

# 2022-2023 Rules & Regulations

*Revised September 19, 2022  
By the 4-H Livestock Advisory Board Members*

## **Deadline:**

Upon online registration the participant agrees to these rules and regulations.

Registration for Steer Participants due: November 11th

Registration for Lamb, Goat and Hog Participants due: January 13th

Registration for Cloverbuds due: March 3rd



# Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations shall prevail:

## GENERAL

1. Only active 4-H club members and Vocational Agriculture Students who participate in 4-H club curriculum in Edgecombe, Halifax or Nash Counties, North Carolina are eligible to participate in the Eastern Carolina Meat Animal Show and Sale. The 4-H'ers can only participate in one county program. That being the county to which the 4-H'er is enrolled in the 4-H curriculum.
2. All participants of the Eastern Carolina 4-H Livestock Show & Sale will be required to review all rules and verify that they understand the rules developed by the 4-H Livestock Advisory board via a required participant & parent signature by the designated date.
  - a. *This would include the General Rules, Department and showmanship regulations in addition to the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics. {Copy of IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics included}, COVID-19 Waivers for youth, parents/guardians, and volunteers*
3. According to the State 4-H Projects Rule, exhibitors must be eight years old by January 1, 2023 and cannot be 19 years old before January 2, 2023.
4. Project animals are expected to be housed from tag-in date through date of sale within one mile of the exhibitor's participating home county line. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the board.
5. All animals entered in the show must be available for the Judging Contest (if applicable).
6. The Show shall be for top hogs of any breed or mixed breed; for steer cattle of beef breeding; for market lambs and meat goats of meat breeds only.
7. Exhibitor assumes liability for death, loss or injury to livestock throughout entire project, from ownership and until the animal is loaded on the truck. If any animal becomes unable to walk, becomes stressed where it affects physical limitations of that animal and/or can have an impact on the public's perception of any injured animal, the 4-H'er must remove the animal from the premises, upon the recommendation of the livestock agent. The 4-H'er will not be able to sell for support price.
8. Show sponsors assume NO responsibility for property damage, injury, loss or death of livestock while on the premises.
9. All sheep, goats, hogs, and beef projects must be penned & weighed at the East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center between 7:00AM and 10:30AM, April 4, 2023.  
***Penning space is limited and accommodations will be provided as best of the ability of the board.***

10. To compete for premiums & participation in the auction, all animals must be in the barn by 10:30 a.m. on April 4, 2023 and remain in the barn throughout the sale of animals on April 5, 2023.
11. Exhibitors shall furnish their own feed and feeding equipment.
12. All animals must be free of disease and in acceptable physical condition as determined by on-site veterinarian during weigh-in in order to participate in the show and sale. Movement shall be in compliance with state regulations. Any animal that is physically unfit will not be allowed to participate in the Eastern Carolina 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.
13. 4-H exhibitors are expected to be the primary care provider for their animals, to include feeding, watering, maintaining the stall, grooming and other care for their project animals throughout the duration of the show. Exhibitors may receive assistance by those listed below (\*), providing they are in attendance and participating at all times when assistance is given. *No professional fitters will be allowed to fit animals on the arena grounds during the show and sale. (\*) Immediate family members of the exhibitor or those approved by the board, club leaders enrolled within the three counties, former 4-H'ers and agents from Edgecombe, Nash & Halifax County are eligible to assist in fitting in designated areas, if applicable, or in plain view of public and participants. Exhibitors must take an active role in fitting the animal for show. Violators will be disqualified from the show and sale.*
14. All animals will be judged according to conformation and market conditions.
15. "Unruly" animals will be disqualified and cannot be shown. They will be sold only at support price. The Animal Behavior Committee determines if an animal is unruly. This committee consists of one representative from each county. County livestock agents serve as advisors.
16. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals, including the use of steroids, tranquilizers, and other drugs, as well as lifting, dyeing or filling under skin will be considered fraud and deception and participant will be disqualified from all competition/sales and will be barred from participating in any future Eastern Carolina 4-H Livestock Show and Sales.
17. Cloverbud sheep, goats, and hogs must be weighed in at designated times at the East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center on April 4, 2023.

