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Important Information for Exhibitors

1. All species pre-tagging is the responsibility of the exhibitors, leaders and/or advisors. The pre-tagging request process is to be completed by leaders/advisors. The Leader/Advisor is to fill out the pre-tagging request form completely when emailed by the Exhibits office. If you do not receive an email, contact the Santa Clara County Fair office for tagging materials and procedures. Pre-tagging kits can be dropped off at the fairground's front office. Refer to the important dates page for when beef and sheep/goats/swine pre-tagging kits are due. DNA and all applicable paperwork MUST BE IN THE FAIR OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE. Failure to have your market animal pre-tagged will prohibit your animal from being entered in the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair – NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
2. RV spaces will be available for exhibitors and their families who wish to stay on the SCC Fairgrounds from Saturday, August 15, 2026, to Monday, August 24, 2026. If you would like an RV space during the SCC Fair, please check the online entry system or contact the SCC Fair Office for more details. We will have RV forms available online at www.thefair.org by June 19, 2026. All completed RV forms are to be emailed to mbeckwith@thefair.org. **The first submitted forms will have priority as we are limited to 50 RV spots this year.** One (1) vehicle parking pass is included with the price of the RV pass, but exhibitors and other guests staying on the SCC Fairgrounds in the RV area are still required to purchase admission to the SCC Fair and parking passes for any additional vehicles. *Please note only one (1) vehicle per RV can be parked in the RV area.* Due to limited space, RV forms submitted to the fair office after July 23, 2026, may not be accommodated.
3. It is required that each animal have a stall card (with Exhibitor Name, Animal Name, and Club/Chapter) and each club/chapter have a sign for each species. Decorations are required for the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair.
4. The Santa Clara County Fair is open to the following participants:
   a. Large Animal Market and Breeding classes and Small Animal Market classes are open to residents of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties only. (Out of county exhibitors please refer to the Species Limits section on Rules and Guidelines for more information).
   b. Small animal classes, excluding small animal market classes, are open to all exhibitors ages 5 to 19 years old as of January 1, 2026, from all counties.
   c. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats classes are open to all exhibitors from all counties.
   d. The Horse show will be open to Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties.
   e. All showmanship classes are open to 4-H and FFA exhibitors of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties.
   f. All Exhibitors must be in good standing with the Santa Clara County Fair and their respective organizations.
5. **Buyers Coalition** The Santa Clara County Fair is proud to announce that we will continue the Buyers Coalition this year! The Buyer's Coalition allows for donations to be collected from local businesses and community members. Those donations will be used to buy livestock from the Santa Clara County Youth Livestock Auction. The meat that is bought at the auction will then be donated to local food banks and soup kitchens.
   a. For more details refer to ***page 31*** in this book.
6. **Prop 12** A bill of sale and Proposition 12 certificate must be turned in for market swine with pre-tagging paperwork. Market Swine Exhibitors will have to submit Proposition 12 required certificate from a third party certified breeder as required by the law. Self-Certification is no longer allowed.
   a. Information can be found at the website listed below: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AnimalCare/
   b. Watch the Helpful Video listed below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDEjX3PDd1s
7. To accommodate possible school scheduling conflicts, for the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair non-exhibitors such as parents or advisors will be able to feed and water animals, as well as spot clean livestock pens. This will be allowed Monday through Friday until 10AM. Any animal care after 10AM should be done by exhibitors ONLY.
8. **As a reminder to exhibitors**, once your animal has gone through the auction and sold it officially belongs to the buyer. Therefore you should no longer make any alterations to your animals appearance which includes but is not limited to clipping.

Important Dates

Horse Ownership/Lease Date Hard or electronic copies of all Registration, Ownership or Lease Agreements must be received by Horse Show/Fair Management on or before 120 day mark.	April 21, 2026 Contact Regina Matthews at regina@danandregina.com with questions or if forms are needed.
Market Beef Pre-Tagging Forms Due (Ownership Date)	Received by April 17, 2026. Must have a parent's signature regardless of age.
Market Swine, Sheep and Goat Pre-Tagging Forms Due (Ownership Date)	Received by June 16, 2026 . Must have a parent's signature regardless of age. *If you plan to show in Bred and Owned, Dam DNA must be turned in with your pre-tagging paperwork* NEW!
Breeding and Small Animals (Ownership Date)	July 16, 2026
Drug Statement	Upload a signed copy with entries. Must have a parent's signature regardless of age.
Code of Conduct Due	Upload a signed copy with entries. Must have a parent's signature regardless of age.
YQCA Training (Quality Assurance Training) Due	July 16, 2026. Must enter the certificate number to complete entries.
Entries Due	July 16, 2026 LATE ENTRIES: July 23, 2026 (Additional $10 Late Fee Per Class)
Pre-Fair Meeting	Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 at Fairgrounds
Horse Show	Friday, August 21, 2026 at Fairgrounds
Pen Set-Up	Tentatively, Saturday, August 8, 2026 and Sunday, August 9, 2026
Stills/Home Arts Receiving Dates	See Page 9 in this book or refer to the Competitive Exhibits Book for receiving dates and times.
Public Days	Wednesday, August 19th – Sunday, August 23rd
Auction Forms Due	Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM
Junior Livestock Auction	August 22, 2026 10AM
Master Showmanship	Sunday, August 23rd Large Animals at 9:00AM Small Animals at 2:00PM Awards Ceremony at 6:00 PM

2026 Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Show Schedule

***=Following Previous Event

Prior to Fair	
Horse Ownership/Lease Date – April 21, 2026	
Beef Pre-Tagging Due – April 17, 2026	
Swine, Sheep, and Goat Pre-Tagging Due – June 16, 2026	
Breeding & Small Animal Ownership Date – July 16, 2026	
Pre-Fair Meeting – July 30, 2026 @6:30PM	
Stills Receiving and Set-Up August 8, 2026 & August 9, 2026	
Pen Set-Up – TBD	
Friday, August 14, 2026 – Barn Closes- TBD	
Junior Livestock Early Pens Setup & Tack In	3PM-6PM
Optional Early Load In Pigs/Cattle	7PM-9PM
Saturday, August 15, 2026 – Barn Closes -TBD	
Junior Livestock Pens Setup & Tack In	8AM-10AM
Vet Check: Sheep & All Goats	8AM-10AM
Load In Pigs/Cattle	10AM-12PM
WEIGH IN: Sheep & All Goats	**3PM-4:30PM**
WEIGH IN: Beef	**4:30PM-5PM**
WEIGH IN: Hogs	**5PM-7PM**
Sunday, August 16, 2026 - Barn Closes- TBD	
PYGMY GOATS – 4-H Showmanship	8AM
FFA Showmanship	***
4-H/ FFA Breed Classes	***
4-H/FFA Costume & Carts	***
Knowledge Bowl	***
DAIRY CATTLE – 4-H Showmanship	9AM
FFA Showmanship	***
Supreme Showmanship	***
4-H/FFA Reg. & Grade Breeding Group Classes	***
4-H/FFA Pen of 3	***
POULTRY – Animal Receiving & Health Insp	7AM-9AM
4-H Showmanship	10AM
FFA Showmanship	***
Market Classes	***
Breed Classes	***
4-H/FFA Eggs	***
4-H/FFA Costume Contest	***
Avian Bowl	***
DAIRY GOATS – Open Show	10AM
4-H Showmanship	***
FFA Showmanship	***
Supreme Showmanship	***
4-H/ FFA Breed Classes	***
4-H/FFA Pen of 3 & Group Classes	***
Dairy Goat Fitting Contest	**6PM**
Monday, August 17, 2026 – Barn Closes- TBD	
SWINE – Independent Market	4PM
4-H Showmanship	***
4-H Market, Pen of 3, Feeder &	***

Monday, August 17, 2026 – Continued		
SWINE cont – 4-H Jumbo		***
FFA Showmanship		***
Supreme Showmanship		***
FFA Market		***
Supreme Champion		***
FFA Pen of 3, Feeder & Jumbo		***
4-H/FFA Bred & Fed and Bred & Owned		***
4-H/FFA Reg. & Grade Breeding		***
Large Animal Skillathon		6PM
BEEF PENS MUST BE STRIPPED OUT FROM 4PM-9PM		
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - Barn Closes- TBD		
DOGS – Dogs Received		4PM-5PM
Obedience		5PM
4-H Showmanship		***
FFA Showmanship		***
Costume Contest		***
Released		After Show
BEEF – Independent Market		5PM
4-H Showmanship		***
4-H Market, Pen of 3, Feeder, & Jumbo		***
FFA Showmanship		***
Supreme Showmanship		***
FFA Market		***
Supreme Champion		***
FFA Pen of 3, Feeder, & Jumbo		***
4-H/ FFA Reg. & Grade Breeding		***
4-H/ FFA Bred & Fed		***
4-H/ FFA Bred & Owned		***
Open Carcass Beef		***
ALL OTHER LIVESTOCK PENS MUST BE STRIPPED OUT BY 9PM		
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – Barn Closes- TBD		
SHEEP – Independent Market		4PM
4-H Showmanship		***
4-H Market, Pen of 3, Feeder & Jumbo		***
FFA Showmanship		***
Supreme Showmanship		***
FFA Market		***
Supreme Champion		***
FFA Pen of 3, Feeder, & Jumbo		***
4-H/FFA Bred & Fed & Bred & Owned		***
4-H/FFA Reg.& Grade Breeding		***
RABBITS – Animal Receiving		4PM-5PM
4-H Showmanship		5PM
FFA Showmanship		***

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Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – Continued		
RABBIT cont	Market Classes	***
	Breed Classes	***
	4-H/FFA Costume Contest	***
	Knowledge Bowl	***
CAVY	Animal Receiving	4PM-5PM
	4-H Showmanship	5PM
	FFA Showmanship	***
	Breed Classes	***
	4-H/FFA Costume Contest	***
	Knowledge Bowl	***
Thursday, August 20, 2026 – Barn Closes- TBD		
MARKET GOATS	Independent Market	***
	4-H Showmanship	4PM
	4-H Market, Pen of 3, Feeder & Jumbo	***
	FFA Showmanship	***
	Supreme Showmanship	***
	FFA Market	***
	Supreme Champion	***
	FFA Pen of 3, Feeder, & Jumbo	***
	4-H/FFA Bred & Fed and Bred & Owned	***
	4-H/FFA Reg. & Grade Breeding	***
Livestock Judging		**7PM**
AUCTION FORMS DUE THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th BY 9PM		
Friday, August 21, 2026 – Barn Closes - TBD		
HORSES	Check In	4PM-5PM
	4-H Showmanship	5PM
	FFA Showmanship	***
	Halter Classes	***
ALL LIVESTOCK PENS MUST BE STRIPPED OUT BY 6PM		
Pee Wee Showmanship		**6PM**
Over the Hill Showmanship		***
Dairy Goat Milking Contest- Part 1		**8PM**

Saturday, August 22, 2026 – Barn Closes- TBD	
Dairy Goat Milking Contest – Part 2	**8AM**
Buyers Breakfast	8AM
Auction	10AM
Buyers Lunch/Dinner	***
Dairy Goat Milking Contest – Part 3	**8PM**
Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Barn Closes – 10PM	
Large Animal Master Showmanship	9AM
Small Animal Master Showmanship	2PM
Awards Ceremony	5PM
BARN CLOSED TO EXHIBITORS	**5:30PM-8:30PM**
BARN OPEN FOR TACK OUT AND LIVESTOCK RELEASE	**8:30PM-10PM**
Monday, August 24, 2026	
TACK OUT	**3PM-6PM**
TENTATIVELY- Thursday, September 10, 2026	
Beef and Sheep Carcass Contest Dinner	**6PM**

Competitive Exhibits Receiving Dates

ENTRIES DUE: July 16th, 2026 LATE ENTRIES DUE: July 23rd,2026

The location for receiving is the backside of Fiesta Hall. Enter Gate C Off Old Tully Road. Hours to drop off are noted below. MOST COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS WILL BE RECEIVED ON **August 8th** and **August 9th**! Please see below for receiving dates and times.

All items released along with ribbon and award pickup on Monday, **August 24th from 2:30-5:30PM**

Agriculture-Horticulture	**August 18th 1PM to 6:30PM**
Arts & Crafts	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Baked Goods and Confections	**August 18th 1PM to 6:30PM**
Business – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Collections	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Decorated Foods	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Educational Display – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Feature Booth – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Floriculture ***** *Planter Bed ONLY RECEVING******	**August 18th 1PM to 6:30PM** ***August 15th - 16th 9 AM to 2 PM***
Graphic & Two-Dimensional Art – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Honey	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Legos – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Menu Planning – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Metalworking	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Needle & Fiber Arts	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Photography	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Preserved Foods	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Recycle! Repurpose!	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Record and Project Books – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Sewing & Quilting	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Table Setting	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Technology & Computer Science – Youth Only	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM
Veggie-Art	**August 18th 1PM to 6:30PM**
Woodworking	August 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM or August 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Code of Conduct for All Exhibitors

This Code of Conduct was developed in cooperation with the California State 4-H, California FFA Association, California State Grange, Western Fairs Association, and other Agricultural organizations. The purpose of this code and rules are to help ensure that animals are treated safely and humanely, food safety is ensured, and that all exhibitors are given a fair chance to compete in a positive environment. **This Code of Conduct and Rules & Guidelines apply to all exhibitors showing animals in competition at the Santa Clara County Fair, including Junior and Open Class Exhibitors in all classes offered.** This Code and Rules may be revised or updated as new standards require.

Notice to Parents, Leaders, & Advisors

The purpose of the Junior Livestock Shows at the Santa Clara County Fair is twofold:

1. To teach Youth the proper and ethical techniques for healthy Livestock production according to the standards set in place by the Livestock Industry and Breed Organizations as well as National, State, and local Food and Health requirements. This includes the preparation of the said animal for show or sale by the Youth, not the parent, family or leader/advisor.
2. To encourage fair competition and ensure a level playing field for all exhibitors using the most ethical and healthy practices toward the animals being shown while encouraging good sportsmanship and positive treatment of all other exhibitors, their families and Leaders/Advisors.

To ensure that **all youth, as well as parents and youth leaders working with junior exhibitors,** are clear as to the responsibilities, they have with regard to guiding their youth in the proper and legal techniques, below are listed the most common prohibited practices and procedures which are considered to be deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock:

Ethical Showing- Prohibited Actions

Any of the following actions are grounds for immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all awards, and immediate removal of animal(s) from the Fairgrounds. This applies to ALL EXHIBITORS, LEADERS, ADVISORS, and PARENTS.

1. The use of any illegal drugs on animals.
2. The use of any substances to alter the physical appearance of an animal entered in livestock events including, but not limited to, dyes, colored products on legs or body, hair builders, using banned fitting products or using them in inappropriate places, drenching or having a drenching gun on grounds.
3. Abuse (including cursing/inappropriate language/behavior or fighting) of any type toward any animal or person including exhibitors, their families, Leaders/Advisors, judges, volunteers, or Fair Staff.
4. Allowing any non-exhibitor to bathe/clip/fit animals or groom/braid/prep horses at the fair. Any senior youth exhibitor may assist a younger exhibitor (mentoring is encouraged). Parents, leaders/advisors, or non-exhibitor siblings may only assist in the case of safety concerns.
5. Use or possession by youth of any smoking materials, alcohol, or prohibited substances of any kind.
6. Interference with any judge, show staff, volunteers, or management carrying out their duties, either before, during or after any class. Interference may be (but is not limited to) arguing, loud, disruptive, or abusive language or commentary toward officials, management, or judges.
7. Addressing ANY dispute to a judge. **JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL** and not subject to Protests. By signing the Entry Form and this Code of Conduct, all Exhibitors and their parents, family and leaders agree that they understand and agree to this rule. Harassment in any form towards a judge, volunteers, Fair Staff or impugning the reputation of the Fair, a judge, volunteers or Fair Staff on **ANY** social media or any other platform by any Exhibitor (or Exhibitor's friend, family, or leader) because of any dispute will not be tolerated.
8. For matters that can be disputed, the correct procedure for any dispute is to file an Official Protest and allow an adjudication process to examine the issue and make a finding. Any form of continued harassment without having followed the Official Protest procedure may result in disqualification of the exhibitor in question. In such a case, any pending Official Protests will also become immediately void.
9. Harassment of or interference with competing exhibitors or their leaders/advisors in the course of preparing for, showing in, or after a class.
10. Failure to follow any other applicable Santa Clara County Fair or State Rules for California Fair rules.

Code of Conduct for All Exhibitors

See State Rules for Fairs and Expositions for additional specific details at:

2026 STATE RULES

Any exhibitor, parent, or leader who has been found to have engaged in any prohibited practice shall be immediately disqualified from competition at the Santa Clara County Fair and shall forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds in accordance with the Santa Clara County Fair rules.

General Procedural Rules

1. All livestock exhibitors must have proof of ownership of their animals which may be made available to Fair Management at their request. All animals must be owned, or leased in the case of horses, by and under the exhibitor's daily care in accordance with the rules of the Santa Clara County Fair.
2. The date shown on the Bill of Sale, Attestation of Ownership in the case of small animals or Statement of Ownership in the case of exhibitor bred animals, is the official ownership date. Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as owner of the animal on the breed association papers or certificate. See Ownership and Bill of Sale Requirement section of this book for ownership requirements for non-market animals.
3. Any animal that has been previously sold as a market animal through another fair or livestock show via auction or sale, whether or not there has been an actual change of ownership (progress level shows excluded), is prohibited from being entered at the Santa Clara County Fair. Misrepresenting ownership or any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal in a class in which it will be shown is prohibited. Falsely claiming to be the owner of an animal for the purpose of showing the animal for another party is prohibited.
4. All junior exhibitors are required to care for and groom their own animals while at the Santa Clara County Fair. For the animals' safety and well-being, daily access to fresh, clean water and appropriate feed as well as daily exercise must be provided.
5. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain, free of prohibited drug residues. By entering the animal in the Santa Clara County Fair, the owner exhibitor, leader, advisor and/or parent or responsible person expressly gives their voluntary consent to allow Show Management to collect/obtain any specimens of DNA, tissue, urine, saliva, blood, or any other substances from the animal entered to be used for testing. Such specimens may be collected at random, whether the owner of the animal is present or not. If the laboratory report on the analysis of DNA, tissue, saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of DNA, tissue, urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, leader, advisor, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
6. Animals entered in classes other than market classes, where they will NOT enter the food chain, may only be given drugs in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules, however livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
7. Allowable and acceptable practices of physical preparation of the animal for show include clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, and dehorning. Any surgical procedure, injections or insertion of foreign material, substance or drug, or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter-irritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance of an animal's body is prohibited and ground for disqualification. This includes vegetable oil, silicone, air, or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal.
8. Any artificial or abnormal means used to balance the udder, including use of mechanical contrivance, the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or use of a chemical preparation is prohibited. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachment with an irritant or counter irritant is also prohibited.

Code of Conduct for All Exhibitors

9. Inhumane handling or showing practices are strictly prohibited. This includes but is not limited to devices used to strike animals to induce swelling, using electrical devices for electrical stimulation, liquid diets for lambs or goats, excessive shrinking, excessive exercise or tying animals with their feet off the ground. Use of any of these or other cruel and abusive practices is grounds for immediate disqualification.
10. Correct show ring decorum is always to be maintained. All judges, fair and livestock show management, show officials, contestants and onlookers are to be treated with courtesy, respect, and cooperation. Interference of any kind with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, breed classifiers, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. Any violation of this rule may result in disqualification and/or removal of offender from the Fairgrounds.
11. Any owner, exhibitor, trainer, leader, advisor, or responsible person who knowingly cooperates or assists another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by Fair Management.
12. Under this Code of Conduct, the owner/exhibitor, their leader, advisor, and parent(s) have sole responsibility for their exhibited animal's condition and are responsible for any and all illegal/ disqualifying substances that may have been administered to said animal, whether or not he/she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in question.
13. Animal health inspections or diagnostic tests may be required before or after animals arrive on the showgrounds for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials. In such cases, show management reserves the right to require animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian. Exhibitors are responsible for any associated costs for said testing/examination.
14. Any violation of the "Santa Clara County Fair Code of Conduct", State Rules, Santa Clara County Fair Rules, or Residue Avoidance Program, may result in forfeiture of premiums, awards, disqualification, and may result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. Based on evidence provided by the livestock show, possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities on exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act or the Animal Mistreatment, Neglect, and Abandonment Laws that apply on the local, state, and national levels. Other cooperating shows will be notified of the action taken by show management, which may affect the eligibility of the individual, group, or sponsoring organization for participation at other shows.
15. Exhibitors shall conduct themselves in a professional manner on the Fairgrounds. This includes, but is not limited to appropriate dress, physical contact, and courteous language. The following activities/behaviors are inappropriate and in the interest of safety and a positive environment are strictly prohibited. Exhibitors engaging in said behaviors/activities may be disqualified and/or become subject to the penalties outlined in Paragraph 14 above:
    a. Obscene, bullying, threatening language, roughhousing, abusive behavior toward people or animals.
    b. Smoking is prohibited at all times on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. This includes smoking of any and all materials, including but not limited to tobacco and non-tobacco substances, vape pens or electronic cigarettes.
    c. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors is strictly prohibited at any time.
    d. Use of any illegal substances.
    e. Possession and/or use of firearms or firecrackers will result in immediate removal from the Fairgrounds.
    f. Damage caused to any facilities or equipment.
    g. The inappropriate use of riding crops or whips, lariats, etc. used to control animals.
    h. No bull rings.
16. Youth exhibitors must be chaperoned at all times by an adult over the age of 21.
17. Sale by Exhibitors of any items except for auction animals, fur, and feather entries, requires express permission of Fair Management. This includes all fundraising activities (food, drink, newspaper/periodical subscriptions, etc.). Permission may be requested from Santa Clara County Fair Management PRIOR to the sale of any items. A Vendor fee may be required.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for the proper and humane care of their animals and any other exhibit which may require care (i.e., a garden installation). Santa Clara County Fair is not responsible for providing food, water, or supervision for said animals/exhibits. Exhibitors are further responsible for keeping animal pens and areas clean and to abide by all fire codes. Exhibitors who may be reported to management for neglect or abuse of their animal will be subject to penalties as outlined in Paragraph 5 and 14 above.
19. Barns will close prior to the closing of the fair and will reopen tentatively at 6:00am the following morning. If livestock shows are still in progress in the barn past above set barn closure times, the barns shall close one (1) hour after the completion of that show.

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20. Unless expressly authorized by Santa Clara County Fair Management staff, exhibitors are not permitted to be in the barns during the hours of closure.
21. Youth exhibitors that stay overnight at the SCC Fairgrounds in the RV Area must be chaperoned by an adult 25 years of age or older.

Official Protest Procedure

1. 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, timers, and other fair officials cannot be protested and are final.
2. All Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of $500.00 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to the fair). NOTE: The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct costs incurred by the fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the fair shall be cause for disallowing future entries in any of the network of California fairs.
3. Protests can only be filed by an exhibitor being affected by a violation of State or Local Rules, their parent/guardian, or leader/advisor.
4. Time to File a Protest:
    a. All protests must be filed in a timely manner, within 24 hours of the alleged rule violation. A protest can be filed prior to the fair and prior to the conclusion of the fair. Protests will not be accepted after the fair has ended.
    b. The fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors by entering an exhibit and all persons by filing a protest, agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner.
    c. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management.
    d. Fair Management decisions may only be appealed at the next regularly scheduled board meetings, if:
        i. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);
        ii. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or
        iii. There was inappropriate adjudication at the Fair Management level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of rules.
5. Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.
6. Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.
    a. In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1st and 2nd runners-up in case of disqualification.
    b. In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.
7. At the discretion of the CEO, judging can be delayed to allow time for the fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the operations of the remainder of the fair judging and auction events.
8. Prior to judging the affected class, fairs may announce that an entry has been protested.
9. All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to the CEO or their designee, whose decision shall be final.
10. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to F&E in writing.
11. An individual may appeal to F&E only after adjudication at the local level and only if:
    a. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);
    b. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or
    c. There was inappropriate adjudication at the local level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of rules.
12. A fair or state, national or international organization or subdivision thereof which has a significant stake in the interpretation of rules affecting the network of California fairs may make an appeal directly to F&E concerning multiple-fair issues, industry-wide issues, unavoidable conflict of interest or assistance in enforcing its own organization rules.
13. No protest will be accepted unless it:
    a. Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy;
    b. Clearly states which rule has been violated;

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c. States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation;
d. States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest;
e. States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by F&E;
f. Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers; and
g. Describes or attaches any documents relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.

14. Fairs & Expositions Branch (F&E) must receive the appeal in writing within 24 hours from receipt of notice of local decision.
15. A hearing may be conducted at the discretion of F&E. The F&E Branch Chief may consult with and/or request that members of the State Rules Advisory Committee participate in any hearing.
16. Once the Branch Chief has ruled on an appeal to F&E, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.

