

**75<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
*Eastern Carolina Meat Animal*  
*Show & Sale*



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**2011-2012**  
**Rules & Regulations**

*Revised November 7, 2011*  
*By the 4-H Livestock Advisory Board Members*

## 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 Meat Animal 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 weigh-in 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}*
3. According to the State 4-H Projects Rule, exhibitors must be nine years old by December 31, 2011 and cannot be 19 years old before January 1, 2012.
4. All animals entered in the show must be available for the Judging Contest.
5. 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.
6. Exhibitor assumes liability for death, loss or injury to livestock throughout entire project, from ownership to the sale of the animal.
7. Show sponsors assume NO responsibility for property damage, injury, loss or death of livestock while on the premises.
8. All sheep, goats, hogs, and beef projects must be penned & weighed at the East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center between 7:00AM and 11:00AM, April 10, 2012. ***Penning space is limited and accommodations will be provided as best of the ability of the board.***
9. To compete for premiums & participation in the auction, all animals must be in the barn by 11:00 a.m. on April 10, 2012 and remain in the barn throughout the sale of animals on April 11, 2012.
10. Exhibitors shall furnish their own feed and feeding equipment.
11. All animals must be free of disease. Movement shall be in compliance with state regulations. Any animal that is physically unfit will not be allowed to participate in the Eastern Carolina Meat Animal Show and Sale.
12. Only exhibitors, their family members, former 4-H'ers and agents from the respective counties of Edgecombe, Nash or Halifax are allowed to assist with grooming animal projects at the show and sale. Violators will be disqualified from the show and sale.

13. All animals will be judged according to conformation and market conditions.
14. “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.
15. 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 Meat Animal Show and Sales.
16. Cloverbud goats must be weighed between 12:30PM and 2:00PM at the East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center on April 10, 2012.

### **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.
3. Acceptance of all livestock is subject to approval of the Arena Committee at the time of arrival.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Each exhibitor **MUST SHOW** his or her own animal in each showmanship class.
2. Juniors must be 9 years old by December 31, 2011 and cannot be 14 years old before January 1, 2012. Seniors must be 14 years old by December 31, 2011 and cannot be 19 years old before January 1, 2012.

### **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 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.
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 8 pigs will be identified for the show.
2. All hogs must be barrows or gilts weighing from 220 pounds to 280 pounds. Hogs may be re-weighed one time before 11:00am 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 hog is eligible for competition in only one market class (Individual or Pen of Three).
5. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries in each market class (Individual or Pen of Three).
6. All hogs must be free from diseases. Movement shall be in compliance with state regulations.
7. Pen of 3 classes are determined by the average weight of the 3 pigs in the pen.

## **SHEEP DEPARTMENT**

1. Only ewes and wethers grading choice and prime will be guaranteed support price.
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 50 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 sale 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 Eastern Carolina Show and Sale.

## **MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT**

1. Meat goats must be does or wethers and will be judged as market animals.
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 30 pounds at time of Show and Sale check-in. Meat goats may be re-weighed one time before 11:00am 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 sale at the auction.
7. Goats will be shown by weight classes to be determined upon weigh-in by the Show Committee.

## **CLOVERBUD GOAT DEPARTMENT**

1. The 4-H Cloverbud Goat Department is designed for only youth 5-8 years old. Participating youth must be 5-8 years old by January 1, 2012.
2. Goats (only wethers or does allowed) should be cared for and fed for 30 days prior to the show.
3. Exhibitors must register goat projects at their county 4-H center 30 days prior to the Eastern Carolina Meat Animal Show and Sale.
4. All goats must be free from disease and movement in accordance with state regulations.
5. Goats will be shown according to classes decided upon by show committee.
6. All aspects of the 4-H goat program must be completed prior to receiving awards. This includes: caring for project 30 days, participating in the 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. 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.
2. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be sold separately.
3. All animals entered in the Sale must be sold.
4. All steer sales are subject to 3% sales commission. Lamb, meat goat and individual pig are subject to 5% sales commission. Bulk sale of pigs will be figured at 3% sales commission. Exhibitors pay all sales commission.
5. Buyers must declare at time of settlement on sale night if purchased animal is to be kept or turned in for support price.
6. NO add-on monies will be accepted. All monies should be directed toward bidding during the auction.
7. All participants will receive two 8 x 10 livestock photographs. All participants will be charged \$12 per project (subject to price change) to cover photography fees. For additional photographs, it is the youth's financial responsibility to pay the photographer.

## **Project Record Books**

1. No premiums will be paid to the 4-H'er until the project record book is completed and submitted and/or no other livestock project can be checked in for the following year until the previous project is completed.

*Please make sure to read all of the rules as stated above and the following document, IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics to be eligible to participate in the upcoming livestock show.*

**Requirement: Please have both participant and parent's signature on the document and turned in at the designated weigh-in date.**

# **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. 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.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of 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 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, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or

horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

**6)** The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

**7)** Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

**8)** No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

**9)** The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

**10)** The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.

**11)** The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**TO BE INCLUDED ON FAIR ENTRY FORM**

**EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT**

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.

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Date:

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Exhibitor (owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person)

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Date:

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Guardian or Parent of the above Signator