

**ALL 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLASSES HAVE THE SAME PREMIUMS:**

SHOWMANSHIP.....	\$20.00, \$15.00, \$10.00
MARKET.....	\$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00
Grand Champion - \$20.00	
Reserve Grand Champion - \$15.00	
BREEDING CLASSES.....	\$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00
Grand Champion - \$20.00	
Reserve Grand Champion - \$15.00	

**4-H / FFA LIVESTOCK CLASSES**

**RULES & CONDITIONS**

1. Be a current 4-H or FFA member by January 1 of the current year.
2. Youth may sell only 2 projects of their choice but may show each of the 4 species.
3. All animals must be completely owned by the official weigh-in at which time they will be tagged and weighed. Species contracts are due at weigh-in.
4. All exhibitors must show in showmanship classes using their 4-H/FFA animals only.
5. All animals must be free of contagious or infectious disease or conditions.
6. Youth must care for the animal at the fair and keep stalls clean daily.
7. Appropriate conduct is expected of all exhibitors and parents or guardians of exhibitors.
8. The 4-H/FFA Livestock Advisory Group will define and have the final decision on rules.
9. All Exhibitors will also be expected to follow the general rules section of fair catalog.
10. To be eligible to sell, each youth must participate in the following:  
    Showmanship, live evaluation classes, keep and turn in a complete livestock record book due October 10th of each year, 60% meeting attendance, submit a potential buyer list by August 1st, submit with project book a copy of the thank you letter sent to buyer and award sponsor.
11. Exhibitor will determine prior to the official weigh-in at the fair, which animal(s) he/she will be showing and which 2 projects he/she will be selling.
12. See additional rules in the Livestock Contract.

## **BEEF**

1. Steers must have been born on or after January 1 of the year prior to the Page Valley Fair, so that steer(s) will be no more than 19 months of age at show time.
2. Market Classes will be based on weight.
3. **Any steer grading below “select” may be shown but will not be sold.**
4. The final decision on the use of optional or joint steers must be made prior to final weigh-in at the fair.
5. Exhibitors must demonstrate the ability to handle his/her steer. All exhibitors will be expected to control their animals during the fair. Steers that cannot be controlled will not be allowed in the show and sale.
6. Heifer contracts are due in the Extension Office by May 15th; entry is limited to 4 animals per exhibitor.
7. Heifer classes will be determined by age and breed using information provided on the contract. Exhibitors may show purebred heifers with registration papers or commercial heifers.
8. Heifers must have been born between January 1 of previous year and March 31 of the current year.

## **SHEEP**

1. All lambs must be wethers or ewes.
2. All **SHEEP** must have an USDA-APHIS tag.
3. Market Lambs must be shown with 1/4” of wool or less above the knees and hocks. Lambs and ewes must be docked and must be washed and dry.
4. Market classes will be based on weight and ewe classes will be based on breed.
5. Lambs must grade at least Red O in order to be sold.
6. Final decision on the joint or optional lamb must be made prior to weigh-in at the fair.
7. Each exhibitor may show one ewe under a year and one ewe over a year.

## **HOGS**

1. Youth may show one market hog and one pen of two.
2. Final weight on hogs is between 220-295 pounds in order to sell.
3. Only hogs within the 220-295 lb. limit are eligible for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, and Rate of Gain awards.
4. Exhibitors with back-ups may weight all hogs.
5. After the final weigh-in exhibits must indicate which hog is their single and which is their pen of two.
6. Classes will be determined by weight.
7. Special Award – Virginia Pork Industry Association will award a silver tray to the sweepstakes winner in the 4-H/FFA market hog show. The winner is to be selected by the total number of points accumulated in the show by the following point system: 1st - 5 pts; 2nd - 4 pts; 3rd - 3 pts; for single classes, pen of two and showmanship. In the case of a tie the exhibitor placing highest in showmanship class will win.

## **GOATS**

1. For a goat to be considered a meat goat the goat must be a full blood or cross containing any of the following breeds: Boer, Kiko, Myotonic/Tennessee Fainting Goat, Spanish or Brush. Breeds that do not qualify include full blood or high percentage of dwarf/pygmy goats, dairy (Nubian or Swiss) or Fiber (angora or cashmere).
2. Market goats may be wethers or does. All bucks must be castrated with no evidence of testicular tissue at initial weigh in.
3. Market goats with horns must be tipped so they are blunt for final weigh in.
4. All goats must comply with National Scrapie Eradication Program.
5. Weighing and tagging is required for all market goats at the June weigh in.
6. Market goats must have been born on or after December 1 of the previous year with milk teeth present. Rupture of permanent teeth will be cause of disqualification.
7. Goats must be shown clean, dry and unfitted. Clipping is preferred, but optional.
8. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds at final weigh in and grade 1 or 2. Ideal market weight is 80-100 pounds.
9. Goats should be shown with a goat chain or halter. No pinch collars allowed.
10. Each exhibitor may show one market goat at the county fair by may tag two goats. **Immediate** family members (brothers/sisters) may tag a joint goat as their backup choice. Each youth must claim on goat for his/her first animal. The optional goat may be claimed by either individual. The final decision must be made **prior** to weigh-in at the fair.
11. Market goats will be divided into classes by weight.