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Entry Memo of Understanding

****This Agreement is to be read and signed by Exhibitor, Parent or Legal Guardian, County Extension Agent (CEA) or 4-H or FFA Leader and submitted with Entry****

In compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, it is the policy of the Santa Clara County Fair that all animals entered in competition are free and clear of drug residue upon arrival at the fairgrounds and remain so during the entire run of the Fair. The Santa Clara County Fair requires exhibitors of market animals to sign a Medication Declaration Form. It is also required that breeding animals on medication also declare such treatment on a Medication Declaration Form. Administration of any drugs/substances not approved by the FDA and/or USDA is strictly prohibited. Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking any type of performance enhancing medication to include, but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatory, tranquilizers, and painkillers, are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility should consult with the Veterinarian prior to competition.

Santa Clara County Fair Management may arrange to have a show veterinarian on call for the exhibitors' convenience and the safety and protection of the animals. All calls and/or treatments, emergency or otherwise, will be charged to the exhibitor/owner of the treated animal, not to the Santa Clara County Fair. Any fees are to be discussed directly with the veterinarian before treatment. All medication administered during the livestock show must be administered by the Show Veterinarian and a written medication record must be filed. Animals receiving performance enhancing drugs for any reason (e.g., steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and painkillers, etc.) are ineligible for competition.

The undersigned Exhibitor and his/her Parent or Legal Guardian, County Extension Agent (CEA) or 4-H or FFA Leader agrees to submit the animal entered, breeding and/or market, to inspection by any veterinarian or testing agency appointed by Santa Clara County Fair Management and to have such animal tested as may be deemed necessary by Fair Management at any time. Santa Clara County Fair Management also reserves the right to have ultrasound, DNA, tissue, urine, saliva, blood, or any other substances laboratory analysis done on any animal entered for competition. Breeding entries do not enter the food chain and are therefore not subject to the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, however both market and breeding entries will be closely screened for any performance enhancing compounds. This includes, but is not limited to, steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and painkillers. The analysis and conclusions reached by the veterinarian and/or testing agency shall be final and conclusive without recourse through protest.

In the event any animal tests positive for such substances and is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be in violation of any drug regulations, or in the event that any DNA test is required, and the DNA Analysis test does not match, the animal and the exhibitor of said animal becomes immediately ineligible for this year's competition and/or auction, and all other entries by said exhibitor will be immediately disqualified and all titles, awards, prizes, auction proceeds, premiums, scholarships and market/floor money shall be forfeit. If there is interference from family members or leaders/advisors, they may also be required to leave the premises for the remainder of the Fair at the discretion of Fair Management. Fair Management's decision on drugging/DNA issues shall be final, without recourse by appeal.

The Santa Clara County Fair or any officer, director, employee, independent contractor, or agent thereof, including, without limitation, any veterinarian or testing agency appointed by the Management (collectively referred to as the Released Parties) shall be held harmless from any action as a result of decisions rendered as a result of this rule. The undersigned Exhibitor further releases the Released Parties from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusions of such veterinarian or testing agency.

The undersigned Exhibitor and his/her Parent or Legal Guardian, County Extension Agent (CEA) or 4-H or FFA Leader hereby certify that each has read, understands, and will abide by the Code of Conduct, Memo of Understanding above and all rules and regulations of the Santa Clara County Fair as delineated in the current 2026 Santa Clara County Fair Book. The undersigned further certify that they have not administered any substance not approved by the FDA and/or USDA to any animal entered in this Livestock Show. Further, they confirm that they are aware that if they have administered a drug that is FDA approved for the species entered, the time it takes for a drug to dissipate and leave no drug residue in the system may be longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most drugs. The undersigned certifies that any approved drugs will be administered in a time frame to ensure compliance with the requirement that no drug residue would be present at the time of the arrival on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

Exhibitor/Owner understands and agrees that, once animals arrive on the fairgrounds, they must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residue. Drug tests that are positive for residue are grounds for immediate disqualification.

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THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR

LIVESTOCK, HORSE, SMALL ANIMAL, AND HOME ARTS COMPETITORS

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: _____

Exhibitor (printed name)

My signature below confirms that I have read and agree to abide by the Santa Clara County Code of Conduct, Memo of Understanding, and 2026 Entry Guides governing the animal(s) and Home Art entries entered by the exhibitor.

_____ _____

Exhibitor (signature) Date

PARENTS/LEADERS:

**Parents and leaders/advisors MUST sign regardless of junior exhibitor age **

As a Parent or Leader, I agree as an adult associated with this junior exhibitor, entry/project, and animal(s) that I will encourage the exhibitor to comply with the rules. I further affirm that I will not take any action or assist others to violate any of the rules contained in the Code of Conduct, Memo of Understanding, and 2026 Entry Guides governing the animal(s) and Home Art entries entered by the junior exhibitor.

_____ _____

Parent/Legal Guardian (printed name) Signature and Date

NOTE: Junior exhibitors must have EACH Project Leader for each of your entries sign this form. Failure to do so will result in your entries being incomplete.

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Project Supervisor/Leader/Advisor (printed name) Project(s) Lead

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Project Supervisor/Leader/Advisor (signature) Date

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Project Supervisor/Leader/Advisor (printed name) Project(s) Lead

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Project Supervisor/Leader/Advisor (signature) Date

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Project Supervisor/Leader/Advisor (printed name) Project(s) Lead

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Project Supervisor/Leader/Advisor (signature) Date

RECEIPT OF THIS FULLY SIGNED FORM IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN ENTRY PACKAGE. NO ENTRY SHALL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE NOR WILL IT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS FULLY SIGNED FORM.

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Rules Preface

The purposes of these rules are to:

a. Ensure educational and equitable competition.
b. Provide competition consistency; and
c. Maximize exhibitor and public safety.

The Santa Clara County Fair follows the State Rules for California Fairs. Those rules allow that the local Fairs' rules may be more restrictive in their implementation but may not have any rules in direct conflict with State Rules. As a result, some Santa Clara County Fair rules may be worded slightly differently or be more restrictive. This is permitted under the State Rules for California Fairs. View State Rules for California Fairs at:

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Compliance with all rules of the Santa Clara County Fair is delineated in this Fair Book and all State Rules for California Fairs are mandatory and a condition for entry for all Junior, 4-H, FFA, Grange, Independent, and Adult Exhibitors. By submitting your entry, you confirm your agreement to comply with all stated rules.

****PLEASE REMEMBER** Exhibitors are responsible for entering their animals/items in the correct Divisions and for checking their entry information prior to submitting each form. Any discrepancies or errors in the Exhibitors' entries are the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. All entry corrections must be made prior to the start of Judging for the class entered, and awards may not be made for exhibits which have not been corrected. Santa Clara County Fair Management and/or Department Supervisors/Chairs are not responsible for finding errors on any Exhibitor entries.

General Rules:

Interpretation of Rules:

1. Management of the Santa Clara County Fair (including the Executive Director, the Fair Manager, Team Leaders, Chairs, and any others as designated by the Executive Director or Fair Manager) reserves the right to interpret the following Rules and Regulations and to settle and determine all questions/differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Santa Clara County Fair, along with all rules as shown in the "2026 State Rules for California Fairs" as delineated by the Divisions of Fairs and Expositions apply to this Fair.

Species Limits:

2. All exhibitors at the Santa Clara County Fair are limited as to the number of large market animals they may show. No exhibitor may exhibit more than four (4) total of large market animals of any species – steer, market goat, lamb, or hog. *EXCEPTION* The exhibitor chosen to show the Heritage Hog for the Clover Foundation is the only exception to this rule. That exhibitor may raise a total of five (5) large market animals, including the Heritage Hog.
3. ***Out of County exhibitors*** from Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Alameda, and San Mateo counties are limited in the number of markets animals and some breeding animals, which they may exhibit at the Santa Clara County Fair. Please see the out of county specie limits details below***:***
   a. ***Small Animals:*** Meat pen rabbits, meat pen chickens, turkeys, and eggs will only allow 10 out of county market animals/entries per species, with 1 entry per division, per exhibitor. The first 10 out of county entries in each division will fill those spots.
   b. ***Large Animals:*** Market goats, sheep, beef, and swine will only allow 10 out of county market animals/entries per species, with 1 entry per division, per exhibitor. Market animals must be pretagged by the set deadlines. For more information contact mbeckwith@thefair.org.

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***Note Exhibitors may enter more animals but may only bring the limits on grounds.
Out of County exhibitors should review the rules above as those limits may vary.***

Species	Enter on Entry Form	Bring on Grounds	Animals on Scales
Market Goats, Beef, Sheep, and Swine	Unlimited**	4 Animals	4 Animals
Breeding Market Goats, Beef, Sheep and Swine	Unlimited**	Unlimited	N/A
Dairy Cattle	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A
Dairy Goats	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A
Horses	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A
Meat Pen Rabbits	3 pens per exhibitor**	3 pens per exhibitor	3 pens per exhibitor
Rabbits and Cavies	6 Animals per class	6 Animals per class	N/A
Pygmy Goats	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A
Dogs	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A
Eggs	1 dozen per class**	1 dozen per class	N/A
Meat Pen Chickens	3 pens per exhibitor**	3 pens per exhibitor	3 pens per exhibitor
Turkeys	1 Turkey**	1 Turkey	1 Turkey
Breeding Poultry	Unlimited	Unlimited	N/A

Heritage Hog

4. The Clover Foundation will select one (1) exhibitor to raise its Heritage Hog.
   a. The Heritage Hog will not count towards the exhibitor's limit of four (4) large market animals, nor the one (1) auction animal.
   b. The Heritage Hog will be entered as "Heritage Hog" swine entry under independent in the online entry system and will be judged for market readiness ONLY. The Heritage Hog will not be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion.
   c. The Heritage Hog may be used as the exhibitor's showmanship animal.
   d. The animal must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of 60 days. See Important Dates page for ownership date.
   e. If the Heritage Hog does not meet the market weight minimum it will be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction at the minimum market weight but will not be harvested until that minimum market weight is met. Should the Heritage Hog be over the maximum market weight it will be sold at the top market and the buyer will not pay for the excess over that top market weight.
   f. All proceeds from the sale of the Heritage Hog will go to the Clover Foundation, including add-ons less the 5% service fee/sales commission.

Exhibitor Divisions and Age Requirements:

5. **Small Animals**
   a. ***Pygmy Goats, Dogs, Breeding Poultry, Eggs*:** Juniors, per state rules for California Fairs rules: Minimum age of 5, as of January 1st of the current year. Open to exhibitors of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties.
   b. ***Rabbits & Cavies*:** Juniors, per ARBA rules, minimum age of 5 as of January 1st of current year, maximum age of 19 as of January 1st of current year. Open to exhibitors of all Counties.
   c. ***Market Animals - Beef, sheep, swine, market goats, market poultry, and rabbit meat pens. Breeding beef, sheep, swine, boar goats, and horse:*** Juniors, age 9 or older, as of January 1st of the current year. Eggs may be entered by primary exhibitors. Open to exhibitors from Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties. Please see department rules for specifics.
   d. ***Dairy cattle and dairy goats:*** Juniors, age 9 or older as of January 1st of the current year. Open to exhibitors of all Counties.
   e. **Open Exhibitors:** For rules and restrictions please refer to Open Livestock Book.
6. **4-H, FFA and Grange**
   a. Exhibitors shall abide by their organization's membership rules.

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7. **Independents**
   a. Must be 5 years old as of January 1st of current year to participate in the Santa Clara County Fair. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.
8. All Youth Exhibitors must be in good standing with their respective organizations. If the Santa Clara County Fair is notified by the organization that a youth exhibitor is no longer a member in good standing, that exhibitor may then be ineligible to participate as an independent, if documented disciplinary action involving their projects has been taken against them by 4-H, FFA or Grange Organizations. Duration of ineligibility will be determined on a case by case, basis by Santa Clara County Fair Management.

Ownership and Bill of Sale Requirements

9. All large animals must be owned by the Exhibitor by the dates as specified in the respective species sections. EXCEPTION: Horses may be owned by a family member as specified under Section IX, Horse Show Rules, page 29 – Ownership or Lease, Rules 1&2, of the 2026 State Rules for California Fairs:
   a. Any horse exhibited in the junior or youth division must be owned or leased by the junior exhibitor showing the horse or owned by the junior exhibitor's parent, stepparent, sibling, half-sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, step grandparent, sibling's spouse, half sibling's spouse, step-sibling's spouse or legal guardian (as evidenced by court documents) or owned by the institution in which the junior exhibitor is enrolled as a ward. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts, or partnerships, are also authorized owners of the youth exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorized by this rule. "Owned" means, in addition to other legitimate methods of acquiring ownership, the bona fide legal ownership obtained for adequate consideration in reasonable relationship with the actual market value of the horse."
   b. Horses entered in English, Gymkhana, Western, and showmanship classes may be leased. Leased horses are not eligible for Halter classes.
10. Each individual market animal MUST have its own individual bill of sale which clearly names the exhibitor as sole owner. No co-ownership of market animals is permitted.
11. A bill of sale or a lease (ownership papers) must contain the following information:
    a. Name and address of BOTH the buyer/lessee and the seller/lessor.
    b. Animal identification (description, ear tags, ear notches, tattoos etc.).
    c. All sheep and market goats must have scrapie ID numbers on the ownership papers and the animal must have a matching scrapie ear tag intact and attached to ear.
    d. Registered sheep and Boer goats may be identified with a registration tattoo instead of a tag, as long as, the animal is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate listing the current owner or the registration certificate and a completed transfer of ownership form dated within 30 days that lists the current owner.
    e. The bill of sale for all cattle privately purchased must be on California State form, commonly known as the "yellow sheet" and a brand inspection.
    f. Small animal exhibitors may use an attestation of ownership for bill of sale purposes.
    g. All horses must be owned or leased at least 120 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair horse show date. Horse ownership statements or lease agreements must be signed and notarized by no later than April 21, 2026. Registration papers from a breed registry must show ownership by Exhibitor or family member for at least 120 days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair Horse Show Date (by April 21, 2026). Lease agreements and ownership statements MUST be notarized – no exceptions. Registration papers issued by breed registry need not be notarized. A scanned copy of each document (Registration Papers, Ownership Statement or Lease Agreement with Pictures or Bill of Sale showing Sale Date) must be e-mailed **NO LATER THAN April 21, 2026** to the Horse Show Manager, Regina Matthews, at regina@danandregina.com. They must also be emailed to the Exhibits office, Attn: Horse Ownership at mbeckwith@thefair.org.
    h. Horse registration papers from a breed registry must show ownership by Exhibitor or family member for at least 120 days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair Horse Show Date (by April 21, 2026).
12. A photocopy of the original proof of ownership (bill of sale, brand inspection certificate, etc.) must be attached to the pre-tagging paperwork for all market animals. Failure to provide said proof of ownership will constitute an incomplete entry and that entry will not be processed, thereby causing the entry to be excluded from the Santa Clara County Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS.
13. Original ownership paperwork for cattle must be surrendered at weigh-in. All other ownership papers must be available upon request for the entire run of the Fair.

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14. All breeding animal exhibitors must check in their ownership papers 24 hours prior to show.
15. All market beef entries must be owned at least 120 days prior to the first day of the Santa Clara County Fair. See important dates section for ownership date.
16. All other large market animals (i.e. market sheep, markets goats and market swine) entered must be owned at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Santa Clara County Fair. See important dates section for ownership date.
    a. Market Swine Exhibitors will have to submit **Proposition 12 required certificate from a third party** certified breeder as required by the law. Self-Certification is no longer allowed.
17. All breeding and dairy animals, market chickens, turkeys, market rabbits, entered must be owned at least 30 days prior to first day of the Santa Clara County Fair. See important dates section for ownership date.
18. Large breeding animals must provide a bill of sale or statement of ownership and small animals must provide an attestation of ownership. State Rules for California Fairs regarding breeding partnerships apply.
19. No backup animals will be allowed to show. Livestock will only be allowed to show if all pre-tagging and ownership rules are followed.

Pre-Fair Tagging

20. All species pre-tagging is the responsibility of the exhibitors, leaders and/or advisors. The pre-tagging process for 4-H and FFA exhibitors is to be completed by leaders/advisors. The 4-H/FFA Leader/Advisor is to completely fill out the pre-tagging request form when emailed by the Exhibits office. If you are not in 4-H or FFA and do not receive an email, contact the Santa Clara County Fair office for tagging materials and procedures. Completed pre-tagging kits must be dropped off at the fairground's front office. Refer to the important dates page for when beef and sheep/goats/swine pre-tagging kits are due. DNA and all applicable paperwork MUST BE IN THE FAIR OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE. Failure to have your market animal pre-tagged will prohibit your animal from being entered in the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair – NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
    a. **Propositions 12** A bill of sale and Propositions 12 certificate must be turned for market swine at pre-tagging. Market Swine Exhibitors will have to submit Proposition 12 required certificate from a third-party certified breeder as required by the law. Self-Certification is no longer allowed.
        i. Information can be found at website listed below: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AnimalCare/.
        ii. Watch Helpful Video listed below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDEjX3PDd1s
21. DNA samples for all market species are required to be submitted with pre-tagging. DNA samples must submitted in the provided pre-tagging envelope with the label on the front of the envelope completely filled out. The envelope should be sealed with the exhibitor's signature across the seal.
22. Exhibitors of bred and owned market animals must own and have possession of the dam & offspring within Santa Clara County, provide permanent identification of dam & offspring and will submit a DNA sample of both the dam and their market animal when exhibitors submit their pre-tagging paperwork along with a statement of ownership or a copy of the registration papers for the Dam.
23. Independent exhibitors must also submit photos of their animal. Contact the livestock office for more information mbeckwith@thefair.org.
24. If the fair tag or scrapie tag falls out before Fair vet check/check-in, please contact the Fair Office immediately for instructions for a missing scrapie or fair tag and to obtain a new tag. Every effort should be made to attach tags securely so that they last through the Fair.

Entering and Fee Payments

25. An online entry is REQUIRED for all areas of competition unless the entry notes otherwise. All entries for the Santa Clara County Fair can be found online ONLY and must be submitted by the entry deadline as delineated for the department entered. No entries will be accepted after the late entry deadline. Please call the Santa Clara County Fair exhibits office with any questions.
26. Check department rules and guidelines for additional entry information and fees. A synopsis of important dates may be found on the Livestock Show Schedule.
27. All fee payments will be online at checkout during the online entry process. We accept Visa, MasterCard or Discover for fee payments. Late entries require an additional $10.00 late fee per class at checkout.
28. Online entries must be completely filled out with all information necessary to determine that the entry and exhibitor are eligible for the classes entered. Exhibitor's, Parent's, and Leader's signatures on the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Entry Memo of Understanding form confirms their acceptance of all rules and regulations of the Santa Clara County Fair and the Exhibitor Memorandum of Understanding and Code of Conduct as shown in the Santa Clara County Fair book.The fully signed Memorandum of Understanding and

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Code of Conduct must be uploaded to the entry site by the entry deadline as shown in the Santa Clara County Fair book. Until this is received the entry will not be considered complete and the entry will not be processed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

29. All entries must be verified and approved by 4-H project leaders or FFA advisors. A list of their club/chapter entries will be provided to those leaders/advisors for verification.
30. All junior animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit entry will result in ineligibility to show animal(s), receive any premium monies, and participate in auction. Competitive Exhibit entries MAY NOT be purchased, they must be made/baked/created by the exhibitor. If it's found that an exhibit was previously entered and judged or made by anyone other than the exhibitor, it will be disqualified, and the exhibitor will not be able to enter another exhibit in its place. Failure to enter a competitive exhibit will result in inability to show any animal(s) and receive any premium monies. – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines.
31. A complete entry consists of the following:
    a. Fully completed online entries.
    b. Entry fees paid in full.
    c. Fully signed Memorandum of Understanding and Code of Conduct uploaded to entry system.
    d. YQCA Ethics Course Certificate of Completion number on all animal online entries.
    e. Market Animals Exhibitors must complete and upload a drug statement.
    f. Project Leader/Advisor approval.
    g. Any and all required pre-tagging, DNA and/or check-in paperwork as per species requirements.
    h. Entry of a Competitive Exhibit. See the Competitive Exhibits Entry Book for more details.
32. All RV payments must be made online.

YQCA Yearly Online Ethics Course

33. In compliance with the rules for California Fairs, proof of completion of the annual one-hour Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Online Ethics course will be required of all animal exhibitors ages 9 to 19 prior to entering the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair. Once the Exhibitor completes the course with a passing score, a completion certificate with a corresponding certificate number will be issued. For assistance with entries for exhibitors under 8 years of age, please contact the fair office for instructions. This number will be required on your online entry. Certificate numbers will be checked for validity. Entries with invalid certificate numbers or without a certificate number are incomplete and will not be processed until a valid certificate number is received. Certificate numbers must be received no later than the entry deadline to be valid.

How to register for the YQCA Ethics Course

34. To register go to: https://yqcaprogram.org/ and create an account.
    a. A separate account is required for each Exhibitor. Siblings cannot take the course together as each will need an individual certificate number for their Fair Entry. The course is $12 per exhibitor.
    b. Clubs/projects may fundraise to cover the costs, as YQCA does offer coupon codes which are one-time use codes that cover the registration costs. More information on the coupon codes can be found here: YQCA: Buy Coupons.

Weigh-In and Vet Check

35. All trailers or vehicles arriving on the Santa Clara Fairgrounds may be inspected at Management's discretion. Any trailer hauling sheep & goats MUST go through the vet check BEFORE proceeding to the barns. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Any exhibitor refusing to have their animal examined shall be disqualified without refund and such violation will be reported to the State Fairs and Exhibition Department.
36. On receiving day for their animal species, exhibitors will enter the fairgrounds and proceed to the designated Vet Check location. Animals should remain in the trailer until otherwise instructed and the vet has inspected and cleared them. Once cleared, animals may be taken into their designated areas.
37. There shall be no feeding, tagging, or clipping/shearing of animal once in the vet check or weigh-in lines.
38. All livestock entries shall have only Santa Clara County Fair and/or scrapie tags attached. Any other tag will be removed at the scale, unless it is tagged for a future show.
39. All sheep and goats must pass a vet check upon arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds before they are allowed into the barns and their assigned pens.
    a. To pass the vet check, all sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag attached and intact in their ear.

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b. Dairy goats, pygmy goats and breeding Boer goats are allowed a readable ear tattoo or microchip for scrapie (tail tattoo for Lamancha) in lieu of a tag. This includes nursing kids.
c. No tattooing or blunting is to be done on Santa Clara County Fairgrounds property.
d. The ownership papers or in the case of dairy goats a stamped duplicate from ADGA must reference the animal's registration number.
e. This vet check process is a federally mandated requirement; no exceptions will be allowed. The decision of the appointed veterinarian and/or approved Santa Clara County Fair designee on the health of the animal is final without recourse through appeal.

40. Exhibitors showing market and/or feeder animals shall be solely responsible for having their animals weighed at the Santa Clara County Fair. Only one (1) official and final weigh-in is allowed, and only one (1) re-weigh will be allowed if requested. Any question of weight must be resolved while the animal is on the scale. All market animal classes are to be determined after weigh-in, as classes will be determined by weight ONLY.
41. If exhibitor elects to re-weigh their animal, the following procedure MUST be followed:
    a. Exhibitors must request a re-weigh while animal is still on the scale for original weigh-in.
    b. Remove the animal so scale may be re-balanced.
    c. Re-weigh the animal.
    d. The re-weigh will be the final weight recorded by the weighmaster whether it is more or less than the original weigh-in weight.

Attire Standards

42. The full uniform of the Exhibitor's organization must be worn in all show rings and auction arena.
43. All exhibitors shall abide by the uniform requirements of their respective organizations while showing their animals.
    a. If an exhibitor is helping another youth show in an organization other than their own (ex. A 4-H youth helping a FFA youth) they should wear the Independent uniform with no organization affiliated attire.
    b. **FFA** - The official FFA show uniform is:
        i. Boys - White pants ONLY, white shirt, FFA tie, Official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
        ii. Girls - White pants ONLY, white blouse, FFA scarf, Official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
        iii. Closed toe shoes or boots, which must fit under your pant legs.
    c. **4-H** - The official 4-H show uniform is:
        i. Official 4-H hat branded with the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) and the 4-H clover logo mark, worn on the head. (4-H Hats purchased previous to the new UC ANR logo are still acceptable.)
        ii. A traditional 4-H tie or scarf, with 4-H emblem, worn with the collared white shirt.
        iii. A plain white shirt with a collar and sleeves. Any length of sleeve is acceptable. It is required that Poultry, Cavy and Rabbit exhibitors wear long sleeve white shirts when carrying and showing their animals.
        iv. White pants ONLY for livestock exhibitors. EXECPTION Horse exhibitors may wear black or dark blue jeans or white, black, or beige English Breeches for English Classes.
        v. Girls may substitute a white blouse and skirt for a white dress with 4-H collar for items iii and iv. No tank tops or halters allowed.
        vi. Closed toe shoes or boots, which must fit under your pant legs.
        vii. Primary members may wear 4-H hat and 4-H tie or scarf.
    d. **Grange** - The Official Grange show uniform is:
        i. Dark blue denim pants, white button-front dress shirt with collar; the official red vest with National Grange emblem on the back (this must be purchased through the California State Grange office, no homemade vests will be allowed); black or brown belt with appropriate buckle; and closed toe shoes or boots.
        ii. Hats and headgear of any kind are not to be worn while showing.
    e. **Independent** - The Official Independent show uniform is
        i. White pants ONLY, white shirt or blouse EXCLUDING any insignia.
        ii. Closed toe shoes or boots, which must fit under your pant legs.

