed or emailed entries will be accepted, nor will entries be accepted on the day of the contest. In order to facilitate the number of teams that usually participate, entry forms must be postmarked by Friday, September 11th for acceptance. Teams may delete or exchange team members' names on the day of contest; however, coaches should make every effort to send in as accurate an entry form as possible.
- ◆ Mail team entry form with fees (\$20.00 per team) to Livestock Judging Contest - 1282 Highway 53 Spur, SW - Suite 200 - Calhoun, Georgia 30701. Awards will be presented to the first and second high Junior Teams and the first and second high Senior Teams. Note: Team constitutes 3 or more individuals; less than 3 will compete as individuals at a fee of \$3.00 each.

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DIVISION D—LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

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- ◆ Individual awards will be given as follows:

1st place \$20.00	2nd place \$18.00	3rd place \$16.00	4th place \$14.00	5th place \$12.00
6th place \$10.00	7th place \$8.00	8th place \$6.00	9th place \$4.00	10th place \$4.00

- ◆ Ties for individual awards will be broken using the following method:
 - first tie - highest score on question session
 - second tie - highest score on beef breeding class
 - third tie - highest score on swine breeding class
 - fourth tie - highest score on sheep breeding class
 - fifth tie - highest score on EPD placing class
- ◆ Breaks on ties for individual placements will not lower a contestant's score and will not affect overall team score. In the event of a tie in overall scores of the top two teams, the tie will be broken by whichever team's high individual has the highest score.

DIVISION E - HOG SHOW

Check-in will be from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18th; the show will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th.

- ◆ There will be no Boar classes.
- ◆ All breed classes will be shown by animal birthdate (purebred hogs will not be divided by breed).
- ◆ All market hogs will be weighed at check-in and divided into classes according to that weight.

Showmanship Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be shown by grade levels providing there is a minimum of five exhibitors to each grade; otherwise, grades will be combined. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$25.00	2nd place \$20.00	3rd place \$15.00	4th place \$10.00	All Other Placements \$5.00
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- ◆ Please make sure to indicate your grade in school as of September 2015 and whether you intend to participate in showmanship.

Market Hog Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be comprised according to weight and then by number of entries received in that range. Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$35.00	2nd place \$30.00	3rd place \$25.00	4th place \$20.00	5th place \$15.00	All Other Placements \$10.00
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Breeding Gilt Classes:

- ◆ Classes will be comprised according to animal's birthdate
- ◆ Premiums are as follows:

1st place \$35.00	2nd place \$30.00	3rd place \$25.00	4th place \$20.00	5th place \$15.00	All Other Placements \$10.00
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Grand and Reserve Grand Champions:

- ◆ Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected from class winners. Premiums are as follows:

Grand Champion Market Hog	\$50.00
Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog	\$40.00
Champion Breeding Gilt	\$50.00
Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt	\$40.00

DIVISION F - POULTRY CONTEST

Neither Northwest Georgia Regional Fair nor Northwest Georgia Poultry Club is responsible for lost birds or accidents. All care and protection will be applied. Show questions should be directed to Bob Bridges at 706-602-1358

- ◆ Entry fee is \$2.50 per bird. Birds will be tested by the State Tester. Checks should be made payable to Northwest Georgia Regional Fair. Please call Bob Bridges at 706-602-1358 or email him at bobbridges49@gmail.com with a complete listing of what birds you will be entering prior to Sunday of Fair week; this will greatly help with the process. You may pay your fee on Sunday as well. Judging will be on Monday of Fair week at 6:00 p.m. with the exception of Bantam ducks and chickens. All fees must be paid prior to judging.
- ◆ Check-In will be on Sunday after 2:00 p.m. until Fair closing and again on Monday from 2:00 until 5:30 p.m. All birds must stay until the following Saturday (last day of Fair) until 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Open Show Competition - Bantams will be judged under the 7 classes of bantams, Modern, American and Old English game, Any Other Comb, Single Comb, Feather Leg, Rose Comb and Bantam Duck
- ◆ Junior Show Competition - You must be 18 years or younger; judging will be the same as Open Show. Juniors may enter the Open Show; however, birds must be different. Large Fowl will be accepted for Juniors only.
- ◆ Birds will be entered by Breed, Variety (color) and sex, Cock and Hen one year old or older; Cockerel and Pullet less than one year old.
- ◆ APA and ABA standards will be used for judging with judge's decision final.
- ◆ Any situation not covered will be handled by club members.
- ◆ All birds will be pullorum-typhoid tested by the Georgia Poultry Lab; no sick or unhealthy bird will be accepted. There is a \$.35 per bird testing fee.
- ◆ Premiums for Open Bantam Show are as follows:

Champion \$25.00 plus award	Reserve Champion \$20.00 plus award
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DIVISION F - POULTRY CONTEST

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- ◆ Premiums for Junior Show are as follows:

Champion \$25.00 plus award	Reserve Champion \$20.00 plus award
Large Fowl Champion \$10.00 plus award	Reserve Large Fowl \$10.00 plus award

- ◆ Premiums will be awarded if there are five or more birds of the same breed and variety in a class and are as follows:

1st place \$4.00	2nd place \$3.00	3rd place \$2.00	4th place \$1.00
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- ◆ Please leave ribbons won on the cages until Saturday (last day of Fair); however, they cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.
- ◆ Premiums will be distributed on Saturday evening (last day of Fair) before check-out.

DIVISION G—RABBIT CONTEST

- ◆ Show questions should be directed to Bob Bridges at 706-602-1358.
- ◆ Bring rabbits in cages with a water bottle and feed cup; feed will be furnished.
- ◆ Rabbits are to be brought to the livestock barn on Sunday of Fair week from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. or Monday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the appropriate livestock shows coordinator listed below:

Bob Bridges	706-602-1358	Poultry and Rabbit
Jason Duggin	706-624-1403	Livestock Judging Contest
Kurt Sutherland	706-629-8685	Market Goat, Market Lamb, Breeding Heifer, Market Steer and/or Hog