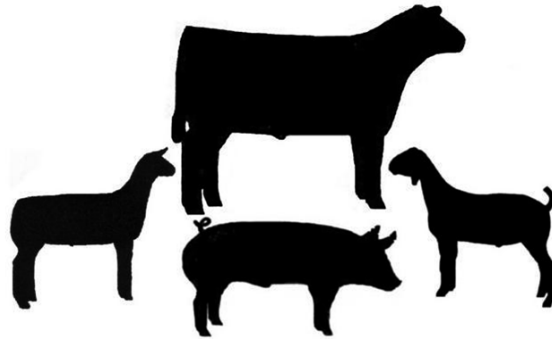
### **ENTERING ANIMALS**

1. The Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher for FFA Projects in the exhibitor's county of residence shall approve all livestock on or before species weigh-in/tag day.
2. Exhibitors may weigh-in **2** animals of their chosen project species (i.e. goat, lamb or steer) at the beginning of the project. Exhibitors may bring **ONLY ONE** of those that were weighed and recorded (at the tag in date), to be shown and sold at the show & sale in April. In swine division, **3** swine may be tagged, but **ONLY TWO** may be exhibited at the show.

3. Acceptance of all livestock is subject to approval of the Livestock Committee at time of arrival.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Each exhibitor MUST SHOW his or her own animal in each showmanship class.
2. Juniors must be 8 years old to 10 years old by January 1, 2023 and cannot be 11 years old before January 2, 2023. Intermediates must be 11 years old to 13 years old by January 1, 2023 and cannot be 14 years old before January 2, 2023. Seniors must be 14 years old to 18 years old by January 1, 2023 and cannot be 19 years old before January 2, 2023.



### **BEEF CATTLE DEPARTMENT**

1. All steers must have been owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor at least 120 days prior to the date of the Show. All steers must be tagged, tattooed, and weighed on weigh day. The one animal recorded on weigh day is the only animal that the exhibitor may show at the Meat Animal Show and Sale.
2. Only steers grading “Select” or better will be guaranteed support price.
3. All cattle must be dehorned. Recurring growth can be no longer than 1 inch. Scurs are not horns.
4. All steers will be mouthed when unloaded at the Arena to determine eligibility. Steers can have two permanent teeth.
5. All calves must have been off milk or milk substitute for at least 120 days before the show.
6. Steers will be shown according to weight ranges. The Judging Committee will determine these ranges.
7. Exhibitors must keep steers under control at all times. Show halters are required.

## SWINE DEPARTMENT

1. All hogs must be owned, weighed, tagged, and cared for by the exhibitor and made available for inspection at least 60 days prior to the date of the show. No more than 3 pigs will be identified for the show.
2. All hogs must be barrows or gilts weighing from 220 pounds to 290 pounds. Hogs may be re-weighed one time before 10:30am on take in day. Hogs failing to meet the weight requirement will not be allowed to show in individual classes and may be sold at non-support prices, but may participate in showmanship classes only provided the 4-H'er has only one entry in the swine department. Those participants meeting this one entry requirement will be allowed to sale during the auction.
3. Only hogs grading U.S. No. 1 and No. 2 will be accepted.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries in market classes; only one is eligible to be sold at auction, unless both entries are Grand and Reserve Champions.
5. All hogs must be free from diseases. Movement shall be in compliance with state regulations.



## **SHEEP DEPARTMENT**

1. Only ewes and wethers of meat breeds grading choice and prime will be guaranteed support price (i.e. purebred or crosses of these terminal breeds: Suffolk, Dorset, Hampshire, Southdown, Shropshire, Columbia & Oxford).
2. All lambs must have been owned, tagged, weighed and cared for by the exhibitor and made available for inspection at least 60 days prior to date of the show. Extension Agent or Agriculture Teacher must weigh lambs to qualify for Performance Award. This award is based on ADG.
3. Exhibitors may show only that lamb which was tagged and recorded.
4. All lambs must meet the minimum weight requirement of 75 pounds in order to show. Those participants with an entry failing to meet the weight requirement will not be allowed to show in individual classes and may be sold at non-support prices. However, individuals will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and allowed to sell at the auction.
5. Lambs will be shown by weight classes to be determined upon weigh-in by the Show Committee.
6. Lambs will be mouthed at check-in by a designated official (agent and/or veterinarian). Lambs must be less than 12 months of age at the time of show check-in. Lambs that have shed baby teeth with permanent tooth growth will be ineligible for the show, but will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and in the sale. Neither pregnant nor lactating lambs will be allowed to participate in the Show and Sale.