2026 Judging and Awards

44. Classes of four (4) entries or fewer entries may be combined for meaningful competition at the discretion of the Santa Clara County Fair Management.
45. Auction, add-on, and/or premium checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as indicated on the online entry form. Checks are void after six (6) months from the date of distribution and WILL NOT be reissued.

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46. Any checks that are requested to be replaced or reissued within the six months from the date of distribution are subject to a thirty-five-dollar ($35.00) fee payable to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Management Corporation.
47. Payment of “special” premiums and awards offered in this book by any merchant or breeders association are not guaranteed by The Santa Clara County Fair. The aforementioned prizes are secured by Santa Clara County Fair Management with a promissory statement in good faith from said merchants or associations and must be contested as such with those organizations.

Safety

48. Any person who does not comply with these rules, guidelines and/or instructions may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fair.
49. Running in the barns is prohibited.
50. Except for service animals or show entries on a leash, dogs are prohibited on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds proper. Dogs staying in the RV area MUST be confined to that area ONLY. DOGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ANIMAL AREAS.
51. Santa Clara County Fair Management Corporation, the County of Santa Clara or their agents will use every precaution for the safe preservation of all articles and stock on exhibition, however they are not liable for any loss or damage to said items, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage.
52. Wheelchairs, or other necessary mobility assist devices, golf carts and mules operated by Santa Clara County Fair Management designees are permitted on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Bikes, skateboards, scooters, hover boards etc. (powered or otherwise) are prohibited on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
53. For the safety and health benefit of all, the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds is a smoke-free environment. Smoking is prohibited at all times on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. This includes smoking of any and all materials, including but not limited to tobacco, non-tobacco substances, vape pens or electronic cigarettes. Those who do not comply after being asked to stop smoking will be required to leave the premises and may be denied re-entry for the run of Fair.
54. All animals (except horses and dogs) entered in the Santa Clara County Fair must be kept on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds in their designated species area and are to remain in their designated Livestock area until their release times. Large animals are not permitted in the RV area at any time. An approved release form must be presented to the designated supervisor in order to remove an animal from the premises.
55. All animals are to be properly secured and attended to at all times while they are not in their stalls/pens, including but not limited to in the wash racks, blocking chutes and fitting stands, and/or on the way to and from those locations. Exhibitors whose animals are left unattended outside of designated pen are subject to disciplinary actions.

General Information and Responsibilities

56. Showmanship must be pre-entered separately from market and non-market classes on the online entry system. No post entries (after published entry deadlines have passed) will be accepted on the Showgrounds once animals are received. NEW!
57. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for either Small Animal Master Showmanship, or Large Animal Master Showmanship, or other classes as requested.
58. A Livestock entry may only ever be entered as a market animal one time at the Santa Clara County Fair.
59. A Pre-Fair Informational Meeting is offered to all exhibitors on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 6:30 at the fairgrounds. All are encouraged to attend to get the latest fair updates.
60. A morning meeting will be held each day of fair starting at 8am. This meeting will go over the schedule for the day, and any other important topics or concerns. All exhibitors who are able should attend.
61. We will be hosting quarterly Zoom Leader/Advisor, Exhibitor/Parent meetings to go over new rules, and topics of confusion, dates and times for these meetings to be determined.
62. All animal exhibitors are solely responsible for the care, bathing, clipping, fitting, and feeding of their animal(s) during the entirety of their stay on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. To accommodate possible school scheduling conflicts, for the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair non-exhibitors such as parents or advisors will be able to feed and water animals, as well as spot clean livestock pens. This will be allowed Monday through Friday until 10AM. Any animal care after 10AM should be done by exhibitors ONLY. NEW!
63. All pens/cages used by the exhibitor’s animal(s) must be fully cleaned by 7:00pm daily. Any exhibitor not in

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compliance with this rule may be denied premiums or auction money and may be denied return to future Santa Clara County Fairs. Santa Clara County Fair Management and staff members are not responsible for the care and supervision of said animals.

64. All signage or business cards to be placed on any exhibit, other than club signs or stall cards on stalls/pens, must be approved by Santa Clara County Fair Management or they will be removed.
65. In compliance with the State Rules for California Fairs, any animal that shows any evidence of active, communicable disease or any other unsightly disease or other condition, or from a premise under quarantine for disease shall NOT be admitted to or remain on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Santa Clara County Fair Management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests before, during, and after animals arrive on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures as they solely may deem necessary. The veterinarian (and/or approved Santa Clara County Fair Staff Member) designated by the Santa Clara County Fair will have the final word on the health of all animals entered. This includes but is not limited to, determining whether an animal or animal(s) traveling in the same trailer can be admitted to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The health determination made by the Fair's designated veterinarian or approved Santa Clara County Fair staff designee is final without recourse through protest. Any Exhibitor refusing to have their animal examined shall be disqualified without refund and such violation will be reported to the State Fairs and Exhibition Department.
66. Reasonable accommodations for ADA exhibiting youth will be made on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Livestock Office **PRIOR** to the start of the fair for more information.

Conduct

67. All exhibitors, their immediate families, and agents thereof are required to follow the rules of the Santa Clara County Fair as delineated herein. Further, they are required to cooperate with fair officials, staff and security personnel in all matters of policy including, but not limited to parking, stall/pen/space assignments, class procedures, judging and good animal welfare practices as determined by the Santa Clara County Fair Management or designees. Any exhibitors, their families and/or agents who do not comply with cooperation as delineated above are subject to censure as determined by Management. Censure measures may include disqualification, forfeiture of awards, premiums or sales proceeds, removal from the Fairgrounds or participation in future Fairs.

Small Animal Responsibilities and Expectations

68. Small Animal Exhibitors must enter the fairgrounds on the receiving and/or judging day indicated under species rules, unload in the designated area, and then proceed to the check-in/judging area.
69. The Santa Clara County Fair requires all exhibitors with small animals to leave their animals at the Santa Clara County Fair from their show day until the release time at the end of the fair unless otherwise noted.
70. Pygmy goats are required to go through a vet check and poultry to go through a health inspection upon arrival and before penning.
71. Owners are responsible for ensuring that their animals' cages are securely fastened. Animal owners will supervise the securing of cages and will provide pliers and hog ring crimpers or cable (zip) ties.
72. It is the responsibility of all rabbit and cavy exhibitors to ensure that their animals arrive at the judging tables on time.
73. All animals must be identified by appropriate/approved method (i.e., tattoos, leg bands) prior to arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The Fair does not supply those items.
    a. Rabbits – ear tattoo **Note that any duplication of ear markings by exhibitors in the same class must be eliminated per ARBA regulations.**
    b. Cavies – ear tag.
    c. Pygmy Goats – tattoo or microchip. Exhibitors are responsible for providing microchip readers at vet check and the show. The Santa Clara County Fair does not supply microchip readers.
    d. Poultry - identified by commercially purchased numbered leg bands.
74. A judge may excuse any animal from competition if it appears fatigued or out of condition.
75. A judge may excuse a rabbit from competition because of a temporary curable disease or parasite.
76. The exhibitor is responsible for the proper checkout of small animals: pygmy goats, cavies, poultry, or rabbits.
77. All exhibitors are responsible for processing and delivery to the buyer of their small market animals sold through the Santa Clara County Fair Junior Livestock Auction. The seller must process and deliver small market animals within two weeks of the sale date.

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78. In compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act reporting requirements, all exhibitors and/or their leaders/advisors are required to report the administration of ANY SUBSTANCE (including, but not limited to, herbs, “calming” substances, aspirin, and over-the-counter medications) by the veterinarian, owner, or individual to the Livestock Office PRIOR to the administration of said substance(s). This ensures the market animal is given substances that will be acceptable to the processor.
79. Exhibitors will be responsible for spot cleaning and ensuring there is adequate bedding in their pens daily. At their discretion, Santa Clara County Fair Management or designee reserves the right to require exhibitor(s) to clean their pens or add bedding on any day.
80. All grooming, washing, clipping, and feeding of animals to be shown by a junior exhibitor MUST be done by the junior exhibitor.EXCEPTION: To accommodate possible school scheduling conflicts, for the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair non-exhibitors such as parents or advisors will be able to feed and water animals, as well as spot clean livestock pens. This will be allowed Monday through Friday until 10AM. Any animal care after 10AM should be done by exhibitors ONLY.
81. No professional, non-exhibitor, or adult help is permitted for grooming, washing, or clipping. EXCEPTION: For safety purposes, a Leader/Advisor may assist in holding/controlling the animal while the junior exhibitor works, if necessary.
82. The use of any substances to alter the physical appearance of an animal entered in livestock events including, but not limited to, dyes, colored products on legs or body, hair builders, and using banned fitting products on any part of the animal is prohibited. Adhesive may be used on the legs and tail heads and paint may be used no other places than horns or hooves, Santa Clara County Fair Management or designees may approach an exhibitor if a violation of this Rule is reported. Repeated instances of violation of this rule may cause exhibitor to be subject the disciplinary action of Fair Management as per rule #14 of the Code of Conduct.
83. All beef cattle and dairy cattle must have a neck rope and a rope halter on at all times while in their stalls.
84. No collars, halters, costumes, décor, or props may be left on sheep or goats while in the barn. NEW!
85. No junior exhibitor will be allowed to sleep in a pen with their animals.
86. Shavings are required as bedding for all large animals except for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats, which may be bedded on straw. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own bedding. The Santa Clara County Fairgrounds does NOT provide bedding of any kind.
87. Pelleted bedding will now be required for all beef cattle. No flaked shavings will be used. Two mats per animal will also be required for beef exhibitors, to help prevent cattle stiffness and ensure the safety of all exhibitors animals.
88. No pictures are to be taken by parents/ chaperones in the arena immediately after any class. A 5-minute opportunity to take pictures will be provided at the conclusion of each Champion Drive.
89. **As a reminder to exhibitors**, once your animal has gone through the auction and sold it officially belongs to the buyer. Therefore you should no longer make any alterations to your animals appearance which includes but is not limited to clipping. NEW!

Parking and Entrance Passes

90. All individuals attending the annual county fair must pay for admission and parking.
91. All exhibitors will be required to purchase tickets and parking for each day they attend the Santa Clara County Fair. Tickets will be available through the online entry system. The final day to purchase Admission Tickets and Parking Passes at a discounted rate online is Thursday, July 23, 2026 by 11:59PM. After this time, the cost will have a late fee applied.

    - Run of Fair General Admission (Ages 5 and under): Free
    - Run of Fair General Admission- includes a carnival wristband for WEDNESDAY(Ages 6 and up): $60
    - Run of Fair Parking: $50
    - Carnival: Exhibitors will have free access to the carnival on Wednesday. Should exhibitors want to purchase run of fair carnival admission passes for Thursday-Sunday it is $80.

Tack Space

92. Tack space will be VERY limited. Because of this we are requesting that ONLY necessary tack is brought on the grounds. If space becomes an issue Fair Management may request that some tack items be removed.
93. Generators are not allowed in the Livestock area/barn.

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Clean Stalls

94. At least once each day, a volunteer will walk through and judge the livestock areas and inspect pens, tack areas, and the livestock surrounding areas. They will be looking for cleanliness and the general appearance of assigned pen areas for each club, chapter, or group. If necessary, they will ask exhibitors to clean pens, add bedding, sweep areas, or perform needed tasks to ensure areas are clean and safe for animals, exhibitors, and the public alike.
95. All pens, including tack areas, must be cleaned by 7:00pm daily.
96. It will be required to strip pens twice throughout the week, once on Tuesday, August 18th and once on Friday, August 21st. All pens will need to be fully stripped of any bedding and checked off by fair management, before bedding is added back.
97. Inspections may take place any time between 7:00pm and 9:00pm daily and by noon on Saturday.
98. Inspections will be done daily including show days.
99. Each club or chapter should have an Educational Display at their pens for each species. Rabbits, Cavies and Poultry should have a display table set up nearby with their educational information.
100. Each pen is required to have a stall card or coop card for each animal with: Exhibitors Name, Club/ Chapter/ etc., Animals Name, Ear Tag Number, and Breed info.
101. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning the front aisle and all around their pens and are responsible for keeping tack areas and aisles clean and neat.
102. Communal walkways/areas should be cleaned by all. If your animal makes a mess, you are responsible for cleaning up after them.
103. It is suggested there be a member on pen duty during the operating hours of the fair, while the barns are open to the public.
104. Animals are expected to be kept clean and free of manure.
105. Sheep, goats, pigs, and all small animals are expected to have clean water available to them at all times.
106. The cattle drinking area is expected to remain neat and clear of manure.
107. Failure of exhibitors to correct any requested tasks may result in the loss of all points for the day or further action as described in the Code of Conduct and Rules and Guidelines in the front of this book at the discretion of Fair Management.
108. Herdsmanship judging will use the following criteria, using a scale of 1-5, with **1 poor, 3 good,** and **5 excellent**, the areas for consideration will include:
    a. **Clean Pens**
        i. Stalls and pens must be cleaned before 7:00pm daily and maintained throughout the day.
        ii. Manure and soiled bedding are to be removed from stalls/pens and deposited in the proper place.
        iii. Appropriate amount of bedding.
    b. **Clean Aisle**
        i. Alleys should be swept clean and free of debris, bedding, and manure.
    c. **Stall Cards and Signs**
        i. 4-H/FFA exhibitor stall cards/coop cards and club/chapter signs are displayed and easy to identify.
        ii. Club/Chapter signs in place clearly identifying pens or stall areas.
        iii. Stall cards attached over stalls and pens, and properly filled out.
        iv. Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion signs displayed over champion stalls and pens.
    d. **Animal Cleanliness**
        i. Animals are adequately cared for with proper feed, proper amount of bedding, available clean water for hogs, sheep, goats, and small animals, and adequate feeding equipment.
    e. **Decorations**
        i. Decorations and other added accessories to make the area attractive.
    f. **Tack/Tack Pens/Equipment**
        i. Equipment, grooming, alley, and feed area are clean and neatly arranged.
        ii. Cords and grooming equipment are not cluttering the alley.
        iii. Forks, brooms, show boxes, feed, and watering equipment are neatly stored when not in use.
    g. **Overall Impression**
        i. The impression of the display of the club/chapter's exhibit space.
        ii. Value of information in the educational display.

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h. **Educational Component**
   i. Rabbits, chickens, and cavies should have a table display set up nearby with their educational information.
   ii. All other livestock should have an educational component as part of their display to help educate the public.

i. **Bonus Point Opportunities**
   i. Exhibitor on pen duty
   ii. Wetting the Arena
   iii. Clean communal areas (walkways, washrack, arena, cattle chute/ sheep or goat stand areas)
   iv. Auction set up/ tear down
   v. Use of Animals for Livestock Judging and Master Showmanship
   vi. Participation in other events like Skill-a-ton, Fitting Contest, etc.

Animal Release

109. ALL EXHIBITS (animals, products, or articles on exhibition) may NOT be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds prior to the release time published/announced herein. All exhibits of any kind must remain intact until the said release time.
110. Junior large and small animals released times are noted herein in the Livestock Show Schedule section. A written release is required for removal of all livestock. Releases will be issued by designated Fair Staff after thorough cleaning of pens/stalls is complete.
111. Removal of any livestock, decoration, or bedding prior to designated release time, (unless previously arranged with Fair Management) will result in censure, including remedies as delineated in Rule #14 of the Code of Conduct/ General Procedural Rules and Rule #64 of the Rules and Guidelines.
112. The Santa Clara County Fairgrounds is not responsible for any animals, tack or exhibits left on the Fairgrounds after 11:59PM on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

Pee Wee Showmanship

113. There will be ONLY two age divisions:
   a. 5 years old to 7 years old
   b. 8 years old to showing age
   c. Youth under the age of 5 may not participate in Pee Wee Showmanship.
114. All participants must sign up at the livestock office and complete a liability waiver form before participating. No sign ups at ring side.
115. No awards other than participation ribbons will be awarded if there are not a minimum of 5 youth participating in each class.
116. Due to the fun nature of the class, as well as the youth participating, awards will be distributed fairly based on performance, but will also be distributed proportionately to all participating youth.
117. Pee Wee exhibitors may have older youth or adults help them to control their animals. But the Pee Wee exhibitor should be the primary handler of the animal.

Over the Hill Showmanship

118. There will be divisions for Over the Hill Showmanship:
   a. Silly – you and your “animal” may have a costume and props. They must be family friendly in nature. There will be no riding of any animal.
   b. Serious – will be showing as if you were a youth exhibitor in a showmanship class, except no uniform is required but highly recommended.
119. All participants must sign up at the livestock office and complete a liability waiver form before participating. No sign ups at ring side.
120. No awards other than participation ribbons will be awarded if there are not a minimum of 5 adults participating in each class.

Junior Livestock Auction Rules

1. AUCTION DEADLINE: Deadline for submitting auction paperwork is by 9pm Thursday, August 20th. All Exhibitors are solely responsible for bringing the correct paperwork to the Livestock Office by the stated deadline. No scratches or substitutions will be allowed after the stated closing date/time. **Once the auction list is posted, the exhibitor is SOLELY responsible for reporting any discrepancies in the auction information for their entry within two (2) hours of said posting. ABSOLUTLEY NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE AUCTION LIST AFTER THAT TIME OR ON THE DAY OF THE AUCTION.**
2. Participation in the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Open-Bid Auction is open to market animals owned and exhibited by Santa Clara County resident exhibitors who are members in good standing of 4-H or FFA ONLY, which were judged in the current Santa Clara County Fair market classes as market ready/acceptable.
3. Exhibitors may only sell one (1) market animal through the auction, regardless of affiliation or lack of affiliation with an association. For exceptions see below.
   a. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals must be sold through the open bid process.
   b. In County exhibitors with Champion and/or Reserve Champion animals will be allowed to auction one (1) additional animal or meat pen, for each Champion and/or Reserve Champion lot, per exhibitor.
   c. Out of County, Independent, and Grange exhibitors are subject to all guidelines referencing the sale of their market animals.
   d. The Heritage Hog will not count toward the exhibitor's limit of one (1) auction entry.
4. Excluding Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitors, which are subject to the open-bid process, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Alameda, San Mateo, and Monterey County, Grange and Independent exhibitors may sell one (1) animal through the Santa Clara County Fair if:
   a. They have a prearranged buyer.
   b. The exhibitor provides the Santa Clara County Fair with a certified check for the designated animal and fills out the appropriate paperwork prior to the auction deadline of Thursday, August 20, 2026, by 9PM.
   c. The sale price of the animal is at least the current market price.
   d. The purchase price includes the processing fee and any other charges normally associated with the sale.
   e. The exhibitor will not participate in the live auction. Animals will just be added to the truck for processing.
   f. The exhibitor will also be subject to the same 5% service fee/sales commission and check off fees charged to all exhibitors that sell an animal.
   g. All other junior auction rules still apply.
   h. There will not be an independent or grange champion awarded in any market class, unless there are a minimum of five (5) animals in the specie being owned by a minimum of three (3) different exhibitors.
   i. If a Champion Independent or Grange entry is awarded, the Independent or Grange exhibitors may sell more than one (1) animal through auction, if there were more than ten (10) animals in the species' respective Independent or Grange market class.
   j. In the event an Out of County is awarded a champion they may sell a second animal, as long as the exhibitor complies with the aforementioned and has a prearranged buyer and certified check as stated.
5. ALL EXHIBITORS SELLING ANIMALS THROUGH THE AUCTION WILL BE REQUIRED TO VERIFY THAT THEIR ANIMAL IS FREE OF DRUG RESIDUE BY SIGNING A DECLARATION FORM FOR THE ANIMAL ENTERED INTO THE AUCTION. Drug withdrawal times for all medications given to all market animals must be strictly adhered to. Any animal that tests positive for any medication at the time of harvest will be held at the harvesting facility until resolution and disposition. THE EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED.
6. Santa Clara County Junior Livestock Auction is a Terminal Sale. All animals entered into the auction will be sold for processing. There will be no live animal sales at the auction. Small animal processing and delivery is the responsibility of the seller. The seller must process and deliver the market animals within two weeks of the sale date.
7. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE ANIMALS INTO THE SALE RING AND TO THE HOLDING AREA ON TIME, AND FOR RETURNING ANIMALS TO THEIR PEN AFTER SALE. All exhibitors/members selling animals are required to be in the official uniform of their organization at the time their animal is sold, and animals must appear in the sale order as listed and at the proper time or they will be sold at the current resale price.

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8. Sale animals may not be altered from standard fitting and showing condition, including but not limited to paint, dye or glitter. Champion and Reserve Champion banners are considered acceptable if pre-approved by Santa Clara County Fair Management.
9. OWNERS/EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT AT THE AUCTION TO SELL THEIR ANIMAL. IF THE EXHIBITOR CANNOT BE PRESENT, THEY MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE FAIR MANAGER. NO ACCEPTIONS!! It is the exhibitor's responsibility to locate a substitute to take their animal through auction and get fair staff approval prior to the start of the auction. If the exhibitor has filled out an auction form the animal(s) must be sold.
10. **Jumbo Weight Market Animals**: Animals exceeding top market weights will be allowed to show and sell if meeting standards. Jumbo weight animals will sell at the top weight limitation and the buyer will not pay for the excess over that top market weight.
11. If the harvesting facility condemns a carcass, it is SCCFMC's responsibility to contact the buyer to see if a replacement carcass can be substituted. If not, it is SCCFMC's responsibility to refund the buyer's money and the exhibitor will forfeit any proceeds from the sale of the animals.
12. A 5% service fee/sales commission and check off fees will be charged on all animals sold. Funds derived are used for bookkeeping, auction brochures, auction supplies, equipment, auctioneer and other such costs.
13. Auction, add-on, and/or premium checks will be made payable to the exhibitor as indicated on the online entry system. Checks are void after six (6) months from the date of distribution and WILL NOT be reissued.
14. Any checks that are requested to be replaced or reissued within the six months from the date of distribution are subject to a thirty-five-dollar ($35.00) fee payable to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Management Corporation.
15. Exhibitor's social security number must be on file prior to issuing any checks. NEW!
16. No awards, speeches, or decorations except those approved by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be given during the auction or in the auction ring.
17. **Order of Sale:** Eggs, Market Chickens, Turkeys, Rabbits, Hogs, Beef, Lambs, and Goats. Champions to be sold at the beginning of their respective species. Order is subject to change and fair staff will notify buyers as best they can if any changes occur.
18. Only market animals judged as market ready or market acceptable are eligible for auction.
19. The sale will begin at 10:00AM on Saturday, August 22, 2026. All animals are sold to the highest bidder. Animals will be sold individually and are sold by the pound, except for meat pen rabbits sold per lot of three (3) rabbits, meat pen chickens sold per lot of two (2) chickens and eggs sold by lot of one (1) dozen eggs.
20. **Sale Management:** Sale Management herein referred to pertains to Santa Clara County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Team. The information contained in any catalog and any subsequent publication was provided to the Sale Management. All activities performed by the Sale Management have been done as a service. Sale Management assumes no responsibility or liability for the accuracy of information contained herein or for any reference or warranties, whether written or oral, express, or implied.
21. **Buyer's Risk:** Seller retains all risk of loss to an animal prior to its being declared sold by the auctioneer. Sale Management assumes all risk of loss until such time as the animal is released to the Buyer(s) or carcass is delivered to cold storage plant.
22. The Auctioneer will settle any dispute or challenge regarding bidding and their decision will be final. The Auctioneer has the right to refuse bids from anyone who has a previous record of default in payment or who has declined to make proper registration with the auction management. If a buyer(s) has not paid for a prior auction obligation, the buyer(s) will not be allowed to register.
23. Any and all disputes brought forth during the live auction should be immediately brought back to the block for clarification. Any and all disputes brought forth after the completion of the auction shall be brought to the Fair Manager and Team Leaders for clarification and their decision will be final. Completion of a thank you card for each animal auctioned and any add-ons prior to receiving their auction checks. NEW!
24. **New Buyers:** Any buyer who did not register or purchase an animal during the 2025 junior livestock auctions will be considered a new buyer. New buyers will need to pay in full before the end of the auction.
25. **Thank you cards:** All exhibitors placing an animal through auction must show proof of their thank you card(s) or a copy of their thank you cards to livestock office to be checked off, if adding one to a buyers basket, or after the completion of the auction for verification one was written. All thank you cards, including auction, add-on, and all livestock or home arts awards letters are to be written within a week of the closing of add ons! Failure to write thank yous will cause delays, up to the the forfitting of your auction checks. NEW!

Junior Livestock Auction Rules

26. **Buyers Coalition:** The Santa Clara County Fair is proud to announce that we will be continuing the Buyer's Coalition again this year! The Buyer's Coalition allows for donations to be collected from local businesses and community members. Those donations will be used to buy livestock from the Santa Clara County Youth Livestock Auction. The meat that is bought at the auction will then be donated to local food banks and soup kitchens.

In order for your animal to be purchased by the Buyers Coalition and to receive Add-Ons from them exhibitors must:

a. Only open to exhibitors living in Santa Clara County
b. Complete the application process that includes the following:
    i Basic Information (Name, Age, Club/Chapter, Years in the program)
    ii Short-Essay Questions
    iii A MAILED (not emailed) buyer's letter to the Buyers Coalition
c. Other Notes:
    i. Filling out the application does not guarantee a bid from the Buyers Coalition.
    ii. "Floor prices" will not be established or marketed before the sale.
    iii. Only available to youth who go through the auction.
    iv. Only available for large animals (beef, sheep, swine, goats).
    v. Leaders MUST verify other five (5) buyers letters had been sent.
    vi. Money may be used for add-ons.

A link to the application and other details can be found on the website at: Guides and Forms - The Fair

Special Contests

Throughout fair week, we will have different fun activities for exhibitors and youth to participate in. You can see the list of activities below for details. (Contests in grey are not scheduled to be held in 2026)

1. Cattle Fitting Contest
    a. The Cattle Fitting Contest gives youth a chance to showcase their fitting skills, and their process for getting a calf ready for showday.
    b. See Beef section, page 84 for more details.
2. Dairy Goat Fitting Contest
    a. The Dairy Goat Fitting Contest gives youth a chance to showcase their fitting skills, and their process for getting a goat ready for showday.
    b. See Dairy Goat section, page 92 for more details.
3. Large Animal Skill-a-thon
    a. The Large Animal Skill-a-thon is a contest in which youth go around to different “stations”: These stations consist of activities such as hands on activities, quizzes, product/ tool identification, and more.
4. Small Animal Skill-a-thon
    a. The Small Animal Skill-a-thon is a contest to in which youth can test their all around knowledge of small animals.
5. Livestock Judging Contest
    a. Participants will judge a class of beef cattle, sheep, swine, and market goats. Participants evaluate an animal's physical traits and compare them to other animals. This contest is a great way to practice and learn how to evaluate livestock.
6. Dairy Goat Milking Contest
    a. The Dairy Goat Milking Contest measures the volume of milk produced by each goat entered in a 24 hour period. This contest was designed to simulate an official milk test and encourage youth to sign their herds up for testing.
    b. See Dairy Goat section, page 91 for more details.
7. Barnyard Olympics
    a. This will be a fun collection of games for exhibitors to participate in throughout the week of fair. At the end of the week, scores will be tallied for the “Olympics” winner.
8. Avian Bowl & Knowledge Bowls
    a. Following small animal shows
9. Small Animal Dress Up Contests
    a. Following each small animal show.

Junior Small Animal Entries

Small Animal Showmanship Rules

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Judging	Refer to Livestock Show Schedule
Entry Fee	$10.00 per entry per class

Small Animal Showmanship Rules & Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. At this time, we do not offer showmanship classes for Independent and Grange exhibitors.
3. All showmanship classes must be pre-entered separately on the online entry system. NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES!
4. Only animals owned, fitted, and shown by the exhibitor in Junior Small Animal Department regular classes, are allowed to be shown in showmanship.
5. Animals removed from their exhibit cages or pens must be returned immediately following the completion of showmanship.
6. Please NOTE that for ALL classes, once you enter the arena for the next level of Showmanship, in a particular species, you now compete at that level until you advance again. You MAY NOT go back down a level (in that specie) at ANY future Santa Clara County Fair.
7. Showmanship first place winners are not required to show in the next level of showmanship the year they win, but they will be required to move up to the next level in the following year.
8. Showmanship classes will be broken into groups as follows:
   a. **4-H Primary (Clover) Showmanship** – Exhibitors who are 5 years on January 1st of current year to 8 years of age on December 31st of previous year.
   b. **4-H Beginning Showmanship** – Exhibitors who are 9 to 13 years of age as of January 1st of the current year, who have never won a first-place ribbon in Showmanship in that species category at the Santa Clara County Fair. First, second, and third place ribbon winners may enter Novice Showmanship this year.
   c. **4-H Novice Showmanship** – Exhibitors who are 14 years of age and older as of January 1st of current year, and exhibitors 13 years of age and younger who have won a first place ribbon in Beginning Showmanship or have previously advanced to Novice Showmanship at the Santa Clara County. First, second, and third place ribbon winners may enter Advanced Showmanship this year.
   d. **4-H Advanced Showmanship** – Exhibitors of any age, who have won a first-place ribbon in Novice Showmanship of this species in prior years at the Santa Clara County Fair. Additionally, any exhibitor who has exhibited in prior years at the Santa Clara County Fair at the Advanced level must show in the Advanced Showmanship group. The first-place winner of the Advanced Showmanship class is eligible to compete in Small Animal Master Showmanship, unless they have already won Small Animal Master Showmanship twice previously.
   e. **FFA Novice Showmanship** – Exhibitors who are showing this species for the first year ever, who have NEVER shown this species previously in this or any other organization, show, or fair, excluding jackpot shows. The project should start no sooner than September 1st of the preceding year. The place winners of first, second, and third, may enter Advanced Showmanship this year.
   f. **FFA Advanced Showmanship:** Exhibitors who have shown this specie in this organization or any other organization at Santa Clara County Fair, excluding jackpot shows, must show in Advanced FFA Showmanship. The project should start no sooner than September 1st of the preceding year. The first place winner of Advanced FFA Showmanship classes are eligible for Small Animal Master Showmanship unless they have already won Small Animal Master Showmanship twice previously.

Small Animal Master Showmanship Rules

Judging	Sunday, August 23rd @ 2PM in the main show arena
Entry Fee	No pre-entry. Entrants based on showmanship placing.

Contestants must check in at the Small Animal Arena a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.

Small Animal Master Showmanship (Previously Round Robin) Rules & Guidelines:

1. An individual can win Small Animal Master Showmanship only twice, and thereafter, is not eligible to participate in the contest again after a second win.
2. Only Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Alameda, San Mateo, and Monterey County residents enrolled in 4-H or FFA are eligible to participate in the Small Animal Master Showmanship contest.
3. Grange and Independent exhibitors are NOT eligible to participate in Small Animal Master Showmanship.
4. Only winners of Advanced Showmanship (in rabbits, cavies, dogs, poultry, and pygmy goats) are eligible to participate in Small Animal Master Showmanship.
   a. If the first-place winner of Advanced Showmanship in one of the above species has previously won Master Showmanship twice or if for any other reason, the Advanced Showmanshipwinner does not participate in the Master Showmanship contest, then the second-place individual from that same species would qualify for Master Showmanship.
   b. If the first-place winner in one of the above species is representing another species of showmanship in the Master Showmanship contest this year, then the next highest place individual from that same species would qualify for Master Showmanship.
   c. Exhibitors who win in multiple species MUST represent the specie in which they first qualified in, regardless of the association (4-H/FFA) they are representing.
   d. Participation is limited to top (3) three placers from each category. However, in the interest of competition, if there are not a minimum of three (3) participants in advanced Master Showmanship, then the fourth-place winners in each specie not represented, will be eligible to participate.
5. Exhibitors cannot show their own animals in the Master Showmanship Contest.
6. 4-H and FFA exhibitors DO NOT compete against each other.
7. Results and individual placing will be announced and posted. Awards will be presented shortly after the completion of the Small Animal Master Showmanship Contest at the awards ceremony.
8. The winner of the Master Showmanship contest at the Santa Clara County Fair will be eligible to participate in the California State Fair Master Showmanship contest (Check in the Santa Clara County Fair Office for the California State Fair Junior Best of Show competition entry forms, rules and guidelines).
9. All entry forms and rules will be made available by California State Fair, if you need any assistance with your entries please reach out to the Fair office.

Dogs

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$10.00 per class
Receiving	August 18, 2026 @ 4PM – 5PM
Judging	August 18, 2026 @ 5PM
Team Leader	Linda Teagle, Aaron Teagle and Malia Sheaffer
Committee Chairs	OPEN

Dog Rules & Guidelines:

1. Obedience class placements by Danish system of judging.
2. Those receiving scores as follows will be awarded the appropriate award indicated:
   a. 1st group – blue: 190-200 points
   b. 2nd group – red: 170-189 points
   c. 3rd group – white: less than 170 points
   d. Qualifying score: 170 points
3. Exhibitors must receive a qualifying score to be eligible to participate in High in Trial.
4. Highest level of obedience classes to be judged first.
5. A lunch break will be taken at the judge's discretion. Typically, a 30 minute break between obedience and showmanship.
6. This show is open to any 4-H, FFA and Independent from Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Alameda, and San Mateo Counties. All dogs must be owned, co-owned or leased and trained by the exhibitors.
7. Judging and scoring will be based on AKC regulations with 4-H modifications (Modification meaning an additional obedience class). The judges' decision is final. THIS IS NOT AN AKC SANCTIONED SHOW.
8. All dogs should be trained by the exhibitor.
9. All dogs must be groomed by the exhibitor. Dogs should not be left unattended on grooming tables at the show. Only minor touch up grooming to be done at the show.
10. All exhibitors must check in at the time indicated on the show schedule page of this book and shall wear their exhibitor arm/band number for the duration of the show. Exhibitors will need to change armband after obedience if showing in both Obedience and Showmanship since separate numbers are used for each show.
11. Dogs shall not be left unattended, let loose or left in cars. Ideally bring a show crate or pen for the dog.
12. Uncontrolled or aggressive dogs will be excused from competition.
13. Any member caught abusing or neglecting their dog(s) will not be allowed to compete and will be brought before management for appropriate action (see code of conduct rules).
14. Bitches in season will be judged in obedience after the regular classes. They may not be shown in showmanship.
15. An exhibitor may exhibit up to two (2) dogs in obedience, but each dog is limited to the class or classes it is eligible to compete in.
16. All members will be required to clean up after their dog(s) and are responsible for watering their dogs.
17. Showmanship animals must be entered and shown in obedience classes.
18. All dogs are to be shown in a collar appropriate for the dog and handler safety and comfort. For showmanship classes a showmanship collar and lead are preferable. However, the judge will determine if a different collar/lead is appropriate for the dog and handler safety and comfort. For Obedience classes, a choke chain, or martingale is preferred.
19. 4-H and FFA classes are separated for showmanship but NOT for obedience. Awards will be provided in showmanship and in each section, no double entering in both sections.
20. The heel pattern is at the judge's discretion but shall include normal, slow, and fast gait, halt with sit and about turn. The judge will walk the heel pattern at the start of the competition. There will be signage of each segment of the heel pattern. The judge will also call movements. Cones will be used for figure 8 exercise.
21. No dogs shall be double entered in an obedience class except dogs used in Primary (Clover) classes.

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22. All animal youth exhibitors ages 9-19 must take the online YQCA course and upload their certificate of completion when entering online. For more information see the YQCA section in the Rules and Guideline section of this book.
23. All junior small animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s) and receive any premium monies. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.
24. **4-H Primary (Clover)** is an exhibitor who is 5 years on January 1st of current year to 8 years of age on December 31st of previous year.
25. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Small Animal Master Showmanship.
26. All Fair Livestock shows are run by volunteers – without them we wouldn't be able to hold these shows. We rely on the participation of Friends and Family members of Exhibitors to be able to offer our wonderful Livestock program to our Youth, so please be SURE to contact the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Superintendent, Maddie Beckwith at mbeckwith@thefair.org to schedule some time when you or a family member will be able to volunteer during the Fair Shows. Even if you aren't available during your Youth members' show, we can sure use the help during other events, so just let us know what your availability may be. Thank you in advance for your help!!

DIVISION 2101: Sub-Novice Obedience

- All exercises on six-foot leash:
  - Heeling on Leash – 40 points
  - Figure Eight – 40 points
  - Sit for Examination – 40 points
  - Recall, No Finish – 40 points
  - Sit Stay 1 Minute – 20 points
  - Down Stay 1 Minute – 20 points
  - Maximum Score 200 points
- Dog has never received a score higher than 190 in prior Sub-Novice, Beginner Novice, or Higher Obedience class at any obedience competition (4-H, FFA, or other) before.
- Once a dog achieves a score of 190 it shall be shown in the next division up or higher.

CLASS:

1. **Sub-Novice A**: 1st year exhibitor
2. **Sub-Novice B**: All other Sub-Novice exhibitors
3. **Sub-Novice C**: Primary (Clover) exhibitor

Awards:

- Participants scored for High Point on Leash Award.

DIVISION 2103: Novice Obedience

- Off lead exercises:
  - Heel on Leash & Figure Eight - 40 points
  - Stand for Exam - 30 points
  - Heel Free - 40 points
  - Recall with Finish - 30 points
  - Sit Stay Get your Leash - 30 points
  - Group Exercise- Sit and Down Stay - 30 points
  - Maximum Score 200 points
- Dog has never received a score higher than 190 in prior Novice or higher level Obedience class at any obedience competition (4-H, FFA, or other) before.
- Once a dog achieves a score of 190 it shall be shown in the next division up or higher.

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CLASS:

1. **Novice A:** This is the only dog exhibitor has trained. Dog or exhibitor has not received more than 2 qualifying scores (170) in Novice at any previous fair.
2. **Novice B:** All other Novice exhibitors.

Awards:

- Participants scored for High Point Off Leash Award.

DIVISION 2104: Graduate Novice

- Exercises are off leash:
  - Heeling – 40 points
  - Figure Eight – 40 points
  - Stand for Examination – 40 points
  - Drop on Recall – 40 points
  - Sit Stay (out of sight) 3 minute – 20 points
  - Down Stay (out of sight) 3 minute – 20 points
  - Maximum Score 200 points

CLASS:

1. **Graduate Novice**

Awards:

- Participants scored for High Point Off Leash Award.

Dog Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st - 8th place
- Refer to small animal showmanship rules.

DIVISION 2100: Dog Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Primary (Clover)**
2. **4-H Beginning**
3. **4-H Novice**
4. **4-H Advanced**
5. **FFA Novice**
6. **FFA Advanced**

Dog Costume Contest - sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of dog showmanship classes.

CLASS:

1. **All Ages**

Rabbits

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$10.00 per class
Vet Check/Receiving	August 19, 2026 @ 4PM – 5PM
Judging	August 19, 2026 @ 5PM
Team Leader	Linda Teagle, Aaron Teagle and Malia Sheaffer
Committee Chairs	Jason Bombardier

This is an official American Rabbit Breeder's Association Sanctioned Youth Show (ARBA). Show sanction sponsored. This show is only ARBA sanctioned, but if you are interested in sanctioning a breed please reach out to mbeckwith@thefair.org. Sanctions must be completed by July 1st.

Rabbits Rules and Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. This will be an official ARBA youth sanctioned show. Please read all State Rules for California Fairs, and Local Livestock and Auction rules in this book. NEW!
3. All In County animals must remain at the Santa Clara County Fair from their check-in and for the duration of the fair. All Out of County animals must remain from their check-in time until their release time. Out of County breeding rabbits release time will be determined the day of show but tentatively is one (1) hour after the completion of the show.
4. Breeding rabbits must be owned a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the Santa Clara County Fair.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for their own animals' food, water, bedding, and securing cages for the whole duration of being on Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. NEW!
6. Leg certificates and show reports will be mailed to exhibitors at the address listed on entries.
7. Rules, definitions and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the guidebook and Standards of Perfection provided by the American Rabbit Breeder's Association, Inc. (ARBA) shall apply to Santa Clara County Fair Rabbit Show, provided they do not conflict with any rules and regulations prescribed by the CA Department of Food and Agriculture.
8. Any individual having attained 19 years of age on or before August 1st, of the current year is not eligible to show in an ARBA Sanctioned Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show.
9. All animals must be identified by permanent ear markings conforming to entry form on arrival at the show. Any duplication of ear marking by one (1) exhibitor in the same class must be eliminated per ARBA regulations.
10. Animals will be shown and judged in the proper division and class by breed, variety, age, and sex only. If no division is offered, no awards may be made.
11. Failure to indicate ear tattoo number, breed and variety on the online entry system will result in nullification of your entry. For assistance, please contact the exhibits office.
12. No rabbit under three (3) months of age will be allowed in regular classes. Cooping of obviously pregnant does or does with litters will not be allowed.
13. Substitutions in the same breed, sex, class, and variety will be accepted. All changes, including tattoo information, must be received by the Fair Office by Friday, two (2) weeks of the before the start of the fair. No substitutions after that time will be accepted.
14. There is a limit of six (6) animals per class, per exhibitor and three (3) meat pens per exhibitor.
15. Rabbits are to have shavings in their trays and must be cleaned daily.
16. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same breed classes.
17. All animal youth exhibitors ages 9-19 must take the online YQCA course and upload their certificate of completion when entering online. For more information see the YQCA section in the Rules and Guidelines section of this book.

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18. All junior small animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s), receive any premium monies and participate in auction. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.
19. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Small Animal Master Showmanship.
20. All Fair Livestock shows are run by volunteers – without them we wouldn't be able to hold these shows. We rely on the participation of Friends and Family members of Exhibitors to be able to offer our wonderful Livestock program to our Youth, so please be SURE to contact the Santa Clara County Fair Superintendent, Maddie Beckwith at mbeckwith@thefair.org to schedule some time when you or a family member will be able to volunteer during the Fair Shows. Even if you aren't available during your Youth members' show, we can sure use the help during other events, so just let us know what your availability may be. Thank you in advance for your help!!

Breeding Rabbits Entry Instructions: In the interest of the show, the final divisions will be determined after the entries are received. On the official online entry form, list the division, breed and variety by name and enter appropriate age, class, and animal information. If there are not enough animals entered to create a division, those animals will be put in the AOB division per Santa Clara County Fair Management and State Rules for California Fairs.

All Rabbits – Please enter in proper breed division and specify variety on entries

DIVISION 2201: American Chinchilla
DIVISION 2202: American Fuzzy Lop
DIVISION 2203: American Sable
DIVISION 2204: Argente Brun
DIVISION 2205: Belgian Hare
DIVISION 2206: Beveren
DIVISION 2207: Blanc de Hotot
DIVISION 2208: Britannia Petite
DIVISION 2209: Californian
DIVISION 2210: Champagne d'Argent
DIVISION 2211: Checkered Giant
DIVISION 2212: Cinnamon
DIVISION 2213: Creme d'Argent
DIVISION 2214: Dutch
DIVISION 2215: Dwarf Hotot
DIVISION 2216: Dwarf Papillon
DIVISION 2217: English Angora
DIVISION 2218: English Lop
DIVISION 2219: English Spot
DIVISION 2220: Flemish Giant
DIVISION 2221: Florida White
DIVISION 2222: French Angora
DIVISION 2223: French Lop
DIVISION 2224: Giant Angora
DIVISION 2225: Giant Chinchilla
DIVISION 2226: Harlequin
DIVISION 2227: Havana
DIVISION 2228: Himalayan

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DIVISION 2229: Holland Lop
DIVISION 2230: Jersey Wooly
DIVISION 2231: Lilac
DIVISION 2232: Lionhead
DIVISION 2233: Mini Lop
DIVISION 2234: Mini Rex
DIVISION 2235:Mini Satin
DIVISION 2236: Netherland Dwarf
DIVISION 2237: New Zealand
DIVISION 2238: Palomino
DIVISION 2239: Polish
DIVISION 2240: Rex
DIVISION 2241: Rhinelander
DIVISION 2242: Satin
DIVISION 2243: Satin Angora
DIVISION 2244: Silver
DIVISION 2245: Silver Fox
DIVISION 2246: Silver Marten
DIVISION 2247: Standard Chinchilla
DIVISION 2248: Tan
DIVISION 2249: Thrianta

CLASS:

1. **Senior Buck:** over 8 months of age
2. **Intermediate Buck:** 6 to 8 months of age
3. **Junior Buck:** under 6 months of age
4. **Senior Doe:** over 8 months of age
5. **Intermediate Doe**: 6 to 8 months of age
6. **Junior Doe:** under 6 months of age

Fur Classes

- Animals must have been shown and qualified in breed classes.

DIVISION 2250: Fur classes

CLASS:

1. **Normal White**
2. **Normal Colored**
3. **Rex**
4. **Satin**
5. **Wool**

Market Rabbits Rules and Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. All State rules for California Fairs, Local and ARBA rules apply.
3. Only exhibitors ages 9 and above as of January 1st of the current year may enter market classes, including rabbit meat pens.

Rabbits

4. Champion and Reserve Champion meat pens will be chosen for both 4-H and FFA and must sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. All other market meat pens judged as market ready may be sold at the auction if the exhibitor so chooses. An exhibitor can sell only one (1) rabbit meat pen or one (1) other market animal. Refer to Junior Livestock Auction Rules.
5. Entry will consist of three (3) animals, all of same breed and variety. Entry will be disqualified if more than one (1) breed or variety are in the same pen.
6. Age limit: Rabbits will not be over 10 weeks or 70 days of age.
7. Meat pen rabbits weight restrictions are a minimum of 3 ½ and a maximum of 5 ½ pounds. Any animal disqualified for weight may be asked to leave the fairgrounds depending on space availability.
8. All animals must be owned at least 30 days prior to the beginning of Santa Clara County Fair.
9. There is a limit of three (3) meat pen entries per exhibitor.
10. Meat pen animals may not be entered in any other class except showmanship.
11. Judge to determine market readiness and if animals are free of disqualifications. See the ARBA Standards of Perfection book for disqualifications.
12. All meat pen rabbits must remain on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds after judging. NEW!
13. Exhibitors are responsible for their own processing. The seller must process and deliver the meat pen rabbits within two (2) weeks of the sale date.
14. REMEMBER: Auction entry forms must be turned in by Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM to the livestock office or your animals will not go through auction. No Exceptions.

Meat pens will be judged as follows:

Meat Type	40 points
Condition of Flesh	25 points
Uniformity of body weight	20 points
Fur	15 points
	Total 100 points

DIVISION 2251: Meat Animals (no crossbred)

CLASS:

1. **4-H Meat Pen**
2. **FFA Meat Pen**
3. **Independent Meat Pens**

Rabbit Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st – 8th place
- Refer to small animal showmanship rules

DIVISION 2200: Rabbit Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Primary (Clover) Showmanship**
2. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
3. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
4. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
5. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
6. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Rabbit Costume Contest - sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of rabbit breed classes.

Rabbits

CLASS:

1. All Ages

Rabbit Knowledge Bowl – sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of rabbit breed classes.

CLASS

1. All Ages

Cavies (Guinea Pigs)

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$10.00 per class
Vet Check/Receiving	August 19, 2026 @ 4PM – 5PM
Judging	August 19, 2026 @ 5PM
Team Leader	Linda Teagle, Aaron Teagle, and Malia Sheaffer
Committee Chairs	Teri Sheaffer and Kiley Sheaffer

This is an official American Rabbit Breeder's Association Sanctioned Youth Show (ARBA). Show sanction sponsored.

Cavy Rules and Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. This will be an official ARBA Youth Sanctioned Show; please read all State Rules for California Fairs, and Local, Livestock and Auction rules in this book.
3. All In County animals must remain at the Santa Clara County Fair from their check-in and for the duration of the fair. All Out of County animals must remain from their check-in time until their release time. Out of County cavies release time will be determined the day of show but tentatively is one (1) hour after the completion of the show.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for their own animals' food, water, and bedding for the whole duration of being on Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
5. Cavies must be owned for 30 days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair.
6. Rules, definitions, and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the guidebook and standards of the American Rabbit Breeder's Association, Inc. (ARBA) shall apply to Santa Clara County Fair Cavy Show, provided they do not conflict with any rules and regulations prescribed by the department of Food and Agriculture. NEW!
7. Any individual having attained 19 years of age on or before August 1st of the current year is not eligible to show in an ARBA Sanctioned Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show.
8. Leg certificates and show reports will be mailed to exhibitors at the address listed on entries.
9. Each animal must have an acceptable ear tag in its left ear upon arrival at the show.
10. All ear identification changes information must be received by the Fair Office within two (2) weeks of the start of the fair.
11. Substitutions in the same breed, sex, class and variety will be accepted within two (2) weeks of the start of the fair. NO substitutions after that time will be accepted.
12. Failure to indicate breed and variety will result in nullification of your entry. For assistance, please contact the exhibits office.
13. Breed – Variety – Color – Descriptions:
    a. Selfs – AV(beige, black, chocolate, cream, gold, lilac, red eyed orange, red, white)
    b. Solids – AOV(brindle, dilute solid, golden solid, silver solid, roan)
    c. Marked – AV(broken color, dalmatian, dutch, himalayan, tortoise shell, tortoise shell & white)
    d. Agouti – AV(dilute agouti, golden agouti, silver agouti)
    e. Tan Patterns - (marten, otter, tan)
14. There is a limit of six (6) animals per class, per exhibitor.
15. Cavies are to have pine shavings on top of cardboard, so as not to be on the wire, and must be cleaned daily.
16. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same breed classes.
17. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Small Animal Master Showmanship.