## **MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT**

1. Meat goats must be does or wethers of meat breeds (i.e. purebred or crosses of meat goat, such as boer/kiko breeding), will be judged as market animals and guaranteed support prices.
2. All goats will be mouthed at check-in by a designated official (agent and/or veterinarian). Meat goats must be less than 12 months of age at the time of show check-in. Goats that have shed baby teeth with permanent tooth growth will be ineligible for the show, but will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and in the sale. Neither pregnant nor lactating does will be allowed to participate in the Show and Sale.
3. Meat goats with horns will be allowed to show, although horns must be tipped to the approximate size of a dime.
4. All goats must have been owned, tagged, weighed and cared for by the exhibitor and made available for inspection at least 60 days prior to date of the show. Extension Agent or Agriculture Teacher must weigh goats to qualify for Performance Awards. This award is based on ADG.
5. Exhibitors may show only that goat which was tagged and recorded.
6. Meat goats must meet the minimum weight requirement of 50 pounds at time of Show and Sale check-in. Meat goats may be re-weighed one time before 10:30am on take-in day. Meat goats failing to meet the weight requirement will not be allowed to show in individual classes and may be sold at non-support prices. Individuals will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and will be allowed to sell at the auction.
7. Goats will be shown by weight classes to be determined upon weigh-in by the Show Committee.



## **CLOVERBUD DEPARTMENT**

1. The 4-H Cloverbud Sheep/Goat/Swine Department is designed for only youth 5-7 years old. Participating youth must be 5-7 years old by January 1, 2023.
2. Sheep, goats, or hogs (only wethers/barrows or females allowed) should be cared for and fed for 30 days prior to the show.
3. Exhibitors must register sheep or goat projects at their county 4-H center 30 days prior to the Eastern Carolina Meat Animal Show and Sale.
4. All sheep and goats must be free from disease and movement in accordance with state regulations.
5. Sheep and goats will be shown according to classes decided upon by show committee.
6. All aspects of the 4-H sheep, goat, or swine program must be completed prior to receiving awards. This includes: caring for project 30 days, participating in the sheep or goat show and record book completion. Goats with horns will be allowed to show, although horns must be tipped to the approximate size of a dime.

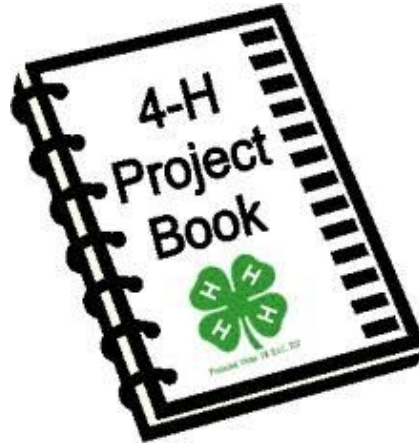
## **SALES**

1. Youth must designate at time of show weigh-in whether animal will be delivered to a buyer at the show or return to seller (going home).
2. Buyers assume all liability for animals from the time of purchase. Out-of-town shipments will be delivered to a loading point at Buyer's expense.
3. Buyers declare at time of purchase and settlement on sale night if purchased animal is to be kept or turned in for support price.
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be sold separately.
5. All animals entered in the Sale must be sold.
6. All steer sales are subject to 3% sales commission. Lamb, meat goat and individual hogs are subject to 5% sales commission. Bulk sale of hogs will be figured at 3% sales commission. Exhibitors pay all sales commission.
7. **NO add-on monies will be accepted.** All monies should be directed toward bidding during the auction.
8. Reissued checks for 4-Hers will have a \$25 service fee deducted from the total premium.
9. For auditing purposes, participants have until December 1st to deposit their premium. After December 1st, all premiums not deposited will be donated to the show.



### **Project Record Books**

1. No premiums will be paid to the 4-H'er and no other livestock project can be checked in for the following year until the project record book is completed and turned in by September 1st of the current show year.



### **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:**

*My signature on the online registration form acknowledges that I have read and agree to abide by the 2022-2023 Rules & Regulations for the Eastern Carolina 4-H Livestock Show & Sale and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics (which was available to me as a separate document), and COVID-19 Waivers for youth, parents/guardians, and volunteers.*

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