Cavies (Guinea Pigs)

18. All animal youth exhibitors ages 9-19 must take the online YQCA course and upload their certificate of completion when entering online. For more information see the YQCA section in the Rules and Guideline section of the book.
19. All junior small animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s) and receive any premium monies. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details. NEW!
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Cavies Entry Instructions: In the interest of the show, the final divisions will be determined after the entries are received. On the official online entry form, list the division, breed and variety by name and enter appropriate age, class, and animal information. If there are not enough animals entered to create a division, those animals will be put in the AOB division per Santa Clara County Fair Management and State Rules for California Fairs.

All Cavies – Please enter in proper breed division and specify variety on entries
DIVISION 2301: Abyssinian
DIVISION 2302: Abyssinian Satin
DIVISION 2303: American
DIVISION 2304: American Satin
DIVISION 2305: Coronet
DIVISION 2306: Peruvian
DIVISION 2307: Peruvian Satin
DIVISION 2308: Silkie
DIVISION 2309: Silkie Satin
DIVISION 2310: Teddy
DIVISION 2311: Teddy Satin
DIVISION 2312: Texel
DIVISION 2313: White Crested

CLASS:
1. **Senior Boars:** over 6 months or over 32 ounces
2. **Intermediate Boars:** up to 6 months or 22 to 32 ounces
3. **Junior Boars:** up to 4 months or 12 to 22 ounces
4. **Senior Sows:** over 6 months or over 32 ounces
5. **Intermediate Sows:** up to 6 months or 22 to 32 ounces
6. **Junior Sows:** up to 4 months or 12 to 22 ounces

Cavy Showmanship
- Rosettes 1st- 8th place
- Refer to small animal showmanship rules.

Cavies (Guinea Pigs)

DIVISION 2300: Cavy Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Primary (Clover) Showmanship**
2. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
3. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
4. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
5. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
6. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Cavy Costume Contest - sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of cavy breed classes.

CLASS

1. **All Ages**

Cavy Knowledge Bowl – sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of cavy breed classes.

CLASS

1. **All Ages**

Poultry

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$10.00 per class
Receiving	August 16, 2026 @ 7AM – 9AM
Judging	August 16, 2026 @ 10AM
Team Leader	Linda Teagle, Aaron Teagle and Malia Sheaffer
Committee Chairs	Ashley Fiore and Lauren Fiore

Please note: Due to California State Veterinary Guidelines, all Santa Clara County Fair poultry will be inspected by a Certified Poultry Inspector in a designated area before being released to participate in the show. Any bird found to have an unwanted condition (disease or pests) will be excused from participating and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately. Any bird found to have a severe disease will be quarantined until seen by a State Veterinarian.

Breeding Poultry Rules and Guidelines:

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4. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Standard of Perfection. The Santa Clara County Fair Management is not responsible for exhibits entered in the wrong division or class.
5. All entries must be identified by commercially purchased numbered leg bands, conforming with the entry and must be on birds prior to arrival at the Santa Clara County Fair for inspection. Leg bands are to be provided by the exhibitor.
6. Only poultry officially entered in the show will be allowed on the fairgrounds at any time.
7. All In County animals must remain at the Santa Clara County Fair from their check-in and for the duration of the fair. All Out of County animals must remain from their check-in time until their release time. Out of County breeding poultry release time will be determined the day of show but tentatively is one (1) hour after the completion of the show.
8. Rules, definitions, and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Official Show Rules and the Standard of Perfection of the American Poultry Association shall apply, provided they do not conflict with the rules and regulations prescribed by the CA Department of Food and Agriculture.
9. All poultry (chickens, turkeys, pigeons, ducks, meat pens, and geese) must be owned by the exhibitor at least 30 days before the fair.
10. At check-in there shall be no more than four (4) birds per carrying cage. All birds must be contained in boxes with ventilation, no carrying birds individually without a cage/ box is allowed.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for their own animals' food, water, and bedding for the whole duration of being on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
12. Poultry are to have shavings in their trays or pens and must be cleaned daily.
13. Netting is required to cover the top of turkey pens to prevent escape or injury. NEW!
14. All divisions and class numbers must be specified on the online entry form. Failure to indicate breed and variety will result in nullification of your entry. For assistance, please contact the exhibits office.
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Poultry

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Large Chickens – Please specify breed and variety on entries

DIVISION 2401: All Standard American Breeds: *Plymouth Rocks, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands, Delawares - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2402: All Standard Asiatic Breeds: *Brahmas, Langshans, Cochins - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2403: All Standard English Breeds: *Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Sussex, Ausstralorp, Orpingtons - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2404: All Standard Mediterranean Breeds: *Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanas - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2405: All Standard Continental Breeds: *Barnevelders, Hamburgs, Campines, Lakevelders, Welsummers, Polish, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche, Faverolles, Marans - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2406: All Other Standard Breeds: *Modern Games, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malayas, Cubulayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Frizzles, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas - Specify Breed and Variety*

CLASS:

1. **Cock:** 1 year and older
2. **Hen:** 1 year and older
3. **Cockerel:** less than 1 year
4. **Pullet:** less than 1 year

Utility Breed Class - Please specify variety on entries - To be judged 2/3 on utility basis and 1/3 on standard basis. No productions records required. Birds must be in good health and show evidence of production.

DIVISION 2407: Large Non-Standard: *Farmyard Fowl, Crossbred, Utility, American Game - Specify Variety*

DIVISION 2408: Bantam Non-Standard: *Farmyard Fowl, Crossbred, Utility - Specify Variety*

CLASS:

1. **Cock:** 1 year and older
2. **Hen:** 1 year and older
3. **Cockerel:** less than 1 year
4. **Pullet:** less than 1 year

Bantam Chickens - Please specify breed and variety on entries

DIVISION 2409: Modern Game: *Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Blue, Blue Breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Lemon Blue, Red Pyle, Splash, Silver Blue, Silver Duckwing, White Wheaten - Specify Breed and Variety*

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DIVISION 2410: Old English Game: *Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Blue, Blue Breasted Red, Gold Duckwing, Blue Silver Duckwing, Blue Brassy Back, Brassy Back, Brown Red, Columbian, Crele, Cuckoo, Ginger Red, Golden Duckwing, Lemon Blue, Quail, Red Pyle, Self Blue, Silver Blue, Silver Duckwing, Spangled, Wheaten, White - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2411: Single Comb Clean Legged (Other than game): *Anconas, Andalusions, Australorps, Campines, Catalanas, Delewares, Dorkings, Dutch Fizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelers, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Nankins, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Seramas, Spanish, Sussex, Welsummer - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2412: Rose Comb Clean Legged: *Anconas, Belgian Bearded D-Anvers, Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Nankins, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2413: All Other Combs Clean Legged: *Ameraucana, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubulayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malayas, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokahamas - Specify Breed and Variety*

DIVISION 2414: Feather Legged: *Booted, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Brahmas, Cochins, Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, Sultans - Specify Breed and Variety*

CLASS:
1. **Cock:** 1 year and older
2. **Hen:** 1 year and older
3. **Cockerel:** less than 1 year
4. **Pullet:** less than 1 year

Breeding Turkeys

DIVISION 2415: Breeding Turkeys

CLASS:
1. **Old Tom:** 1 year and older
2. **Old Hen:** 1 year and older
3. **Young Tom:** 3 months to 1 year
4. **Young Hen:** 3 months to 1 year

Standard Bred Ducks and Geese

Standard Bred Ducks and Geese Rules and Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. Competition must exist between two (2) or more first place birds owned by two (2) or more exhibitors before Champion rosettes will be awarded.
3. Birds must have standard plastic numbered leg bands with numbers conforming to online entry form on day of receiving. Leg bands are to be provided by the exhibitor. NEW!
4. All divisions and class numbers must be specified on the online entry form. Failure to indicate breed and variety will result in nullification of your entry. For assistance, please contact the exhibits office.
5. All exhibitors show together.

Ducks

DIVISION 2416: Heavy (Specify breed): *Caylesbury, Rouen, Pekin, Appleyard, Saxony, Muscovy*

DIVISION 2417: Medium (Specify breed): *Cayaga, Crested, Swedish, Buff*

Poultry

DIVISION 2418: Light (Specify breed): *Runner, Campbell, Magpie, Horlequin*
DIVISION 2419: Bantam (Specify breed): *Call, East Indie, Mallard*

CLASS:
1. **Old Drake:** 1 year and older
2. **Old Duck:** 1 year and older
3. **Young Drake:** less than 1 year
4. **Young Duck:** less than 1 year

Geese

DIVISION 2420: Heavy (Specify breed): *Toulouse, Embden, African*
DIVISION 2421: Medium (Specify breed): *Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian*
DIVISION 2422: Light (Specify breed): *Chinese, Tufted, Roman, Canada, Egyptian*

CLASS:
1. **Old Gander:** 1 year and older
2. **Old Goose:** 1 year and older
3. **Young Gander:** less than 1 year
4. **Young Goose:** less than 1 year

Pigeons

Pigeons Rules and Guidelines:
1. American system of judging.
2. All birds will be judged in accordance with the latest standard adopted by the Specialty Clubs of America. Where no American standard is in vogue, the latest European standard will be used. Only recognized colors shall be considered in “Any Other Color” classes.
3. All young birds must be identified by a serially numbered seamless leg band of current year and correct size, conforming to the official entry form or arrival form at the show. Old birds must have either seamless or split prior year, serially numbered bands conforming to the official entry form.
4. Birds will be shown and judged in the proper division and class for breed, variety, age, and sex only.
5. A judge may excuse a bird from competition if it appears to be fatigued or out of condition.
6. All exhibitors show together.

DIVISION 2423: Rollers – ARB
DIVISION 2424: Mondained – ARC
DIVISION 2425: Fantails – ARC
DIVISION 2426: Trumpters – English – ARC
DIVISION 2427: Homers Racing – specify variety
DIVISION 2428: Other recognized breeds – ARC

Poultry

CLASS:
1. **Old Cock:** 1 year and older
2. **Old Hen:** 1 year and older
3. **Young Cock**: less than 1 year
4. **Young Hen:** less than 1 year

FFA & 4-H Eggs

FFA & 4-H Eggs Rules and Guidelines:
1. Limit one (1) entries per exhibitor, per class.
2. American system of judging.
3. Entries will be judged on uniform size, weight, cleanliness, yolk color, consistency of white/albumen and overall appearance.
4. One dozen eggs must be submitted in an egg carton.
5. Egg cartons must have a 3x5 card taped to the outside lid with the following information: exhibitor name, club/chapter, size of eggs, division, and class.
6. Exhibitors must own the bird the eggs are produced from.
7. Exhibitors must be age 5 by January 1st of current year to participate in this division.
8. To be awarded champion and be eligible to auction, 3 entries must be entered in the respective class. Supreme Champion eggs, as well as overall class champions (ex. FFA and 4-H combined white eggs). Exhibitor to provide a fresh egg(s) to make a full dozen for the auction.
9. 4-H and FFA will show separately.
10. REMEMBER:Auction entry forms must be turned in Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM to the livestock office or your items will not go through auction. No Exceptions.

DIVISION 2429: White Eggs (one dozen) NEW!
DIVISION 2430: Brown Eggs(one dozen)
DIVISION 2431: Bantam Eggs (one dozen)
DIVISION 2432: Green/Blue Eggs (one dozen)
DIVISION 2433: Quail Eggs (one dozen)
DIVISION 2434: Turkey Eggs (one dozen)
DIVISION 2435: Waterfowl Eggs(one dozen)

CLASS:
1. **FFA Eggs**
2. **4-H Eggs**

Market Poultry

Market Poultry Rules and Guidelines:
1. American system of judging.
2. Only exhibitors ages 9 and above as of January 1st of the current year, may enter market classes, including market poultry.
3. Chicken pens are two (2) birds of the same age, breed, and sex, cooped together.
4. There is a limit of three (3) market poultry entries per exhibitor.
5. Chickens must be 6 to 8 weeks or 42 to 56 days old and must weigh between 5 to 8 lbs. per chicken.
6. Meat pen birds may not be entered in any non-market class, except showmanship.
7. Turkeys are recommended to be approximately 17 weeks or 120 days old and must weigh a minimum of 15 ½ lbs. and a maximum of 39 ½ lbs.
8. There is a limit of one (1) market turkey per exhibitor.
9. Champion and Reserve Champion meat pens and turkeys will be chosen for both 4-H and FFA and must be sold at the Junior Livestock Auction. All other market meat pens and turkeys judged as market ready may be sold at the auction if the exhibitor so chooses. An exhibitor can sell only one (1) poultry meat pen, turkey, or other market animal. Refer to Junior Livestock Auction Rules.

Poultry

10. All birds must remain on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds after judging. This rule is subject to the availability of suitable cages. Final decision regarding the appropriate size of cage and availability is determined by the Poultry Chair or Fair Management.
11. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to care for the animal(s).
12. Owners will be asked to remove any bird(s) that cannot stand to eat or drink on their own.
13. If an animal is disqualified due to weight or at the health inspection the animal must leave the fairgrounds immediately.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for their own processing. The seller must process and deliver the turkey/meat pen chickens within two (2) weeks of the sale date.
15. REMEMBER:Auction entry forms must be turned in Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM to the livestock office or your animals will not go through auction. No Exceptions.

DIVISION 2436: Market Chickens (Pen of two (2) chickens) Check above rules regarding age and weight.

CLASS:
1. **4-H Market Chickens**
2. **FFA Market Chickens**
3. **Independent Market Chickens**

DIVISION 2437: Market Turkeys (One (1) Turkey) Check above rules regarding age and weight.

CLASS:
1. **4-H Turkeys**.
2. **FFA Market Turkeys**
3. **Independent Market**

Poultry Showmanship
- Rosettes 1st- 8th place
- Refer to small animal showmanship rules

DIVISION 2400: Poultry Showmanship
- There is not a separate class for turkey showmanship. A copy of the showmanship standards can be found at https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?itemNo=2060E

CLASS:
1. **4-H Primary (Clover) Showmanship**
2. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
3. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
4. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
5. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
6. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Poultry Costume Contest - sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of poultry breed classes.

CLASS
1. **All Ages**

Avian Bowl – sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of poultry breed classes.

CLASS
1. **All Ages**

Pygmy Goats

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$10.00 per class
Vet Check/Receiving	August 15, 2026 @ 8AM – 10AM
Judging	August 16, 2026 @ 8AM
Team Leader	Linda Teagle, Aaron Teagle and Malia Sheaffer
Committee Chairs	Tara Gomez

Please note: Prior to penning all goats participating in the Santa Clara County Fair will be inspected by a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual in a designated area. Any animals deemed to have any unethical or unwanted condition (disease or pests, etc.) will be excused from participating and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately.

Pygmy Goats Rules and Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. Please read all State Rules for California Fairs, and Local Livestock and Auction rules in this book.
3. This is not a NPGA sanctioned show.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for their own animals' food and water for the whole duration of being on Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
5. Pygmy goat owners must provide proof of ownership at entry due dates.
6. Pygmy goats must be owned for 30 days prior to the start of the Santa Clara County Fair. Any goats including offspring must be entered in the show to be on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
7. All animals must remain at the Santa Clara County Fair from the time of the show through the end of fair.
8. All animals must have tattoo identification or be microchipped. If an animal is microchipped, the exhibitor is required to provide a reader at both the vet check and the ringside. Failure to do so may disqualify the animal.
9. Entries open to all youth exhibitors of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Alameda, San Mateo, and Monterey Counties.
10. No bucks allowed over 7 weeks of age. Bucklings under 7 weeks can't be shown.
11. Horns may not exceed two (2) inches and must be blunted. No blunting allowed on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
12. No collars, halters, costumes, décor or props may be left on goats while in their pens.
13. All pygmy goats will be bedded on shavings and are to remain as such through release time of the Santa Clara County Fair. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
14. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes except in showmanship.
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DIVISION 2501: All Does

CLASS:

1. **Junior Kid:** under 3 months
2. **Intermediate Kid:** 3 to 6 months
3. **Senior Kid:** 6 to 12 months
4. **Yearling (not kidded):** 1 year under 2 years
5. **Yearling (milker):** 1 year under 2 years
6. **2 Years:** Under 2 years
7. **3 Years:** Under 3 years
8. **Aged Doe:** 4 years and over

DIVISION 2503: All Wethers

CLASS:

1. **Junior Wether:** under 12 months
2. **Intermediate Wether:** 1 year under 2 years
3. **Senior Wether:** 2 years and older

Pygmy Goat Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st-8th place – No cash awards.
- Refer to small animal showmanship rules.

DIVISION 2500: Pygmy Goat Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Primary (Clover) Showmanship**
2. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
3. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
4. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
5. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
6. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Pygmy Goat Costume & Cart Contest - sign up will be at the fair and contest will be held after the completion of pygmy breed classes.

CLASS:

1. **All Ages - Costume**
2. **All Ages - Cart**

Junior Livestock Entries

Junior Livestock Showmanship Rules

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$10.00 per entry per class
Judging	TBA Refer to Judging Schedule

Junior Livestock Showmanship Rules & Guidelines:

1. American system of judging.
2. At this time we do not offer showmanship classes for Independent or Grange exhibitors. We do however offer them to out of county 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Santa Cruz, San Benito, Alameda, San Mateo, and Monterey Counties.
3. All showmanship classes must be pre-registered on the official SCCF online entry form. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER ENTRIES HAVE CLOSED.
4. Only animals owned, fitted, and shown by the exhibitor in the Junior Livestock Department market, feeder, and/or breeding livestock classes, or performance classes are allowed to be shown in showmanship.
5. Any animal that is disqualified due to weight (Over Jumbo Weight), at time of weigh-in, and is their only animal is eligible to be shown in showmanship. If another animal has already weighed in and made weight, then the additional animal must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately.
6. Showmanship contests are open to exhibitors entered in FFA and 4-H Livestock Divisions as mentioned above.
7. All contestants are required to wear the official 4-H or FFA uniform as stated in the front of this book.
8. Please NOTE that for ALL classes, once you enter the arena for the next level of Showmanship, in a particular species, you now compete at that level until you advance again. You MAY NOT go back down a level (in that specie) at ANY future Santa Clara County Fair.
9. Showmanship first place winners are not required to show in the next level of showmanship the year they win, but they will be required to move up to the next level in the following years.
10. Showmanship classes will be broken into groups as follows:
    a. **4-H Beginning Showmanship** – Exhibitors who are ages 9 to 13 years of age, as of January 1st, of the current year, who have never won a first-place ribbon in Showmanship in that species at the Santa Clara County Fair. First, second, and third place ribbon winners may enter Novice Showmanship this year. The first-place winner must move up to Novice next year.
    b. **4-H Novice Showmanship** – Exhibitors who are 14 years of age and older, as of January 1, of the current year, and exhibitors 13 years of age and younger who have won a first-place ribbon in Beginning Showmanship or have previously advanced to Novice Showmanship at the Santa Clara County Fair. First, second, and third place ribbon winners may enter Advanced Showmanship this year. The first-place winner must move up to Advanced next year. The first-place winners of the Novice Showmanship classes are eligible to compete in the Novice Large Animal Master Showmanship Contest.
    c. **4-H Advanced Showmanship** – Exhibitors of any age who have won a first-place ribbon in Novice showmanship of this species in prior years at the Santa Clara County Fair. Additionally, any exhibitor who has exhibited in prior years at the Santa Clara County Fair at the Advanced level must show in the Advanced Showmanship group. The first-place winners of the Advanced Showmanship classes are eligible to compete in the Advanced Large Animal Master Showmanship Contest.
    d. **FFA Novice Showmanship** - Exhibitors who are showing this species for the first year ever, who have NEVER shown this species previously in this or any other organization, show, or fair, excluding jackpot shows. The project should start no sooner than September 1st of the preceding year. The place winners of first, second, and third, may enter Advanced Showmanship this year. The first-place winners of the FFA Novice Showmanship classes are eligible to compete in the Novice Large Animal Master Showmanship Contest.
    e. **FFA Advanced Showmanship:** Exhibitors who have shown this specie in this organization or any other organization at Santa Clara County Fair, excluding jackpot shows, must show in advanced FFA Showmanship. The project should start no sooner than September 1st of the preceding year. The first-place winners of the FFA Advanced Showmanship classes are eligible to compete in the Advanced Large Animal Master Showmanship Contest.

Junior Livestock Showmanship Rules

11. Any exhibitor found to have entered the wrong showmanship class will be stripped of all awards.

FFA and 4-H Supreme Showmanship
Sheep, Swine, Beef, Market Goat, Dairy Goat, and Dairy Cattle. Top three (3) 4-H Advanced Showmen and top three (3) FFA Advanced Showmen winners will compete against each other for this honor immediately following the FFA Show for each species. There must be at least one (1) FFA and one (1) 4-H advance winners to compete for the title in each species.

- No entry fee
- Entry is voluntary - no substitutions.
- Eligible exhibitors will be notified at ring side.
- All other showmanship rules apply.
- Exhibitors must use the same animal used in the showmanship class.
- Jackets will be awarded to the overall winner in each specifies.

Large Animal Master Showmanship Rules

Judging	Sunday, August 23, 2026 @ 9AM in the main show arena
Entry Fee	No pre-entry. Entrants based on showmanship placing.

Contestants to check in at the main arena a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest.

Large Animal Master Showmanship Rules & Guidelines:

1. Open to Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Alameda, San Mateo, and Monterey County 4-H/FFA members.
2. Grange and Independent exhibitors are not eligible to participate in Large Animal Master Showmanship, as we do not offer Independent or Grange showmanship at this time.
3. Only winners of Novice and Advanced Showmanship (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Sheep, Swine, Horse, or Market Goats) are eligible to participate in Large Animal Master Showmanship.
   - **a.** Winners of Large Animal Showmanship MUST declare whether or not they will be participating in the Large Animal Master Showmanship contest within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the respective species show to the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Office. Failure to notify Livestock Office of participation **or failure to check in at ringside for the Master Showmanship Contest may result in the exhibitor being placed on probation for one year or longer if Fair management deems appropriate.** NEW!
   - b. If the first-place winner of Novice or Advanced Showmanship in one (1) of the above species chooses not to participate or is representing another specie in the Master Showmanship contest, then the second-place individual from that same specie would qualify for Master Showmanship.
   - **c.** Should the second place Exhibitor in one (1) of the above species become eligible for the Large Animal Master Showmanship Contest they must declare to the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Office they will be participating in the Large Animal Master Showmanship by 8PM on the day they were notified**. Failure to notify Livestock Office of participation or failure to check in at ringside for the Master Showmanship Contest may result in the exhibitor being placed on probation for one year or longer if Fair management deems appropriate.** NEW!
   - d. Participation is limited to the top two (2) placers from each category. Should neither the first nor second place winner choose not to participate in the Large Animal Master Showmanship contest then no one will represent that species. However, in the interest of a competition, if there are not a minimum of three (3) participants in either Novice or Advanced Master Showmanship, then the third-place winners in each specie not represented, will be eligible to participate.
   - e. Novice showmanship winners in any specie who also win Advanced Showmanship in another specie MUST show in Advanced Master Showmanship irrespective of which class they won first.
   - f. If a Novice exhibitor qualifies for Advanced Master Showmanship as a 2nd place winner, they may choose to represent Novice or Advanced Master Showmanship.
   - g. Exhibitors who win in multiple species at the same skill level (i.e. – all in Novice) MUST represent the species in which they won first, regardless of the association (4-H/FFA) they represent.
4. Results and individual placing will be announced, posted and awards will be presented shortly after completion of the Large Animal Master Showmanship Content at the awards ceremony.
5. Exhibitors cannot show their own animals in the Master Showmanship contest.
6. 4-H and FFA exhibitors DO NOT compete against each other.
7. The winner of the Santa Clara County Fair Master Showmanship contest will be eligible to participate in the California State Fair Junior Best of Show Showmanship contest. (Check in the Santa Clara County Fair Office for the California State Fair Junior Best of Show competition entry forms, rules and guidelines.)
8. There are no restrictions on the number of times an exhibitor can participate in and/or win Large Animal Master Showmanship at the Santa Clara County Fair.

Horses

Entry Due	July 16, 2026 LATE ENTRIES: July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$15.00 per class
Animals Received	**August 21, 2026**
Show Location	Fairgrounds on International Park Lawn
Paperwork Check In	**August 21, 2026** 4PM-5PM. Original Registration/Ownership/Lease papers must be available for review in case of any questions the morning of the show.
Judged	August 21, 2026 5PM
Show Order	Showmanship, Halter, English, Western, Gymkhana
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chair	Regina Matthews 408-722-8315 regina@danandregina.com

PLEASE NOTE - ALL HORSES must be owned or Leased by Exhibitors no later than April 21, 2026. Lease Agreements for all leased horses MUST be signed and Notarized NO LATER than April 21, 2026. Ownership Statements for Grade Horses must ALSO be Notarized no later April 21, 2026. Hard Copy or Electronic copy of Fully Notarized documents with pictures, Registration Papers or Dated Bill of Sale MUST be filed with Santa Clara County Fair or Horse Show Management by 11:59pm on April 21, 2026. For further information or forms or to e-mail Lease/Ownership/Registration documents to Regina Matthews at 408-722-8315.

All Exhibitors must have ORIGINAL notarized Lease Agreement, notarized Ownership Form, dated Bill of Sale or Registration papers showing entrant's or family member's name as delineated in Rule #3 of the Horse Show Rules, available for review the morning of the show in case of any questions at check-in. Failure to provide original paperwork if requested will render the Entry incomplete, thereby disqualifying entry from competition in the Show.

Horse Rules & Guidelines:

1. All State Rules for California Fairs, Santa Clara County Fair rules apply. The horse show will be run under United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Rules except for Gymkhana, where California Gymkhana Association (CGA) rules will apply.
2. Ownership or Lease: Any horse exhibited in the junior or youth division must be owned or leased by the junior exhibitor showing the horse or owned by the junior exhibitor's parent, stepparent, sibling, half-sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, step grandparent, sibling's spouse, half sibling's spouse, step-sibling's spouse or legal guardian (as evidenced by court documents), or owned by the institution in which the junior exhibitor is enrolled as a ward. Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts, or partnerships, are also authorized owners of the youth exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorized by this rule. "Owned" means, in addition to other legitimate methods of acquiring ownership, the bona fide legal ownership obtained for adequate consideration in reasonable relationship with the actual market value of the horse.
3. The Santa Clara County Fair REQUIRES the completion of the Youth for Quality Care of Animals Ethics course for all Large and Small Animal exhibitors age 9 to 19. The course may be completed online, takes approximately one hour and may be done at any time before the entry deadline date of **July 16, 2026.** Once the course is passed, a Certificate of Completion with a Certificate number is provided. This Certificate number must be submitted to complete all entries.
4. Juniors may only handle stallion foals born in the current year.
5. National Horse Breed Association Registered Purebred animals cannot be entered as a grade or unregistered animal.

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6. Registered animals must have original registration papers only (no photocopies) naming the exhibitor or family member as delineated in Rule #2 above, as the owner. Grade horses owned by an exhibitor require a dated bill of sale or a notarized Statement of Ownership naming the exhibitor or family member as delineated in Rule #2 above, as the owner. Documents should be notarized no later than 4/21/26. Original ownership papers (no photocopies) for half-breed, appendix, pink-papered & breeding stock I.D must name the exhibitor, or a family member as delineated in Rule #2 above, as owner to be accepted into Division 3101.
7. Leased horse agreements MUST be notarized. Documents should be notarized no later than 4/21/26.
8. **COPIES OF ALL DATED BILLS OF SALE, REGISTRATION, OWNERSHIP, OR LEASE DOCUMENTS MUST SUBMITTED TO HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT/FAIR MANAGEMENT BY 11:59pm ON April 21, 2026 via E-mail.** ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION THE MORNING OF SHOW IF REQUESTED. NEW!
9. Random testing of horses is possible. If a drug has been given to your horse for any reason, within 72 hours of the show, a drug declaration must be filed with the horse show supervisor.
10. Horses and ponies entered in the show must be ridden by owners or leasers only.
11. Horses may be checked for soundness upon arrival. The Santa Clara County Fair staff and Team Leads may make a determination as to soundness and can dismiss from the grounds any horse deemed unable to perform, or where it is in the best interest of the horse.
12. All horse exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinarian expenses.
13. Exhibitors are required to care for, prepare, and show their animals.
14. A horse or pony may be shown by one (1) exhibitor only, in any one (1) division.
15. Adult help (including leaders, parents and trainers) in grooming, exercising and preparing for show, or coaching from the rail during competition may cause the exhibitor and/or horse/pony to be disqualified. Disqualification may consist of withholding ribbons/awards, removal from the horse show grounds, elimination from further competitions at the Santa Clara County Fair.
16. Violation of 4-H, FFA, Santa Clara County Fair or State Rules for California Fairs including Code of Conduct, will be grounds for immediate disqualification from this show and may result in loss of all awards or participation in future Fair Horse Shows, at management's discretion.
17. All junior exhibitors must have "on ground" supervision by a responsible adult.
18. TWO-MINUTE GATE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. A four-minute tack change will be allowed upon request only if made prior to the class before the needed tack change.
19. Tie-downs, running martingales, mechanical hackamores, etc. are prohibited, with the exception of Gymkhana classes. Bareback pads are prohibited. Horse boots and wraps are prohibited in competition with exception of Gymkhana classes. Boots or wraps may be used in competition only if a veterinarian's note has been given to the horse show competition, specifying the need for equipment, prior to the competition. Boots and wraps may be used in the warmup areas.
20. LUNCH BREAKS – No set time.
21. An ASTM Safety approved hard hat with harness strap in place must be worn whenever mounted anywhere on at the show facility grounds.
22. State Fair qualification – FFA, 4-H, and Independent exhibitors will be entered into the same classes but will only compete against those in their respective organizations. The highest placing individual from each organization in each class will qualify for the California State Fair Horse Show. See California State Fair for more information on this rule.
23. Exhibitors entered into a Walk/Trot class cannot cross over to a canterclass. Walk/Trot classes limited to beginner riders, must be in their 1st or 2nd year of showing. Horse/Rider combination limited to two (2) years only. NEW!
24. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Large Animal Master Showmanship. Should your animal be used, it should be at ring side when requested, with all needed equipment necessary to show said animal. Please be sure to label your equipment so that it can be returned.
25. All junior large animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s) and receive any premium monies. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.

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19. All Fair Livestock shows are run by volunteers – without them we wouldn't be able to hold these shows. We rely on the participation of Friends and Family members of Exhibitors to be able to offer our wonderful Livestock program to our Youth, so please be SURE to contact the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Superintendent, Maddie Beckwith at mbeckwith@thefair.org to schedule some time when you or a family member will be able to volunteer during the Fair Shows. Even if you aren't available during your Youth members' show, we can sure use the help during other events, so just let us know what your availability may be. Thank you in advance for your help!!

DIVISION 3100: Horse Showmanship

- Rosettes to 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules.

CLASS:

1. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
2. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
3. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
4. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
5. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Horse Halter Show

- Registered Horses. Leased horses cannot be shown in halter classes.
- Halter Classes do not count towards High Point.

DIVISION 3101: Registered Horses – sequence as listed

CLASS:

1. **Mares**
2. **Geldings**

DIVISION 3102: Grade Horses – sequence as listed

CLASS:

1. **Mares**
2. **Geldings**

DIVISION 3103: Ponies, Registered & Grade – sequence as listed

CLASS:

1. **Mares**
2. **Geldings**

ONLY HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENTER IN 2026

English Show

- Ribbons 1st - 8th place
- Note: English Breeches may be worn for all English classes.

DIVISION 3104: Hunter Hack – all classes.

- Beg Rider, Walk/Trot, & Green Horse – X-rails.
- Junior and Senior Riders – 2' Jumps.

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DIVISION 3105: English Equitation - all classes
DIVISION 3106: English Horsemanship – all classes
DIVISION 3107: English Pleasure - all classes
DIVISION 3108: English Bareback Equitation - all classes

CLASSES for Divisions (3104 -3108): (age as of January 1st, of the current year)

1. **Beginning Rider Walk/Trot:** Rider at any age in their 1st or 2nd year of showing - not to have shown at the canter
2. **Green Horse:** Horse any age, in 1st or 2nd year of showing. Walk, Trot, Canter
3. **Junior Riders:** age 9 to 13. Walk, Trot, Canter
4. **Senior Riders:** age 14 to 19. Walk, Trot, Canter

Western Show

- Ribbons 1st – 8th place

DIVISION 3110: Western Equitation – all riding classes
DIVISION 3111: Western Horsemanship – all riding classes
DIVISION 3112: Western Pleasure – all riding classes
DIVISION 3113: In-Hand Trail – Horses to be led in-hand over obstacles. Open to horses in 1st year of showing.
DIVISION 3114: Trail – all riding classes
DIVISION 3115: Ranch Riding- all riding classes
DIVISION 3116: Western Bareback Equitation – all riding classes

RIDING CLASSES for Divisions (3110-3116): (age as of Jan 1st, of the current year)

1. **In-Hand Trail:** Horses to be led in-hand over obstacles. Open to horses in 1st year of showing.
2. **Beginning Rider Walk/Jog:** Rider,-any age, 1st or 2nd year of showing. Not to have shown at the lope
3. **Green Horse:** Horse any age, 1st, or 2nd year of showing. Walk, Jog, Lope
4. **Junior Riders:** age 9 to 13. Walk, Jog, Lope
5. **Senior Riders:** age 14 to 19. Walk, Jog, Lope

Gymkhana Show

- Ribbons 1st – 8th place

DIVISION 3120: Speed Barrels - all classes
DIVISION 3121: Cloverleaf Barrels - all classes
DIVISION 3122: Pole Bending - all classes
DIVISION 3123: Quadrangle Stake Race - all classes
DIVISION 3124: Bi-Rangle Stake Race - all classes
DIVISION 3125: Single Stake Race - all classes

CLASSES for Divisions (3120-3125): (exhibitor age as of Jan 1st, of the current year)

1. **Beginning Rider Walk/Trot:** Rider, any age, 1st, or 2nd year of showing. Not to have shown at the lope. NO CANTERING/LOPING in this class. Three or more strides at the canter/lope will result in disqualification in this class.
2. **Green Horse:** Horse any age, 1st, or 2nd year of showing. Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope

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3. **Junior Riders:** age 9 to13. Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope
4. **Senior Riders:** age 14 to 19. Walk, Trot/Jog, Canter/Lope

Market Goats

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$20.00/breed class $10.00/group class
Vet Check/Receiving	August 15, 2026 @ 8AM – 10AM
Weigh In	August 15, 2026 @ 3PM – 4:30PM
Judged	August 20, 2026 @ 4PM
Market Weight	70 to 110 pounds
Jumbo Weight	111 to 115 pounds
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chairs	Nadine Duarte, Sawyer Tankersley

Please note: Prior to penning, all goats participating in the Santa Clara County Fair will be inspected by a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual, in a designated area. Any animals deemed to have any unethical or unwanted condition (disease or pests, etc.) will be excused from participating and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately.

Market Goat Rules & Guidelines:

1. Danish system of judging for market readiness. For judging scorecard see the State Rules for California Fairs.
   a. Flat ribbons for animals judged as market ready.
2. American system of judging for market order.
   a. Rosettes for 1st and 2nd places.
3. Any animal that cannot be safely controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger to any person whatsoever may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified from the show. This determination is to be made at the sole discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows and any other fair activities. There will be no appeal for this decision.
4. Upon arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, all goats must have a permanent Scrapie tag in their ear which EXACTLY matches the bill of sale (flock # and individual #). If any animal loses their scrapie tag, the Santa Clara County Fair office must be notified immediately, and you will be given instructions for a missing scrapie tag or fair tag.
5. All Local, State Rules for California Fairs, and health rules apply and must be adhered to at all times.
6. After weigh-in, market goats will be divided into weight classes within the market weight range for convenience of judging and lot uniformity.
7. Market goats weighing in the jumbo weight range may show in the jumbo market class but will NOT be eligible to show in Champion Drive nor receive any Champion awards.
8. Jumbo class goats will be eligible to sell at auction but will be paid for a maximum of top market weight.
9. Market goats exceeding the top jumbo weight will NOT be penned and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately. They are ineligible to participate in any classes at the Santa Clara County Fair unless, it is the exhibitors' only animal. If it is the only animal, the exhibitor may only participate in showmanship and is not eligible for market classes or auction.
10. All market goats will be bedded on shavings and are to remain as such through the run of the Santa Clara County Fair. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
11. All market goat and feeder goats must be "slick shorn" (3/8" or less hair) above the knee or hock joint upon arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds for vet check. Animals not meeting this rule will be disqualified and sent home.
12. Market goats entered in market classes may NOT be entered in breeding classes and vice versa.
13. No collars, halters, costumes, décor or props may be left on goats while in their pens.
14. Animals should display meat goat conformation. Dairy goat breeds or dairy crosses may not be entered.
15. Goats must exhibit kid's teeth. Teeth may be checked for age by a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual or at the judge's discretion.

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16. NO pinch collars allowed.
17. Market goats must be dehorned or tipped with blunt ends less than 2" in length. Horns must be blunted PRIOR to arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. NO BLUNTING WILL BE ALLOWED on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Animals not meeting this rule will be disqualified and sent home.
18. Market Goat does cannot show udder development.
19. All ear tags must be clean and legible before the animal crosses the scale.
20. Ear tags and hardware from previous shows must be removed prior to weigh-in.
21. On show day, prior to penning, all tags that are not Fair tags from the Santa Clara County Fair must be covered up with a dark tape. It is recommended to use solid black or solid silver duct tape. The tape must cover the full tag so that the color, shape and information on the tag(s) cannot be seen or distinguishable. After the show all tape must be removed.
22. Only animals judged market ready are eligible for sale through the Auction.
23. All tubes, blankets, and tape on scrapie tags must be removed from goats going through the auction on Friday, August 21st by 5PM so animals can be marked, as well as on Sunday, August 23rd by 5PM as all animals sold will be loaded on the trucks Sunday evening. NEW!
24. REMEMBER:Auction entry forms must be turned in Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM to the livestock office or your animals will not go through auction. No Exceptions.
25. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Large Animal Master Showmanship. Should your animal be used, it should be at ring side when requested, **with all necessary equipment needed to show said animal**. Please be sure to label your equipment so that it can be returned.
26. All junior large animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s), receive any premium monies and participate in auction. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.
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Market Goats

DIVISION 3201: 4-H Market Goats
DIVISION 3202: FFA Market Goats
DIVISION 3203: Independent Market Goats

CLASS:

1. **All entries**

Feeder Goats

- Flat ribbons only.

DIVISION 3204: Feeder Goats **(Determined at Santa Clara County Fair weigh in)**

CLASS:

1. **4-H Feeder**
2. **FFA Feeder**
3. **Independent Feeder**

Market Goats

4-H and FFA Market Goat Pens of 3

4-H and FFA Market Goat Pens of 3 Rules and Guidelines:

1. No Pre-Entry Required.
2. No entry fee – Ribbons 1st to 3rd for each exhibitor and club/chapter.
3. Pen of 3 goats previously shown in market classes, all from the same club/chapter, and been judged as market ready. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
4. No more than two (2) market goats, in a pen, can be owned by one (1) exhibitor.
5. No more than two (2) entries per club/chapter.
6. Entries will be selected upon completion of individual market classes.

4-H and FFA Market Goat Exhibitor Bred and Owned

4-H and FFA Market Goat Exhibitor Bred and Owned Rules and Guidelines:

1. Open to Santa Clara County Residents only.
2. Exhibitors will all show together. There is not a separate contest for the separate organizations.
3. Exhibitors who enter this class must:
   a. Own the Dam at time of conception.
   b. Select Sire.
   c. Provide primary care for animal from birth through the Santa Clara County Fair.
   d. Exhibitors of bred and owned market goats must own and have possession of the dam & kid within Santa Clara County, provide permanent identification of dam & kid and will submit a DNA sample of both the dam and their market goats when exhibitors submit their pre-tagging paperwork along with a statement of ownership or a copy of the registration papers for the Dam.
   e. In the event of a dam's death or being sold, notification must be made to the Santa Clara County Fair within 15 days along with the DNA sample.
4. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
5. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Owned division are not able to enter in the Bred and Fed division or vice versa. In the case of two (2) entries or fewer these entries will be combined with the Bred and Fed classes for meaningful competition at the discretion of Fair Management.

DIVISION 3207: Santa Clara County Exhibitor Bred & Owned Market Goats

CLASS:

1. Bred & Owned Market Goats

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition Rules & Guidelines:

1. This is a special competition for all market goats that were bred and fed in Santa Clara County.
2. Animals must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
3. FFA & 4-H market goats will be shown together (class may be split by weight).
4. To qualify as Santa Clara County Bred and Fed, the market goat must be from a Santa Clara County producer who bred the animal and raised by a 4-H or FFA exhibitor in Santa Clara County.
5. Exhibitors must provide a bill of sale from a breeder in Santa Clara County.
6. The exhibitor must comply with the Bred and Fed rules or relinquish eligibility in the contest. If the goat is found to be ineligible all awards/premiums will be withheld. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Fed division are not able to enter in the Bred and Owned division or vice versa.

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DIVISION 3208: Santa Clara County Bred and Fed Market Goat

CLASS:

1. **Bred & Fed Market Goat**

Market Goat Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st – 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules.

DIVISION 3200: Market Goat Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
2. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
3. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
4. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
5. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Registered Breeding Goats

- American system of judging
- Flat ribbons only

Registered Goats Rules & Guidelines:

1. Goats must be registered in a recognized association: ABGA, IBGA, CBGA or USBGA.
2. Governed by American Boer Goat Association rules.
3. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required. Tattoos must be legible. No tattooing on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
4. Exhibitors must check ORIGINAL (no photocopies) registration and ownership papers with the Santa Clara County Fair livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
5. Does must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair. Ownership must be reflected on the registration paperwork.
6. Goats entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
7. Stamped applications of registration are acceptable on animals six (6) months of age and younger.
8. All animals must be registered purebred, full blood or percentage blood Boer Goats.
9. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged to be unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at vet check.
10. Horns are permissible on breeding does. However, an animal may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified if the animal cannot be controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger at the discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This rule applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows and any other Santa Clara County Fair activities.
11. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
12. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

Market Goats

DIVISION 3209: Registered Boer Does

CLASS:

1. **Spring Doe Kids:** 1-1-26 to 5-15-26
2. **Fall Doe Kids:** 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Yearling Does:** 9-1-24 to 8-31-25
4. **Aged Does:** 8-31-24 or older

Wether Dam Breeding Does

- American system of judging

Wether Dam Rules & Guidelines:

1. For unregistered or crossbred does. Any animal which is recorded with a recognized breed association is not eligible to show in this division.
2. All does must resemble the maternal line of a meat goat.
3. Does must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair.
4. Horns are permissible on breeding does. However, an animal may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified if the animal cannot be controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger at the discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This rule applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows and any other Santa Clara County Fair activities.
5. Goats entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
6. For uniformity in judging, wether dams will be divided into classes after entries have closed. For large classes animals may also be divided by weight.
7. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
8. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged to be unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at vet check in.
9. Exhibitors must present proof of ownership ("Bill of Sale" or written "Statement of Ownership") to the livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
10. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3211: Wether Dam Breeding Does

CLASS:

5. **Spring Doe Kids:** 1-1-26 to 5-15-26
6. **Fall Doe Kids:** 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
7. **Yearling Does:** 9-1-24 to 8-31-25
8. **Aged Does:** 8-31-24 or older

DIVISION 3213: Group Classes

CLASS:

1. **Pair of Does**: two (2) kid does
2. **Pair of Yearling Does**: two (2) yearling doe
3. **Best Pair:** Best two (2) animals – any age

Sheep

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$20.00/breed class $10.00/group class
Vet Check/Receiving	August 15, 2026 @ 8AM – 10AM
Weigh In	August 15, 2026 @ 3PM – 4:30PM
Judged	August 19, 2026 @ 4PM
Market Weight	110 to 160 pounds
Jumbo Weight	161 to 165 pounds
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chairs	Anna LaBarbera and Abby Ellingson

Please note: Prior to penning, all sheep participating in the Santa Clara County Fair will be inspected by a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual, in a designated area. Any animals deemed to have any unethical or unwanted condition (disease or pests, etc.) will be excused from participating and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately.

Sheep Rules & Guidelines:

1. Danish system of judging for market readiness. For judging scorecard see the State Rules for California Fairs.
   a. Flat ribbons for animals judged as market ready.
2. American system of judging for market order.
   b. Rosettes for 1st and 2nd places.
3. Any animal that cannot be safely controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger to any person whatsoever may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified from the show. This determination is to be made at the sole discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows, and any other fair activities. There will be no appeal for this decision.
4. Upon arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, all sheep must have a permanent Scrapie tag in their ear which EXACTLY matches the bill of sale (flock # and individual #). If any animal loses their scrapie tag, the Santa Clara County Fair office must be notified immediately for instructions for a missing scrapie or fair tag.
5. All Local, State Rules for California Fairs and health rules apply and must be adhered to at all times.
6. After weigh-in, market lambs will be divided into weight classes within the market weight range for convenience of judging and uniformity.
7. Market lambs weighing in the jumbo weight range may show in the jumbo market class but will NOT be eligible to show in Champion Drive nor receive any Champion awards.
8. Jumbo class lambs will be eligible to sell at auction but will be paid for a maximum of top market weight.
9. Market lambs exceeding the top jumbo weight will NOT be penned and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately. They are ineligible to participate in any classes at the Santa Clara County Fair unless, it is the exhibitors' only animal. If it is the only animal, the exhibitor may only participate in showmanship and is not eligible for market classes or auction.
10. All sheep will be bedded on shavings and are to remain as such through the run of the Santa Clara County Fair. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
11. No collars, halters, costumes, décor or props may be left on sheep while in their pens.
12. All sheep must be "slick shorn" (3/8" or less hair) above the knee or hock joint upon arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds for vet check. Animals not meeting this rule will be disqualified and sent home. Registered sheep that show with fleece are the exception and must have registration papers present at vet check.
13. Lambs must exhibit lamb teeth. Teeth may be checked for age by Santa Clara County Fair approved individual or at the judge's discretion.
14. Lambs entered in market classes may NOT be entered in breeding classes and vice versa.
15. All ear tags must be clean and legible before animal crosses the scale.
16. Ear tags and hardware from previous shows must be removed prior to weigh-in.

Sheep

17. On show day, prior to penning, all tags that are not tags from the Santa Clara County Fair must be covered up with a dark tape. It is recommended to use solid black or solid silver duct tape. The tape must cover the full tag so that the color, shape, and information on the tag(s) cannot be seen or distinguishable. After the show all tape must be removed.
18. Only animals judged market ready are eligible for sale through the auction.
19. Absolutely no "HEAVY MUSCLED" (Callipyge) market lambs will be allowed to be entered in the Santa Clara County Fair, per processing plant restrictions.
20. All tubes, blankets, and tape on scrapie tags must be removed from sheep going through the auction on Friday, August 21st by 5PM so animals can be marked, as well as on Sunday, August 23rd by 5PM as all animals sold will be loaded on the trucks Sunday evening. NEW!
21. REMEMBER:Auction entry forms must be turned in Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM to the livestock office or your animals will not go through auction. No Exceptions.
22. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Large Animal Master Showmanship. Should your animal be used, it should be at ring side when requested, **with all necessary equipment needed to show said animal**. Please be sure to label your equipment so that it can be returned.
23. All junior large animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s), receive any premium monies and participate in auction. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.
24. All Fair Livestock shows are run by volunteers – without them we wouldn't be able to hold these shows. We rely on the participation of Friends and Family members of Exhibitors to be able to offer our wonderful Livestock program to our Youth, so please be SURE to contact the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Superintendent, Maddie Beckwith at mbeckwith@thefair.org to schedule some time when you or a family member will be able to volunteer during the Fair Shows. Even if you aren't available during your Youth members' show, we can sure use the help during other events, so just let us know what your availability may be. Thank you in advance for your help!!

Market Lambs

DIVISION 3301: 4-H Market Lambs
DIVISION 3302: FFA Market Lambs
DIVISION 3303: Independent Market Lambs

CLASS:
1. **All entries**

Feeder Lambs

- Flat ribbons only

DIVISION 3304: Feeder Lambs – (Determined at Santa Clara County Fair weigh in)

CLASS:
1. **4-H Feeder**
2. **FFA Feeder**
3. **Independent Feeder**

Sheep

4-H and FFA Market Lamb Pens of 3

4-H and FFA Market Lamb Pens of 3 Rules and Guidelines:

1. No Pre-Entry Required.
2. No entry fee – Ribbons 1st to 3rd for each exhibitor and club/chapter.
3. Pen of 3 lambs previously shown in market classes; all from the same club/chapter and been judged as market ready. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
4. No more than two (2) market lambs, in a pen, can be owned by 1 exhibitor.
5. No more than two (2) entries per club/chapter.
6. Entries will be selected upon completion of individual market classes,

4-H and FFA Market Lamb Exhibitor Bred and Owned

4-H and FFA Market Lamb Exhibitor Bred and Owned Rules and Guidelines:

1. Open to Santa Clara County Residents only.
2. Exhibitors will all show together. There is not a separate contest for the separate organizations.
3. Exhibitors who enter this class must:
   a. Own the Dam at time of conception.
   b. Select Sire
   c. Provide primary care for animal from birth through the Santa Clara County Fair.
   d. Exhibitors of bred and owned sheep must own and have possession of the dam & lamb within Santa Clara County, provide permanent identification of dam & lamb and will submit a DNA sample of both the dam and their market lambs when the exhibitor submits their pre-tagging paperwork along with a statement of ownership or a copy of the registration papers for the Dam.
   e. In the event of a dam's death or being sold, notification must be made to the Santa Clara County Fair within 15 days along with the DNA sample (if before pre-tagging).
4. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
5. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Owned division are not able to enter in the Bred and Fed division or vice versa. In the case of two (2) entries or fewer these entries will be combined with the Bred and Fed classes for meaningful competition at the discretion of Fair Management.

DIVISION 3307: Santa Clara County Exhibitor Bred & Owned Market Lambs

CLASS:

1. Bred & Owned Market Lambs

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition Rules & Guidelines:

1. This is a special competition for all market sheep that were bred and fed in Santa Clara County.
2. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
3. FFA & 4-H market sheep will be shown together (class may be split by weight).
4. To qualify as Santa Clara County Bred and Fed, the market sheep must be from a Santa Clara County producer who bred the animal and raised by a 4-H or FFA exhibitor in Santa Clara County.
5. Exhibitors must provide a bill of sale from a breeder in Santa Clara County.
6. The exhibitor must comply with the bred and fed rules or relinquish eligibility in the contest. If the sheep is found to be ineligible all awards/premiums will be withheld.
7. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Fed division are not able to enter in the Bred and Owned division or vice versa.

Sheep

DIVISION 3308: Santa Clara County Bred and Fed Market Sheep

CLASS:

1. **Bred & Fed Market Sheep**

Sheep Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st – 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules.

DIVISION 3300: Market Lamb Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
2. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
3. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
4. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
5. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Registered Breeding Ewes

- American system of judging

Registered Breeding Ewes Rules & Guidelines:

1. Exhibitors must check ORIGINAL (no photocopies) registration and ownership papers with the Santa Clara County Fair livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
2. Ewes must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair. Ownership must be reflected on registration paperwork.
3. Ewes entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
4. If requested exhibitors must show lamb's teeth to a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual or at judge's discretion.
5. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at check in.
6. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
7. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3309: Registered Breeding Ewes

CLASS:

1. **Spring Ewe Lamb**: 1-1-26 to 5-15-26
2. **Fall Ewe**: 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Yearling Ewe**: 9-1-24 to 8-31-25
4. **Aged Ewe**: 8-31-24 or older

Wether Dam Breeding Ewes

- American system of judging

Sheep

Wether Dam Breeding Ewes Rules & Guidelines:

1. For unregistered or crossbred ewes. Any animal which is recorded with a recognized breed association is not eligible to show in this division.
2. Ewes must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair.
3. Ewes entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
4. If requested exhibitors must show lamb's teeth to a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual or at judge's discretion.
5. For uniformity in judging, ewes will be divided into classes after entries have closed. For large classes animals may also be divided by weight.
6. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at check in.
7. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
8. Exhibitors must present proof of ownership ("Bill of Sale" or written "Statement of Ownership") to the Santa Clara County Fair livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
9. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3311: Wether Dam Breeding Ewes

CLASS:

1. **Spring Ewe Lamb:** 1-1-26 to 5-15-26
2. **Fall Ewe Lamb:** 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Yearling Ewe:** 9-1-24 to 8-31-25
4. **Aged Ewe:** 8-31-24 or older

Breeding Sheep Group Classes

Group Classes Rules & Guidelines

1. These classes are intended to show off an exhibitor's flock
2. Limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor per class.
3. Animals in each group class must have been shown in their own respective breed classes.
4. These classes will have multiple animals from one exhibitor's herd and the exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3313: Group Classes

CLASS:

1. **Pair of Ewe Lambs**: two (2) ewe lambs
2. **Pair of Yearling Ewes**: two (2) yearling ewes
3. **Best Pair** Best two (2) animals – any age

Market Lamb Carcass Contest

- All market ready sheep entered into the Santa Clara County Junior Livestock Auction will be automatically entered into the carcass contest.
- Results and awards will take place **TENTATIVELY** on Thursday, September 10th, 2026 at 6PM, in Peppersteak Hall, in conjunction with the Beef Carcass Contest.
- Sponsored by Bruce & Carol Schlegel and the Santa Clara County Fair.
- A small donation is requested by the Santa Clara County Cattlewomen from those attending the awards program to cover the costs of dinner.

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Market Lamb Carcass Contest Rules & Guidelines:

1. Carcass contests are an important part of the sheep industry. Contests are designed to emphasize the commercial value and desired characteristics that affect economic value.
2. The purpose of sharing the carcass evaluation is to promote education by participants and create a better product for those purchasing animals at the Santa Clara County Fair Junior Livestock Auction.
3. Factors which must be met in order to have an acceptable carcass include:
   a. A hot carcass weight (HCW) 0f 90 lbs. or less.
   b. A quality grade of Choice minus or higher.
   c. Live weight between 110 and 160 lbs.
   d. Judged as market acceptable.
   e. Must have been entered, shown and judged in regular market class.
   f. Must be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction.
4. Exhibitors that have produced lambs that meet these factors will be eligible for the Champion Carcass Award.

Lad and Ladies Lead Contest

Lad and Ladies Lead Contest Rules and Guidelines: NEW!

1. This division is open to any exhibitor in the junior division.
2. Entries must be made on an official junior entry form. No day of show entries.
3. Commentaries are due to the exhibit's office 48 hours prior to the event and must be typed.
4. The objective of this class is to promote wool and sheep by presenting a class of sheep in an interactive manner and to give spectators an opportunity to view sheep fitted and trained to lead on halter.
5. Exhibitors will wear outfits/garments made of wool or wool blends that are homemade. Note if you plan to use your outfit in future competitions most require 70% wool blends.
6. Garments worn previously in lad and ladies lead are not eligible.
7. Exhibitor does not have to own the sheep you are showing.
8. Wether, ewe lambs or breeding ewes only.
9. A 2" x 2" piece of fabric must accompany your commentary.

Judging Criteria

Contestant ***40 points***
15 points - for fit of garment and appropriateness
5 points - if garment is made by the exhibitor
10 points - appearance, grooming and posture
10 points - poise and ability to model the garment

Animal ***30 points***
20 points - fitting cleanliness condition of fleece
10 points - knowledge of sheep

Showmanship 30 points
15 points - is sheep trained to walk on halter
15 points - ability to move sheep to show off

DIVISION 3314: Lad and Ladies Lead

CLASS:
1. **Exhibitors Ages 9 to 11**
2. **Exhibitors Ages 12 to 14**
3. **Exhibitors Ages 15 to 19**

Swine

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$20.00/breed class $10.00/group class
Receiving	Friday, August 14, 2026 @ 7PM – 9PM OR Saturday, August 15, 2026 @ 10AM – 12PM Swine MUST be weighed in @ 5PM – 7PM
Judged	August 17, 2026 @ 4PM
Market Weight	215 to 285 pounds
Jumbo Weight	286 to 290 pounds
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chairs	Ashley Jordan and Kyle Jordan

Rules & Guidelines:

1. Danish system of judging for market readiness/market acceptable. For judging scorecard see the State Rules for California Fairs.
   a. Flat ribbons for animals judged as market acceptable.
2. American system of judging for market order.
   a. Rosettes for 1st and 2nd places
3. Any animal that cannot be safely controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger to any person whatsoever may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified from the show. This determination is to be made at the sole discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Staff Management. This applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows, and any other fair activities. There will be no appeal for this decision.
4. All Local, State Rules for California Fairs and health rules apply and must be adhered to at all times.
5. After weigh-in, market hogs will be divided into weight classes within the market weight range for convenience of judging and uniformity.
6. Market hogs weighing in the jumbo weight range may show in the jumbo market class but will NOT be eligible to show in Champion Drive nor receive any Champion awards.
7. Jumbo class hogs will be eligible to sell at auction but will be paid for a maximum of top market weight.
8. Market hogs exceeding the top jumbo weight will NOT be penned and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately. They are ineligible to participate in any classes at the Santa Clara County Fair unless, it is the exhibitors' only animal. If it is the only animal, the exhibitor may only participate in showmanship and is not eligible for market classes or auction.
9. Ear notches must be indicated on the bills of sale and pre-tagging forms.
10. Hogs entered in market classes may NOT be entered in breeding classes and vice versa.
11. All swine will be bedded on shavings and are to remain as such through the run of the Santa Clara County Fair. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
12. Only animals judged as market acceptable will be eligible for sale through auction.
13. All hogs must have a minimum hair length of ½" on their body per processor requirements.
14. All ear tags must be clean and legible before the animal crosses the scale.
15. Ear tags, including breeders tags, and hardware from previous shows must be removed prior to weigh-in.
16. No automatic or metal feeders, only plastic/rubber pan style feeders or clip on feed pans are allowed.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own waterers.
18. REMEMBER: Auction entry forms must be turned in Thursday, August 20, 2026, by 9PM to the livestock office or your animals will not go through auction. No Exceptions.
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Swine

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Market Swine

DIVISION 3401: 4-H Market Swine
DIVISION 3402: FFA Market Swine
DIVISION 3403: Independent Market Swine

CLASS:
1. **All entries**
2 **Heritage Hog**

The Clover Foundation's Heritage Hog

1. The Heritage Hog will be entered as "Heritage Hog Independent swine entry" and will be judged for market readiness ONLY. The Heritage Hog will not be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion.
2. The Heritage Hog may be used as the exhibitor's showmanship animal.
3. Refer to the Rules and Guidelines section of all other Heritage Hog rules.

Feeder Swine

- Flat ribbons only

DIVISION 3404: Feeder Swine – (Determined at weigh in)

CLASS:
1. **4-H Feeder**
2. **FFA Feeder**
3. **Independent**

4-H and FFA Market Swine Pen of 3

4-H and FFA Market Swine Pen of 3 Rules and Guidelines:

1. No Pre-Entry Required.
2. No entry fee – Ribbons 1st to 3rd for each exhibitor and club/chapter.
3. Pen of 3 swine previously shown in market classes, all from the same club/chapter, and been judged as market acceptable. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
4. No more than two (2) market swine, in a pen, can be owned by one (1) exhibitor.
5. No more than two (2) entries per club/chapter.
6. Entries will be selected upon completion of individual market classes.

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4-H and FFA Market Swine Exhibitor Bred and Owned

Market Swine Exhibitor Bred and Owned Rules and Guidelines:

1. Open to Santa Clara County Residents only.
2. Exhibitors will all show together. There is not a separate contest for the separate organizations.
3. Exhibitors who enter this class must:
   a. Own the Dam at time of conception.
   b. Select Sire.
   c. Provide primary care for animal from birth through the Santa Clara County Fair.
   d. Exhibitors of bred and owned swine must own and have possession of the dam & hog within Santa Clara County, provide permanent identification of dam & hog and will submit a DNA sample of both the dam and their hog-when the exhibitor submits their pre-tagging paperwork along with a statement of ownership or a copy of the registration papers for the Dam.
   e. In the event of a dam's death or being sold, notification must be made to the Santa Clara County Fair within 15 days along with the DNA sample (if before pre-tagging).
4. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
5. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Owned division are not able to enter in the Bred and Fed division or vice versa. In the case of two (2) entries or fewer these entries will be combined with the Bred and Fed classes for meaningful competition at the discretion of Fair Management.

DIVISION 3407: Santa Clara County Bred and Owned Market Hog

CLASS:
1. Bred & Owned Market Hog

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition Rules & Guidelines:

1. This is a special competition for all swine that were bred and fed in Santa Clara County.
2. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
3. FFA & 4-H market hogs will be shown together (class may be split by weight).
4. To qualify as Santa Clara County Bred and Fed, the market hog must be from a Santa Clara County producer who bred the animal and raised by a 4-H or FFA exhibitor in Santa Clara County.
5. Exhibitors must provide a bill of sale from a breeder in Santa Clara County.
6. The exhibitor must comply with the bred and fed rules or relinquish eligibility in the contest. If the hog is found to be ineligible all awards/premiums will be withheld.
7. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Fed division are not able to enter in the Bred and Owned division or vice versa.

DIVISION 3408: Santa Clara County Bred and Fed Market Hog

CLASS:
1. Bred & Fed Market Hog

Market Swine Showmanship

- Rosettes to 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules.

Swine

DIVISION 3400: Market Swine Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
2. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
3. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
4. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
5. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Breeding Swine

- American system of judging

Breeding Swine Rules & Guidelines:

1. For all gilts grade or registered.
2. Sows/gilts must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair.
3. Sows/gilts entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
4. For uniformity in judging, sows/gilts will be divided into classes after entries have closed. For large classes, animals may be divided by weight.
5. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
6. Exhibitors must present proof of ownership ("Bill of Sale" or written "Statement of Ownership") to the livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
7. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at check-in.
8. No brucellosis or pseudorabies tests are currently required.
9. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3411: Breeding Gilts

CLASS:

1. **Spring Gilts**: Farrowed 1-1-26 to 4-15-26
2. **Fall Gilts**: Farrowed 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Aged Sow:** Farrowed 8-31-25 or before and must have raised litter
4. **Pair of Females:** Any pair farrowed prior to 3-26-25

Beef

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$20.00/breed class $10.00/group class
Receiving	Friday, August 14, 2026 @ 7PM – 9PM OR Saturday, August 15, 2026 @ 10AM – 12PM Cattle MUST be weighed in @4:30PM – 5PM
Judged	August 18, 2026 @ 5PM
Market Weight	1000 to 1400 pounds
Jumbo Weight	1401 to 1450 pounds
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chairs	Cheryl Beckwith & Sawyer Tankersley

Market Rules & Guidelines:

1. Danish system of judging for market readiness. For judging scorecard see the State Rules for California Fairs.
   a. Flat ribbons for animals judged as market ready.
2. American system of judging for market order.
   a. Rosettes for 1st and 2nd places.
3. Any animal that cannot be safely controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger to any person whatsoever may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified from the show. This determination is to be made at the sole discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows, and any other fair activities. There will be no appeal for this decision.
4. All local, State Rules for California Fairs, and health rules apply and must be adhered to at all times.
5. After weigh-in, market beef will be divided into weight classes within the market weight range for uniformity.
6. Market beef weighing in the jumbo weight range may show in the jumbo market class but will NOT be eligible to show in Champion Drive nor receive any Champion awards.
7. Jumbo class market beef will be eligible to sell at auction but will be only paid up to top market weight (1,400 lbs).
8. Market beef exceeding the top jumbo weight will NOT be penned and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately. They are ineligible to participate in any classes at the Santa Clara County Fair, unless it is the exhibitors' only animal in which case, the exhibitor may participate in showmanship ONLY, and is not eligible for market classes or auction.
9. All beef must be bedded on pelleted shavings and are to remain as such throughout the run of the Santa Clara County Fair. Two mats per animal will also be required, to help prevent cattle stiffness and ensure the safety of all exhibitors animals. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
10. Beef entered in market classes may NOT be entered in breeding classes and vice versa.
11. Original brand inspection slips, or yellow slip if your animal is Bred and Owned, must be surrendered at the time of weigh-in.
12. Only animals judged market ready will be eligible for sale through auction.
13. All ear tags must be clean and legible before animal crosses the scale.
14. Ear tags and hardware from breeders or previous shows must be removed prior to weigh-in.
15. All animals must have their lead ropes and neck ropes tied securely at all times while in their stalls.
16. Beef cattle are NOT to be left unattended in chutes or when tied in other areas besides their stalls. NEW!
17. **As a reminder to exhibitors**, once your animal has gone through the auction and sold it officially belongs to the buyer. Therefore you should no longer make any alterations to your animals appearance which includes but is not limited to clipping.
18. REMEMBER: Auction entry forms must be turned Thursday, August 20, 2026 by 9PM to the livestock office or your animals will not go through auction. No Exceptions.
19. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Large Animal Master Showmanship. Should your animal be used,

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it should be at ring side when requested**, with all needed equipment necessary to show said animal**. Please be sure to label your equipment so that it can be returned.

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Market Beef

DIVISION 3501: 4-H Market Beef
DIVISION 3502: FFA Market Beef
DIVISION 3503: Independent Market Beef

CLASS:

1. **All entries**

Feeder Beef

- Flat ribbons only

DIVISION 3504: Feeder Beef (Determined at weigh in)

CLASS:

1. **4-H Feeder**
2. **FFA Feeder**
3. **Independent Feeder**

4-H and FFA Market Beef Pens of 3

4-H and FFA Market Beef Pens of 3 Rules and Guidelines:

1. No Pre-Entry Required.
2. No entry fee – Ribbons 1st to 3rd place for each exhibitor and club/chapter.
3. Pen of 3 beef previously shown in market classes, all from the same club/chapter, and been judged as market ready. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
4. No more than two (2) market beef, in a pen, can be owned by one (1) exhibitor.
5. No more than two (2) entries per club/chapter.
6. Entries will be selected upon completion of individual market classes.

4-H and FFA Market Beef – Exhibitor Bred & Owned

4-H and FFA Market Beef – Exhibitor Bred & Owned Rules & Guidelines:

1. Open to Santa Clara County Residents only.
2. Exhibitor's will all show together. There is not a separate contest for the separate organizations.
3. Exhibitors who enter this class must:
   a. Own the Dam at time of conception.
   b. Select Sire.

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c. Provide primary care for animal from birth through the Santa Clara County Fair.
d. Exhibitors of bred and owned market beef must own and have possession of the dam & calf within Santa Clara County, provide permanent identification of dam & calf and will submit a statement of ownership of the Dam with their pre-tagging paperwork.
e. In the event of a dam's death or being sold, notification must be made to the Santa Clara County Fair within 15 days along with the DNA sample. (if before pre-tagging).

4. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
5. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Owned division are not able to enter in the Bred and Fed division or vice versa.
6. In the case of two (2) entries or fewer these entries will be combined with the Bred and Fed classes for meaningful competition at the discretion of Fair Management.

DIVISION 3507: Santa Clara County Exhibitor Bred & Owned Market Beef

CLASS:

1. Bred & Owned Market beef

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition

4-H and FFA Bred & Fed Competition Rules & Guidelines:

1. To qualify as Santa Clara County Bred and Fed, the market beef must be from a Santa Clara County producer who bred the animal and raised by a 4-H or FFA exhibitor in Santa Clara County.
2. Animal must qualify and be shown in a regular market class. Feeder and jumbo animals are not eligible.
3. FFA & 4-H market beef will be shown together (class may be split by weight).
4. Exhibitors must comply with one of the following:
   a. Provide a Brand Inspection Certificate issued within Santa Clara County by the local brand inspector.
   b. Provide a completed bill of sale (form 74-036Y) with the Santa Clara County Brand Inspector's "authorization of release for inspection at fair" from the producer.
   c. Or a yellow transportation slip.
5. The exhibitor must comply with the bred and fed rules or relinquish eligibility in the contest. If the calf is found to be ineligible all awards/premiums will be withheld.
6. Exhibitors entered in the Bred and Fed division are not able to enter in the Bred and Owned division or vice versa.

DIVISION 3508: Santa Clara County Bred and Fed Market Beef

CLASS:

1. Bred & Fed Market Beef

Beef Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st- 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules.

DIVISION 3500: Beef Showmanship

CLASS:

1. 4-H Beginning Showmanship
2. 4-H Novice Showmanship
3. 4-H Advanced Showmanship
4. FFA Novice Showmanship
5. FFA Advanced Showmanship

Beef

Registered Breeding Beef

- American system of judging.

Registered Breeding Beef Rules & Guidelines:

1. Breeding beef must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair. Ownership must be reflected on the registration paperwork.
2. Breeding beef entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
3. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
4. Exhibitors must check ORIGINAL (no photocopies) registration and ownership papers with the Santa Clara County Fair livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
5. A permanent ear tag or tattoo number is required.
6. Animals which have been registered by a Purebred Breed Association cannot be entered in the Grade division.
7. Nurse cows will not be permitted on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
8. No intact males over 6 months of age are allowed on the grounds. Bull calves under 6 months of age, if part of a breeding group class, are allowed.
9. All animals must have their lead ropes and neck ropes tied securely at all times while in their stalls.
10. All females 24 months of age or older at the beginning of the Santa Clara County Fair must have a calf at side OR show obvious signs of pregnancy OR have a veterinarian's certificate of pregnancy.
11. All female breeding beef cattle twelve (12) months of age and older must bear evidence of official calfhood brucellosis vaccine with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
12. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at check in.
13. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3509: Registered Breeding Heifer/Cow:

CLASS:

1. **Junior Heifer Calf:** 1-1-26 to 4-15-26
2. **Senior Heifer Calf:** 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Summer & Junior Yearling Female:** 1-1-25 to 8-31-25
4. **Senior Yearling Female:** 3-1-24 to 12-31-24
5. **Aged Females:** Born prior to 3-1-24

Grade Breeding Beef

- American system of judging.

Grade Breeding Beef Rules & Guidelines:

1. Breeding beef cattle must be owned by the exhibitor and be part of a project under the exhibitor's care and management for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to the Santa Clara County Fair.
2. For grade or crossbred breeding beef cattle. Any animal which is recorded with a recognized breed association is not eligible to show in this division.
3. Breeding beef cattle entered in breeding classes may NOT be entered in a market class and vice versa.
4. All breeding beef cattle must resemble the maternal line of a beef cow.
5. For uniformity in judging, breeding beef cattle will be divided into classes after entries have closed. For larger classes animals may also be divided by weight.
6. All animals must have their lead ropes and neck ropes tied securely at all times while in their stalls.
7. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes.
8. Exhibitors must present proof of ownership ("Bill of Sale" or written "Statement of Ownership") to the livestock clerk a minimum of 24 hours prior to the show.
9. Nurse cows will not be permitted on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Beef

10. No intact males over 6 months of ages are allowed on the grounds. Bull calves under 6 months of age, if part of a breeding group class, are allowed.
11. All female breeding beef cattle over twelve (12) months of age and older must bear evidence of official calfhood brucellosis vaccine with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
12. All animals will be inspected for compliance with State Rules for California Fairs and checked for disease. Any animal judged unacceptable by Santa Clara County Fair Management will be dismissed at check in.
13. All animals entered in group classes must be owned by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3511: Grade Breeding Heifer/Cow

CLASS:

1. **Junior Heifer Calf:** 1-1-26 to 3-1-26
2. **Senior Heifer Calf:** 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Summer & Junior Yearling Female:** 1-1-25 to 8-31-25
4. **Senior Yearling Female:** 3-1-24 to 12-31-24
5. **Aged Females:** Born prior to 3-1-24

Breeding Beef Group Classes

Group Classes Rules & Guidelines

1. These classes are intended to show off an exhibitor's herd.
2. Limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor per class.
3. Animals in each group class must have been shown in their own respective breed classes.
4. These classes will have multiple animals from one exhibitor's herd and the exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.

DIVISION 3513: Group Classes

CLASS: NEW!

1. **Cow/Calf:** must be the cow's most recent natural calf and be not more than 250 days of age at the start of the fair – born on or after 11/18/25
2. **Pair of Females:** Any Age
3. **Produce of Dam:** 2 offspring of any sex, females of any age and bulls under 6 months of age.

Beef Cattle Fitting Contest – Youth Only

This contest is designed to give youth exhibitors a way to showcase their beef cattle fitting skills and knowledge. Fitting teams have 30 minutes to set up their fitting area and fit their cattle as if preparing for a show. **Fitting teams must adhere to the fitting guidelines stated in the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair Jr. Livestock Book.** Teams will be judged on their teamwork, safety, efficiency, cleanliness, and knowledge while fitting their animal.

- Ribbons will be given to 1st – 3rd place teams.
- Prize buckets will be given to the 1st place team.
- When:
- Where: The Cattle Blocking Chute area

Rules

1. Fitting teams consist of 3 exhibitors, regardless of their club/chapter. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Livestock Office.
2. Participants must provide all of their own fitting supplies, cleaning equipment (such as shovels, rakes, and brooms) and cattle. Participants will not be allowed to leave the fitting area to retrieve more fitting supplies once the competition has started.

Beef

3. Fitting teams will not be required to wash their animals as part of the contest, however it is required that cattle being used for the contest are clean and dry before the start of the contest.
4. Teams may not use inappropriate fitting practices or materials. The use of any dyes, colored products on an animal's legs or body, hair builders, or banned fitting products on any part of the animal is prohibited.
5. Blocking chutes are required to be fully folded/broken down before the start of the contest. Setting up the fitting area is a part of the contest.
6. After the 30-minute fitting portion of the contest, one member from each fitting team is required to show their animal in the ring while answering questions about the fitting process from the judge.

4-H and FFA Junior Beef Carcass Contest

- All market ready beef entered in the Santa Clara County Junior Livestock Auction will be automatically entered into the carcass contest.
- Results and awards will take place **TENTATIVELY** on Thursday, September 10th, 2026 at 6PM, in Peppersteak Hall, in conjunction with the Sheep Carcass Contest.
- By sponsoring this event, the Santa Clara County Cattlewomen encourage a working knowledge of beef cattle carcass traits, and the production of a quality beef product.
- A small donation is requested by the Santa Clara County Cattlewomen from those attending the awards program to cover the costs of dinner.

4-H and FFA Junior Beef Cattle Carcass Contest Rules & Guidelines:

1. Carcass contests are considered the showcase of the Beef Cattle Industry. Contests, therefore, are designed to identify and reward desirable carcass traits that affect economic value.
2. The purpose of the carcass evaluation program is to improve animal carcasses, and in turn, improve our Junior Livestock Auction. The Santa Clara County Cattlewomen have identified three (3) factors which must be met in order to have an acceptable carcass:
   a. A hot carcass that weighs 600 to 840 lbs.
   b. A yield grade below 3.0.
   c. A quality grade of choice minus or higher.
3. Exhibitors that have produced beef with carcasses that meet the standards in these three (3) areas will be honored with the Carcass of Merit Award.
4. Qualifications for the program are as follows:
   a. Must have been entered, shown and judged as market ready in regular market class.
   b. Must be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction.

Jack and Dora James Memorial Market Beef Awards

- Sponsored by Bill and Sue James & Santa Clara County Cattlemen's Association.
- Awards will be determined by a combined score of the live placing in the Santa Clara County Bred and Fed or Bred and Owned classes AND the carcass placing.

Cash Awards: 1st place: $600.00 2nd place: $500.00 3rd place: $400.00 4th place: $300.00
Any others qualifying $200.00

Jack and Dora James Memorial Market Beef Awards Rules and Guidelines:

1. Must be sold through the Junior Livestock Auction.
2. Must have been entered, shown and judged as market ready in regular market class.
3. Must have been entered, shown and judged in Santa Clara County Bred & Fed / Bred & Owned.
4. Must go to designated processor.
5. Must meet 3 factors identified in the carcass contest:
   a. A hot carcass that weighs 600 to 840 lbs.
   b. A yield grade of below 3.0.
   c. A quality grade of choice minus or higher.

****No monies will be paid for animals not meeting the above criteria.****

Dairy Cattle

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$20.00/breed class $10.00/group class
Receiving	Friday, August 14, 2026 @ 7PM – 9PM OR Saturday, August 15, 2026 @ 10AM – 12PM
Judged	August 16, 2026 @ 9AM
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chair	Megan Baird

Dairy Cattle Rules & Guidelines:

1. A permanent readable ear tag or tattoo is required. Brucellosis tattoos are not acceptable for identification.
2. Sire number is required for registered animals on the online entry form.
3. Any animal that cannot be safely controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger to any person whatsoever may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified from the show. This determination is to be made at the sole discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows, and any other fair activities. There will be no appeal for this decision.
4. All local, State Rules for California Fairs, and health rules apply and must be adhered to at all times.
5. 4-H and FFA dairy cattle divisions are open to the youth of California in accordance with California State Rules for California Fairs for junior exhibitors.
6. All dairy cattle will be bedded with straw or shavings and are to remain as such through the run of the Santa Clara County Fair. Two mats per animal will also be required, to help prevent cattle stiffness and ensure the safety of all exhibitors animals. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
7. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes except in showmanship.
8. Animals which have been registered by a Purebred Breed Association cannot be entered in the Grade division.
9. In the Grade division, the exhibitor, by his/her signature as owner or agent on the official Santa Clara County Fair entry form certifies that the Sire of each animal entered in the Grade division was registered or purebred.
10. Animals must be owned for at least 60 days prior to arrival at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.
11. All animals must have their lead ropes and neck ropes tied securely at all times while in their stalls.
12. Dairy cattle are NOT to be left unattended in chutes or when tied in other areas besides their stalls.
13. Exhibitors must check registration papers (originals only, no photocopies) or bill of sale with the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Clerk at check in.
14. All female dairy cattle four (4) months of age to twelve (12) months of age and over must bear evidence of official calfhood vaccination against brucellosis with a legible, official tattoo visible in the right ear.
15. No intact males over 6 months of ages are allowed on the grounds. Bull calves under 6 months of age, if part of a breeding group class, are allowed.
16. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Large Animal Master Showmanship. Should your animal be used, it should be at ring side when requested, **with all necessary equipment needed to show said animal**. Please be sure to label your equipment so that it can be returned.
17. All junior large animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s) and receive any premium monies. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.
18. All Fair Livestock shows are run by volunteers – without them we wouldn't be able to hold these shows. We rely on the participation of Friends and Family members of Exhibitors to be able to offer our wonderful Livestock program to our Youth, so please be SURE to contact the Santa Clara County Fair Livestock Superintendent, Maddie Beckwith at mbeckwith@thefair.org to schedule some time when you or a family member will be able to volunteer during the Fair Shows. Even if you aren't available during your Youth members' show, we can sure use
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Dairy Cattle

the help during other events, so just let us know what your availability may be. Thank you in advance for your help!!

Dairy Cattle
DIVISION 3609: All Breeds Registered Dairy Cattle (please specify)
DIVISION 3610: All Breeds, Grade Dairy Cattle (please specify)

CLASS: Individual Female classes

1. **Junior Calf:** 1-1-26 to 4-15-26
2. **Senior Calf:** 9-1-25 to 12-31-25
3. **Summer & Junior Yearling:** 3-1-25 to 8-31-25
4. **Senior Yearling:** 9-1-24 to 2-28-25
5. **Two Years – Under 3:** 9-1-23 to 8-31-24
6. **Three Years – Under 4:** 9-1-22 to 8-31-23
7. **Four Years – Under 5:** 9-1-21 to 8-31-22
8. **Aged Cow:** Prior to 9-1-21 (in milk)
9. **Dry Cows:** Any age

Group Classes

- All animals must be owned by the same exhibitor and have been shown earlier in individual classes. The exhibitor should have other exhibitors, in uniform, show the other animals in the group for them.
- Limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor, per class.

CLASS:

10. **Best Two (2) Females:** Any age
11. **Produce of Dam:** Two (2) animals, any age, the offspring of one (1) cow. The dam must be identified by registration number or tattoo number.
12. **Dam & Daughter**

Dairy Cattle Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st- 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules.

DIVISION 3600: Dairy Cattle Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
2. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
3. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
4. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
5. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Dairy Cattle Pens of 3

Dairy Cattle Pens of 3 Rules and Guidelines:

1. No entry fee – Flat ribbons 1st to 3rd for each exhibitor and club/chapter.
2. Pen of 3 dairy cattle previously shown in breeding classes; all from the same club/chapter.
3. No more than two (2) dairy cattle in a pen to be owned by one (1) exhibitor per pen.
4. Club/chapter will be allowed only one entry of one or more breeds.
5. Entries will be selected upon completion of individual breed classes.

Dairy Goats

Entry Due	July 16, 2026
Late Entries Due	July 23, 2026 ($10 late fee/class)
Entry Fee	$15.00/breed class $10.00/group class
Vet Check/Receiving	August 15, 2026 @ 8AM – 10AM
Judged	August 16, 2026 @ 10AM
Team Leader	Bob Towle
Committee Chair	Rob Causey and Rachel Shaikh and Alex Becker

Please note: Prior to penning all goats participating in the Santa Clara County Fair will be inspected by a Santa Clara County Fair approved individual, in a designated area. Any animals deemed to have any unethical or unwanted condition (disease or pests, etc.) will be excused from participating and must leave the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds immediately.

Dairy Goat Rules & Guidelines:

1. All Local, State Rules for California Fairs and health rules apply and must be adhered to at all times.
2. All exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Independent, and Grange) will show together in the same classes except in showmanship.
3. Breed entries require animals registered name and both sets of tattoos as it appears on the animal's official pedigree. Barn name will not be accepted.
4. All dairy goats will be bedded on straw or pine shavings and are to remain as such through the run of the Santa Clara County Fair. All pens must be stripped prior to load-out.
5. Milk will be dumped in a designated milk dump, not anywhere else on the Fairgrounds. will be specified at the beginning of fair.
6. All dairy goat exhibitors must be 9 years old by January 1st of current year.
7. Any animal that cannot be safely controlled by the exhibitor or presents danger to any person whatsoever may be removed from the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and disqualified from the show. This determination is to be made at the sole discretion of Santa Clara County Fair Management. This applies to Santa Clara County Fair shows, and any other fair activities. There will be no appeal for this decision.
8. This is an ADGA sanctioned show and ADGA rules govern.
9. ADGA Sr. and Jr. shows, also known as a combined show, are not separately sanctioned.
10. Does must be owned by the Exhibitor and be a part of a project under the Exhibitor's care for a minimum of 30 consecutive days prior to check-in day of Fair.
11. Be sure the tattoo, DOB, registration number, name, dam, and sire information on entries matches the registration papers of your animal prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds for check-in. No tattooing on Santa Clara County Fairgrounds property. All animals must have a readable tattoo ID and be entered in the show to pass vet check and check-in, which includes nursing kids.
12. Original ADGA certificates (no photocopies) or stamped duplicates with the name of the Exhibitor printed as Owner will be verified at check-in. Signed transfers are not acceptable. For does under 6 months a stamped duplicate, issued no more than 30 days prior, is acceptable.
13. Nursing kids allowed and need to be marked as "Non-Show" on comments section of online entry. Only bucklings under 7 weeks of age at start of Fair, August 15th, will be allowed to pen with doe.
14. No collars, halters, costumes, décor or props may be left on sheep or goats while in their pens
15. Breeds show in the following order. Juniors, Seniors then Groups:
    a. Nigerian Dwarf
    b. Recorded Grade
    c. AOP (All Other Purebred; Saanen, Sable, Oberhasli, Nubian, LaMancha, Guernsey, Alpine, Toggenburg)
    d. Show order is subject to change.
16. By entering an animal at the Santa Clara County Fair, exhibitors are obliged to assist Santa Clara County Fair staff if management asks to use your animal for Large Animal Master Showmanship. Should your animal be used, it should be at ring side when requested, **with all necessary equipment needed to show said animal**.

Dairy Goats

Please be sure to label your equipment so that it can be returned

17. All junior large animal exhibitors must also submit a Competitive Exhibit entry. Failure to enter a Junior Competitive Exhibit will result in ineligibility to show animal(s) and receive any premium monies. Competitive Exhibits MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Competitive Exhibits guidelines. See the Competitive Exhibits book for more details.
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Dairy Goat Showmanship

- Rosettes 1st - 8th place
- Refer to the junior livestock showmanship rules

DIVISION 3700: Dairy Goat Showmanship

CLASS:

1. **4-H Beginning Showmanship**
2. **4-H Novice Showmanship**
3. **4-H Advanced Showmanship**
4. **FFA Novice Showmanship**
5. **FFA Advanced Showmanship**

Registered Dairy Goats

DIVISION 3701: Nigerian Dwarf
DIVISION 3706: Recorded Grade
DIVISION 3705: A.O.P (All Other Purebred: Saanen, Guernsey, LaMancha, Sable, Nubian, Oberhasli, Alpine, Toggenburg)

CLASS:

1. **Junior Kid:** 4-16-26 to 6-15-26
2. **Intermediate Kid:** 3-1-26 to 4-15-26
3. **Senior Kid:** 1-1-26 to 2-28-26
4. **Yearling not in milk:** 1-1-25 to 12-31-25
   - Junior Champion & Reserve Junior Champion - (No pre-entry required)
5. **Year Old Milker:** 1-1-25 to 12-31-25
6. **2 Years-under 3 years:** 1-1-24 to 12-31-24
7. **3 Years-under 4 years:** 1-1-23 to 12-31-23
8. **4 Years-under 5 years:** 1-1-22 to 12-31-22
9. **5 Years and Over:** Prior to 12-31-21
   - Senior Champion & Reserve Senior Champion – (No pre-entry required)
   - Best of Breed & Reserve Best of Breed – (No pre-entry required)
   - Best Doe in Show & Reserve Best Doe in Show – (No pre-entry required)

Dairy Goats

- When entering classes 10-13, you should be entering the Dam's information in the online entry system. When entering classes 16-17, you should be entering the Sire's information in the online entry system. This includes name, registration number, DOB, etc. for the sire.
    10. **Junior Produce of Dam:** Two (2) does, produce of same doe, include dam registration number, one entry allowed per dam. Animals can be owned by multiple exhibitors.
    11. **Senior Produce of Dam:** Two (2) does, produce of same doe, at least one doe "in milk", include dam registration number, one entry allowed per dam. Animals can be owned by multiple exhibitors.
    12. **Dam and Daughter:** Dam and daughter pair, include dam's registration number, one entry allowed per dam. Animals can be owned by multiple exhibitors.
    13. **Junior Breeding Trio:** Three (3) does not in milk under the age of 2, all owned by the same exhibitor, one entry per exhibitor.
    14. **Senior Dairy Herd:** Three (3) does in milk all owned by the same exhibitor, one entry per exhibitor.
    15. **Junior Get of Sire:** Three (3) does not in milk under the age of 2 sired by the same buck, include buck's registration number, one entry allowed per sire. Animals can be owned by multiple exhibitors.
    16. **Get of Sire:** Three (3) does "in milk" sired by the same buck, include registration number, one entry allowed per sire. Animals can be owned by multiple exhibitors.

Premier Breeder NEW!

- This competition's purpose is to recognize the top youth dairy goat breeder at the Santa Clara County Fair.
- No pre-entry required.
- All youth dairy goat exhibitors are automatically entered into the premier breeder competition.
- Only animals bred by the exhibitor entered in the youth dairy goat show will be eligible to participate, including animals that have been sold.
- Uploaded registration certificates will be used to verify the breeder of each animal exhibited at the Santa Clara County Fair.
- Points are given from 1st to 5th place. Additional points will be given to champions and reserves. Points are only awarded to breed classes. Group classes and showmanship classes are not included.
- The breeder with the most points wins.
- In the event of a tie, the breeder with the most 1st place animals wins.

Premier Exhibitor: NEW!

- This competition's purpose is to recognize the top youth dairy goat exhibitor at the Santa Clara County Fair.
- No pre-entry required.
- All youth dairy goat exhibitors are automatically entered into the Premier Exhibitor competition.
- Only animals owned by the exhibitor entered in the youth dairy goat show will be eligible to participate, including animals that have been bought.
- Uploaded registration certificates will be used to verify the ownership of each animal exhibited at the Santa Clara County Fair.
- Points are given from 1st to 5th place for breed classes and showmanship. Additional points will be given to champions and reserves. Group classes are not included.
- The exhibitor with the most points wins.
- In the event of a tie, the exhibitor with the most 1st place animals wins.

<u>Point Values</u>

- 1st place – 5 points, 2nd place – 4 points, 3rd place – 3 points, 4th place – 2 points, 5th place – 1 point
- Sr. Champion – 6 points, Jr. Champion – 6 points
- Grand Champion – 8 points, Reserve Grand Champion – 7 points
- Best Doe in Show – 10 points, Reserve Doe in Show – 9 points

Dairy Goats

Dairy Goat Star Milking Contest

- Prizes for 1st place standard breed and 1st place dwarf breed.
- Rosettes will be awarded 1st – 8th
- Exhibitor must own animal being entered.
- This is not an official milk test; this is a competition to simulate a milk test and encourage youth to put their herds on official milk tests.
- This competition will be measuring the weight of the milk produced by a single doe in a 24-hour period, not the volume produced. In this contest, the protein nor butterfat content will not be measured. Milk will be weighed in pounds and calculated to the nearest tenth of a pound.
- Milk produced during this 24-hour period will be weighed by the Test Conductor on an official scale. After milking, exhibitors will submit the milk to the Test Conductor who will weigh it in an official milk pail.
- The weight of milk from both the morning and evening milkings will be totaled and used to determine the winner.
- Machine and hand milking is accepted.
- Standard breeds and dwarf breeds will compete separately.
- Sign-ups will be available on the online entry system. Pre-Entry is required to compete.
- When checking in the doe's registration papers, please be sure to specify the doe's number of lactations, and date of freshening.
- Results will be announced during the Awards Ceremony after the Master Showmanship contest.
- Milk test schedule
  - Friday August 21st (Preliminary milk out) – 8:00pm
  - Saturday August 22nd (1st Milking and weighing) – 8:00am
  - Saturday August 22nd (2nd Milking and weighing) – 8:00pm
- Milk Test Procedure
  - All exhibitors will meet at the arena prior to the start of the first milking session to understand the test procedure.
  - BEFORE the start of the milking session the Test Conductor MUST be present to check in does. Failure to check-in will result in disqualification.
  - Milking MUST BE PERFORMED by the owner/exhibitor or in the case of multiple does entered by one exhibitor, another chosen exhibitor may perform the milking. Parents, Project Leaders/Advisors or anyone other than an exhibitor ARE NOT ALLOWED to milk the goats.
  - Exhibitors of entered does must be present and on time for each milking session or the does will be disqualified.
  - The milk Test Conductor will be in the dairy goat area at 8:00(AM/PM) for each scheduled milking session. The Test Conductor will notify you when you are allowed to start milking.
  - It is expected that your goat will be milked out within a 30-minute time frame. Exhibitors with multiple does entered in this contest MUST speak with the Test Conductor prior to the first milk out session to discuss the allowed milking window. This will determine whether exhibitors with multiple does entered will need help from other exhibitors to complete milking within the time frame.
  - Exhibitors must notify the Test Conductor after each doe has been milked out. The Test Conductor will then weigh the milk and record the weight for each doe.
  - In the case of a tie, The doe with a longer lactation will place over the doe with a shorter lactation.
  - Before or between milking each doe, thoroughly clean your milking pail. After your milk has been weighed you need to dump your milk in the designated milk dump container, not anywhere else on the Fairgrounds. Milk dump location will be specified at the beginning of fair.

DIVISION 3798: Dairy Goat Star Milking Contest

CLASS:

6. **Standard Breed**
7. **Dwarf Breed**

Dairy Goats

Dairy Goat Fitting Contest – Youth Only

This contest is designed to give youth exhibitors a way to showcase their skills in fitting dairy goats. Exhibitors are given 1 hour to fully prepare their dairy goat for a show. Fitting teams will be judged on teamwork, safety, cleanliness, efficiency, and knowledge while fitting their animal. **Fitting teams must adhere to the fitting guidelines stated in the 2026 Santa Clara County Fair Jr. Livestock Book.**

- Ribbons will be given to 1st – 3rd place fitting teams
- Prize buckets will be given to the 1st place team
- When: August 16th @ 6PM
- Where: The Main Arena

Rules

1. Fitting teams will consist of 3 youth exhibitors, without the restriction of being from the same club/chapter. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Livestock Office.
2. Participants must provide their own fitting supplies and cleaning equipment (such as shovels, brooms, and rakes). Tarps are required. One dairy goat will be provided to each team.Teams may not use inappropriate fitting practices or materials. The use of razors on mammary systems is prohibited.
3. Teams are not allowed to wash their goats as part of this contest. All portions of this contest will take part in the Main Arena in Expo Hall.
4. Generators are not permitted. Power will be provided, however it is recommended that fitting teams bring their own extension cords.
5. Fitting teams will NOT use a stanchion or milking stand during the contest.
6. After the fitting portion of the contest has ended, one member of each team will show their dairy goat in the ring and answer the judge's questions about the fitting process.

Dairy Goats

Dairy Goat Youth Award

- All competitors for the dairy goat youth award will participate in an interview that will cover a mix of practical skills and important dairy goat knowledge including general goat knowledge, financial knowledge of your own herd, dairy goat experience, and ADGA knowledge.

Considerations will be given on the below point scale.

Point total as follows:

- These categories to be scored after talking to ALL contestants.

100 points	Possible for INTERVIEW	15 points	Possible for ENTHUSIASM and KNOWLEDGE, which will include enjoyment of the project and love of Dairy Goats particularly while engaging with the public.
25 points	Possible for PUBLIC IMAGE as shown by proper preparation or grooming of animals, cleanliness of exhibitor; and proper condition and health of animals.	5 points	Possible for SHOWMANSHIP, based on placing of that individual in whichever level he or she enters; 5 points for first place 4 for second and so on.
25 points	Possible for HERDSMANSHIP as indicated by the Clean Stall (competition) score card. Includes cleanliness of animal and exhibitor.	5 points	Possible for CLASS PLACING; 5 points for first place, 4 for second and so on. The average of the exhibitor's animals' placing will be used to achieve the owners score. (group placing, championships, etc., not counted).
Extra points may be awarded for participation and placing in fair competitions relating to Dairy Goats such as the Dairy Goat Fitting Contest, Milking Contest, etc.			

Youth exhibitors who wish to be considered for the award must be available after the youth show for an interview. The interview may cover; individual goals, size, and scope of project; knowledge of cost and income for the project; prior awards or recognition; participation in the decision of the project (the why, how, and when); history of his or her project; any failures or mistakes, knowledge of dairy goats including diseases, breed information, common practices, and knowledge derived form the ADGA handbook.

See Next Page for Application

2026 Santa Clara County Fair Competitive Exhibits Department		**Dairy Goat Youth Award Application Form**
Application Form Due by August 15th at Check-In		
E-Mail To:	MBeckwith@TheFair.org	

Printed Name of Applicant			
Street or Box #			
City, State, Zip		County	
Phones #:		Cell #	
Email - PREFERRED			
Age as of January 1, 2026		Date of Birth	

4-H Club, FFA Chapter or Youth Group Name	
Number of Years Enrolled	
Breed(s) of goats raised	
Total number of goats raised	
List livestock-related projects:	
List events/contests entered (Jr. Show, Showmanship, Dam & Daughter, Fitting Contest, Milk Production contest, clean pen, educational display, etc.) Attach additional pages if necessary	

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Other Fair Volunteer Work			
Achievement			
Awards			
Applicant's Signature			
Parent's Signature (If under 18)			
Club Leader/Advisor Signature		Date	

Junior Livestock Auction Supporters

The Hans and Lonnie Toensfeldt Junior Livestock Auction takes place once a year at the Santa Clara County Fair. The following are sold eggs, rabbit meat pens, meat pen chickens, turkeys, pigs, lambs, goats and cattle. Large animals (pigs, lambs, goats, and cattle) are sold on a per pound basis during a live auction. Eggs will be sold by the dozen, rabbit meat pens (3 rabbits) and chicken meat pens (2 chickens) will be sold by the lot (flat amount) **NOT** by the number of animals in the pen or by weight. Each will be sold to the highest bidder. Auctioneer has final say. All sales are final, and buyers are responsible for all costs including process and packaging.

How to Become a Buyer?

New buyers can pre-register online at THEFAIR.ORG. The assigned buyer number will be ready for pick up the day of the auction. Buyers may also register in person the day of the auction.

How to Advertise in the Hans and Lonnie Toensfeldt Junior Livestock Auction Brochure

For more information as to advertise in the Hans and Lonnie Toensfeldt Junior Livestock Auction Brochure contact the Santa Clara County Fair office at 408-477-7125.

Below are several of the 2025 Hans and Lonnie Toensfeldt Junior Auction and Buyers Coalition Supporters. We apologize in advance if we have missed anyone.

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Elie Rose	John Rost	Kevin Teixerira	Nick and Bonnie Campos	Michelle McSorley
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William Pickens	Wilma Baker	Wyatt Escobar	Santa Clara County Firefighter's Local 1165	

Junior Fair Awards Supporters

Youth who enroll in the 4-H Youth Development Program and/or the Future Farmers of America youth leadership organization, engage in projects throughout the year to learn about citizenship, leadership and develop life skills. One of the culminating events of these year-long projects is the youth's participation at the Santa Clara County Fair.

Did you know that all of the fair awards are solely sponsored by donations from families, friends and businesses, who support our 4-H and FFA youth?

These awards mean a lot to the youth who have earned them, not only a recognition for all their hard work but are often kept and cherished for years to come. There are several categories in which youth participants can earn awards, including large animals, small animals and competitive exhibits.

How to Become a Junior Fair Awards Sponsor?
If you would like to sponsor a specific award or just donate to the general Santa Clara County Fair Awards fund, please contact Anna LaBarbera at 408-494-3100 or by email at alabarbera@thefair.org.

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Bubba's Lowbed Service	Intero Real Estate - Melissa Pavao	Santa Clara County Cattlewomen's
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